

## I like to call it effective planning

You know how it is after a long holiday weekend. Someone always has to ask that same tired old question. "So what'd ya do on the weekend?" One of my co-workers hit me with that one last Tuesday.

My answer, "Installed a new water heater." "Say now, isn't that the same water heater you bought a couple months ago, when they were on sale?" she asked.

(Gawd, what is this woman, my conscience?) "Yup, and I planned to save it until Labor Day weekend to install it," was my snappy answer. She looked at me, half believing — half not. But it was the truth — to a point. I did buy it on sale back in June. Got it from Bill Kerr at Georgetown Home Hardware. He even had a kid load it on the truck for me.

I told Bill at the time, I wasn't going to install it right away. I was saving it. You can ask him.

(You know, you don't wanna have all the fun at once. You gotta save it once in a while.)

Anyway, the water heater sat patiently beside its predecessor, in the confines of our basement, until the time was right.

In other words, Labor Day weekend.

I figured the two could catch up on the hot water demands of the Brown household. The older one, an 18-year veteran, could take a few minutes every day to fill the new one in on what was expected of it.

It was my plan. Of course, the look of disbelief on my co-worker's face said otherwise.

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My family calls it procrastination.

Daughter number three had the misfortune of being home that day. She was the only one around when I decided to install it. (I rarely announce these events in advance. If I did, I'd never have any help.)

Anyway, it started innocently enough, as we began to clean the basement.

"Geez Dad, we really should do something about that new water heater," she commented.

The trap was beginning to close.

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"Oh, I don't know, it's not an easy job," I replied, watching her fall victim to my ploy.

"Well, it'll never get done, with that attitude," she snipped back.

"Okay, okay — but I might need a hand,"

She agreed, (silly girl.) We drained the old tank by carrying the water away in pails. (The drain tap had long since limed up over the years.)

Then came the tough part; moving the tank. You see, water heaters have no handles.

After a struggle, we dragged it outside the basement door. My daughter was amazed at the weight of the old one, compared to the new one.

"How much longer will it take?" she asked.

"Not long," was my reply as I fired up the torch to solder the supply lines. In minutes, the water and power were turned on and the new heater was working. In all, about an hour's work.

"You're all done now?" she asked.

"Yup," was my reply.

"Good, cuz I'm going upstairs to get ready for work. Can I get a ride to work after my shower?"

"Shower? Ah, you may have to wait a bit. You know, the water's gotta heat up first."

"Heat up? How long?" she demanded.

"Oh, a couple hours."

She was less than impressed.

But miraculously, there was just enough hot water for her to have a quick shower before taking her place behind the counter of a local fast food outlet. The story *did* have a happy ending.

So now I'm planning for my next project.

For next Labor Day weekend.



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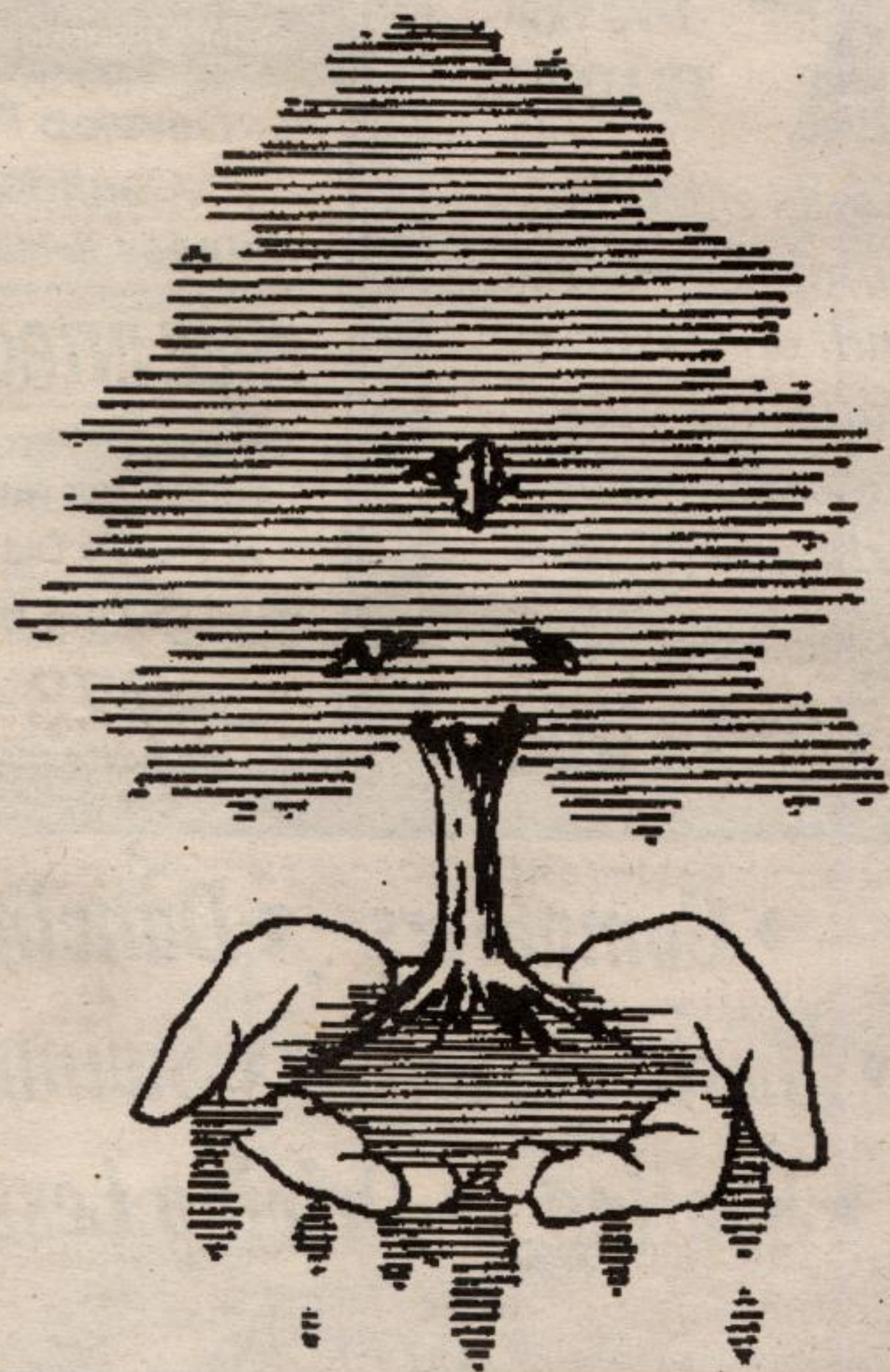
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# Could the Acton Quarry Landfill Proposal Finally be coming to an end?

## P.O.W.E.R.



This long-lasting dump proposal has been hanging over our town since 1987. Recently, there have been developments toward resolving this issue. P.O.W.E.R. is hosting a public meeting to give interested members of the public an opportunity to hear about the proposed settlement and to provide their comments.

Council members have been invited to attend. Lawyers for the Town of Halton Hills and for P.O.W.E.R. will attend this meeting to provide their perspective on the proposal.

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD AT THIS IMPORTANT MEETING!**

When: Tuesday, September 10th

Where: Georgetown High School

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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