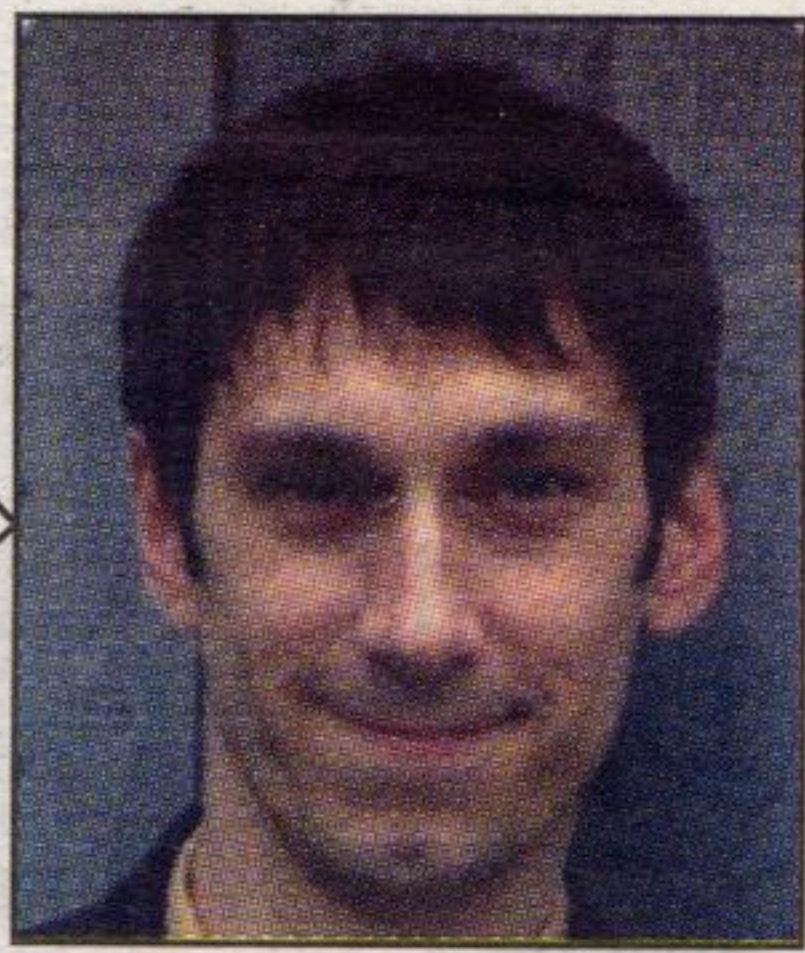
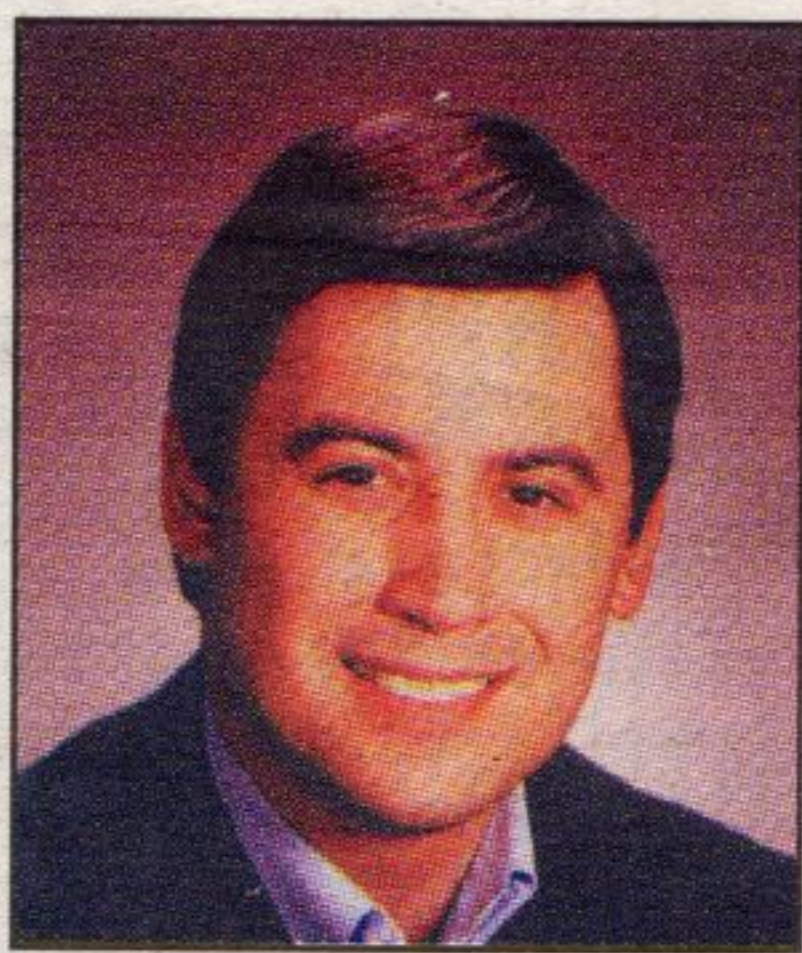


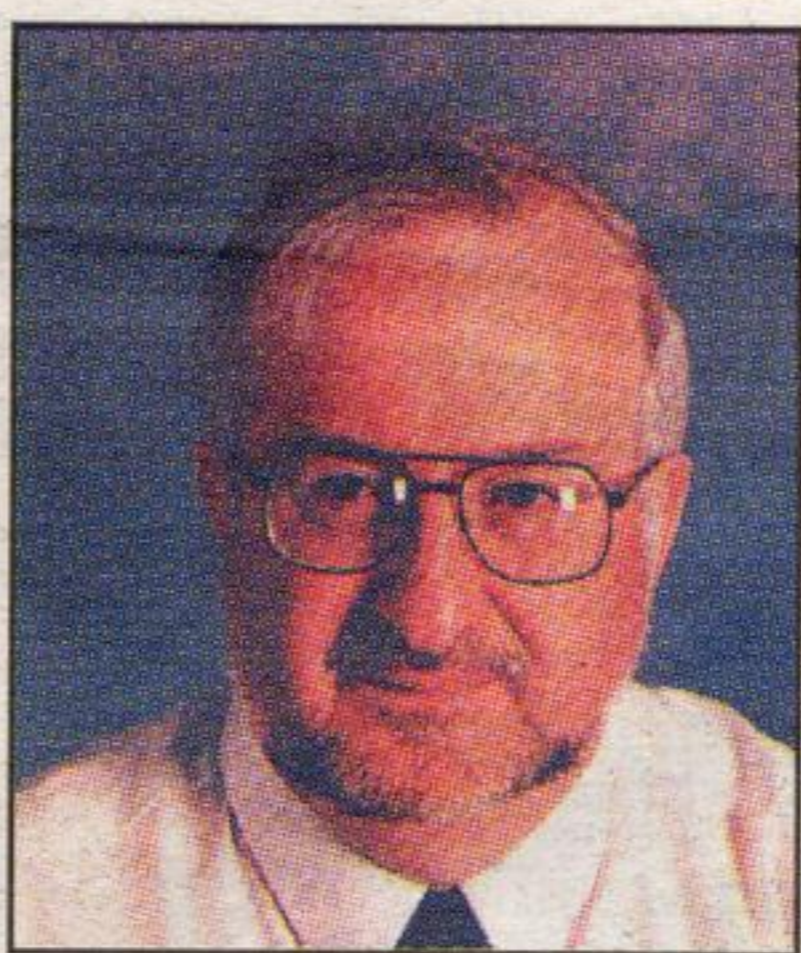
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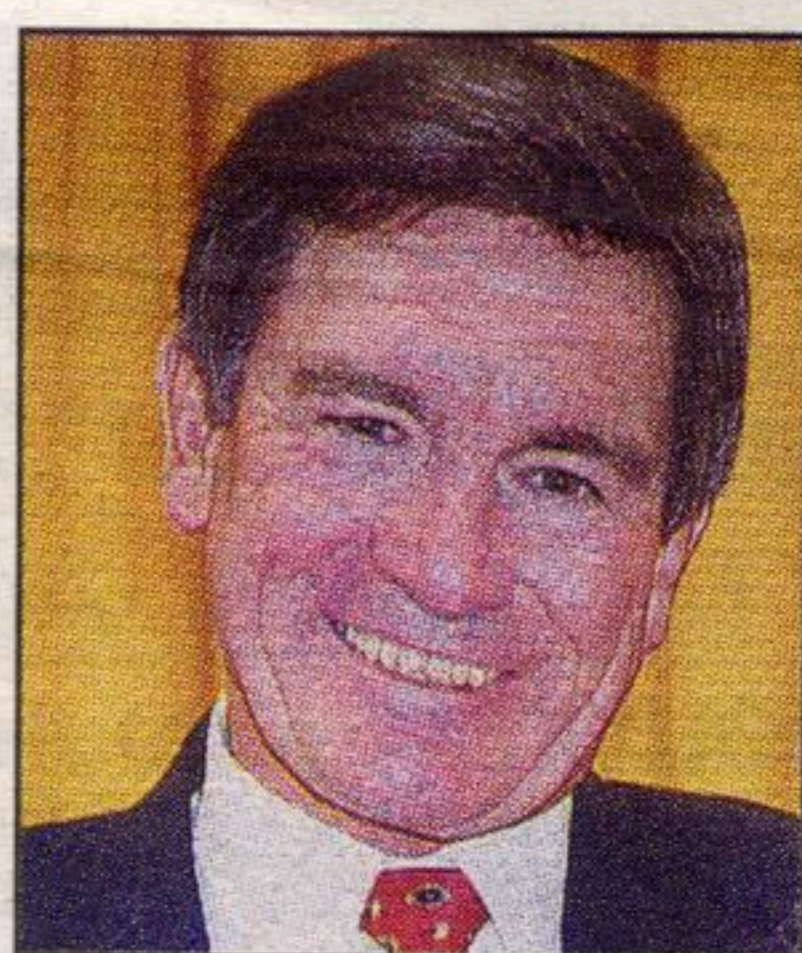
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**School's out and many students have graduated. See our Graduation Section from Pages 13-19.**

**Canada Day is July 1st and The New Tanner will publish a day earlier (Wednesday) Please have copy and ads in early.**

# Youthful offender pleads 'not guilty' in death of Ray Getty

## Old beach not safe

The old beach in Prospect Park, Acton, on Fairy Lake has been declared unsafe for swimming due to high bacterial levels.

Halton Health Department tests recreational water throughout the Region. The Acton beach was one of several beaches declared unsafe for swimming. Others include Bronte Beach, Coronation Park East and West in Oakville. Kelso Conservation area in Milton and Burlington Beachway North and South are safe for swimming.

The Boathouse Beach on Fairy Lake, Acton is no longer open for swimming.

Tests are done weekly or if conditions change. Halton residents can call Halton Region to find out which beaches have been closed due to poor water quality.



**WELCOME, PRINCIPALSKANES:** Incoming Principal Leona Skanes modeled the unofficial uniform of Robert Little School as she met at the school with retiring principal Don Warren on Monday. Warren actually presented Skanes with the sweatshirt he was wearing as a welcoming gift. — Frances Niblock photo.

## Town takes OB fight to Queen's Park

Six buses of Halton Hills citizens and politicians — including one from Acton — will converge on Queen's Park today (Thursday) to rally in protest of plans to close the obstetrics and pediatrics units at the Geor-

getown campus of the William Osler Health Centre. Although the hospital board has agreed to indefinitely postpone the July 5 closures, the Town said the postponement decision appears to be "hollow" and it

will keep up the fight to save the units with a rally and letter writing campaign. In a press release announcing that the rally planned for last Tuesday was being rescheduled for today, the Town admits, "it appears that

William Osler Health Centre intends to proceed with the closure of the obstetrics and pediatrics units." On Monday, Mayor Rick Bonnette said he spent the weekend marshalling people

## Testing finds gun's trigger lock faulty

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**  
The New Tanner

A trigger lock that did not work, not criminal intent, led to the tragic shooting death of Acton's Ray Getty, 15, according to the lawyer representing a Youthful Offender (YO) who pleaded not guilty to criminal negligence causing death in connection with the case on Friday in an Oakville youth court.

Justice R. LeDressay, with the Ontario Court of Justice, will render a verdict today (Thursday) on the criminal negligence causing death charge, reduced from second-degree murder when forensic testing found the 270c. Winchester carbine bolt action repeating rifle used to shoot Getty in the upper chest could be fired with the trigger lock in place.

The clean-shaven, short-haired YO, who sat expressionless and motionless, wearing handcuffs in a guarded prisoner's box during Friday's one-and-a-half hour trial, will also be sentenced to pointing a firearm after pleading guilty to that charge at an April 29 hearing.

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