



Park Plus: Vicky Barron, manager of Credit Valley Conservation lent a hand to Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson as they officially opened Willow Park Ecology Centre in Norval. At the ceremony was (from left) Ward 2 Councillor Kathy Gastle, Town Environmental Advisory Committee (TEAC) chairman Bryan Boyce, Serjeantson, Barron and Ward 3/4 Councillor John Day. The park is accessible behind Norval Community Centre, and features a multitude of ecological displays including a butterfly garden, a compost demonstration area and snake hibernaculum. Photo by Ted Brown

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CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC and MEXICO will get much of the play for vacationing this winter, as our dollar's best buy is a paid-for-in-advance all-inclusive vacation package, to one of these countries. Most suppliers who serve these destinations have increased their allotment of resort accommodations, or at least maintained a good size inventory for one to choose from. AFFORDABLE ALL-INCLUSIVES and CRUISES will be the hit of the season, but the middle and upper end of the market will still get a lot of action to the swankier spots in sun country.



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