

Trash archeologists to study landfills

By STUART JOHNSTON

So, what exactly happens to landfills after 20 or more years?

The answer to that question is what Trash Research Corporation (TRC) hopes to dig up at Halton's former landfill site in Burlington come September.

TRC vice-president Raymond Leach explained to Regional councillors Wednesday that the three-month project involves "digging a hole, taking the material out, and analyzing what's in the hole."

Regional councillors tentatively committed \$15,000 to the project, which is being co-ordinated by the University of Toronto's Archaeological Department.

Leach added that his team will take samples every 10 feet, up to a maximum of 95 feet, with each sample weighing between 200 and 500 lbs.

The purpose of the exercise is to determine the physical and chemical patterns of old landfills and to conduct research on its toxic/microbiological levels (if any).

Regional staff indicated the results will help Halton compare its former landfill site and the new one

which is expected to be open late next year.

"This work will be extremely helpful to us in the garbage business," Waste Management director John McKay said. "It will broaden our knowledge about what's been happening in our landfill sites...It is particularly interesting to us because it will tell us how effective our Burlington site was, which will give us insight on how to run our new landfill next year."

In addition to the Burlington site, TRC plans to conduct research at two other landfills in the Toronto area. Actual on-site work will take approximately one-week, but a complete analysis of the samples will take up to three months, Leach added.

Halton Hills rep Marilyn Serjeantson and Burlington councillor Pat McLaughlin suggested the Region also commission the research team to investigate former landfill sites in Oakville and Georgetown's Silver Creek Valley.

The Ministry of Environment has told regional staff to investigate Georgetown's former landfill before it can go ahead with proposed projects in the valley, Serjeantson noted, believing it may be worthwhile to take advantage of TRC's expertise while they are in the area.

Public Works commissioner Art Leitch told councillors he will bring back another report outlining the additional costs.



Lydia Hollis, a leader at the Summer Activity Camp at Sacre Coeur has been named this week's recipient of the Customer Service Award. Lydia, top of the photo, has received two tickets to Canada's Wonderland, courtesy of *The Georgetown Independent* and *Acton Free Press*. Lydia has displayed professional conduct in dealing with emergency situations as well as in her day to day experience with the public. Congratulations Lydia.

Photo by BARB STEPHENS

MPP Duignan hopes cabinet shuffle will turnaround NDP government popularity

By JANET BAINE

A hearty laugh was MPP Noel Duignan's answer when asked why he isn't a cabinet minister.

"You had better ask Bob (Rae) that one," he said. "Maybe I don't want to be. I'm happy to be a member for Halton North."

Duignan hopes the recent cabinet shuffle will help improve the image of the NDP government.

"We've had enough mistakes and blunders. It's time for that to be over. We mean business," he said. But he added that the NDP is a new government and the change is a learning process.

"A lot of mistakes were made by some cabinet ministers. But some of that stuff was done for compassion for people, which is a lot different from greed," Duignan said. He said he was referring to two cabinet ministers, Anne Swarbrick and Shelley Martel, who requested the Ontario Medical Association to look into accusations of sexual misconduct by a northern Ontario doctor. He said this is a far cry from the Patti Starr affair which occurred when the Liberal government was in power.

Duignan hopes business people will get the message that the NDP government wants business, labor and government to work together to rebuild the economy. He points to Ed Philip's appointment as Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology. Philip has been a provincial MP since 1975.

When asked about the NDP's waning place in the polls, Duignan said he's "not a firm believer in polls." He recalls former Premier David Peterson's popularity was 50 to 51 per cent before he called the election.

"It's what happens on election day that counts," he said.

Duignan said August will be a busy month for him. As part of the General Government and Legislative Assembly committee, he will be working on the new rent control guidelines.

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within two weeks," Stout said. "I don't see why my wife and I should have to wait until October."

The couple were sent a new income tax form and asked to complete it again.

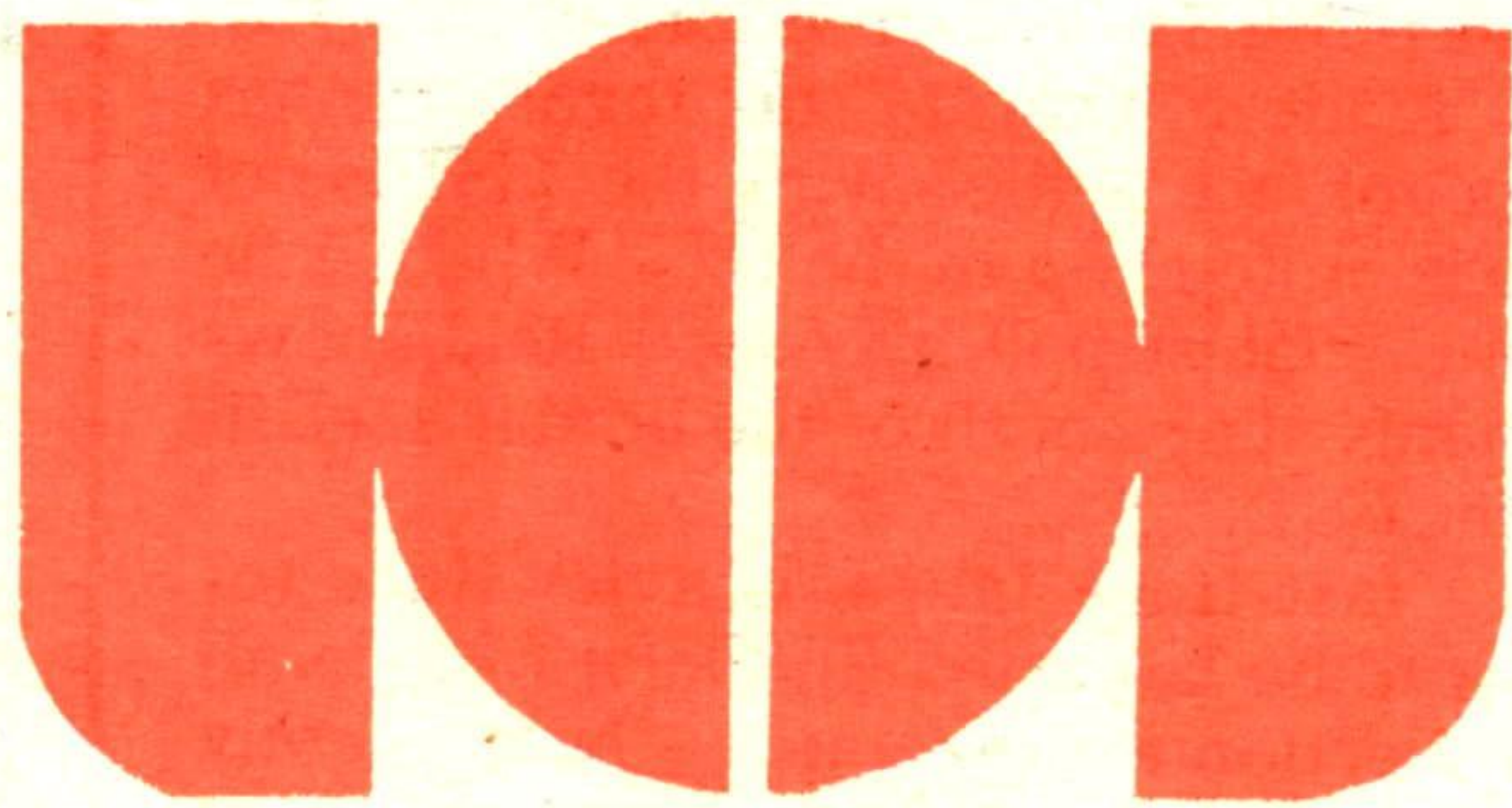
"Because of a mistake they made, they asked us to fill it out again," Stout said. He isn't even sure where he'll get the money to

pay for the stamps and long-distance phone calls.

Fed up with Revenue Canada, Stout decided to call MP Garth Turner's office and ask for help, but was again told he would have to wait until October for the cheque.

George Paisiovich, an employee at Turner's Ottawa office, said he's doing everything he can.

"It certainly isn't fair to the constituent and we're trying to do something about it," he said. How long it will take for the cheque to be issued, Paisiovich couldn't say.



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