

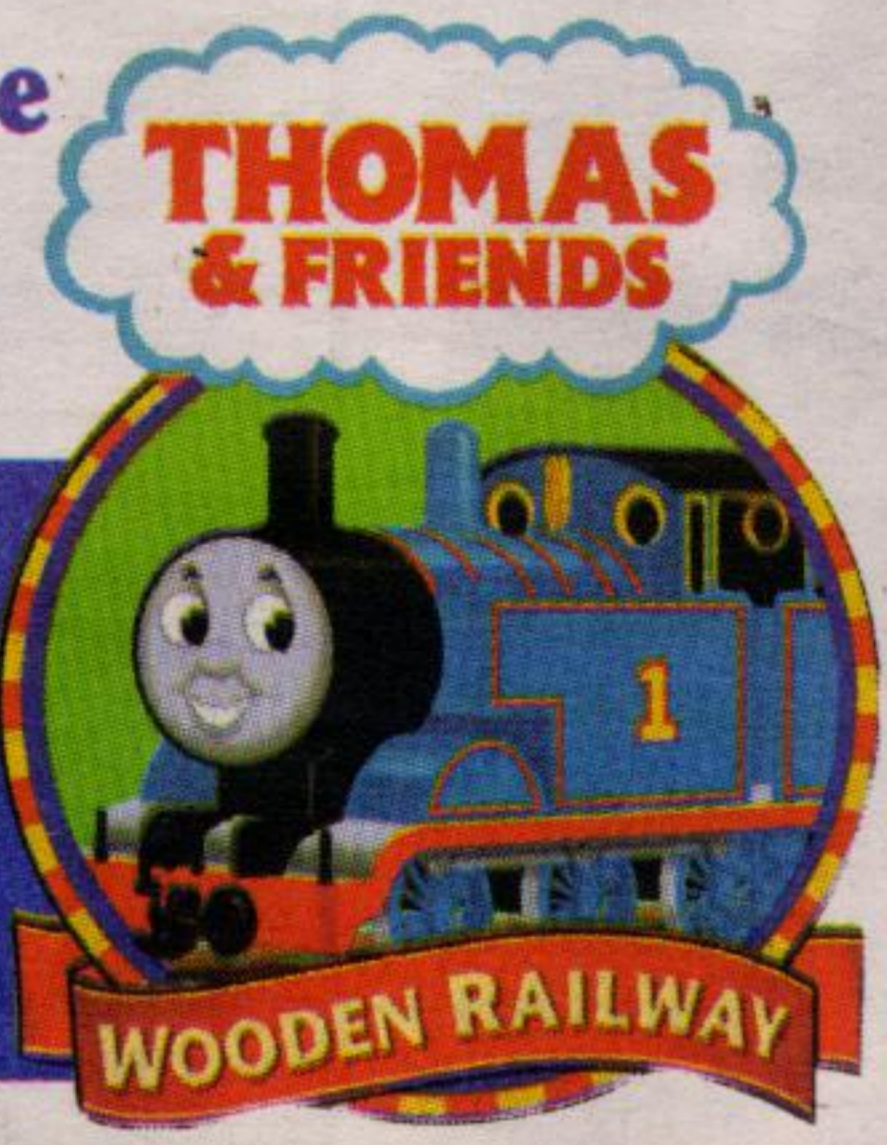
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Will run for third time Family Coalition in provincial race

Acton's Giuseppe Gori, the provincial leader of the Family Coalition Party, will seek election for a third time in Halton riding.



GIUSEPPE GORI

Gori said his party is often mistaken as a one-issue party. Though the party's pro-life stance is one of its main principles, he said Family Coalition has much more to offer voters.

The party's platform consists of seven main reforms—health care (fully paid for all people); education (parents' right to choose the school their children attend); taxes (more deductions for families); debt reduction; election reform (seats awarded according to popular vote); government reform; and family law reform.

Locally, Gori said the high concentration of quarries and the issues that go with them—traffic, water and protection of the Niagara Escarpment—is an important issue in the riding.

Gori received 795 votes (1.5 per cent of votes cast) in the 1999 provincial election. He received a high of 9 per cent of the vote in the 1990 election. While Gori said he doesn't expect to win, he said his party is important "to give people the option to vote according to their conscience."

Gori said the party has more than 30 candidates province-wide and hopes to have as many as 45 by the election.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

O'Leary joins list of five candidates now seeking Ward 1 council position

The race for the two Ward 1 local council seats continues to heat up with the addition of another candidate this week.

Mike O'Leary, a 28-year resident of Acton filed his nomination papers Wednesday following Betty Renner's entry into the race last Friday. That brings the total number of candidates running in that ward to five.

O'Leary, a self-employed sales representative in the gift business and freelance columnist, said he has "been interested in politics for a long time."

"I've been asked to run before," said

O'Leary, who decided he now has time to devote to the job after selling his wholesale distribution business last year.

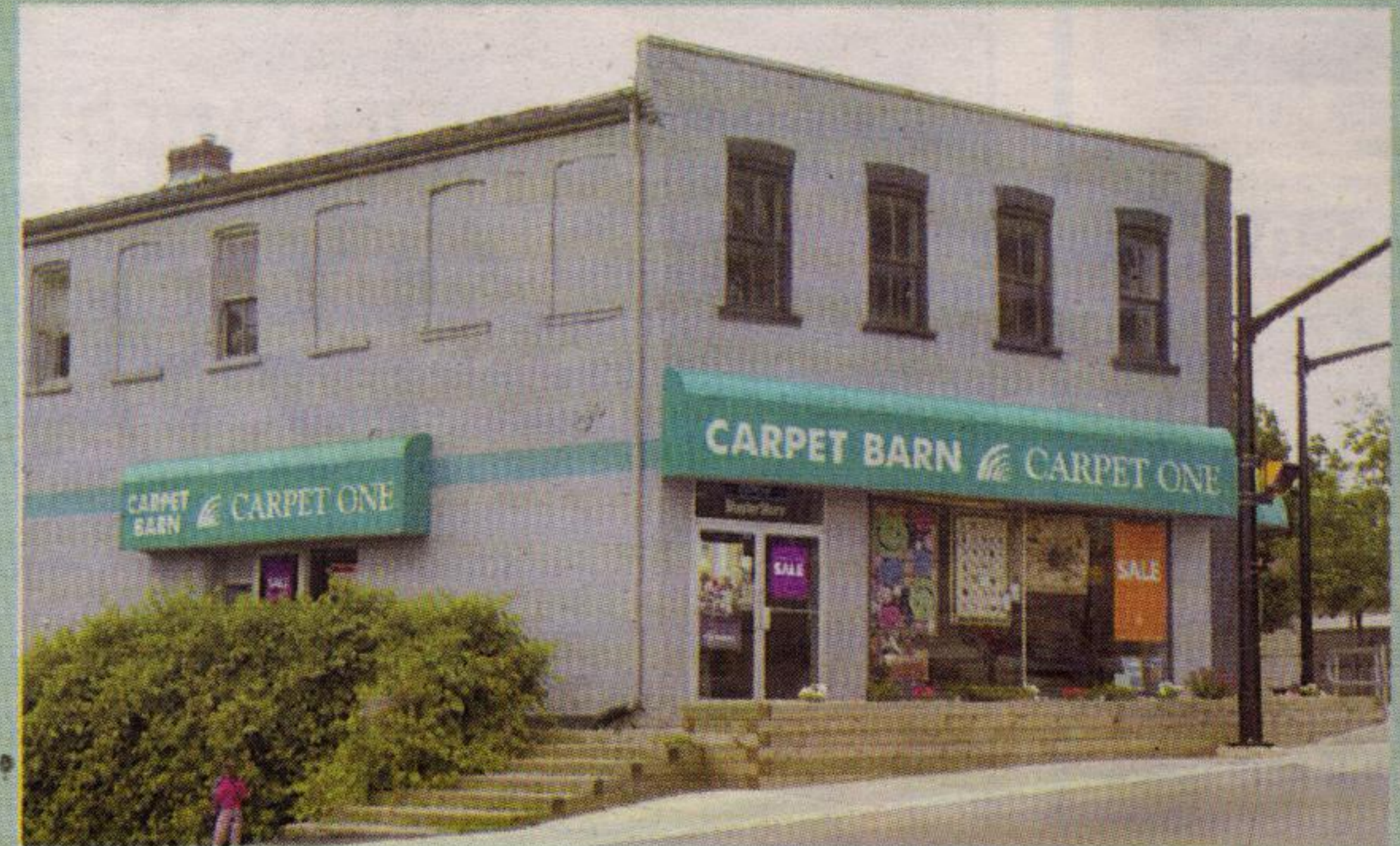
O'Leary said he is concerned about the proposed 10 per cent tax hike facing Halton Hills residents.

While he doesn't believe it will be approved by council, "I think there is still going to be a lot of hard work to be done on it."

"I know my way around a financial statement. I am a big proponent of zero base budgeting," said O'Leary, who previously worked as national sales manager for Hallmark Cards.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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