

OPINION

Thorny issue grows

A cynic might suggest Halton councillors took the easy way out recently when they turned down a citizens' group's request for a region-wide pesticide use bylaw.

After all, when it comes to pesticide use, it's a case of damned if you do, damned if you don't. And really, who wants to juggle that hot potato in an election year?

In fact, regional politicians left the decision for pesticide use where it has been for years — in the hands of municipal politicians.

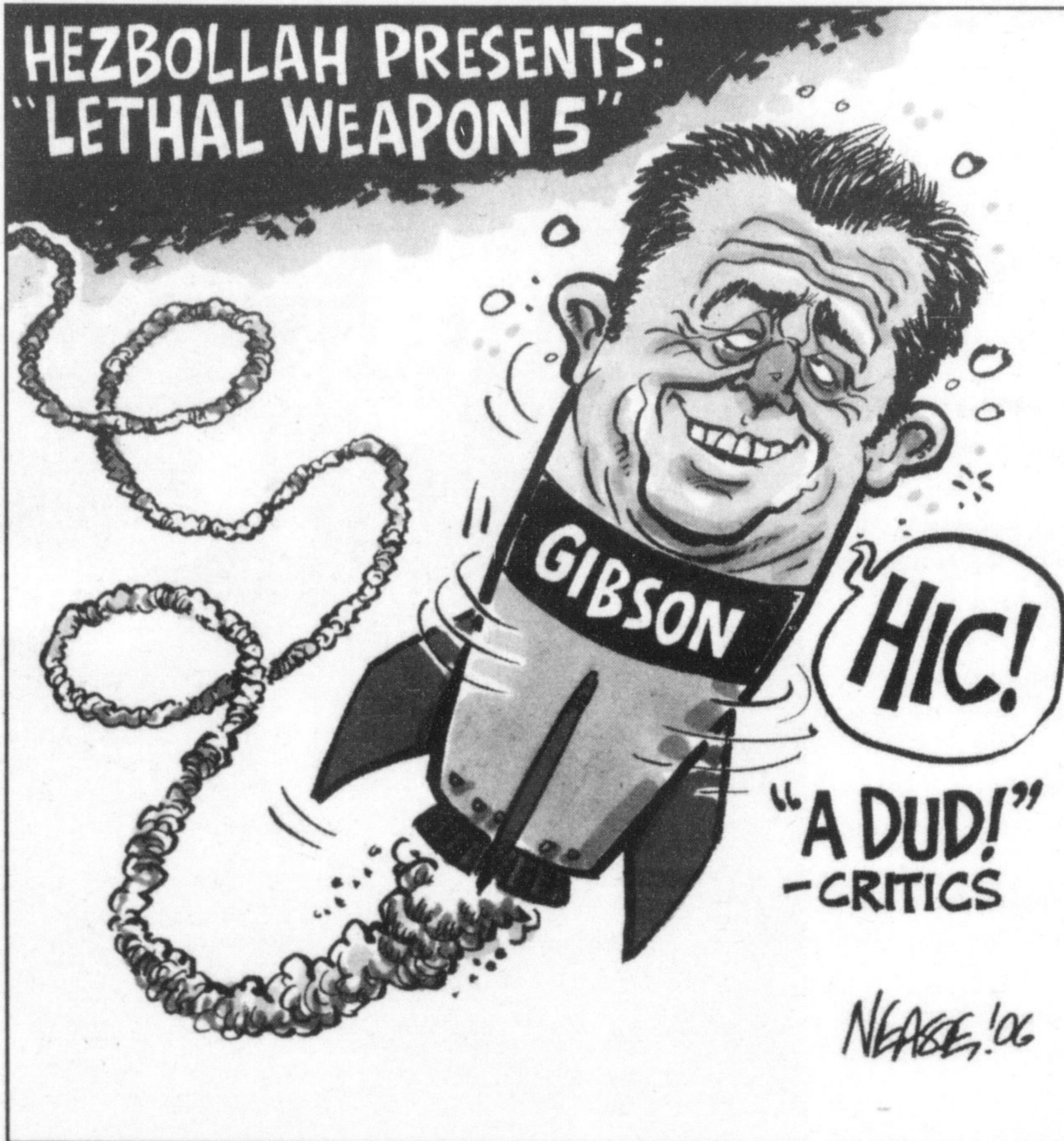
The Halton residents who appeared before regional council urged councillors to "stop peddling the poisons" and have even asked some municipalities to introduce a bylaw to restrict the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes on private property.

However, others insist that limited and selective use of pesticides on municipally-owned property is the more prudent route to follow.

The Region's health department concurs, as it continues to support a "prudent avoidance" approach to pesticides.

In the end, regional council approved having Chair Joyce Savoline write to the federal and provincial governments urging them to take a leadership role on the issue of restricting non-essential and cosmetic pesticide use.

While that symbolic gesture is all well and good, we doubt either the provincial or federal government is ready to bump pesticide use to the top of their respective to-do lists and it will likely remain a municipal issue.



ReadersWrite

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Thanks to all who helped make Ladies Drive for Cancer a success

DEAR EDITOR:

Thanks to the ongoing generous support of many groups and individuals, the 11th annual Ladies Drive 4 Cancer golf tournament was a tremendous success again this year.

We would like to thank the 140 golfers for their enthusiastic participation in the events of the day. You made our efforts most enjoyable and worthwhile.

A special thanks goes out to the Milton and surrounding community. The generosity of our hole sponsors, prize and auction item contributors and cash donors

was remarkable. Many of you have supported us over the past 11 years.

We would also like to thank Granite Ridge Golf Course's staff and the Albatross restaurant for their excellent service.

A very special thank you goes to the tireless effort of the committee and volunteers who put in months of very hard work helping fundraise and organize the day's events.

Without your help and dedication, we couldn't have done this.

The efforts of all of these people enabled us to raise

\$28,000 this year, bringing out total contributions to more than \$278,000 in support of breast cancer research.

A portion of this year's funds will be going to Milton District Hospital toward the purchase of a much-needed CT scanner.

Again, please accept our heartfelt gratitude, and we look forward to your support in 2007.

**CAROLE SHARP,
ORGANIZER
LADIES DRIVE 4 CANCER**

Lead of feature article wasn't appropriate as many students spend summer working

DEAR EDITOR:

I had to laugh out loud when I read Champion reporter Stephanie Thiessen's opening sentence in her July 18 feature story entitled 'Students volunteer in African nature reserve'.

She states that summer is a time for 'many university students to pack away the books and head for a tropical destination'.

I think a more appropriate statement would read, 'For many university students, summer is a time to put away the sweats and

jeans and put on the business casuals and uniforms'.

All the students I know are spending their summer working full-time — or at multiple jobs — to save money for the privilege of calling themselves university students.

While a summer on sandy beaches sounds wonderful, such a generalization may be better suited to describing spring break.

**OLIVIA HORBASZ
MILTON**

Roads becoming like speedways

DEAR EDITOR:

Has a date and location been decided for the first annual Miltonapolis 500 race?

We have many hopeful contenders on our town streets and little rural roads no doubt anticipating an opportunity to display their driving skills — or lack thereof.

Derry Road might prove to be an excellent course since it's reasonably straight, and spectators could watch from both sides of the road.

Alternatively, Appleby Line would be a challenge, with its snake-like turns.

Perhaps the developers concerned would permit temporary bleachers to be erected before collecting their millions and moving on.

This letter is in no way a criticism of our police department. Despite the tragic hit-and-run accident, increased home invasions, usual fender benders and druggies and drunks, they somehow maintain order. They can't be everywhere at the same time, and considering the number of officers available and their increased workload, they do an excellent job.

Our local historians have carefully documented the hard-working families who left us a quaint little town with heart and character. I hope they will be as diligent in recording those who've destroyed it. We have long since passed reasonable growth, and now the tail is wagging the dog.

Some call it progress, but simply put, it's out and out greed.

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