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THE GREAT PUMPKIN



Some of the pumpkins that will be grinning mischievously from Acton windows next Monday were bought from a special sale put on by the community's Trinity United Church. Like Sally and Linus waiting for the Great Pumpkin, five-year olds Tricia Bailey and Alastair McGillivray enjoyed the sale from the midst of a mass of orange globes Saturday. Clocks go back one hour next weekend and motorists are cautioned to be on the look out for trick-or-treaters enjoying the earlier darkness on Halloween.

## Aries child makes a good Halloween explorer

By EUGENIA WHITHAM  
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Halloween is approaching quickly and many are searching for costume ideas. To make this a more enjoyable task I scanned the zodiac for ideas that might help. For the Aries individuals you must keep in mind that they like to pioneer new avenues which means that they would suit being a pilgrim, an explorer from the past, a creature from outer space, or perhaps super grover.

Aries are also extremely fast which could make them want to be a race car driver or a marathon runner this year.

For the Taurus you must keep in mind that they like things that are soft and cuddly, so perhaps a bunny or kitten would be appropriate. They would also be at ease portraying a fair maiden, farmer, or nurse.

Our versatile intellectual Gemini would do well dressed as a painter, doctor, postman, or if you have twins perhaps a pair of dice made out of cardboard boxes. Remember that Cancerians are the homebodies, historians, and cooks, of the zodiac so an appropriate costume would be cookie monster, a nurse, or perhaps a chef, or the man in the moon.

Our theatrical Leo would do well to trick or

treat as a king, queen, princess, fairy, clown, hockey player or sunflower.

For the Virgo you must remember that they like detail so their costumes may take more time to prepare. They would make a good pac man, ballerina, small furry pet or perhaps a doctor.

LOOK GOOD

The Libran likes to look good not horrid so we must stick to such things as chorus girls, cowboys, jugglers, southern bells, or maybe a flower. Scorpios are very secretive which means that a good disguise is of utmost importance. Face paint, a mask, or false nose, would suit them just fine. They would also make a good detective, jai bird, surgeon, swordsman, or witch. Sagittarians are crusaders and would do well dressed up as a soldier, policeman, archer, lumber jack, indian, or hunter.

The Capricorns are not the most aggressive sign when it comes to costumes, however they would feel alright dressed up as an old man, hobo, train engineer, or bell of the ball.

Aquarians like to be inventive and original. They would do well dressed up as an astronaut, pilot, sailor, robot, or perhaps Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Pisces, liking to be unique and original, could go out as a dancer, gypsy, pirate, sailor or fisherman.

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## 'Fantastic' cries Kuiken after election victory

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"I don't believe it; this is fantastic"—the words of an elated Jake Kuiken Monday night as he walked into the Esqueving community centre and learned that he had won the Esqueving by-election by over 50 votes.

As results flowed in after polls closed at 8 p.m., it was apparent that Mr. Kuiken was one of the front-runners, battling it out with Dollie Moulden and Pete Norton, an opponent in the general municipal election last fall.

With 23 polls reporting, and Mr. Norton ahead of him by just one vote, Mr. Kuiken left his home near Acton and headed for the community hall where the results were being recorded.

When he arrived, the 24th poll had checked in and his previous total of

291 votes to Mr. Norton's 292, suddenly jumped to 353. Mr. Norton didn't gain on the last poll and Mrs. Moulden rose from 262 to 268 to finish third.

"He was very understanding and he let me off with a warning," Mr. Kuiken said. Despite frequent reminders by the candidates that Esqueving is churning out large numbers of issues for town council, voter turnout for the by-election was

dismal. Only 18 per cent, or 1328 voters, went to the polls of the approximately 7,100 to 7,200 residents eligible to vote.

DOLLIE LED Initial results favored Dollie Moulden who took an early lead over Mr. Kuiken and Mr. Norton and held on to it for as late as 17 polls into the count.

Including the advance poll, there are 24 polls in Esqueving. At 21 polls, the shift went to Mr. Norton, who rose rapidly and eventually took over the lead with 23 polls tallied. The final poll clinched a convincing victory for

Mr. Kuiken. Glen Williams resident Tony Taylor finished in fourth place, picking up 202 votes.

His nearest rival was Jim France who finished with 121 votes. Rob Heaton, another Glen Williams resident, finished with 92 votes.

It's expected that Mr. Kuiken will be sworn in as a new Esqueving councillor Nov. 7. He'll join Councillors Pam Sheldon and Russ Miller, Esqueving's representative on Halton regional council.

"Jake will do well," Mayor Pete Pomeroy said as he congratulated the winner.



All the candidates were there but one. Having their say Thursday night at the Optimists Hall on Highway 7 were (left to right) candidates Robert

Heaton, Jake Kuiken, Dollie Moulden, Jim France and Tony Taylor. Peter Norton, the sixth hopeful, was absent with the flu.

## Roads, industry concern candidates

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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The four week Ward 2 by-election campaign was called a clean-cut campaign with no dirt allgung, by one of the council-seekers. Addressing about 40 Esqueving residents at the Optimists Hall on Highway 7 Thursday

night, candidate Jim France expressed his satisfaction with the respectable manner in which his opponents Dollie Moulden, Tony Taylor, Robert Heaton, Peter Norton and Jake Kuiken ran their campaigns.

The all-candidates meeting, organized on

short notice by Acton and Georgetown chambers of commerce, was not as well attended as candidate Taylor had wanted.

"I'm disappointed more people didn't come to hear us face to face," he told those who had. Candidate Peter Norton was among

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## Case investigates murder of Georgetown's Anthony Babakos

## Man pleads guilty to murder

Herald Special

A Brampton man admitted in Brampton Supreme Court this week to being the hit man for the contract killing of Georgetown's Anthony Babakos.

The 32-year old co-owner of the Vega Steakhouse and Tavern

at the Southgate Mall in Bramalea was shot at point-blank range in his wife's presence, August 1982, while working in the kitchen of his tavern.

Charged with first degree murder, Lawrence Stocking, 24, admitted in court last

Wednesday that he was "guilty", changing his plea two weeks into the trial.

Judge John Bowly has reserved sentence on Stocking until Nov. 14.

First-degree murder charges, also laid against Stocking's common-law wife Brenda Poulin, 22, were "stayed", which means the crown could reactivate them within a year. On trial for a day and a half, Poulin was charged with conspiring to commit murder and appears in court on this charge Nov. 14.

Ms. Poulin admitted to Peel regional police that she drove Stocking to a townhouse development near the Vega Restaurant and waited while he carried out his plan.

She said the couple were in a "pretty tight financial situation and needed the money". Poulin was six months pregnant the day she is alleged to have driven her husband to the restaurant.

Poulin was released

on bail, but a ban was placed on the publication of bail proceedings. Peel coroner Jim Cairns told the supreme court jury of eight men and four women Thursday that Mr. Babakos suffered fatal wounds after being shot twice in the chest with a .38 calibre handgun. He said the man probably died within seconds of the first shot.

Evidence from the crown revealed negotiations for the hired killing began in July 1982 when Stocking was approached by a Greek waiter at the Brampton Sword and Shield Tavern and offered \$6,000 to kill Mr. Babakos.

Crown attorney Leo McGuigan said Stocking was advanced \$400 to buy a gun and was later

offered \$10,000 to carry out the killing sooner than planned, because Mr. Babakos was planning a trip to Greece.

Mr. Babakos came to Canada from Greece in 1972 and bought into the steakhouse only last year. Before buying into the restaurant, he worked as cook for three years at Georgetown's Royal Pizzeria and Spaghetti House.

A preliminary hearing held simultaneously into first degree murder charges against Terry and Lambos Toris was adjourned Friday to Feb. 6, 1984. The two men are out on bail. There is a ban on publication of the court proceedings.

—Courtesy Brampton Daily Times

## Citizen of the year

The long-awaited Acton "Citizen of the Year" dinner tribute to Ted Tyler will be held Nov. 12. Everyone is invited to the special occasion to be held this year at the Acton Curling Club on Churchill Boulevard.

The event gets underway at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from Acton Family Cleaners locations

## Candy scam help

You don't have to be anywhere near Erin to take advantage of the candy scam Ontario Provincial Police are implementing for Halloween

metal detectors, as the Guelph OPP are doing with the Erin Fire Department and members of the Golden Triangle Metal Detection Club in Erin.

Georgetown's regional police welcome parents suspicious of the goodies their children have hauled home after a night of trick and treating, to come to the station on Guelph Street.

There, officers will check the bags with

## Stuffed up chimneys

Make sure your chimney is in clean and safe condition before you light it. Halton Hills firefighters were called to three chimney fires this week.

Saturday noon, they went to a chimney fire at John's Texaco on Acton's Highway 7. That same afternoon, there was a similar call to 41 Knox Ave. in Acton.

Tuesday morning at 6:54 a.m. firefighters were called to put out a chimney fire at Lot 12, Concession 9.

## Globe paints faces

Ghoulish, grisly, funny or beautiful are the looks you'll get Halloween Monday from 2 to 6

p.m. at the Shoppers Drug Mart in the Georgetown Market Place.

Members of the musical theatre group Georgetown Globe Productions are going to be wielding their water-base theatrical makeup to paint children's faces. The cost of \$1 is to cover the makeup cost.

## Boat destroyed

A 16 foot boat was destroyed and a 27-year old Mississauga man taken to Milton District Hospital Thursday night following a near accident with an unknown driver.

Andrew Blichartz sustained minor injuries and was taken to Milton hospital by ambulance.

## Sports

The NHL Oldtimers are in town for a date with the Raiders. See Sports, Page B1 for the details.

## Entertainment

G.I.T.'s "The Man Most Likely To..." takes a special type of actor, page A5

## Town

GDHS celebrates their '83 commencement with 46 Ontario Scholars. Page A9

## Section C

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Brian Dolotowicz knows everything you want to know about flour, and then some trade secrets he uses to refine a product he believes better than larger mills can produce. Mr. Dolotowicz is the president of Halton Flour Milling Inc. on Acton's Mill Street. He enjoys every minute of battling it out with the flour milling heavyweights. (Herald photo)

Making flour the old fashioned way

## Acton mill battles the big guys

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
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When you're a small tree among a couple of giants, you have to fight

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that much harder to grow.

But Brian Dolotowicz, president of Acton's Halton Flour Milling Inc. sports some pretty tough bark. His operation, which he and his wife, Debbie, bought earlier this year, has to compete with giants like Robin Hood and Maple Leaf Mills for a share of the retail flour market.

In several short months, Mr. Dolotowicz says he has "upset the milling industry".

"This place used to be considered non-operational," he said in an

interview Thursday. "Now, they know I'm here."

Mr. Dolotowicz believes his mill is the oldest of its kind still operating

in Canada. Electricity has replaced the water-driven system first built in 1835.

With the exception of machinery and elevator changes, the old Mill Street operation (west of the Main Street intersection) hasn't changed. The Ontario and western grains which go in one end of the mill come out the other as variety of flours and wheat by-products.

Most of the Halton Flour Milling's product is marketed to

bakers and to such large baking companies as the makers of Dare cookies.

A corner of the mill has been turned into a factory outlet where the bleached and unbleached flours, brans and wheat germ, as well as a line of other products, are sold.

Mr. Dolotowicz has 14 years milling experience with mills in Montreal and Cambridge and holds a list of certificates and diplomas from millers' correspondent courses which could fill a 40-kilogram flour bag.

He estimates that there are about six people in the country with his qualifications. Through on-the-job training, he is sharing his knowledge with his staff.

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From a six-hour per week opera-

tion when the Dolotowicz's took over. Mr. Dolotowicz has revived the mill up to 100 operating hours per week. He keeps his overhead low, drawing from his training to do his maintenance and mill administration.

"Everyone here wears several different hats," he said. "In today's business, it's the efficient guy who survives."

Halton Flour Milling also has its own quality control lab.

"When you're the small guy in the industry and you have one bad batch of flour, the big guys go to your customers and say 'See, I told you so,'" Mr. Dolotowicz said. "You must maintain quality control."

"We might be a small mill but we make damn good flour the old fashioned way."