



**SCARY CREW:** Members of the downtown Acton Business Improvement Area (BIA) board of directors checked out the spooky decorations at 45 Mill St., East - a vacant store that will be transformed into a haunted ho+use on Saturday afternoon. Spine-tingling games and a costume contest are just part of the ghoulish fun. Getting into the Hallowe'en spirit are (left to right): BIA director John McNabb, BIA general manager Janis Fread, and BIA directors Gord Chapman, Brenda Watson and Norm Paulsen. - Frances Niblock Photo

## BIA Hallowe'en lots of fun

Author Terry Boyle will be at the olde Book House signing his new book, *Haunted Ontario*, from 3 to 4 p.m. on Hallowe'en adding to the Acton BIA's Haunted House and Ghost

Roast. There's "bone-chilling" fun for everyone on the date, Saturday, Oct. 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. for children up to age 10, accompanied by an adult,

## Photo contest winner

Winners of the Acton BIA photo contest were announced this week by Janis Fread, BIA director. There were three categories in the contest which was sponsored by Acton Photo Shop, The New Tanner and Acton BIA.

Winners are:  
Photo of the 1998 Leathertown Festival - Doug

spine-tingling games and quizzes, a best Hallowe'en costume contest and when the children leave each will receive a "top secret" Haunted Ghost route map which will lead them to special places in downtown Acton for some more Hallowe'en treats.

For adults looking for a "frightfully good time" there's a chance to buy the

Fread of Acton.

Photo of Downtown Acton - Jun Gee Lim of Acton.

Photo of a seasonal nature - Cathy Waterhouse of Acton.

The winning photos will be reproduced in The New Tanner over the next three weeks.

visiting Acton's own Haunted House at 45 Mill St. E. There'll be scary displays and all kinds of "horrors" as well as ghostly sound effects.

Spooky story readings, face painting, cookies and drinks are all included in the fun. There'll also be some spine-tingling games and quizzes, a best Hallowe'en costume contest and when the children leave each will receive a "top secret" Haunted Ghost route map which will lead them to special places in downtown Acton for some more Hallowe'en treats.

Merchants participating in the event include Blooms Away Flowers, Paintin' Friends, Sweet Dreams Café, Price Check Foods, as well as the olde Book House.

## Province's tax plan hurts

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline reacted strongly to the Province's announcement at Queen's Park last week to set mandatory "caps" on property tax increases for commercial/industrial properties in Ontario.

"This change of policy is unbelievable!" "We are in the tenth month of our 1998 budget and a week away from the last tax installment due date and the Province has sent Regional Council back to the drawing board."

The chairman noted that, for Halton the Provincial plan means that total business taxes will be \$2 million higher than under Halton's plan. Savoline went on, "The Provincial change means that the Halton's business rebates are null and void."

"Minister Eves is mistaken when he says that municipalities did not take advantage of the tools provided by the Province," Savoline stated. She reported that the Regions of Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth and Ottawa-Carleton all implemented

measures to moderate the impact of CVA. Halton adopted a three year phase-in plan for residential homeowners and apartments, an enhanced tax deferral plan for low income seniors and low income disabled persons and a four-year rebate program for businesses.

Savoline also said "Halton has been a leader in property tax reform since we implemented the first and only region-wide reassessment in the Greater Toronto Area in 1996."

Savoline indicated that

she contacted Minister Eves twice to request that Halton be exempt from the new legislation. In her letters to the minister, the chairman noted that she had the support of the four Chambers of Commerce in Halton. The four presidents were unanimous in expressing their concern about the provincial announcement.

Chairman Savoline concluded that she expected the Minister of Finance to respond to Halton's concerns and exempt the Region from this most recent policy.

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**BOOK SIGNING**  
**Hallowe'en: Saturday, Oct. 31st from 3:00-4:30p.m.**

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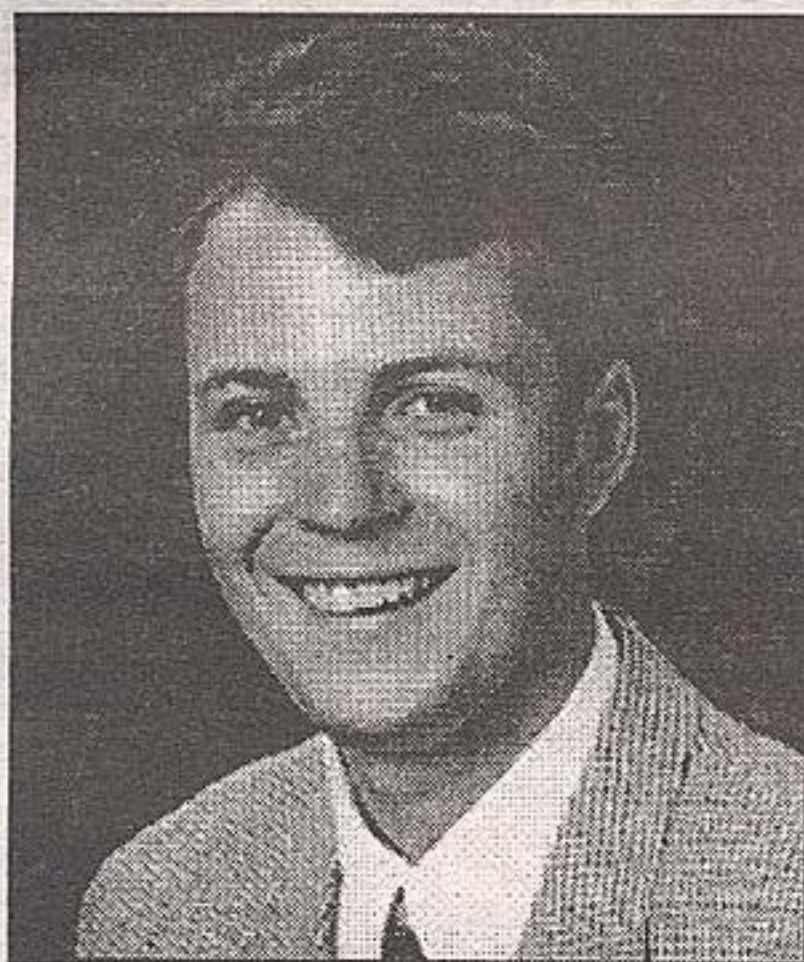
## ANXIETY & PANIC

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Five years ago, Mike Glugosh was a hostage to his own fears. Constantly worried about his health and his own state of mind, he found himself wanting to avoid situations that made him feel anxious, such as being alone, going to work and socializing. In time Mike realized he was not alone in his suffering. Anxiety disorder is the number one emotional problem in our country today.

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*sion, shortness of breath, scary thoughts, trembling or shaking, and nervous or panicky feelings.*

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The Midwest Center for Stress and Anxiety, with whom Mike works, has done stress and anxiety seminars for companies such as Chrysler, AT&T, and McDonald's. They have also been featured on OPRAH, REGIS and KATHY LEE and many other well known programs.

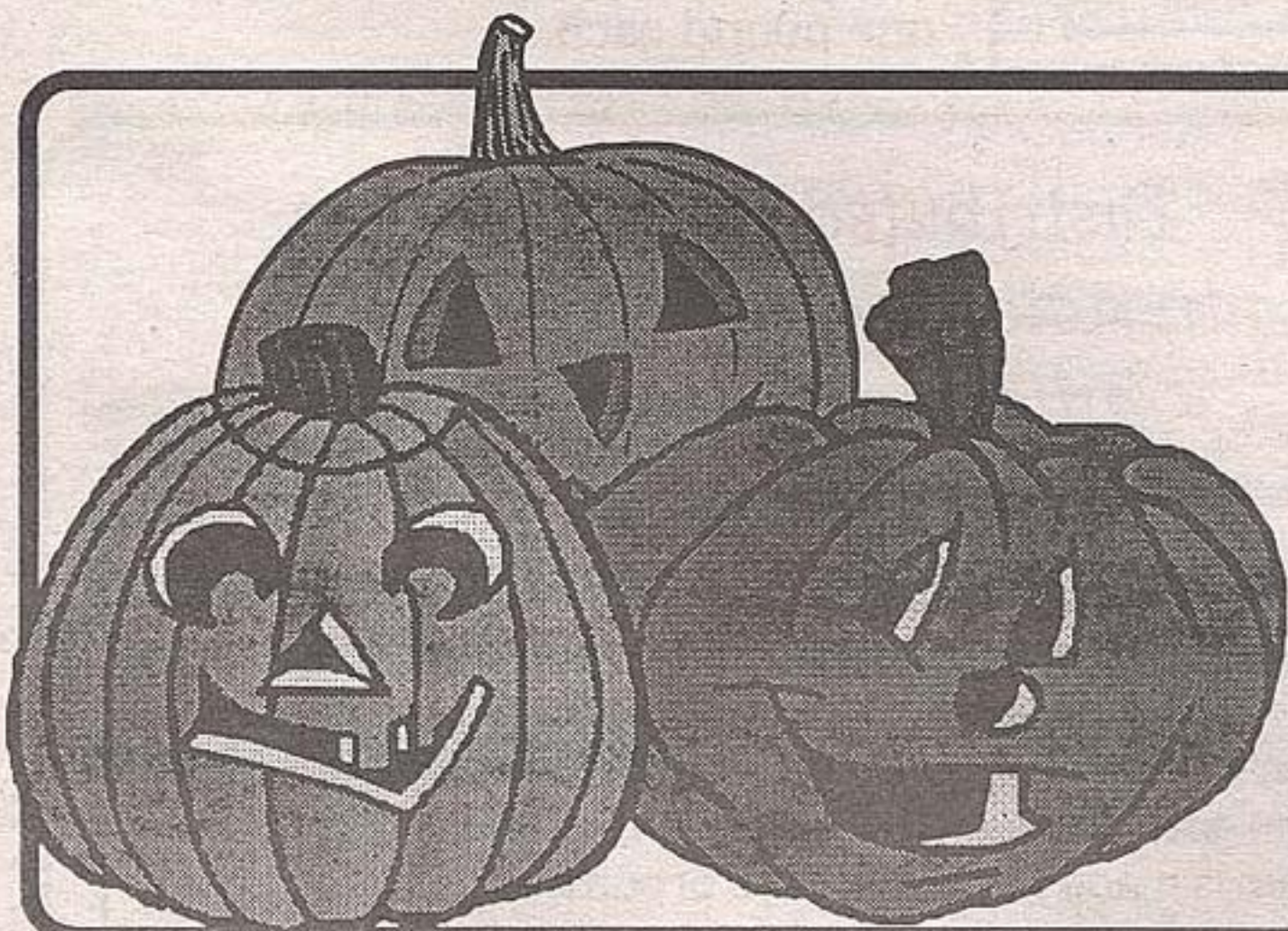
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