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## Hulk Hogan takes on property taxes

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**FORT MYERS:** Hulk Hogan is known for taking down giants on the wrestling mat, but on Saturday he began taking on an issue that may be bigger than the 'Hulkster' himself.

He's on the road bringing a smack-down show to cities throughout Florida. His opponent is your property taxes.

His first stop was Germain Arena Saturday afternoon.

Hogan recently became a paid spokesperson for a website that promises to help lower taxes.

He says his own financial beating prompted the new gig.

"We're all in this together," said Hogan, "Times are tough. I personally have had a few crazy years and personally, financially I've pretty much been dog paddling here trying to get back on my feet."

He's not the only one.

"We've taken all our savings and it's all gone, so we're hoping this will help some before we do get behind," said audience member Debra Smith.

The Hulk is representing GuaranteedLowerPropertyTax.com. The website promises to help people appeal their property value assessment.

Truth in Millage, or T.R.I.M., notices are in the mail and they're supposed to reflect the market value of your home as of January 1, 2009.

It's the value used to calculate your taxes, but some question its accuracy, saying their property has decreased in value drastically over the last year.

"This is kind of like getting America back on their feet. This is the first step," said Hogan of the website, which guarantees significant savings or your money back.

Guaranteed Lower Property Tax costs about \$1,000.00.

But you can appeal your assessment on your own by contacting your county's property appraiser and requesting a hearing in front of the Value Adjustment Board. Some people hire an attorney.

Many at Hogan's seminar say they couldn't sell their home now if they wanted to, so it's either appeal or hit the street.

"I've lost quite a few neighbors in my neighborhood, at least 15 or 20, and the rest of us are just trying to stay in there," said Smith.

The deadline to file for an appeal is September 15.

Hogan will be at Germain Arena again Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

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