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Dump deal in the works?

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini Reclamation Systems Inc. will dump all current and future plans to turn a mined-out portion of United Aggregates Limited's Acton limestone quarry into a massive landfill *The Gemini* has learned.

In return the Town, Region and the environmental group P.O.W.E.R. must agree to waive all costs in their six-figure fight to stop the dump, and abandon their opposition to a proposed Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act regulation that would make it easier for UAL to continue quarrying.

No party to the purported deal would comment on the contents, but a copy of an August 25 memo from the Town's lawyer outlines the proposed deal that was the subject of a closed-door Council meeting last week at the Civic Centre and another in camera meeting after press time Tuesday.

The five-clause draft deal, as outlined in Stephen D'Agostino's memo, said that RSI will drop its nine-year attempt to get Provincial approval for the landfill and abandon rights and interests in the quarry, if all parties in opposition agree not to go after RSI to recover their

costs and legal bills to date.

Subject to agreement of UAL and the Town, UAL will fund a study to determine an appropriate end-use for the Acton quarry and to develop a rehabilitation master plan.

The Town will be given the option to purchase the entire quarry property once UAL has worked it out and rehabilitated and only after Halton Hills and or the Region and UAL reach a mutually satisfactory agreement for the excavation of the Third Line and Regional Road 43.

In exchange the Town must agree not to object to the proposed NEPDA regulation change and other parties - Halton Region and P.O.W.E.R. - must agree to abandon their costs as a condition to RSI's withdrawal of the dump plan.

The only person willing to comment on the record was environmentalist Rita Landry, whose private prosecution against UAL for quarrying without a development permit is back in court on Monday, and she does not like the deal as outlined in D'Agostino's memo.

"Why is the Town cutting a deal?" Landry questioned Friday.

"It smells."



CORSAGE OR CENTREPIECE? Laura Lee Campbell models a floral centre piece that she assures can also double as a corsage to fit any occasion. Campbell was at the Garage Sale and Silent Auction at Holy Cross Church Saturday. The funds raised from the sale go toward funding a trip by members of the church's Youth Group to France next summer. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Cellular phones taken

Motorola flip phones were the possessions of choice to be snatched away from their owners at two different locations last week.

Last Wednesday, a Ballinafad resident had put her phone down for a few minutes at the Gordon Alcott Arena. When she returned, it was gone.

And overnight on Friday a 1993 Ford Explorer was entered as it was parked at a Barber Street home and its phone was taken. Luckily for the owner, the phone was recovered on the lawn of a close by residence. Both phones are valued at \$100.

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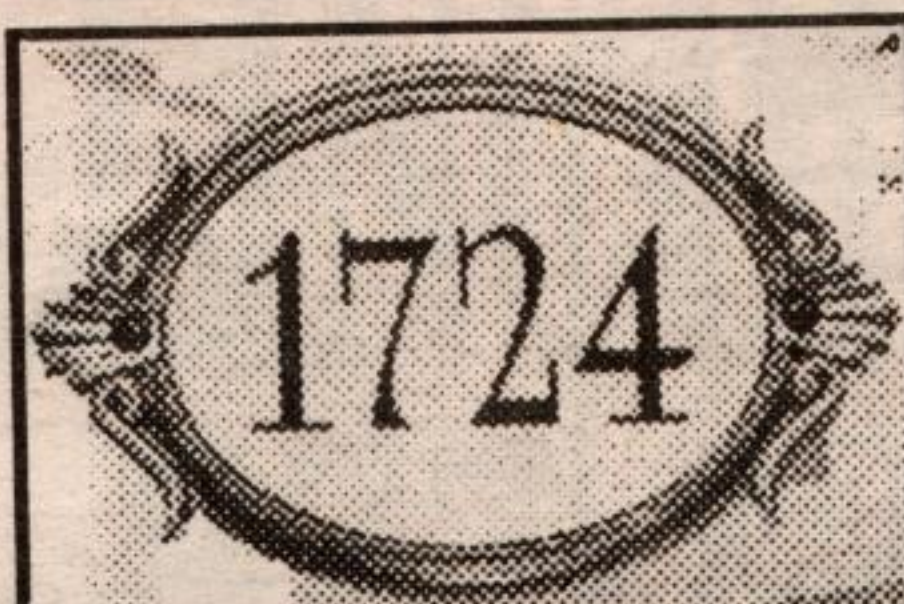
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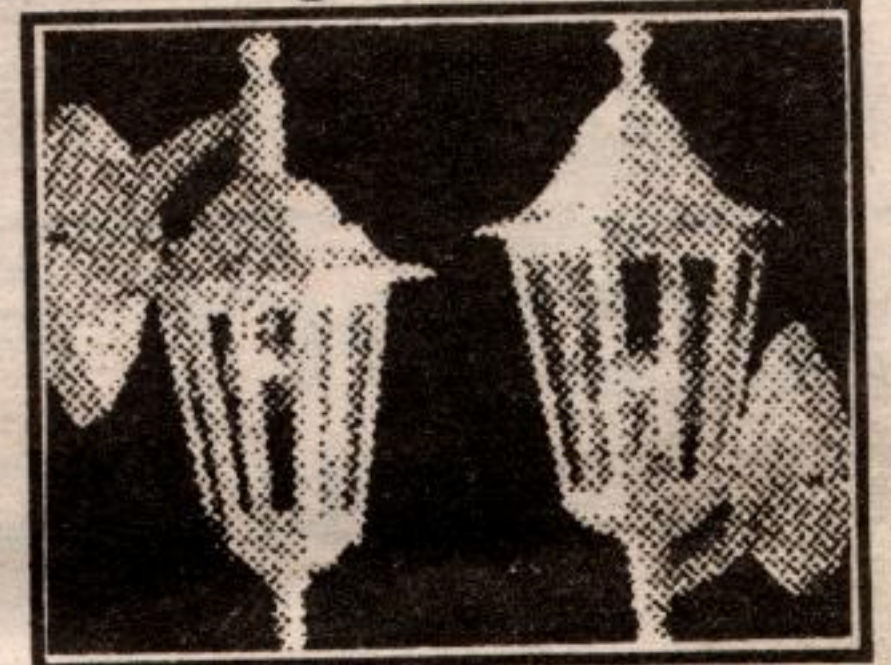


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