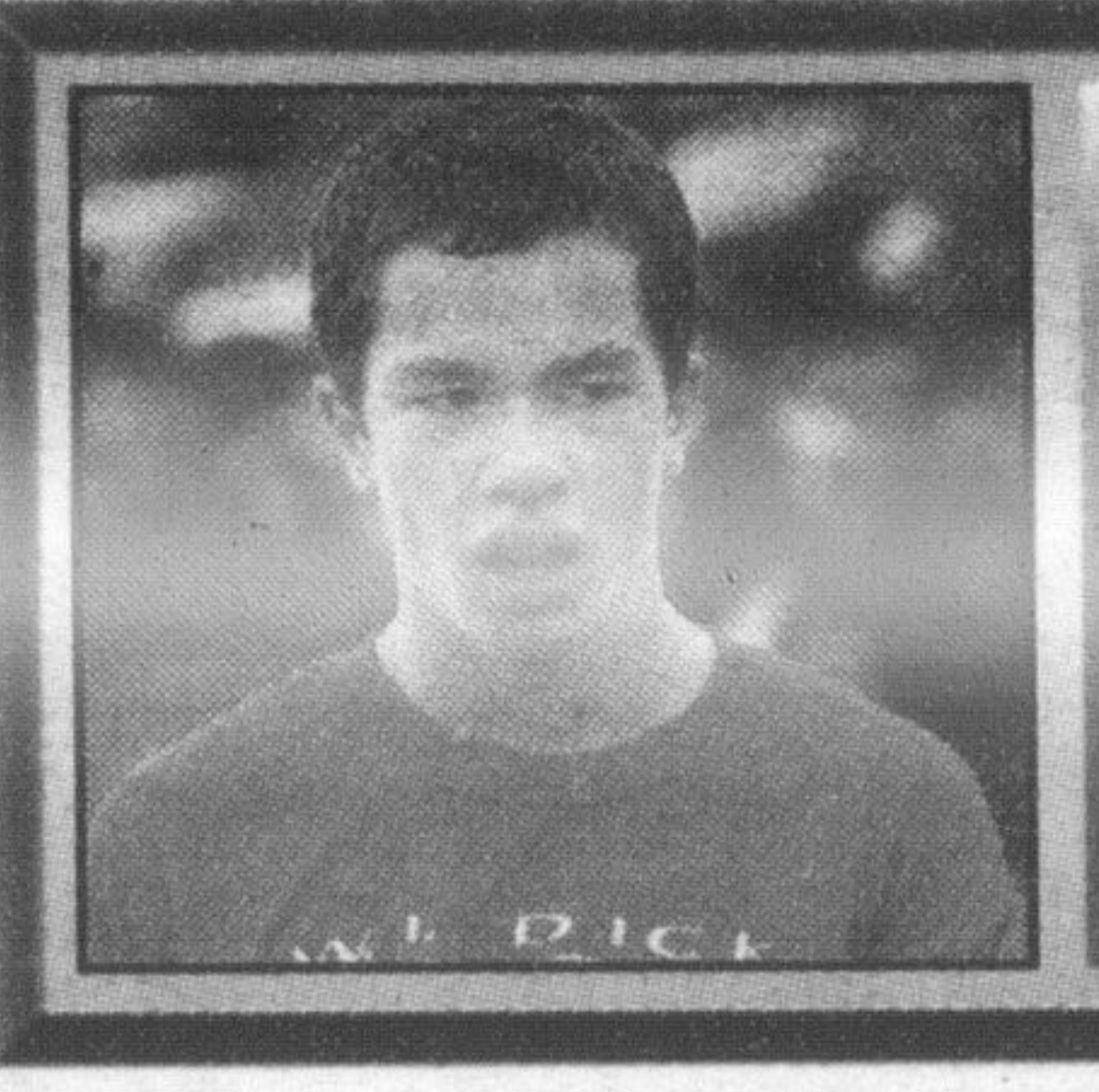


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Eco-Tech Village moving forward

By **JASON MISNER**
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The Town of Milton has entered a significant phase in its groundbreaking initiative of the building of an environmentally-sustainable subdivision, which could open by the spring of 2005.

Called Eco-Tech Village, town council approved two key processes at its meeting last week that will see the much-anticipated project move forward in a way that has politicians and bureaucrats tripping over each other with excitement.

Mattamy Homes — a major home builder in Milton — will begin designing a concept plan of how the Eco-Tech subdivision will look and feel using Town-established engineering guidelines, from the way trees are planted to the way storm management ponds are used.

Also, the Town will take part in a study using wind energy, and in particular wind turbines, as an alternate source to generating power.

The idea is to have the 50-acre Eco-Tech Village subdivision concept plan and the wind energy study completed around the same time within the next year. The Town will contribute \$8,000 to the \$50,000 wind study.

The project was initiated by the Town about two years ago, and up until this point has involved numerous discussions and workshops about possible concepts, principles, engineering technologies and the overall purpose.

"I am really pleased and gratified to see reality kicking in," said an enthusiastic Mayor Gord Krantz in an interview about subdivision plans being laid out on paper. "It's been a dream up until now, but we're going to see that dream realized."

Energy-efficient housing isn't new in Canada, given homes have been built with solar-powered roof tops, as an example.

But what Milton's Eco-Tech Village project is doing is drawing together a host

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Halloween fun

Dad Dan Cole marks out the face on a pumpkin prior to carving under the watchful eye of daughter Vespera. It was part of the annual family pumpkin carving event at Milton Mall Saturday.

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