

New Rotary Park pool is set to open this Friday



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Justin Galioto and friends try out the new Rotary Park pool, which opens Friday.

New outdoor pool called 'two pools in one' ready for use after 13 months of renovations

Summer will arrive Friday at Rotary Park.

That's the day the outdoor pool and spray pad will open for the summer, kicking off the fun with a School's Out Swim from 1 to 4 p.m. The regular season's swim schedule will start Saturday.

After extensive renovations over the past 13 months, the park now features a new outdoor pool, which is two pools in one — a beach pool and a lap pool.

The beach pool is up to 3 feet deep, with a ramped entry and interactive water spray features. The lap pool is three-and-a-half to four feet deep, with four lanes for length or recreational swimming.

A brand new pool building includes men's, women's and family change rooms, public washrooms and a covered pavilion

area.

Rotary Park Outdoor Pool features family swims, fun swims, length swims and one of the Town of Milton's newest recreation programs, Aquafit Under the Stars, which requires pre-registration and starts July 5.

Rotary Park is located on Garden Lane, north off Mill Street, west of Martin Street. For a detailed swimming schedule, refer to the Community Services Guide, pick up a

schedule at Rotary Park, the Milton Leisure Centre, the Milton Sports Centre or Town Hall, or visit www.milton.ca, where you can also view a schematic diagram of the pool area.

Members of the public are invited to attend Summer SplashFest, the official opening ceremony and celebration for Rotary Park, on July 17.

The opening ceremony, free barbecue and family fun activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a free all-ages swim from 1 to 5 p.m.

For more information on the park, call (905) 878-7252, ext. 2165, e-mail recreation@milton.ca or visit www.milton.ca.

Tree-cutting trial to continue in Milton court Thursday

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ing Sixteen Mile Creek runs through the property.

He testified he saw an excavator coming out of the woodlot and tried to find the property owner. He used his authority to enter the private property when he couldn't locate Mr. Vastis, Mr. Harris told the court.

"I felt the time it would take to contact the owner was fairly significant and in that time significant damage could occur," court heard.

What he saw on the property alarmed him, he said.

"There were piles of freshly destroyed trees."

As he toured the property, Mr.

Harris said he felt uneasy about the heavy equipment — including bulldozers — on the property, particularly machines doing work near the Sixteen Mile Creek.

"The equipment was generating siltation and sediment that was being flushed down Sixteen Mile Creek," he said, adding he was concerned for the fish that were spawning at that time of the year.

A pick-up truck at the site read Greystone Contracting.

In total, Mr. Harris said he observed six clearings on the property, totalling about 15 to 20 acres.

Four days after his initial visit, Mr. Harris said a meeting took place with Mr. Vastis that included officials from the Region, the

Town of Milton, the Town of Oakville and Greystone Contracting.

During that meeting, Mr. Harris told court, Mr. Vastis said he was advised by someone from the Town of Milton that the only way to reduce his taxes was to remove the woodlot or farm on the property.

Defense lawyer David Crocker, of Toronto's Davis and Company, said he intends to argue "that the constitutional rights of the defendant were violated."

The trial will continue Thursday. *Stephanie Thiessen can be reached at sthiessen@miltoncanadianchampion.com.*

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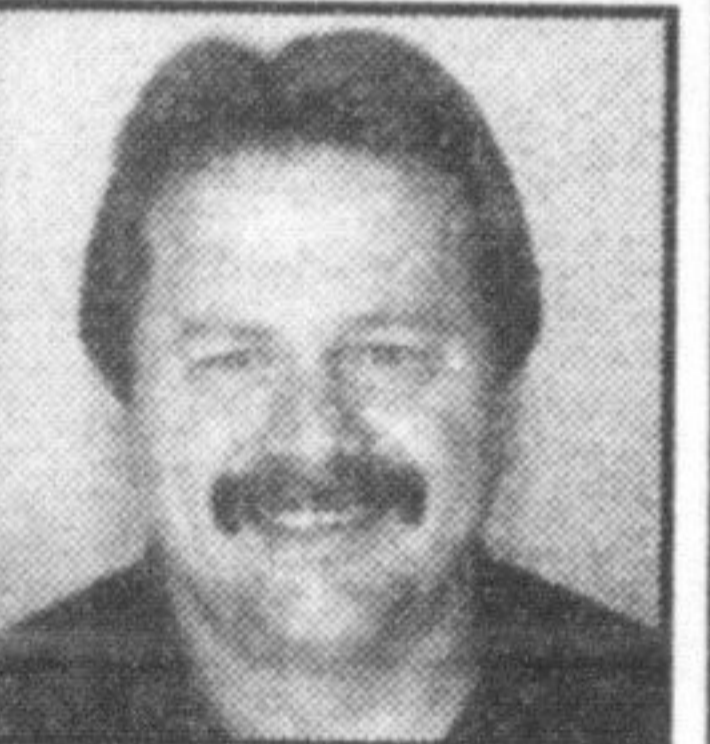
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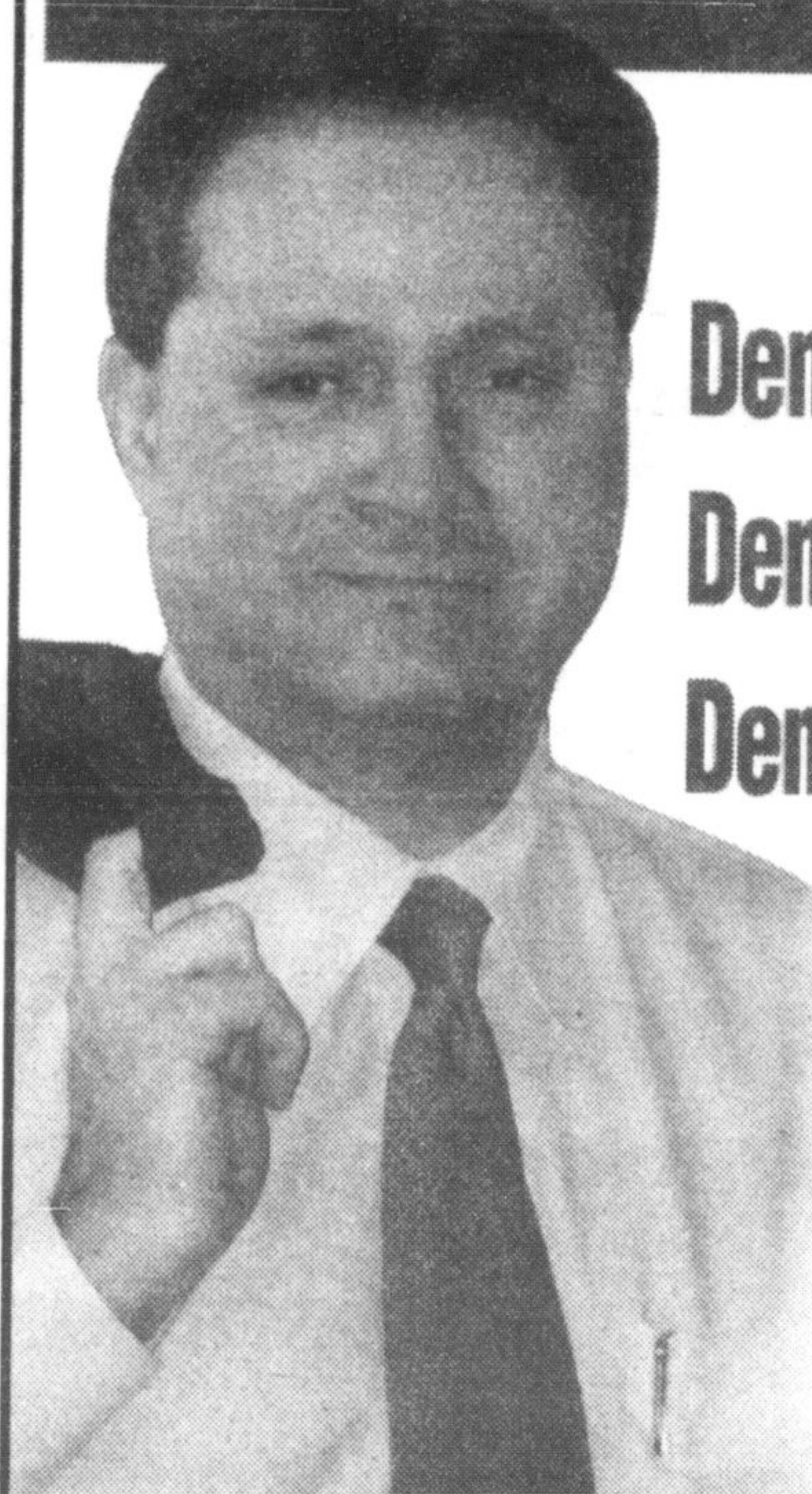
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