

# Region says landfill site can't handle TO's garbage

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The issue will go before regional council today, where a lengthy staff recommendation will be considered.

It reads: "That the Regional chairman write the premier of Ontario and the minister of the environment requesting, in the strongest terms that Halton Region's Waste Management Site located on Regional Road 25 in Milton be specifically excluded from consideration as an interim, short and/or long-term waste disposal option for other municipalities, given the significant investment Halton taxpayers have made and continue to make in the development and management of the Regional landfill site, the ongoing interest and participation of Halton and its residents in effective waste diversion programs as evidenced by Halton's leading waste diversion rate, and in the interest of preserving the fiscal and operational integrity of Halton's waste management programs."

The staff report that goes along with the recommendation explains Halton's landfill currently has room for 2.8 million tonnes of waste. With local residents' garbage, that capacity is expected

to be reached by 2022, but if waste from GTA municipalities was redirected to Halton, the landfill would reach its limit in less than three years.

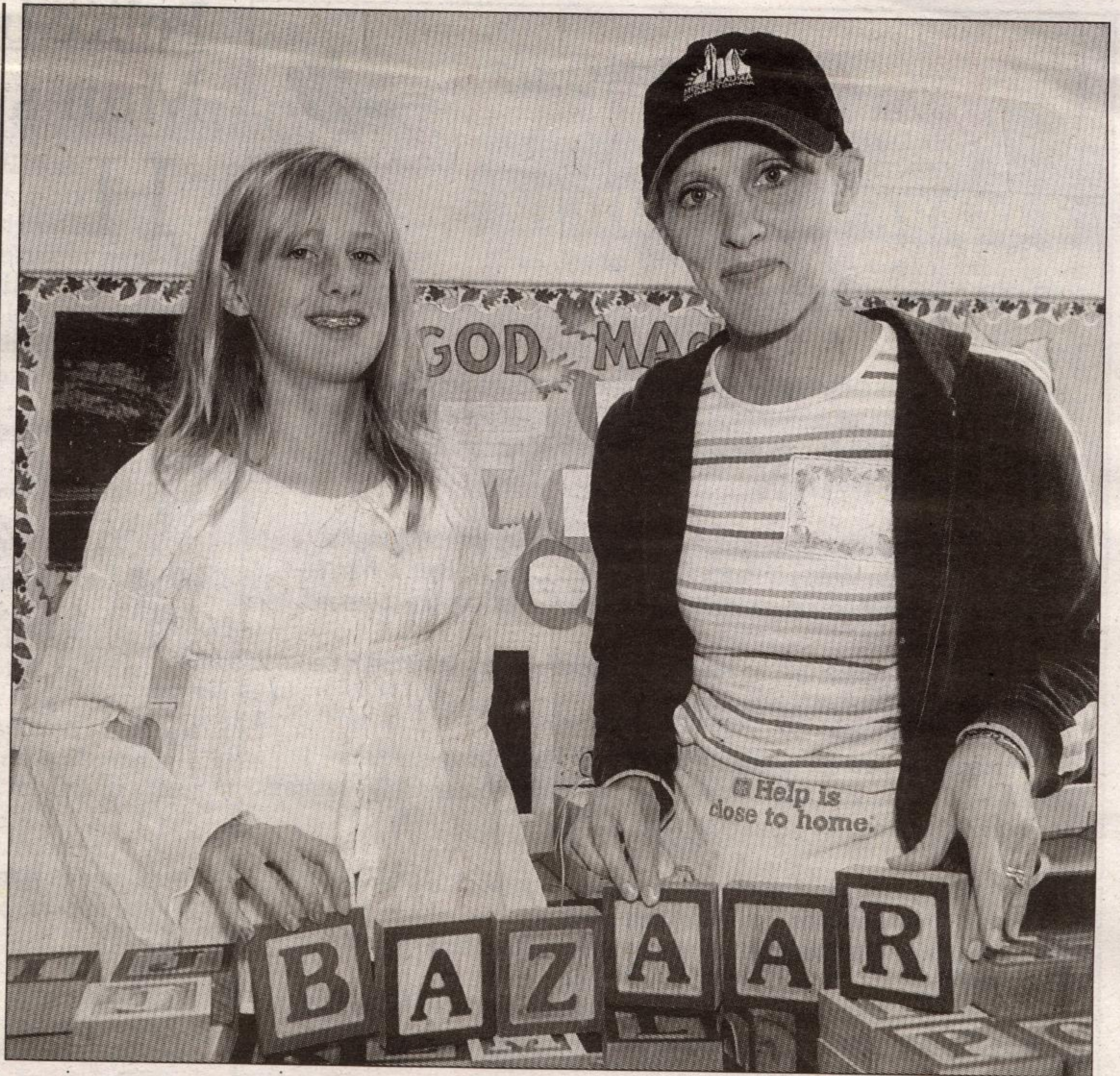
It also says that about 150,000 tonnes of industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) waste generated in Halton is shipped each year to the United States for disposal. So, if the border closes to Canadian waste and Halton's ICI garbage is diverted to the local landfill, it would reach capacity in about seven years.

While the Province recently said waste is a municipal responsibility, Savoline said the Ontario government is clearly accountable for all waste management issues. For example, it regulates where waste can come from into the landfill.

She said the Region is concerned the Province hasn't realized its responsibility in the matter.

Savoline noted there are other options to solve the GTA waste issue, pointing out there are private landfills that would be very willing to accept the extra garbage.

—By *Melanie Hennessey, special,*  
with files from  
*TorStar News Service*



## Bazaar message

Chelsea Hofland, left, and her mother Alison of Georgetown get their message across at the annual Georgetown District Christian School Harvest Bazaar held Saturday at the local school. The pair were selling the wood blocks at their booth.

Photo by Yves Desjardins



## Climbing the military ranks

Cadet Jon Woodward from #756 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in Georgetown pauses during his descent of the 10-metre abseil tower during training at Connaught Army Cadet National Summer Training Centre in Ottawa. Cadet Woodward graduated from the three-week Introduction to Rifle Coaching course.

Department of National Defence photo by Capt. E.B. Landale

## Police chief reassures councillor that sex offenders are monitored

Halton Police Chief Ean Algar gave assurances that his police service reviews the case of every registered sex offender living in this community, during questioning by an Acton councillor at a recent Halton Hills council meeting.

"We have some sex offenders living in the community of Acton and my constituents are asking me why their identities are not known," said Ward 1 Councillor Mike O'Leary. "What do I tell them?"

"First of all, you give them assurances that we (Halton Regional Police Service) review everyone," said the police chief. "There is a set of criteria that I have to meet—in addition we do our homework. We actually follow up with individuals, we have reporting systems set up and we have periodic checks, depending on the magnitude of what their offences were."

He said to release the name would be very problematic and costly and the courts could find the HRPS in breach of the Constitution.

"We think we're doing it properly," Algar said, although admitting he couldn't



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EAN ALGAR

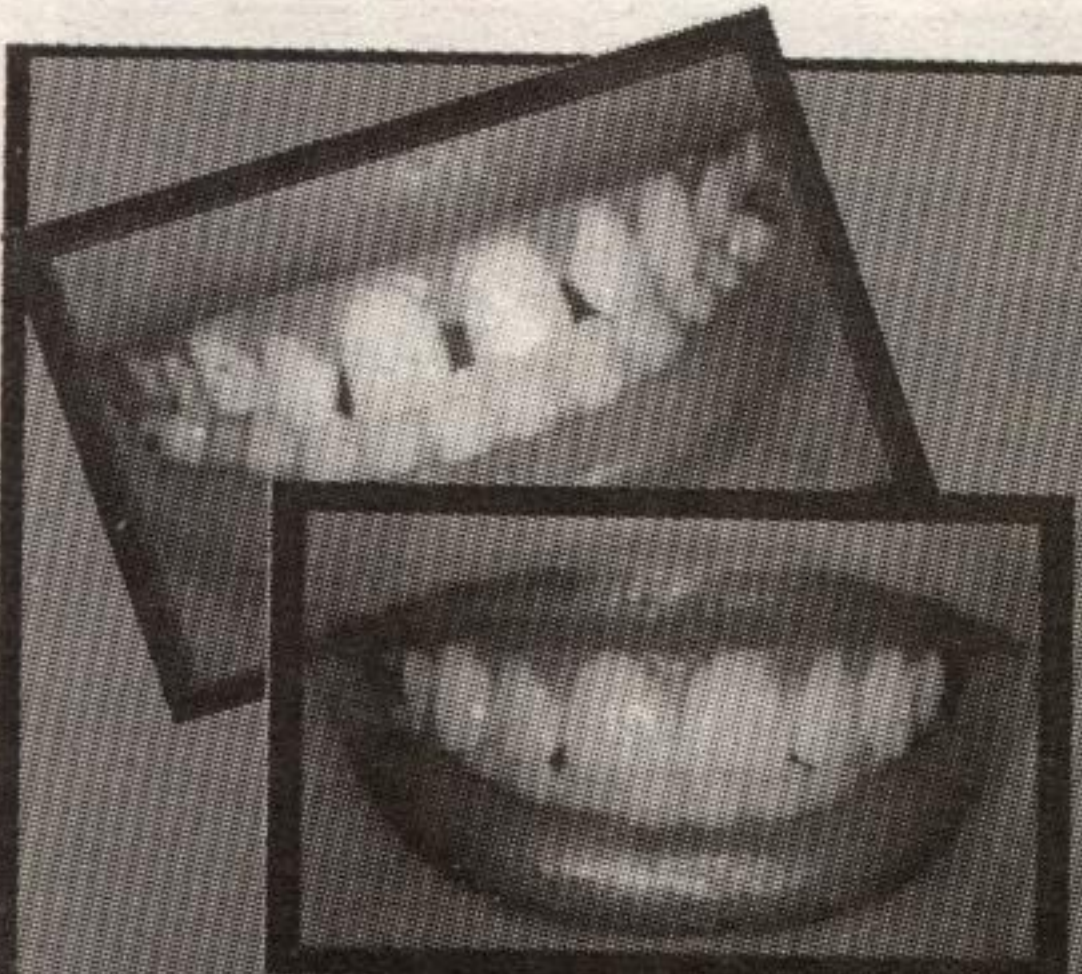
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give a 100 per cent guarantee. There is good communication between the police service and the correctional service, he said.

"There is a very high level of interest on this in all the communities of Halton Hills," said O'Leary.


"We're well aware of that and we're well aware of the people who are there," replied the chief.

—By *Cynthia Gamble, staff writer*



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