

Chorus one step closer to Joseph

BY JAMIE HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

The Georgetown Children's Chorus is finally bound, making the cut to the finals of competition for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.

"This is very reassuring for us," said Lois Fraser, director of the Chorus. "The competition is incredibly tough, with choirs coming from as far north as Barrie and as far south as St. Catharines."

More than 100 choirs applied for the chance to audition, with 34 selected to move on to the semi-finals. From there the field was narrowed to 15. In the end, only four will be selected.

If the Georgetown Children's Chorus is ultimately successful in their bid, it will require that the young singers, four from Acton and 19 from Georgetown, will have to miss a month

of school for rehearsals to prepare for four shows a week over four months.

Fraser said that one young chorus member asked her mother to tie her crossed fingers together overnight to bring good luck.

Even if the choir fails in its bid to join the cast of *Joseph*, the singers have had the opportunity to sing at the Pantages Theatre, site of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

"We've exceeded our expectations," Fraser said. "We expected to get into the semi-finals."

In the meantime, Cheri Lindsay of Cheri Lindsay's Dance Studio in Georgetown is putting the choir through its paces, choreographing routines and polishing their presence.

The results of yesterday's competition were not available by press time.

Arena tenders extended

The Town has extended the closing date for tenders for the \$5.1 million Acton Arena and Community Centre by one week until Jan. 23.

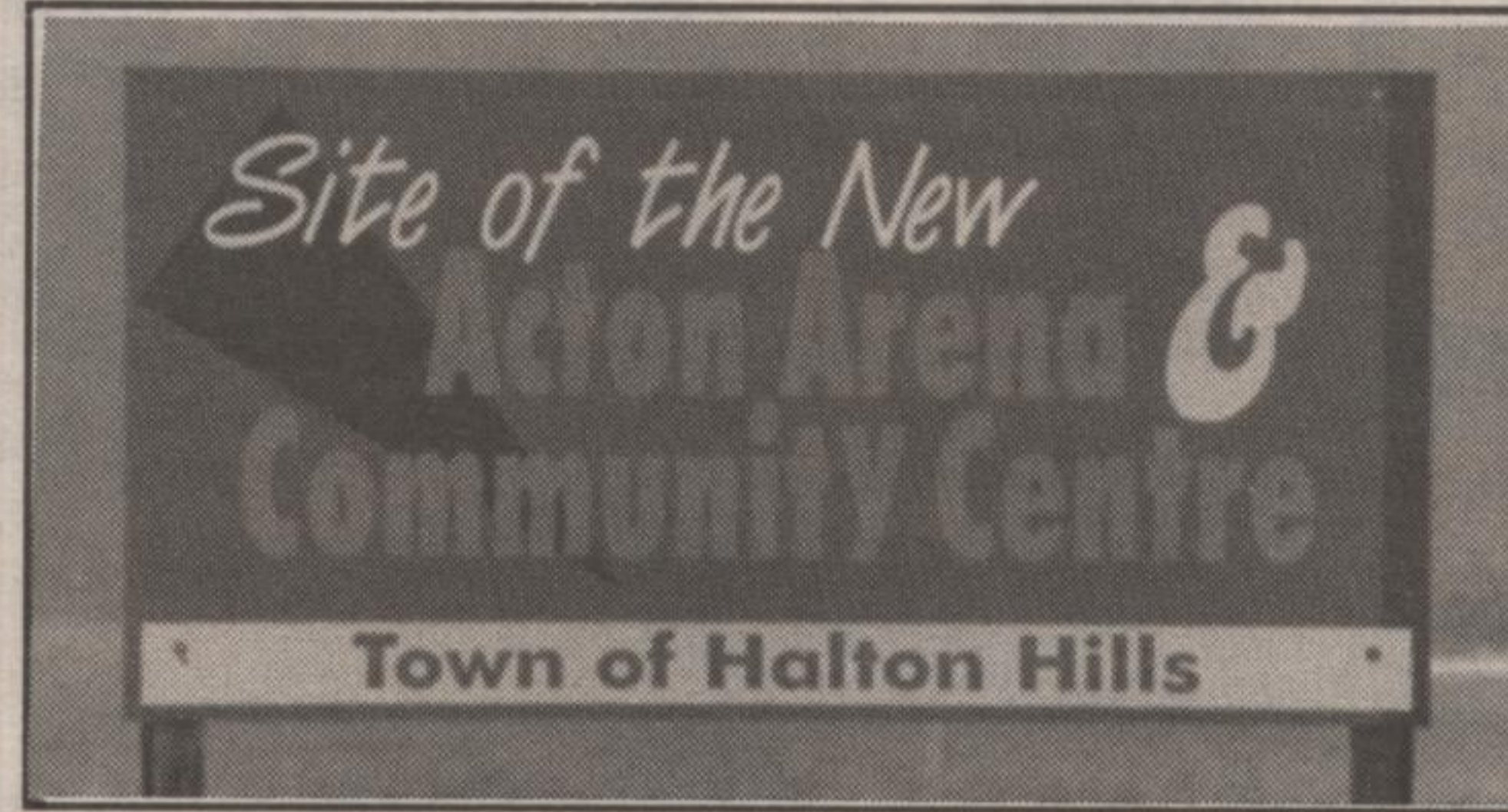
"We've made some changes to the drawings for clarity - to better define what we wanted - and issued an addendum to further elaborate on drawings in the tender package," Town Manager of Facilities Paul Stover explained on Monday, noting that the delay in tender closing will not affect "when the shovel goes in the ground."

Stover said that if the project comes in over budget, they are positioning themselves to reassess inclusion of the small leisure ice pad adjacent to the main rink.

Tender packages were picked up by 10 general contractors using a relatively new process of a bid depository, which allows the general contractor to choose from electrical and mechanical com-

panies who have bid on portions of the contract, if they wish.

Stover said they hope to have a report recommending which tender to accept ready for General Committee by Feb. 3.



COMING SOON: The promising sign and a construction entrance are what's seen of the new arena on Hwy. 7.

Dance at Legion on Jan. 25

LEGION NEWS

BY ALISON WILLMOTT
There will be a dance next Saturday (Jan. 25) from 8 pm to 1 am. Come dance to the "Music Man," Steve Dunn. Admission is free!

Euchre winners were:

Ukie, 73; Bill Dando, 72; Dave Humphrey, 69; and the hidden score winner was Charlene Higgins, 41.

Meat draw winners for last week were early birds Linda Molody and Alf Kearns. Regular winners were: Frank

Koen, Jim Wheeler, Junior Rowsell, Peter Comstive, Linda Molody (2), Ken Tarzwell, Gord Thompson, Dave Thompson, Ed Molody, and Roz Edwards. Large prize draw winner was Mike MacDonald.

Dancers perform

The Acton School of Dance presents *Interlude*, a mid-winter dance recital featuring dances choreographed by the students of the dance school. The event takes place on Saturday Feb. 1 at 7 pm at St. Alban's Parish Hall, 19 St. Alban's Dr. Admission is free, but please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Acton FoodShare. For information, please call Susanne Keith at 519-853-0390.

PC candidates meet

The North Halton Progressive Conservative Party is hosting a "Meet the Candidate Evening" at Acton High next Tuesday (Jan. 21) from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the cafetorium. This is an opportunity for the public to meet, question and hear the views

of those individuals wishing to become candidates and represent the federal riding of North Halton in the upcoming federal election.

So far, John Challinor II of Milton and Ralph Scholtens of Burlington have announced their candidacy.

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As for vacations, almost the same exists if you want to go to Florida or into the Caribbean to a resort, or go on a cruise. There is so much competition for the vacation/cruise dollar, that the costs have been kept down pretty good. Then there are last minute decision-makers who can go at the drop of a hat and can take available at most travel agencies. **Booking in advance is still your best bet** though, to get to go where you choose.

Can you believe it has been 25 years since Walt Disney World opened in Florida? And think of all the additions there have been since. It has become the #1 goal for Canadians, especially those with young children, to go there at least once. (Many, many go back year after year - staying on-site and living the life!) We had visited Disneyland in California before there was the location in Florida and so had a taste of it back in the 60s. Magic Kingdom Park was the original spot at the location just outside Orlando, and with all the many new sites, **this is the year to go to Disneyworld** to join in the quarter century celebration.

Did you know dept: The 1997 wall and pocket calendars were very well received again this year at our travel offices. There are still a few remaining if you didn't get yours, but hurry in!

Travel tip of the week: When you travel, expect the unexpected, then you'll be prepared for anything!

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