



Mascot Blaze
..... firefighter friend
**Hill fire
department
dog drowns**

Blaze, the two-year-old mascot of Richmond Hill fire department, drowned last week in a swimming pool at a Lucas St. residence.

According to Fire Chief Robert Kennedy, the dog jumped into the pool and then couldn't get out.

He was pulled out of the water by Police Constable Garry Wickett, after a neighbor called police about a noise in the pool.

Wickett attempted artificial respiration, but to no avail.

Garbage study is mixed up

Although a recently presented provincial study shows unrestricted landfill operations will cost 126 per cent more than waste processing to produce energy, the same study recommends unrestricted landfill.

A metropolitan area waste management study presented to regional officials last week estimates the total cost per ton of unrestricted landfill operations to be \$8.27, while the total cost of the processing option is \$3.65.

Under this option, landfill requirements would be reduced about 50 per cent.

Present (restricted) landfill cost is given as \$9.11 per ton.

The study recommends the provincial government should exercise its authority, where necessary, to ensure metropolitan Toronto has access to landfill operations outside its boundaries.

At several points the report is highly critical of controls presently enforced by area municipalities.

"It is interesting to note," says the study, "that when municipal waste alone is handled in the full processing system, only two major landfill sites; the Pickering and Peel sites, are needed throughout most of the study period. Only when Peel site reaches capacity in about 1993 is the Maple site utilized."

Strike at end

Workers at Formold Plastics of Canada Ltd., ended a 27-day strike, Apr. 17, despite general unhappiness about the settlement.

The union's 130 employees, who were seeking a 12 per cent increase over one year, settled for a six per cent increase this year, with an eight per cent hike the following year.

However, various benefits put the increase up to 22 per cent over two years.

This will give machine operators, who comprise 90 per cent of the firm's employees, an extra 54 cents an hour to \$3.29.

Commenting on the settlement, union representative Ralph Currie said the employees weren't happy, but didn't feel they could hold out any longer.

Elgin Strong, president of Formold, said losses suffered during the strike would be considerable.

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