

# Husband/wife physicians to look Acton over

A visit to Acton next Saturday by two newly graduated physicians may be just what the doctor ordered to help cure this community's acute need for general practitioners.

The two unnamed doctors, a husband and wife, expressed interest in locating in Halton Hills and the visit was quickly arranged by a Regional com-

mittee trying to lure and retain physicians in Halton.

Committee member, Acton and Halton Councillor Rick Bonnette, said they will show the doctors all Acton has to offer and take them out to lunch, part of an Acton "sales job."


Acton has the most acute need for family doctors in Halton, requiring at

least nine more physicians. Based on the accepted physician-to-patient ratio of one family doctor to 1,380 patients, Halton needs at least 45 additional family practitioners.

Bonnette said a lot of people would be very happy that the couple has showed a particular interest in locating their first practices in Halton Hills.

"I'm pleased with this development, but you can't be overly excited. Hopefully this will be the first of many (new doctors,)" Bonnette said, adding a chance to pitch Acton to potential physicians is "just what we could wish for."

While in Halton Hills, the couple will also tour Georgetown, including the hospital.

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## Heritage calendars are still available

The popular Acton Heritage calendars for 2003 are still available at a number of business places.

Each month of the calendar gives people a look into Acton's past with colourful and informative descriptions of photos from the community's archives.

As an added feature this year several community events are marked on the calendar which is available at: Acton IGA, Acton Home Hardware, Tyler Travel, The Olde Book House, Wetherby's, Bronze Salon, The Needle Gnome, Halton Hills Furniture & Appliances and The New Tanner.

All proceeds from the \$10.00 calendar will be used to continue renovations so that the Town Hall auditorium can again be a centre of social activities for the community.



**WE THREE KINGS:** The 10:30am celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Alban's Church on Sunday marked the feast of the Epiphany with a visit from the Three Wise Men whom the Bible says came from the east to offer gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. Dressed in the traditional robes of the east with their precious offerings are Steve Smith, Lloyd Broostad and Keith Smith, all members of St. Alban's congregation, helping to bring the gospel message alive.

## Residents fear large tax hikes

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**  
 The New Tanner

A growing number of Acton property owners are worried the most recent province-wide property tax reassessment, will translate into huge tax increases.



One homeowner, Lou Bonnette, whose assessment on his Elizabeth Drive home is up 25 per cent, or \$55,000, is hoping that if enough people complain politicians will listen to their concerns.

While municipal finance officials say an increase in assessment does not necessarily mean an increase in property taxes, a Halton report said if your assessment increased by 12.4 per cent (the average assessment in Halton jumped by 12.4 per cent to \$259,000 from June of 1999 to June 2001,) you could face "slightly higher" taxes.


"No one can tell me that my house, it's 25-years-old, is worth \$55,000 more than it was at the last assessment. This is one hell of an increase," Bonnette said, adding he paid almost \$3,700 in "draconian" property taxes last year.


"I'm definitely going to appeal my assessment," Bonnette said, adding he


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