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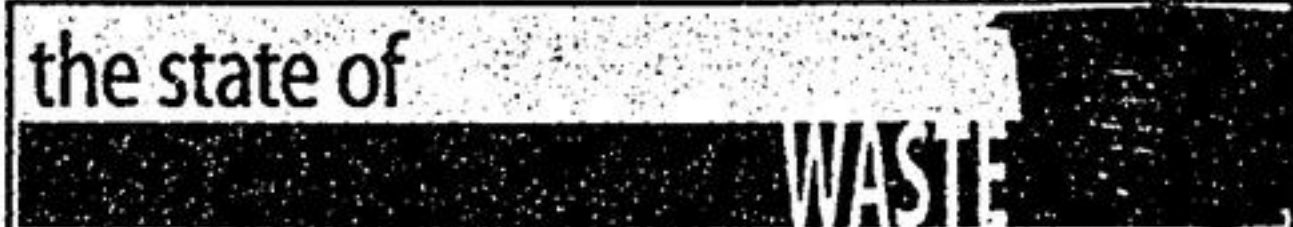
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Markham District High School Marauder Rosemin Labreche escapes the tackle of Stouffville District Secondary School Spartan Deirdre Wood and scores the first try of the game at Markham High Monday. Looking on is Spartan Jessica Spang. The Marauders won 22-10. For more high school scores and standings, see pages 30 and 31.

York seeks solution to trash dilemma

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

Andy Campbell waits for a call from Michigan. Since York Region started trucking most of its trash to the United States, there have been warnings from Governor Jennifer Granholm and filmmaker Michael Moore that this arrangement cannot last. The latest threat: state-paid inspectors in



Michigan started sifting through Canadian trash for banned items. If many would say when their random searches turn up pop cans, yard waste or other illegal junk in our trucks, they can be turned back, leaving York Region with a hefty fine. And if illegal trash surfaces regularly, York

may denied a place to put most of our garbage before municipal politicians solve the problem at home, said Mr. Campbell, York's solid waste management director. "That crisis will come sooner, rather than later."

There was a dump in York Region, in Maple — and Maple residents hated it. So when Keele Valley landfill finally closed on

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YORK REGION MP JUMPS FROM TORIES TO LIBERALS

Father helped Belinda decide

BY ROY GREEN
Staff Writer

Although she received counsel from the prime minister and a former Ontario premier, MP Belinda Stronach says the best advice she received before deciding to abandon the Conservatives and join the ruling Liberals was from her father, auto parts magnate Frank Stronach.

"I talked to him Sunday evening as I was contemplating this move. I respect his advice," Ms Stronach told the York Region Newspaper Group Tuesday. "He said, 'follow your heart, follow your principles.'"

On Tuesday, saying she was uncomfortable with the prospect of standing with the Bloc Quebecois in an attempt to defeat today's Liberal budget, the Newmarket-Aurora MP decided to join the Liberals and accept a cabinet position where, she believes, she can better ensure there are no more sponsorship-style scandals.

The genesis of the stunning about-face came at a tribute dinner for former Ontario premier Bill Davis last Thursday, Ms Stronach said.

"I ran into (former Liberal premier) David Peterson and his wife, Shelley; we've been friends for a long time. I spoke to him again the next day and told him I was reflecting on what I was going to do; that I wanted to serve but was uncomfortable with the direction Mr. Harper is taking the party and with lining up with the Bloc Quebecois.

"On Sunday, he got back to me and asked would I consider talking to the prime minister and managing a portfolio that has the authority to look at democratic renewal and reform; to

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