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### NEWS AT A GLANCE

#### Arena rumble

Halton police were called to Alcott Arena at about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday because about 200 youths were fighting there. After someone spotted a male remove a baseball bat from his jacket, police charged a 17-year-old from Milton with possession of a weapon.

Doug Vivian, Alcott Arena facility supervisor, said the Georgetown and Milton midget hockey teams were playing at the arena that night. He said the fighting occurred outside of the arena and there were no problems on the ice or in the arena.

About seven officers responded and police remained at the arena until the hockey game was over. At press time police couldn't provide more details on the incident or if anyone was injured.

#### Elementary deal

Late Friday afternoon, Halton Elementary Teachers Federation announced it had reached a tentative settlement in its negotiations with the public board. Ratification votes will take place next week. No further details were available.

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### Sharing the table



As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we should take time to be thankful for all that we have, but at the same time remember there are others around us who are not quite so fortunate. Arlene Humphreys, chair of Acton FoodShare, reports supplies of food are low and the food bank would welcome any donations of both food and money. Acton FoodShare supports 130 families, which has increased in the past two months. A town-wide food drive is planned for Saturday, Nov. 7, when members of the Acton scouts, guides and Calvinistic cadets will canvass door-to-door from 9 a.m. until noon, picking up any donations and delivering them to the food bank. The food drive for the Georgetown Breadbasket will be held Saturday, Nov. 14. Photo by Ted Brown

### Public board talks:

## Secondary teachers reach deal

Halton's public secondary teachers will vote Tuesday on a tentative contract settlement reached earlier this week.

Details of the agreement were provided at a meeting Thursday night, but no vote was to be held at the session.

"People need time to absorb something like this," said Al Tanner, president of the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers' Federation (Halton). "It's a major decision and I think people should have time to consider the ramifications of it."

He said members can sometimes discuss and vote immediately on a contract because most aspects are already known. But in this case, major details have just been finalized.

Tanner said teachers will be voting during the day at schools on Tuesday. There are about 950 members in the public secondary unit.

He said until Tuesday's vote is known, teachers should still be in a strike position and not handling voluntary activities. But there will be no participation in rotating walkouts until the vote is determined, the union leader added. Halton District School Board trustees were slated to review the contract at a meeting Thursday. No details were available at press time.

The tentative agreement was reached following marathon mediation talks earlier this week.

"These are tough times given the restrictions the (provincial) government has placed on negotiations," said Tanner. "This is the best we can do."

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