

Truck fuel spills into the stream at Martin St. and Chisholm Dr.



Milton firefighters search the stream at Martin Street and Chisholm Drive for the source of Wednesday's fuel leak.

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A fuel spill was to blame for a suspicious-looking, rainbow-coloured sheen on top of a long stretch of the stream near Martin Street and Chisholm Drive Wednesday afternoon.

The fuel flowed through the stream — a tributary of the Sixteen Mile Creek — as far as the railroad tracks near Maplehurst Correctional Facility, said Victor Vathy, an industrial waste abatement inspector with the Region of Halton.

"We were notified that there was a sheen in the creek, and we notified the Town of Milton," Mr. Vathy said.

"When we arrived, the fire department was already there. We were able to identify the source, and we tried to contain it."

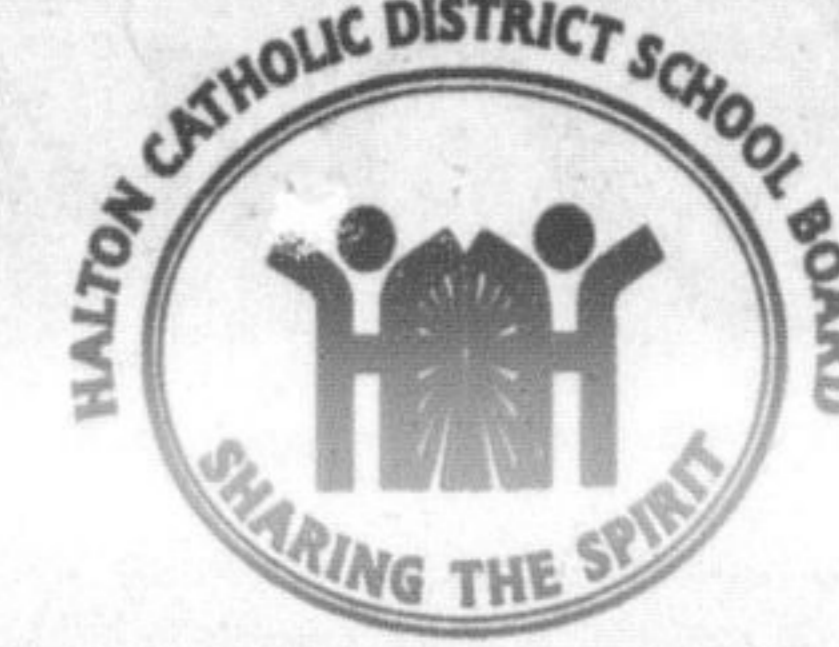
The source of the leak was eventually identified as the Fifth Wheel Truck Stop on Chisholm Drive, said Milton Fire Department Acting Capt. Chris Burke.

One of the three catch basins for trucks re-fueling at the truck stop had overflowed into the storm drain, he said. Fire crews set up what they call booms to skim off the top layer of the stream containing the fuel.

Acting Capt. Burke said it's hard to say how much fuel entered the stream, but he said it didn't seem like it was a serious spill.

A spokesperson from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment said it hasn't yet been decided whether charges will be laid.

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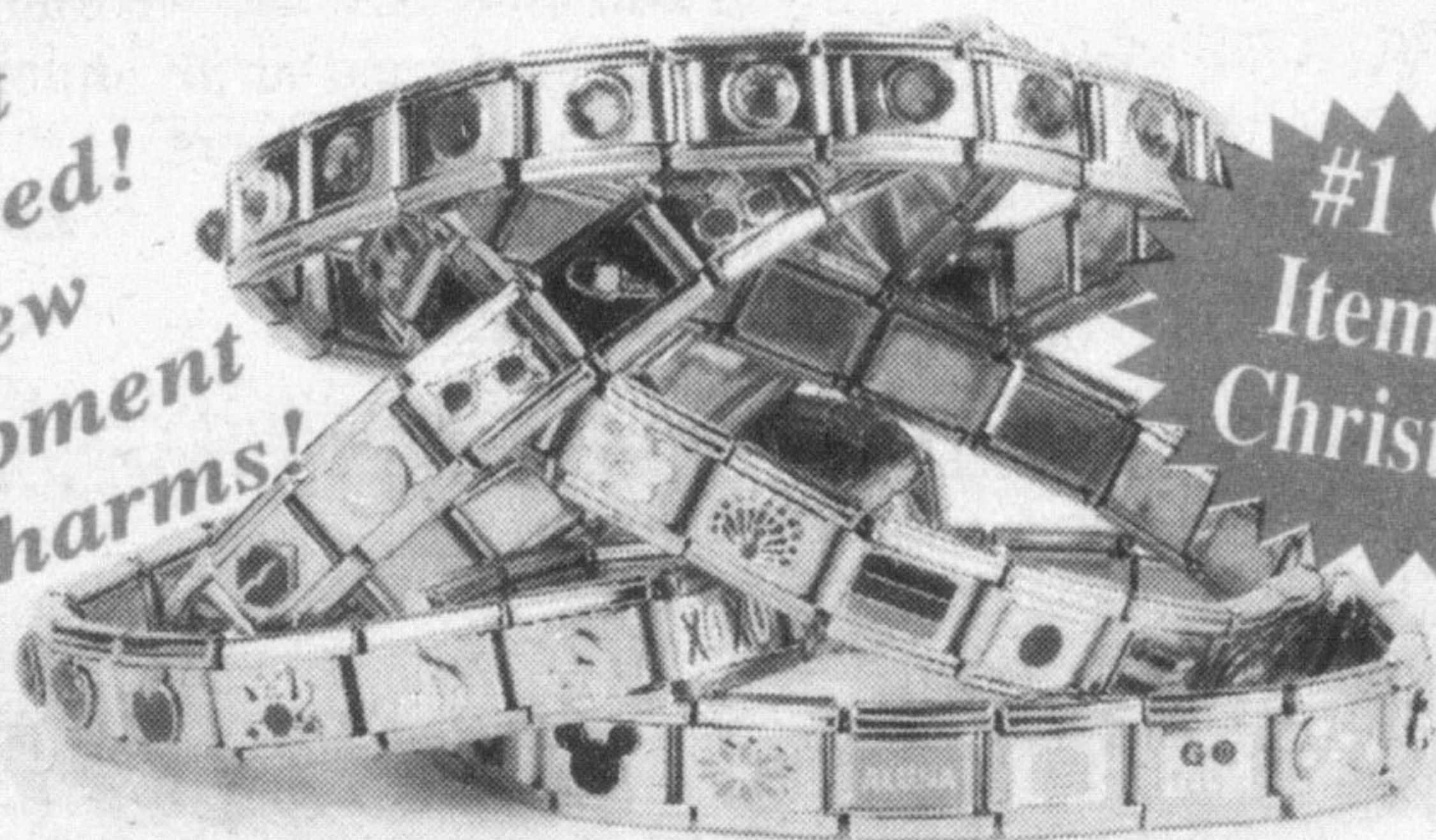
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