



FOR THE BIRDS! Jessica Vlietstra, left, and Emily Saunders, both 4, spent part of Thursday's preschool storytime at the Acton Library singing "Two Little Bluebirds." Register for the next eight-week session - Wednesdays at 2 pm or Thursdays at 10:45 am - starting April 3. (Doug Harrison photo)

Arena inches closer to reality

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how the seats and dressing rooms are designed and appointed, the access to the buildings and the set-up of the community rooms."

Elliott said staff and the committee are leaning toward a 38,000-

square-foot building with an ice surface, dressing rooms and a community centre.

Elliott said he knows there is a "heavy degree of skepticism" in the community that the facility will finally be built, but it's also

growing confidence.

"I'm starting already to get indications of community support for fund-raising - I think they can smell it that finally, something is going to happen," Elliott said.

Although the proposed facility includes an area for a seniors' centre, the seniors have not formally decided if they will move from their Prospect Park location. Elliott said if they don't move it could put a "real crimp" in their future.

"A lot of their future funding hinges on the fact that they are going to be involved, somehow with the municipality, and the municipality is not building or funding single-use facilities."

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NEWS SHORTS

Assault charge at Bedroxx

A Mississauga man was charged with assault after allegedly hitting a 19-year-old woman. The incident took place at 1:30 am last Friday at Bedroxx. The victim, who lives in Brampton, told police she was grabbed and struck on the head numerous times after arguing with the suspect.

Man threatens with knife

A 55-year-old Acton man was charged with assault after threatening two people, including his wife, with a knife.

Police say the man got into an argument in his Rosemary Drive home last Friday evening with another man who is a boarder in the home. The accused then brandished a knife and made threatening gestures to his wife and the second man. He was charged with two counts of assault with a weapon and two counts of assault.

Reed applauds PM's moves

Halton-Peel MP Julian Reed supports Prime Minister Jean Chretien's actions during a recent scuffle with a protester on Flag Day in Hull.

In a press release, Reed says Chretien dealt "quite properly with a very ugly and life-threatening situation," when he grabbed the protester by the throat and pushed him aside.

As did Chretien, Reed points the blame at the RCMP, who weren't there to prevent the situation from happening. Although the Prime Minister is known for breaking free of his security from time to time, said Reed, when someone gives his or her life to public service, it should not mean giving up one's physical life.

Reed's press release ends with a well-delivered point: "Three cheers for the boss - he took the problem by the throat and dealt with it."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It really makes you appreciate small town atmosphere. When you live at the Jane-Finch corridor you really notice a difference."

— *Matthew Fleet, York University student, Page 11*

DID YOU KNOW?

In tennis, the term "love," meaning zero, comes from the French *l'oeuf*, which is an egg, as in goose egg.



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