

## March break madness

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK  
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Have your kids watched enough television yet to be bored?

Are they, and you, wondering what to do this March break?

Well, there's a lot going on in Acton, and a lot of it is free.

Although there are no in-house programs being offered at the library this year, anyone with a library card can pick up a March Break survival kit - guaranteed to provide 100 hours of fun.

The kits include suggested reading lists, songs, poems, riddles, jokes and craft supplies.

Children are required to pick up their kits in person and they will be available until March 22, while supplies last.

The library is also holding a family scavenger hunt. You can pick up the 100-item list at the library and must be returned completed by 5 pm on March 23.

In addition, the library is staging a create-a-story contest, which requires you to pick up a story form at the library and fill in the blanks and return it by March 23.

For those who wish to get wet, staff at the Acton Indoor Pool have planned two weeks worth of water fun.

Special swim times are from 2 to 4 pm daily and you can call 873-2600, ext. 275 for details.

For those who want a little action on dry land, once again through the generosity of the Rotary Club of Acton, you can skate for free at Acton arena. Public skating runs daily until March 22 from 1 until 2:20 pm.

If bowling is your game, Acton Bowling Lanes is offering a bowl one game and get one game free offer week days until March break ends. You can call 853-0470 for lane times and to make reservations.

The Acton Junior "Y" is offering a special program of crafts, games, sports and trips during March break. The program, for six to 12-year-olds, is offered at McKenzie-Smith Bennett from 7:30 am until 6:30 pm.

The cost is \$25 per day - bring your own lunch. To register call Caroline Browning at 853-0909.

Still looking for something to do? How about a winter picnic at Prospect Park or a tobogganing party at Sir Donald Mann Park? Or if you really bored next week you could watch St. Joseph students head back to school, because they only get one week off.

## Man escapes death in explosion

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Acton's Frank Geng is lucky to be alive.

"Another 15 to 30 seconds of propane leaking in that house and we would have found debris 500 feet away and the homeowner definitely would have been dead," explained Ontario Fire Marshall investigator Robbie Schnurr in an interview on Friday.

Geng's McDonald Boulevard home was rocked by an explosion 10 days ago and Schnurr said his

investigation found that propane leaking from a 20-pound cylinder was ignited by the hot water heater's pilot light.

Geng heard hissing coming from the propane cylinder in his garage and he carried it into his basement so he could examine it, leaving a vapour trail that was ignited by the pilot light.

"Carrying that cylinder tank into the house and down to the basement took about a minute. Just a little longer and the explosion would have lifted the house off the ground and

there would be almost nothing left," Schnurr explained.

"There's something that I'd like to stress," Schnurr added. "If anyone is ever going to examine a propane cylinder, never do it inside. Always make sure that the vapours can dissipate, either outside or in a well-ventilated area."

Schnurr said the cylinder and its valve is still being examined to determine why the leak occurred. He added it's possible the house was so structurally damaged that it will have to be torn down and rebuilt.

## Smile Theatre returning in April

### ASSIC ALERT

Tickets are now available for the upcoming performance of the play *Shooting Star*, Dinah Christie's musical about Canada's greatest long distance runner, Tom Longboat.

The Smile Theatre company will bring this play to Acton High on April 11 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$7, and they're available at ASSIC. For information, call 853-3310.

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The Acton Arthritis Bluebird Club is an informal and informative support group for people with arthritis.

Why not come out to hear guest speakers, participate in discussions and learn more about coping with arthritis?

The group meets on the second Thursday of every month except July and August. The next meeting is scheduled for this Thursday from 7 to 9 pm at 19 Willow St. N. For further details, call Pauline at 853-4940.

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Spaces are still available to register for ASSIC's Income Tax Clinic, which runs through March and April. Eligibility is based on income (i.e. seniors on supplements and singles

with incomes below \$15,000). The cost for this service is \$10 for singles and \$15 for couples.

To make an appointment please call Sue at 853-3310 or drop by the ASSIC office.

**Have something to say?**

Be heard (and read!)

**Write a letter to the Editor!**

## Legion supported well by Ladies Auxiliary

### LEGION NEWS

BY MIKE MANUEL  
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As we approach our 65th anniversary on March 24, the executive and members of Branch 197 would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support and encouragement, and congratulate them on the success they have achieved in all phases of their endeavors.

As an affiliate member of Branch 197 for the last 21 years, my admiration goes out to these ladies, who tirelessly give of themselves to the welfare of this Branch, both physically and monetarily.

A few years ago, a true gentleman by the name of Jimmy Higgins was instrumental in getting me involved in the workings of the Branch, for which I will be forever thankful. Unfortunately, Jim passed away a few years ago but left behind

not only a legacy, but a family who are truly great members.

The matriarch of the clan is Lilly, who's constantly putting everyone at the Branch in their respective places. Lilly, by the way, has just recently celebrated a birthday that exceeds the Branch's anniversary, but not by many years.

One reason I chose Lilly for this article is that she is a pure example of the women who are members of the ladies Auxiliary. A belated happy birthday Lilly and again ladies - thank you for your generosity.

To all of our members and their spouses - don't forget March 24. Get your tickets early at only \$5 each and enjoy one of the best of days.

Next Saturday will be a Karaoke night so come on down to the Branch and have a great night.

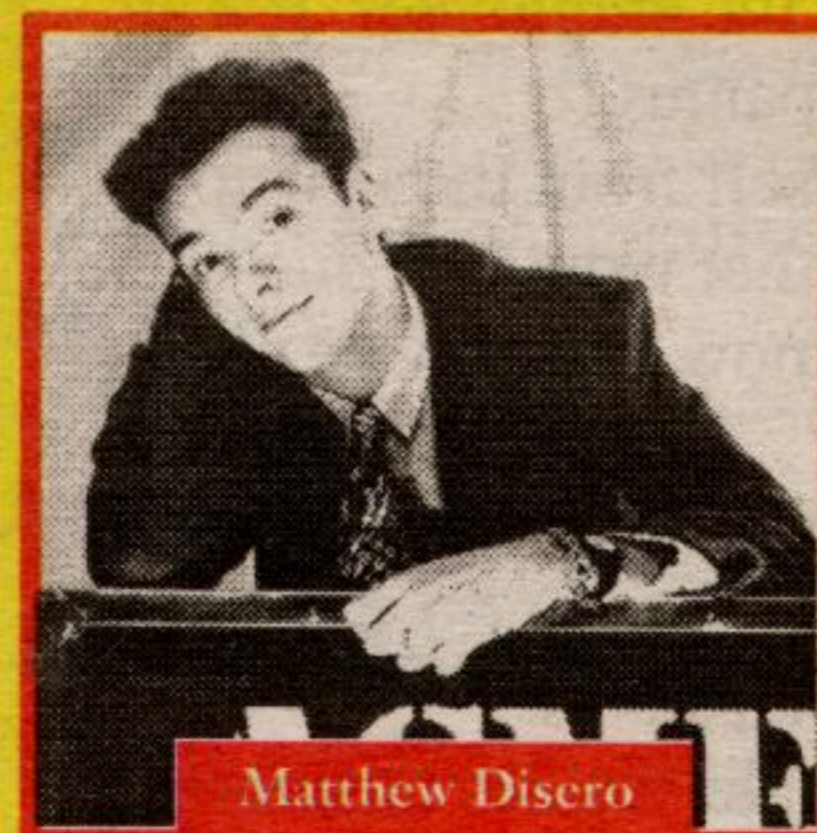
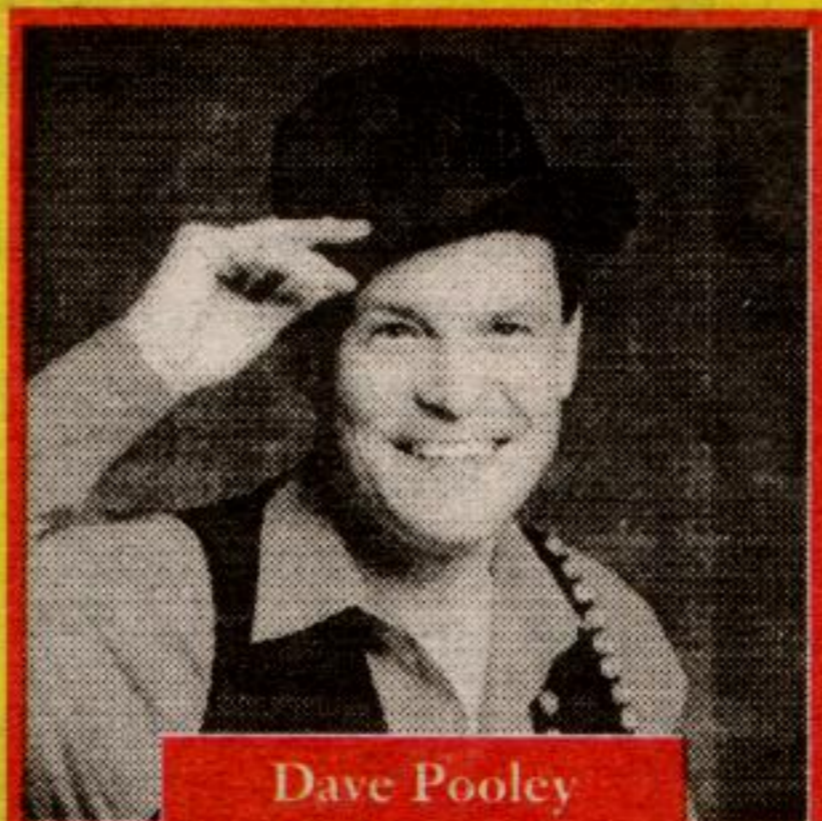
By the way, you do not have to be a Legion member to enjoy this great entertainment.

## March Break Magic at Shoppers World Brampton

# It's Showtime! at Shoppers World

**We've Got a Great Line-Up for March Break Magic!!**

<b>All Performances take place on Centre Stage in The Bay Court!!!</b>		<b>Wednesday March 13th</b> 1:00 p.m. Matthew Disero 7:00 p.m. Driftwood Folk-Rock Band	<b>Thursday March 14th</b> 1:00 p.m. Matthew Disero 7:00 p.m. Dave Pooley It's Country Night!!	<b>Friday March 15th</b> 1:00 p.m. Matthew Disero 7:00 p.m. Dave Pooley Rock 'n Roll Classics	<b>Saturday March 16th</b> 1:00 p.m. Dave Pooley The Great "Pub" Mix	<b>Sunday March 17th</b> 1:00 p.m. Matthew Disero "You Won't Believe Your Eyes" Show
<b>Monday March 18th</b> 7:00 p.m. The Jazz Ensemble	<b>Tuesday March 19th</b> Tuesday Sale Days 10:00 a.m. Senior's Bingo	<b>Don't You Miss It!!</b>		<b>Friday March 22nd</b> Stump the Masters Chess Challenge	<b>Saturday March 23rd</b> Stump the Masters Chess Challenge	<b>Sunday March 24th</b> Stump the Masters Chess Challenge



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