Exxxotica closure won't affect Milton store: owner

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The Champion

The upcoming closure of Exxxotica's Burlington location will have no impact on the controversial Milton store, says owner Tony Wang.

Last week, Mr. Wang dropped a \$600 million lawsuit against the

City of Burlington and its council for attempting to close the store after it illegally expanded. By January 21, the store will be converted to a traditional video rental outlet under the name Hollywood Second Run Video Rental.

But the battle in Burlington was significantly different than the one Mr. Wang is currently having with the Town of Milton.

Under the zoning bylaw, which applied when Exxxotica opened on Bronte Street in April, the store owner says his business should've been considered a typical commercial rental business.

The Town argued — and continues to do so — that the business is an adult entertainment parlour, which was only permitted under site specific zoning under that bylaw.

No business permit has been granted to the store.

"People keep thinking I'm the kind of person that likes to fight. I'm not. I try not to fight. I just want to work something out," he told The Champion. "But if I have to fight, I have to fight."

The zoning bylaw was revised earlier this month to limit adult entertainment parlours to industrial areas on the north side of Hwy.

Mr. Wang said he believes this new bylaw shouldn't affect his business because he was operating prior to the bylaw coming into affect. "If they don't grandfather me, I will feel disappointed," he said, adding his lawyer is still in consultation with the Town over the issue.

While unavailable for comment due to the holidays, Mel Iovio, Milton's director of planning, previously stated a court challenge would be needed to determine if the store could be grandfathered, as it has never received a business licence.

Mayor set to ring in the new year

Milton will celebrate the arrival of 2003 with the annual New Year's Eve Bell Ringing Tuesday night at Victoria Park.

Residents are invited to gather around the historic bell at 11:45 p.m. as Mayor Gord Krantz rings in the new year.

Levee held Jan. 1

It's time to ring in the new year with the 16th annual Mayor and Council New Year's Day Levee Wednesday at Town Hall.

Residents are asked to join Mayor Gord Krantz, town councillors and the Milton Historical Society for the event, which will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



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Please be advised there will be no Dial-A-Bus, Go Feeder and Physically Disabled Transit Service on the following date:

Wednesday January 1, 2003

GO FEEDER SERVICE:

GO Feeder Bus Service for December 31, 2002 will be as follows:

Morning Service - No Change

Afternoon and Evening Service from Milton GO Train Station:

Departure: 1:22 p.m.

2:22 p.m.

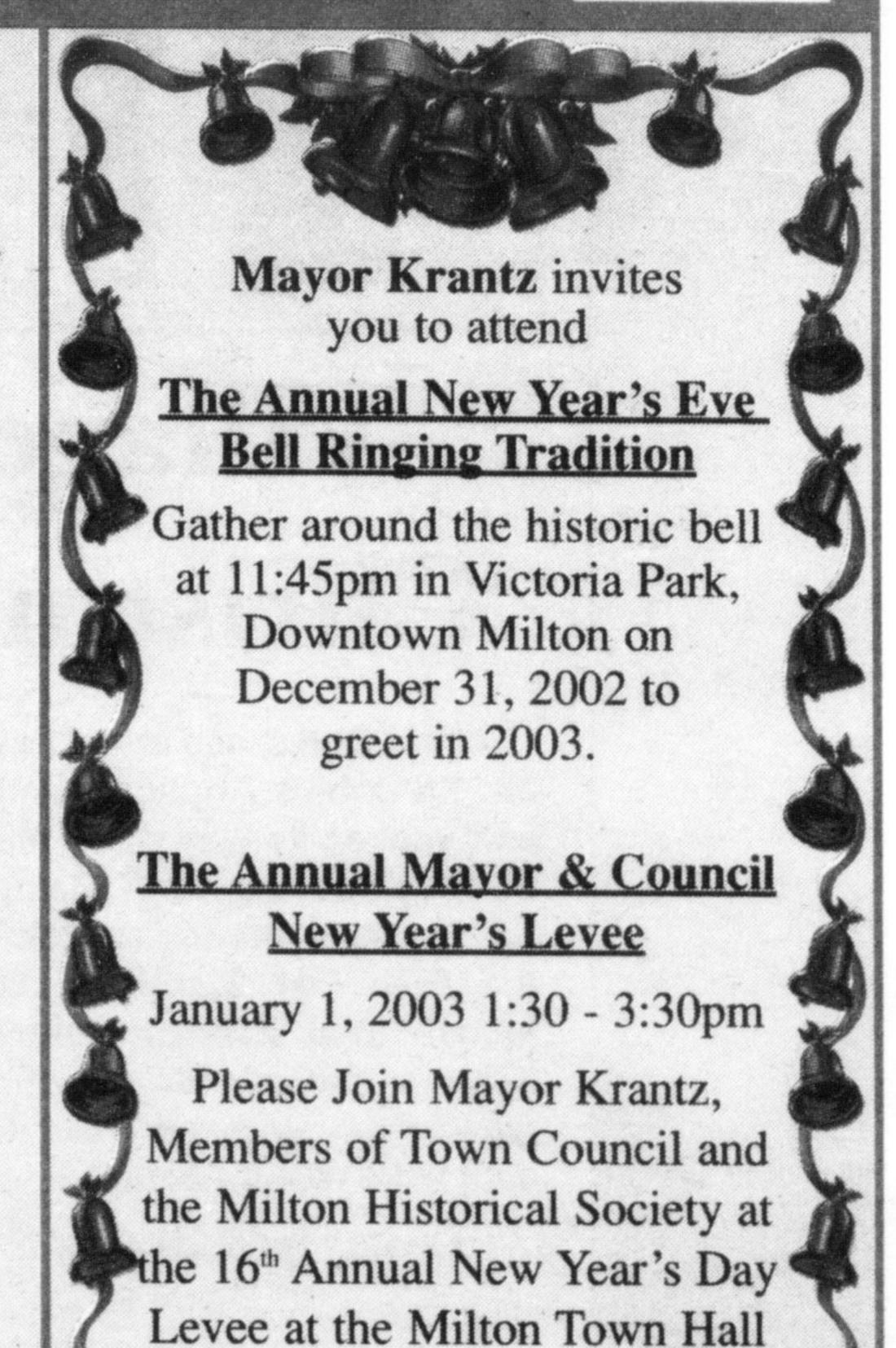
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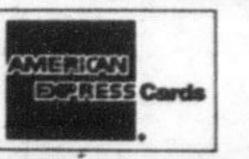
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