

Our Readers Write**Halton Board of Education must work towards a balanced budget**

The following letter was filed with this newspaper for publication.
Trustee Linda Lane
Finance Committee,
The Halton Board of Education
Dear Ms. Lane:

The writer read an announcement in *The Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press*, School taxes expected to jump \$62 in '96. In the article was a statement attributed to yourself: "Our

expectation is further federal and provincial cutbacks resulting in another year of difficult budget decisions for the board. Therefore, it is imperative that the committee have input from the community early on in the process."

Your offer of input is appreciated but (in the writer's opinion) the solution to the problems you foresee arising is rather simple. It is assumed you do

not run your own home budget on a deficit basis and attempt to live within your means. Such must be the case with the Halton Board of Education. It is clearly known that at all levels of government have been forced to work towards a balanced budget and, this education agency should have no different a goal or mandate.

The municipal and regional tax base has been treated as nothing

more than a bottomless barrel of revenue dollars being available at any time. We have all had to cut back on our expectations in the 1990s. The Halton Board of Education should not be exempt. No increase in any school tax should be even entertained considering the economic conditions prevailing. Business has (for the last five years) been forced to "do more with less" in order to survive.

Education should have the same dictates especially when you consider the illiteracy that is evident in our graduate students when they enter the work world. The financial adjustments every board of education must be forced into is to streamline the process, using whatever existing means there are on hand. Increased taxation is out!!

Peter J. Haffey

Georgetown Farmers Market had sophomore success

Dear editor:

Re: Georgetown Farmers Market

Year TWO was another success! We increased recruitment by two bringing us to 16 vendors which also expanded the types of product available. Sometimes it seems less, but that's because different vendors attend at various times in the season depending on their produce.

Thank you to our vendors returning for the second year. Your return provided a feeling of stability and acceptance.

Our second year vendors each saw substantial sales increase from 1994. All our new vendors were warmly welcomed and were pleased with first year sales.

Georgetown and surrounding area residents are to be commended for your support of our local market. Saturday mornings were a hub of activity on Main St. from June to October. Continued support from the downtown businesses also helped secure another great season.

The 1996 market season will be challenging. Decreased funding from the government will require us to be more aggressive in our fundraising. Watch for our Farmers' Market Cookbook, filled with favorite recipes of vendors and residents. If you have a desire to see your name in print in what will surely be the best cookbook ever printed, please send them to 22 Mary St, Georgetown, L7G 2M5.

We are also seeking people who would be interested in helping organize the '96 market. Our meetings are informal and very social!

Next season watch for an increase in vendors and the incorporation of local artisans. As in the past two years, we will continue to have a free table for non-profit organizations wishing to fundraise. For vendor information call 873-8663.

Judy Gibson

Tsubouchi lives in dream world

Dear editor:

I am afraid Mr. David Tsubouchi has a lot to learn. As a member of my Ontario Government for welfare services, he has no idea how to shop. I doubt he has ever been into a store for groceries. He listed what a single person should buy, the bill being a little over \$90 for a month's groceries. Who did he get to go shopping for him?

I feel Premier Harris's common sense didn't work. He picked the wrong person for welfare services.

Let's not live in a dream world, because it's a nightmare to so many.

Kathleen (Molly) Crowhurst

A TIME TO ACT

We are living in a time of social and economic change, with government cutbacks having a severe impact on those most in need in our communities.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

Wait for the benefit of tomorrow's lower taxes to turn into food, clothing and shelter? Or, can we lend a hand, each in our own way?

Although our business is building new communities, we have a responsibility far beyond the bricks and mortar of construction. With so many struggling to get by, it is crucial to get involved now. Here is one way to take action:

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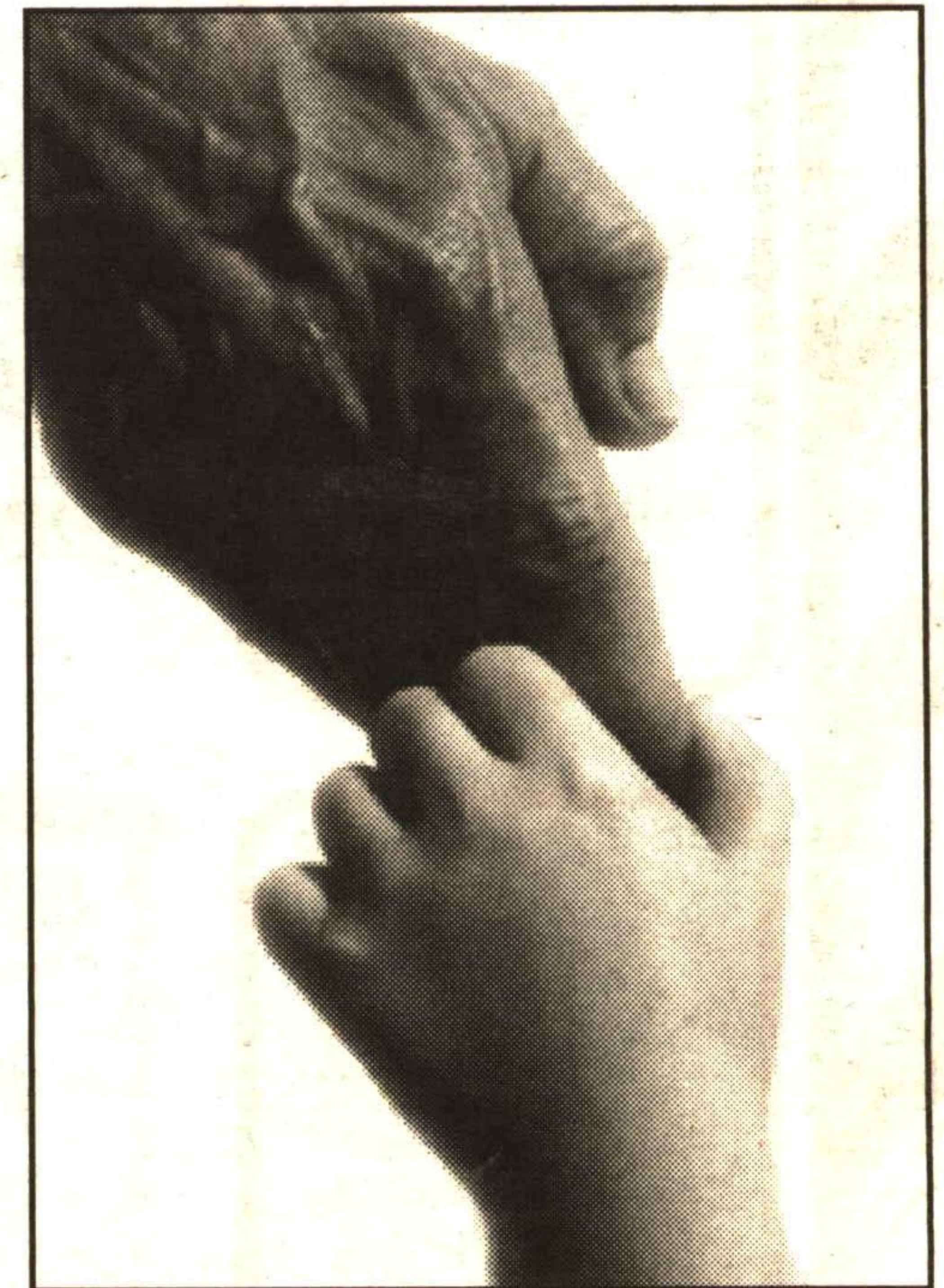
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