

IDENTIFICATION DAY: Youngsters Lyndsay Neil, 9, Alanna Andersen, 5, and Rebecca Neil-Sampson, 3, had photos and fingerprints taken at the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Acton's Child Identification day at Prospect Park Sunday. Helping club members were Canadian Tire Safety Rabbit "Gert" and the RCMP Safety Bear. (Eve Martin photo)

Children identified

About 110 Acton area children were fingerprinted and photographed on Sunday at Prospect Park at the Acton Kinsmen and Kinette's free child identification day.

With the help of Acton Photo, Canadian Tire and the Child Protection Foundation, the children were also given an identification passport.

There was one disappointment for organizers - two RCMP horses and riders who had performed the Musical Ride at the Georgetown Fall Fair were scheduled to visit. They had to turn back because the horses, not used to being moved in a small trailer, began kicking and rocking the trailer and the Mounties thought the horses might injure themselves.

Travel

with *Bruce Hood*



Many get 'Special Treatment' when they travel

Multiples - twins, triplets and beyond, get special recognition on a cruise sailing December 7th. Commodore Cruises is the setting to join twin hosts Jeff and Joe Fithian from the television show, Don't Eat the Daisies! Special events, parties and games are planned for the outing sailing from New Orleans, to Montego Bay, Grand Cayman, Playa Del Carmen and Cozumel.

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More and more people are travelling with their pets, so Coast Hotels and Resorts with many properties available, offers a special Pet Policy. Guests bringing pets on their stay can get bird seed, blankets, litter boxes and outdoor areas where pets can be walked, and play. One assumes it is just for 'house pets', and oh yes, they have a special cleaning and sanitizing process for their rooms.

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If you are an orchids fan, there is a special trip for you. Leaving Vancouver on November 6th, this is a tour to Malaysia and Singapore designed for orchid enthusiasts. Also planned during the junket, along with visits to the Botanical Gardens and Orchid Farms, is a visit to an Orangutan Sanctuary, and an overnight stay in a Longhouse, a traditional dwelling in the Borneo jungle.

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TRAVEL TIP OF THE WEEK: Franc, guilder, koruna, krone, peso, rupee, dinar, shilling, and lire are just some of the many names of currencies in foreign countries. Strange terms to many who have not travelled to these destinations. Your professional travel agency has all the information of the cash structure in the country you will be travelling to - learn as much as you can - before you go

Arena, community centre drawings unveiled

Gull-winged and glassy.

That's how the designing architects described the \$5.1 million Acton Arena and Community Centre which was unveiled last week.

It's a replacement for the aging Prospect Park arena and more, including an over-sized rink, a smaller ice pad, six dressing rooms with showers, a seniors' centre and a community room, all on one floor in an energy-efficient building with a winged roof. PBK architect Ben Sproule said the facility would have a "warm atmosphere for families and the community," allowing a wide range of sports uses and community uses. The seniors' centre includes a barrier-free unisex wash-room, patio, separate kitchen, entrance and meeting room.

The glass lobby of the building looks out onto the ice rink with easy access to concessions, washrooms and changing area. There is seating for 440 and standing room for 200 for ice events

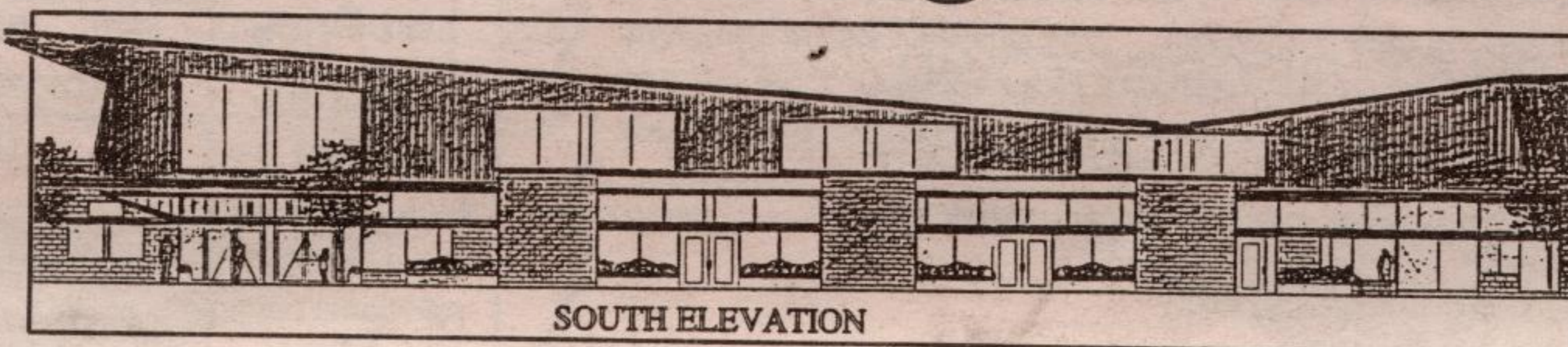
Architect Bill Lobb said they tried to exploit the long, narrow site fronting Hwy. 7, east of Churchill Road, when they decided where the building will go.

"There's a new subdivision and a future road to be called Monex to the west, but for now access will be from Hwy. 7. Initial parking plans call for 150 paved spaces between the facility and the highway, with rows of trees through the site."

Arena steering committee chair Norm Elliott, who admitted he and the other Acton councillors made "nuisances" of themselves over the years as they pushed for support for the facility, said it was a joy to be at this point.

"There are still people who doubt that this will happen

because it's been so long coming. I think that the delay may have a silver lining because if it had been built several years ago, it might not have been as good as it will be now," Elliott said.



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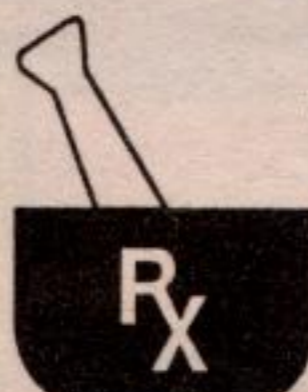
Identify police officers first

There was a report on television recently of attacks on female drivers by a male motorist pretending to be a police officer. Although it occurred in the United States, we often have copy-cat criminals. By placing a flashing light in his car similar to that used by plainclothes police officers, the male motorist pulls up beside a female driver and asks her to get out of the car and come back to the rear of her vehicle to be away from traffic. Once at the rear of the vehicle the female driver is sexually assaulted. The male was not in any kind of uniform nor did he have any identification.

Plainclothes officers do on occasion stop a vehicle using their flashing light, but they will identify themselves with their badge. They do not ask people to get out of their cars unless there is a sound reason. Until you are sure that the person is a police officer, keep your doors locked, and windows up - only roll down the driver's window enough to talk through. If you have a cell phone, call the police and ask them to identify the officer.

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