

Waste transfer stations likely in Halton Hills

A sympathetic response to Coun. Russ Miller's concern over the need for garbage transfer stations has led Halton region's Solid Waste Management Committee (SWMC) to take positive steps toward obtaining approval for privately-operated transfer facilities in Halton Hills.

If a recommendation passed by the SWMC Friday is approved this week by regional council, Leferink Disposals Ltd. and Monarch Resource Recovery and Transfer Ltd. will be invited to attend a forthcoming committee meeting to outline plans for establishing facilities where members of the public could unload solid waste for temporary storage prior to transfer to landfill sites in the south.

In the meantime, related committee recommendations would see regional staff arrange for temporary transfer facilities at the Georgetown landfill site when it closes October 31 and meet with officials of the area municipalities regarding alternative transfer sites.

MOST IMPORTANT
Finally, and most importantly, the provincial ministry of environment, which Coun. Miller had blamed for stalling Leferink's proposal, would be informed of the region's willingness to consider the Leferink and Monarch schemes for Halton Hills "within the context of Halton's solid waste management system".

Although most members of the SWMC were sympathetic toward Coun. Miller's contention that the lack of transfer stations would prompt Halton Hills residents to dump their trash along rural roads rather than haul it some 30 miles to the Oakville and Burlington dumps, regional solicitor Dennis Perlin seemed unimpressed.

Recalling that former Halton Hills regional councillor Pat McKenzie advocated the establishment of transfer stations years ago, Mr. Perlin suggested that concerned representatives from the north "perhaps failed to anticipate a crisis situation". Even if approved immediately, he warned, Leferink's and Monarch's proposals could not be implemented for months, particularly if an Environmental Assessment hearing is required.

SOME INCONVENIENCE
"I recognize there may be some inconvenience to Halton Hills residents who have to drive to Oakville or Burlington, but that's why we had a recommendation suggesting the town itself should make a move," Mr. Perlin said.

"I'm surprised Leferink and Monarch aren't here to make presentations, and it would see premature to take any action here until we've heard them."

The solicitor said the Leferink and Monarch operations could ultimately be "in competition" with a regional transfer facility, if one is deemed necessary and approved. He suggested that other sites must be appraised, with a transfer station at Limehouse, for example, to serve both Halton Hills and Milton.

Although he had to leave the meeting early, Halton Hills town engineer Bob Austin left written comments indicating that the town "will not likely arrange" for municipal transfer station per se, but will encourage approval for privately-owned facilities to be established under the auspices of the region. Coun. Miller pointed out that Mr. Austin's remarks had neither been discussed nor endorsed by Halton Hills council.

Milton town engineer Joe Pitushka reported his municipality has no need for a transfer station of its own, but supports the establishment of a "long-term" transfer facility somewhere north of Highway 401. There is no problem with rural roadside dumping in any part of Milton, he added, and even Nassagaweya residents, situated in Halton's northwest corner, would prefer to haul their garbage south to Burlington rather than any type of facility at Georgetown.

GARBAGE HAUL
Taking exception to the comments, Coun. Miller recalled two occasions in which Milton councillors were urged to have their town's garbage hauled to Oakville rather than Georgetown after the Milton dump closed. Regardless, he said, Milton chose to use the Georgetown site because everyone believed that Site "F" would be approved soon after.

There may be no problem with roadside dumping in ur-

ban Milton, Coun. Miller contended, but "Nassagaweya is probably deluged".

"There's a few people who nobody really gives much concern about," he charged. "If the region's not going to take care of us, then just let us know and we'll take care of ourselves."

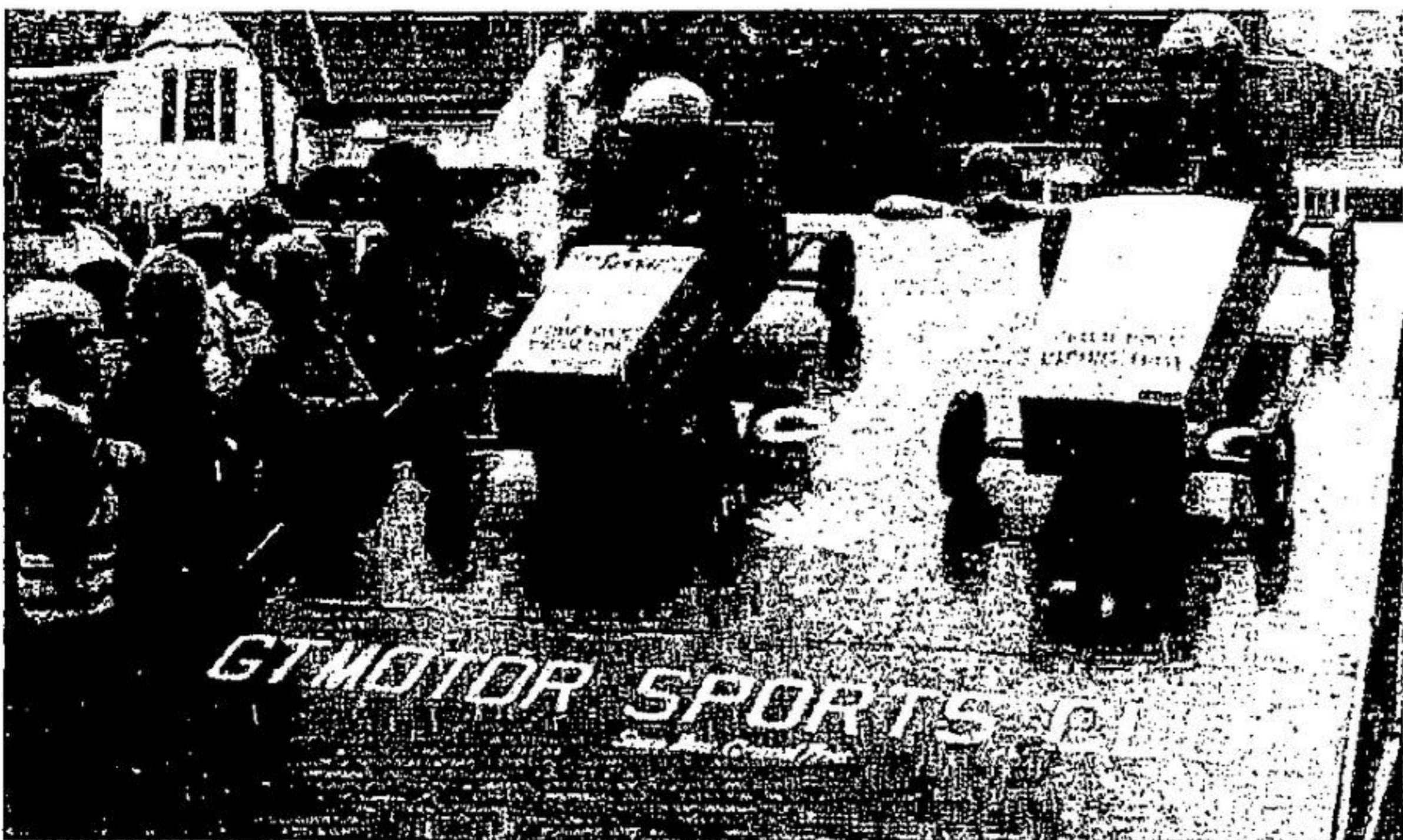
Mr. Pitushka responded that he is concerned about Nassagaweya residents. There are some instances of roadside dumping, he said, but town works crews clean it up.

Invited to comment on the situation, Alex Giffen of the ministry of environment stressed any privately-owned trans-

fer station "must be integrated into the region's solid waste system" and cannot be in competition with any regional efforts.

The provision of temporary transfer stations at landfill sites that have been closed, Mr. Giffen added, is a common practice, and would be "appropriate" for the Halton Hills site.

"I see no problem putting a station on that site," he commented. "A hearing is not mandatory. Putting a private facility on some other site (such as Leferink's proposed site on Trafalgar Road) would be more difficult."



ACTON'S OWN 'GRAND PRIX'

Terry Letch, 7, and brother Hobble, 14, of R.R.2, Acton prepare for a lap in the Acton Optimist's Soap Box Derby Saturday afternoon. Only eight racers turned out for the club's first annual derby but spectators were enthusiastic and racers turned in some fair times as they zoomed down Agnes Street.

under the careful eye of the man with the stopwatch. Winners were Robble Letch, stock class, Sherril Gardner, modified class, John Sullivan, best junior stock class, and Quinn Kuenzig for best car.

(Herald photo)



YOUNG BIKE WINNER

Rose Lowrie, 7, was the winner of a ten-speed bicycle in a contest run by Galyn Shoes and Luggage in the Georgetown Market Plaza. The bicycle is a little big for her right now, but she says she has older brothers and sisters who will be happy to keep it in good riding condition for her until she grows up to it. Presenting Rose with the bicycle is Shelley Hull of Galyn Shoes. (Herald photo)

VIEWPOINT

Of modern gold rushes and police brutality

By GERRY LANDSBOROUGH
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A little of this and that this week, as we take a closer look at what's at the top of the news.

The current price of gold has sent a good portion of the world on a new "gold rush". The latest price of \$397.50 an ounce can only lead us to one conclusion - that which goes up like a rocket crashes down with the same speed. In Market Comments by Charles Stahl, he makes a comparison between the current gold fever and the Tulipmania that hit Europe in the 17th century. Tulipmania was for real - when first introduced from their native Turkey that everywhere the prices of the bulbs rose to a phenomenal degree that fortunes were made overnight. But like the price of gold today it can't last and all good things bulb wise come to rather an abrupt end. We can expect the same kind of crash in the gold market and the economical woe that will go with it.

CLEAN UP ACT
Here's a couple of lines "to live by" from a cartoon for T.V. called the intergalactic Thanksgiving that will be shown this Thanksgiving.

"You've got to do it together. You've got to clean up your act. Because you can't take away from one more day. Without putting something back."

Now those words should be gold plated. This holiday lifestyle we've been living in North America is about to come to an abrupt end. There are too many signs that tell us

the "free lunch" is over and we're about to pay through the nose for our over-indulgence. Well it looks like the "media" is on the back of our boys in blue again. This time the "racial" issue is the shooting of Albert Johnson a Jamaican. We wonder if the same "roast" of the entire force would be the case if Albert Johnson had been white instead of black?

No one wants gun-happy cops - but I don't believe that's what we've got. If you consider the numbers that our police forces deal with daily the incidents of shootings justified or otherwise is marginal to say the least.

Chief Adamson of Metro Toronto's force feels that morale is at a new low over the media treatment of the Albert Johnson shooting. When it comes to racial prejudice there are certain points to be considered. The majority of black people who come to Canada do so to escape economic conditions; prejudice; or lack of any security in "their own" national police forces. The majority of these people are not at fault. It is as always the malcontents that stir a sour stew for everyone. These irresponsible people are the same that caused trouble in their own homelands. They yell "prejudice" everytime someone looks at them sideways.

What manner of reaction would you have if someone spat in your face? Screamed obscenities the moment they laid eyes on you? Stood looking for trouble from the time they caught sight of a blue uniform? As I have pointed out countless times in this space our cops deal with and urge with the criminal element who don't play by the golden rule. The job our police forces in Ontario and Canada do is envied throughout the world.

Our cops - are tops; take a

good hard look at anyone who would tell you otherwise.

Rabble rousers jump on the police brutality handwagon at every given opportunity.

I believe that if a shooting or an assault is unjustified that the police involved should face the same laws as they enforce every day. But I don't believe in hanging them publicly by the media or manipulative politicians before the facts are substantiated.

If you're going to rip apart an entire profession why not try medicine - there's one hell of a lot more mistakes that result in death there - that you never hear about unless you're in the know.

As far as racism goes people who have lived under prejudice tend to bring a chip on their shoulder with them. Those who can't make it in a competitive society socially or economically always yell racism as the ultimate cop-out.

From what I've seen so far the charges against Inglis and Carnelli for the shooting of Albert Johnson have very strong political overtones. What if Johnson was white? Would it get the same media

roast? If the shooting was unjustified let those responsible pay the price of poor judgement but in the meantime let's not cover every force in Ontario with sludge.

Nothing would please me more than to see my fellow citizens start using their own kabbodles for thinking instead of grabbing on to fashionable thoughts of someone else like a panhandler on the graytrain. Nothing on earth would induce me to take the daily verbal garbage that's thrown at cops - I have nothing but respect for the 99.9 per cent of our boys in blue.

Right now rumblings on various forces are very real due to low morale because of the media and political abuse - no one wants cover-ups but let us wait for the trial before we slam the trap-door. It's called justice.

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