

What a year it was! Workers reject new pact offer

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§ Who said what at the Acton Arena and Community Centre official opening on Sunday:

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson: "It's a great opportunity for us to celebrate today. You know if this

new facility had gone into Prospect Park (an early favoured location) it just wouldn't have worked as well. I think that the size of the building and the amount of parking here on this eight-acre site is perfect for Acton and Halton Hills."

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BY MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY
The New Tanner

The Town of Halton Hills' proposed new contract with its outside works staff has been "voted down like a ton of bricks."

Steve McKnight, president of CUPE Local 73 (Canadian Union of Public Employees), said employees in the arenas, public works and mechanics voted overwhelmingly against the Town offer last week. They

want wage parity for public works staffers with workers in similar positions in other jurisdictions.

Approximately 50 members have been without a contract since March.

The offer put before them Dec. 22 was reached with the assistance of a conciliation officer. Their rejection gives him the option of bringing in a no board report. Seventeen days after that report is filed workers could go on strike or the Town could lock them out.

LEGION NEWS BRANCH No. 197 BY MIKE MANUEL

Tickets for the New Year's Eve party have been moving along very quickly. If you want to be part of the great event then don't wait too long. Tickets are only \$35. each.

To our branch members: don't forget the President's Levee starting at 1 p.m. Jan. 1, 1999, and while you're at the Branch pick up your Calendar of Events flyer. This flyer will give you a month to month breakdown of all Branch and Auxiliary activities lined up for the year 1999. As activities are updated so will the Calendar of Events flyer.

Some upcoming events to watch for:

Jan. 16 - Ladies' Auxiliary Appreciation Night

Jan. 23 - 50's/60's Dance
Jan. 31 - Super Bowl Party
Feb. 13 - Valentine's Party

This past Saturday's Beef Draw winners were: Stan Caron and Mike Maloney - Early Birds

Singles Prize winners were: Jim Hagget, Ian Munday, Pat McCutcheon, Larry Frizzell, George McPhail, and Gloria Dunne. Multiple winners were Marjorie Merrikan, Mike Manuel and Jim Davies. Jim, by the way, also won the Large Roast Draw.

Saturday's 50-50 winner was lucky John Hoare. On behalf of president Gary Munday and all the Members of Br. 197 a very happy and prosperous New Year to all. See you at the Branch.

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Mark Rowe to speak to University Women

Local historian and author, Mark Rowe, formerly of Acton, will be the guest speaker at the January 5 meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women's Club - Georgetown.

Mark's presentation will focus on the early inhabitants of this area including the Huron and Mississauga people as well as early European settlers. Local finds, sites and burial grounds will be explored. The general public is welcome at the Cultural Centre on Church St., in Georgetown on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m. for this talk and slide presentation. For information call Pat Brady at 877-3625.

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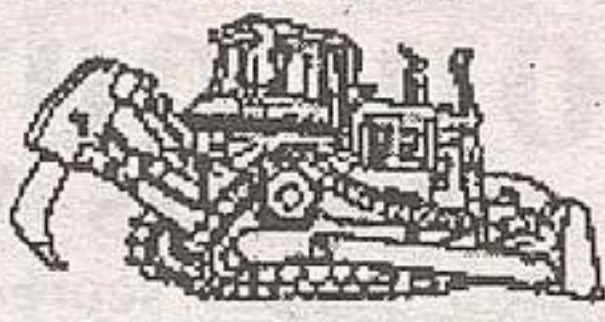
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This is my person request to all the people of Acton and Halton Hills.

PLEASE DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

1. Designate a driver if you go to a party.
2. Call a taxi or just stay where you are.
3. To avoid temptation, leave your car at home.
4. Use common sense, do not get in a car with a driver that has been drinking.
5. Remember, you are civilly responsible if the person is drinking at your party and has an accident on the way home. You can be sued by any injured person. If someone is leaving your house, get their keys. If they will not give up their keys, call police because you are responsible.

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