

# Making profits from garbage



Staff comment

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If you want to get rich, then you should know everything there is to know about garbage. Because garbage is where the money is.

If you don't believe me, look at what Halton Region has been, is, and will be, paying for garbage.

What you do, is add a middle initial to your name and start up a consulting firm. Not just any consulting firm, but one that specializes in garbage.

Why a consulting firm? Because that's where a lot of the Region's money - climbing up to \$5 million at last estimate - is being spent.

Listen to the rates consultants are getting away with charging Halton and its taxpayers.

For representing Halton at the Environmental Assessment hearings, the legal firm of Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt wants \$175 hourly for Tom Lederer, \$135 hourly for Doug Hodgson and \$95 hourly for A. McAllister. The hearings aren't just a one hour or one day event. They're expected to last six months.

Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt stands to earn \$564,000 - that's more than half a million dollars - according to an estimate by the Regional treasurer.

The next highest earner at the hearings is Walker, Wright, Young Associates Ltd. The Regional treasurer has estimated they'll soak up \$166,000 of your tax dollars.

That's \$140 an hour for Peter Walker to attend the hearing, and \$120 an hour for his preparation time. Is that a good salary or isn't it?

Mr. Walker is the highest paid consultant of the lot, next to Halton's legal counsel Tom Lederer.

The Region has two pages worth of consultants' names and fees, people who will be paid an estimated \$942,000 for their work at the hearing, and who have already been paid for the technical reports Halton will be using to back its case for a new dump. That's not including the legal fees.

As you might expect, none of the consultants come cheap. In fact the cheapest hourly wage is \$35 an hour for junior staff at Landplan. But obviously, that chap or gal isn't expected to be used exclusively, for the Regional treasurer has estimated spending \$103,000 for Landplan's contributions at the hearings.

Two Landplan consultants are charging Halton \$77.50 hourly for their services at the hearing, again not a wage to sneeze at.

As for some of the other consulting firms such as Ecological Services of Planning Ltd., Myra Schiff Consultants Limited, Pollutech, Barman, Coulter, Swallow Associates, and F.H. Theatston and Associates, they're charging on a daily basis.

Their rates vary from as high as \$900 daily for Dr. Norman of Pollutech and Myra Schiff of Myra Schiff Consultants Limited, to \$380 daily by B. Pearce of the Museum of Indian Archaeology.

So now do you want to get into garbage?

## John Quinn WW II veteran

Funeral Services for John Quinn were held at Graham A. Giddy Funeral Home, Fergus Sept. 26, 1986. Rev. Whitehead officiated. John L. Quinn died at the Parkwood Veteran Hospital in London Sept. 24 in his 68th year.

John Quinn, beloved husband of Helen Dore, loving father of Tom of Georgetown and Susan of Calgary. Dear Grandfather of Tim, Jacqueline, Diana and Debbie. Brother of Peggy and the late Jim.

Mr. Quinn was a veteran of the Second World War, and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 229, Elora. The interment was held at the Elora Cemetery, Elora. The pallbearers for John Quinn were Bud Denne, Bernie Dore, Paul Dore, Herb Ford, Stewart Wilde and Gord Patmore.



## Guys 'n dolls

Six Halton Hills children received dolls in the Mattel "My Child" Sweepstakes. The contest which ran in The Herald during August and September, was sponsored by Capital Ford Sales Ltd. of Georgetown and Mattel Canada Inc. Seen sitting with Herald ad manager Steve Foreman are (back left to right) Tracey Rees, Allison Cook, Jennifer Koster, Brooke MacLean,

(front left to right) Shaun Lockwood and Robert Mason. Contest entrants who did not win a doll can pick up a coloring book at The Herald. Other entrants, and winners of coloring books, include:

Katie Morris, Donna Koster, Cora Houlledge, Hilma Hoojawa, Brooke MacLean, Lynne Ann Clarke, Ver Ma, Decky Habialo, Bobbi Thibault, Carolyn Lake, Wayne Porely, Michael Wells, Allison Cook, Valerie MacLean, Mark Lockwood, Shauna Fedora, Terri Fedora,

Cathryn Vinters, Christine Steir, Julie Trudel, Rob Timmins, Jennifer Shields, Nicky Koster, Emily Thompson, Yasuka Farrel, Tom Fisher, Melissa Nychajlowki, Yvonne Bergano, Rachel Kumer, Flora Ware, Shaun Lockwood, Lisa Murray, Brooke Somers, Jenny Cook, Christine Steir, Sheri Hopkins, Crystal McCurdy, Sandra Velland, Brad Friend, Amanda Byrle, Brooke Dervall, Kim Timmins, Laura Cascone, Jennifer Koster, Sarah Klai, Ann MacLean, Duffly Sterling, Cindy Clarke, Jenni Cook, Peter Trester, Leon Burritt, Cathy Pura, Angie Page, Kristel Trotter, Darrel Cascone, Heather Donker, Joel Siofara, Heather Pearson, Shannon Hay, Susie Pucc, Daniele Fraser, Nicole Casselman.

## Citizens' forum

### Buying locally a big plus

Dear Sir,  
Buying a new car these days is no easy task. Recently, I purchased a 1986 Ford Mustang from a Toronto Dealership, or at least I thought I had. I had a signed contract with the necessary signatures, a list of options and a set price. I was totally excited the night I signed and as I proceeded to tell all my friends the excitement grew. This excitement, however, was very short lived as the next morning I received a phone call from the dealer. He was terribly sorry, but although he had written an automatic transmission on the contract, he had forgotten to add it into the price - I had to pay an addi-

tional \$600. I was devastated as I did not want to pay anything more than what we had agreed upon.

To my surprise, many people said that this was probably no mistake. Apparently, some dealers use this method when they know their customers have set prices. They make you feel excited about buying a new car so when they ask you to pay more money later, you oblige because you want the car so badly. I had a decision to make. I could pay the extra money, get my deposit back and terminate the agreement, or as some of my friends suggested, take them to court! I chose to opt out and head somewhere else.

The people at Park Lincoln Mercury here in town were extremely helpful and up front. At no point in time did I feel I had to be defensive with protecting my money or that I was forced into buying something I did not want. I purchased a Capri at the end of August and I have been totally satisfied with the whole experience from the initial dealings with the dealer to the follow up inquiries from myself and the dealer, and the service department.

The turn-over of cars in Halton Hills may not be as high as those at

the Mustang dealership in Toronto, but the attitude of making every customer a satisfied customer most definitely shines through.

I wish to thank Stephanie Trotter and Peter Homer of Park Lincoln Mercury for making my experience in purchasing a new car end positively. It is too bad all dealerships do not have this same attitude.

Debbie Powell,  
Satisfied Customer,  
Park Lincoln Mercury

## Skilled surgeon

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was filled with The Herald for publication. To Halton Hills Veterinary Services, 2 Main Street North, Georgetown, Ont. L7G 3G6. Dear Doctors and Staff,

I wish to thank you for all that you have done for me and Perry over the last four days. You are to be praised for your skills as surgeons and lauded for your humaneness and care of your charges. You are truly a credit to your profession.

"Perry" is a guinea pig, a very small one at that. Your devotion and efforts to saving her life knows no bounds. The midnight calls you answered shows the great concern you have for your patients. The "major surgery" that was performed, with only a 50 per cent survival rate, saved her life. The intensive care you gave after surgery to insure her survival knows no end as well as the follow ups you carried out.

Yours truly,  
John Stevens,  
Raylawn Cres.

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## School board denies disabled on education



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commodation the Catholic school board should make. As the school board was small and rural, the tribunal ordered the minimum accommodation that should be provided to bring itself in compliance with the code.

The ruling did not state how much time was to be in special classes or in integrated classes.

A Catholic separate school board has been found guilty by the Ontario Human Rights Board of Inquiry of violating the Human Rights Code by denying children of separate school supporters a Catholic education because of their handicap.

The children were all labelled trainable mentally retarded and because of their disabilities they were required to spend a portion of each day in non-denominational schools. The parents argued that their children were being denied a Catholic education because of their mental handicaps.

The school board argued that as they did not have the special services available, the children could be better helped educationally by attending the public system. The board also felt that the parents' prime objective was to obtain integrated education with non-disabled rather than a Catholic education.

The Human Rights Board's decision raises several legal issues. The Board ruled that the Human Rights Code took precedence over the Education Act. While school boards may contract each others services they still must not discriminate because of disability. The lack of amenities (in this case specialized Catholic teachers) in and of itself does not necessarily constitute discrimination. The refusal to add the amenities, however, when asked does support this decision.

Undue hardship was considered when deciding what reasonable ac-

Despite this decision prior to the beginning of fall classes, a separate board has refused two teenagers admission because of their handicaps. The school board is appealing the above decision and have therefore refused these students entry to the revised program.

Alternative Computer Training for the Disabled is a registered charity that provides 12 months of free computer training for Grade 12 graduates who are disabled. Nine of its first eleven graduates were successful in obtaining employment with companies such as IBM and CNCP. ACT can be contacted at 250 The Esplanade, Toronto, 365-3330.

## Strict is fair

The Ontario Provincial Police "Strict is Fair" policy of highway traffic enforcement will be in effect over the coming Thanksgiving holiday weekend, a time when families across the province gather for traditional homecoming celebrations.

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