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Wet/dry trash plan pitched

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Regional Councillor Gord Landon will make his pitch for what he sees as the only solution to the region's garbage crisis — a wet/dry system — Thursday at a gathering of regional politicians.

And he hopes his speech will not only educate councillors, but motivate them into making a decision soon on the future of the region's waste management because time is running out.

"There is nothing like a good crisis to motivate people to move quickly," Landon says in his speech, an advance copy of which was obtained by *The Tribune*.

"In this case, I'm convinced the landfill situation will once again bring about a positive change in favour of sustainable development."

The crisis, as Landon sees it, is the closing of the Keele Valley landfill in 2001 after more than 20 years. Trucking the region's waste to the U.S. is an option, but one fraught with unknowns, like escalating costs and the threat of future bans. Shipping waste by rail to Kirkland Lake is another possibility, but many local issues will have to be worked out before the trains start rolling through municipalities between here and there, Landon said.

"Whatever choice we make, undoubtedly it will add huge costs to our waste management programs. We estimate tipping fees will triple from \$25 to \$75 by the end of 1999," he says.

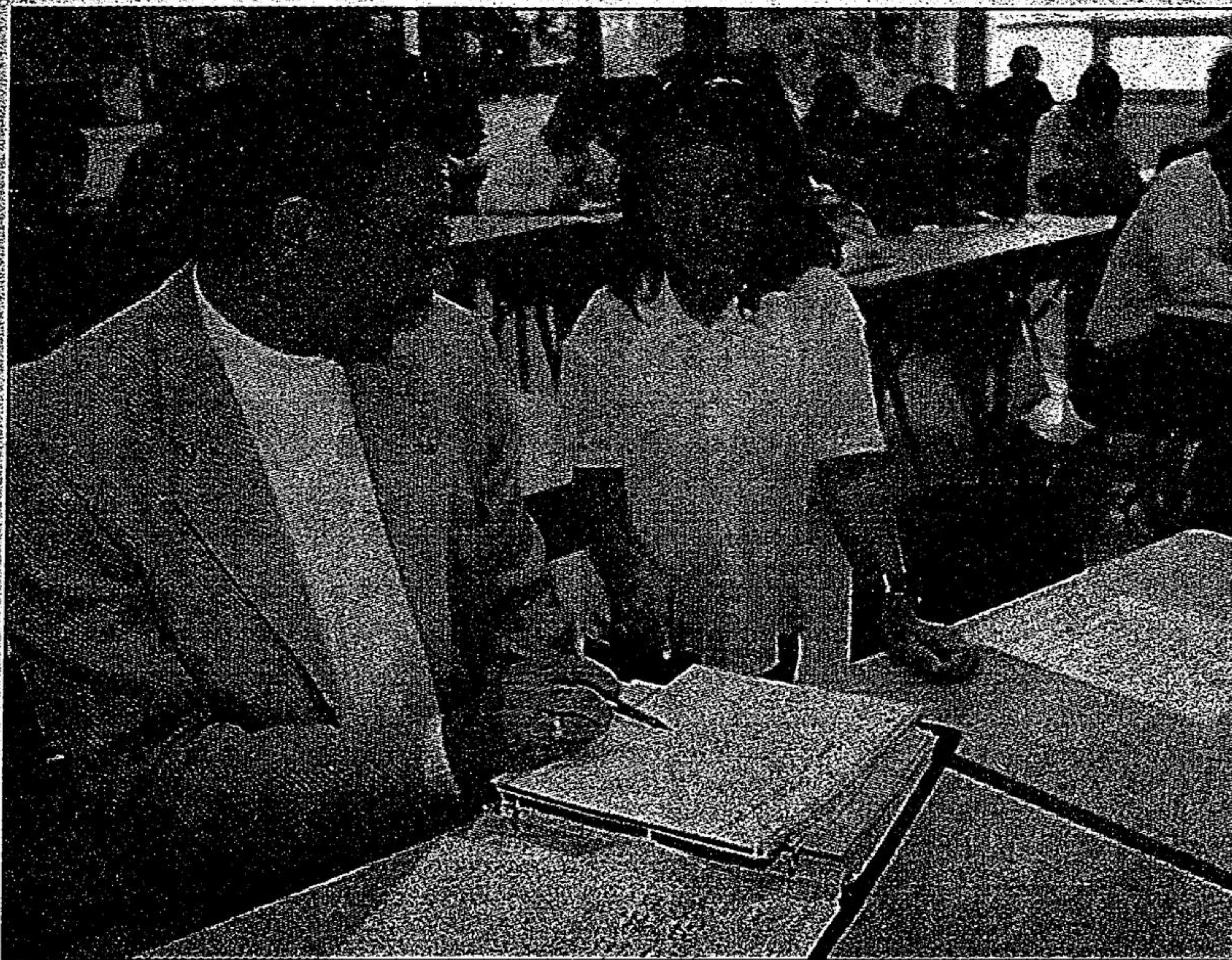
And while it would mean the end of the blue box program, greater diversion by using a wet/dry system is the only answer, Landon insists.

"The most cost-effective and timely approach for the nine regional municipalities is to undertake a joint venture to establish a central composting facility that will accept residential organic or wet waste," he says.

Residents would divide their garbage into two streams — wet being all organics and dry being everything else. The dry stream would be sorted at a central facility, recyclables being pulled off either by mechanical or manual means.

"In municipalities where this system is in place, the capture rate and the quality of the recyclables is much greater than in systems where

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PRINCIPLED STUDENT: A new Grade 6 pupil at Glad Park Public School, Walter Chewchuk, who normally is the school's principal, is being disciplined during class by principal-for-a-day contest winner Hailee Hallas, normally a Grade 3 student at the school. She won the honour in a draw at a recent school fundraiser.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Crash kills woman, 30

A woman is dead and a man is in serious condition in hospital after a car crash early Sunday morning, York Regional Police said.

Corrinna Major, 30, died after the black Pontiac she was riding in rolled on its roof while travelling northbound on Kennedy Road north of Bloomington Sideroad in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

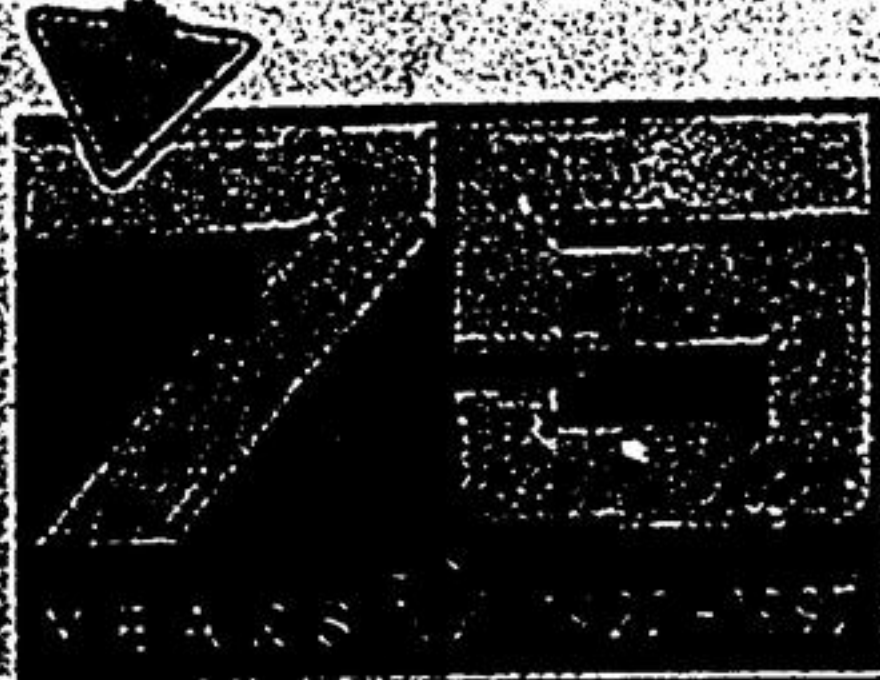
Police said the car, travelling on the road at about 1:45 a.m., went out of control before rolling several times and finally resting on its roof. Both occupants were ejected from the vehicle.

Police are unable to determine who was driving the

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car. Major, a resident of Stouffville, was pronounced dead on the scene while Ian Mossman, 27, also from Stouffville, is listed in serious condition at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre.

Neither of the occupants had seatbelts on at the time of the crash and high speed was likely a factor, police said. York Region police traffic unit is still investigating the incident.



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