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A Russian playing for our Raiders?

April

The Herald reported April 1 that the NHL's Calgary Flames may not be the only North American Hockey team to have a Russian in the lineup this season. One day after the NHL Flames announced the signing of veteran Soviet star Sergei Priakhin, the Herald learned that the Jr. B. Georgetown Raiders were close to signing Russian-born Ivan Mikeloff.

Raider team president Dave Kentner was unavailable for comment, although it was possible he would make a statement after April Fool's Day.

Regional councillors reacted strongly to an announcement in Halton council that the Acton quarry site at Third Line and Sideroad 22 could be considered as a dumpsite for Metro Toronto's garbage.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said that a five-region committee to review the landfill situation in Metro could receive an application from RSI (Reclamation Systems Inc.).

The Refugee II was awarded the prize for the craziest boat to cross the finish line at the 23rd annual Lions Club Crazy Boat Race. Almost 60 crazy boats and 12 canoes made their way down the frigid waters to raise more than \$10,000 for multiple sclerosis.

Georgetown United has called it quits. Just a few months after an incredible Cinderella season, in which the team came to within two goals of winning an underdog Ontario Cup senior men's soccer championship in 1988, the soccer team folded. Club officials cited poor finances and a lack of support as reasons for the team's demise.

There were mixed reactions Monday to proposed additions to the 172-acre Watchtower Bible and Tract Society property in Georgetown. Several residents living near the Highway 7-Trafalgar Road property said Watchtower is a "good neighbor" while others attributed noise and odor problems to the site.

Over 50 workers at the P G Bell steel factory in Georgetown walked off the job April 16 after contract negotiations broke down the previous week.

Plant workers at the P G Bell Division of Jannock Steel Fabricating Co. on Sinclair and Armstrong Avenues are represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM).

The owners of the Dominion Seed House in Georgetown announced a plan to construct a tourist village to rival the Olde Hide House in Acton. Dominion Seed House executives held a press conference in the North Halton Golf and Country Club to quell rumors that their lands - located in a triangular 55-acre chunk between Maple Avenue, Mountainview Road and Highway 7 - were up for sale.

Protests against a high-volume well at Eighth Line in Stewarttown could delay new construction in Georgetown, Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy said in April. New homes require more water and Georgetown has exhausted its water capacity, the chairman said.

Meadow Glen Mushroom Growers Ltd. in Georgetown signed a deal April 14 to sell the company's 20-acre property to Olisco Holdings Inc. for just under \$5 million. The canning facility on Mountainview Road will be moved in three to five years, company president Ernie Skrow said. But plans to continue operations were hampered by a serious blaze with an undetermined amount of damage.

POWER group is chosen Acton's 'Citizen of the Year'

POWER, the local group fighting a proposed landfill site at the Acton Quarry, has been named Acton Citizen of the Year by the Acton branch of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The Acton branch chose the 300-member POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources) group last week because of "all the hours they've put in and the work they've done to help Acton keep the dump out of this community," said former Acton Chamber of Commerce president Mike Manes.

Mr. Manes said POWER had done "a good job" fighting for the citizens of the community.

"We feel very honored that they have recognized us and what we've been doing over the past few years," said POWER president Ruth French Thursday.

POWER was formed two years ago to keep Reclamation Systems Incorporated, a local consortium,

from getting approval for a landfill site in the Acton Quarry, located at Third Line and Sideroad 22.

"This (award) should give us a boost in general (public) awareness," said Mrs. French. She said she hoped the Citizen of the Year award would mean an increased membership. POWER presently has almost one per cent of the local population.

POWER's concern is that the Acton Quarry site sits on land that slopes into Georgetown. If groundwaters are contaminated by garbage in the site, local water will also be contaminated, POWER says.

"If they (RSI) get this dumpsite that is supposed to pollute the water, no one will want to live around here," said Mr. Manes.

POWER is aided in its fight against RSI, who recently put in a proposal to the provincial government to turn the quarry into a landfill site, by the Town of Halton

Hills. The town has reserved \$200,000 of its 1989 budget for the RSI battle.

Mrs. French said POWER appreciates the town's support, but feels the provincial government should also be helping.

"It's a shame that small towns like Halton Hills have to bear the brunt of all this," she said.

"Next year (the town) will probably have to allow more money."

But POWER is optimistic that a battle with RSI can be won. Mrs. French said that information from a report on the Milton and Burlington sites recently reviewed as hosts of Halton's landfill site, showed that the Milton site was chosen partially because it contains clay and not the shale found in Burlington's site. "Shale isn't always impermeable," said Mrs. French.

She added that the Acton site also contains shale, which would let contaminated water leak through the site into the soil.



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