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Quarry dump plan is dead

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The Georgetown Gemini

The million dollar fight against plans for a massive garbage dump in the Acton Quarry is officially dead.

A clearly elated Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson confirmed the rumoured four-party deal at a press conference on Monday. The parties include the Town, Halton Region, Reclamation Systems Incorporated (RSI) and United Aggregates Limited (UAL).

Although the minutes of settlement will not be released for several days, Serjeantson revealed that in return for RSI dropping the dump plans and placing a restriction on title to prevent a waste management or processing site from ever being established in the Acton Quarry, the Town will not try to recover any of the money it's spent during the decade-long fight against the dump and will not object to a proposed Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act amendment that would exempt UAL from needing a development permit to quarry in Phase II of its operation on the south side of Regional Road 43.

The deal also includes provisions for UAL, the Town and the Region to continue to work out a deal whereby the Town can purchase the quarry for a nominal fee once all the aggregate has been removed.

A copy of a draft deal obtained by *The Gemini* indicates UAL will hire and pay for a planning consultant to prepare a master plan land use study to determine an appropriate end use of the quarry and develop a reha-

bilitation plan.

In an interview after the announcement was made public at the opening of the Town's General Committee meeting, UAL Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Bill Burkart, who brokered the deal, said that at first RSI was not in favour of dropping the dump plans.

"St. Mary's Cement owns 50 per cent of UAL and 50 per cent of RSI and the other 50 per cent of RSI is owned by Armbro. The 50 per cent owner of UAL has decided that it's in the quarry business and not in the landfill business," Burkart explained.

"They (St. Mary's Cement) talked to their partners and RSI being Armbro, they recognized that fact too and convinced them (RSI) to withdraw (the dump plan). I think that's a very upstanding position for them to recognize that the landfill shouldn't go ahead," Burkart said.

"The whole movement was to turn around the attitude of our company and the community and do something that we could be proud of and

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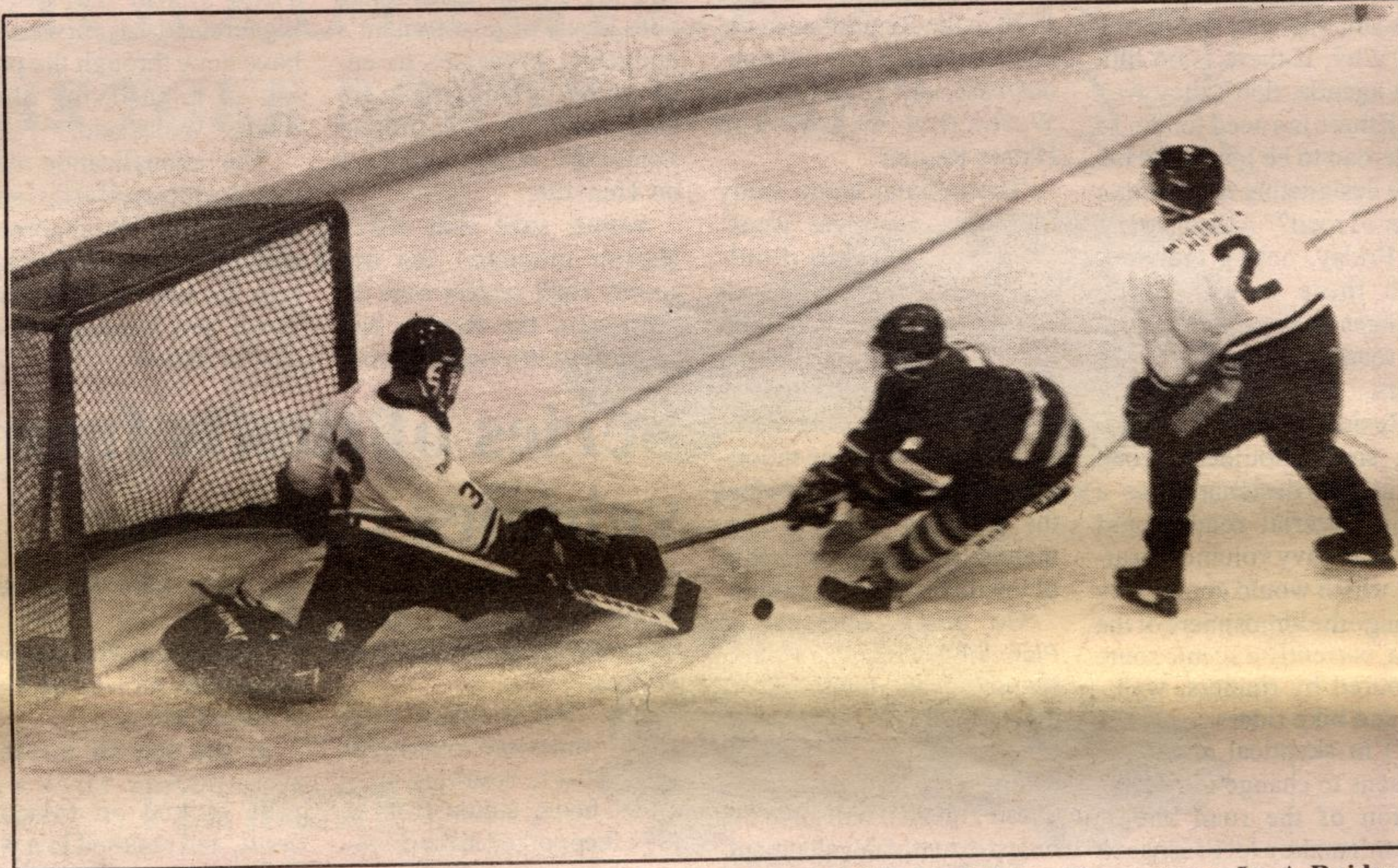
Board is out of pool business

In the wake of recent cutbacks it has been decreed by the Halton Board of Education that all school aquatic programs will be cancelled indefinitely during negotiations.

The effects of this decision will have a huge impact not only on extra curricular events but also on the standard curriculum of many Halton schools.

For further information, see POOL, Page 17.

Raiders tie to end losing streak in pre-season action



CREASED HIM! In the last pre-season game before the start of the real thing, Georgetown Jr. A Raiders goaltender Carl Rossignol assumes the butterfly stance so popular with a new generation of goalies, against a Collingwood attacker. Despite leading the game 4-2 at one point, the Raiders saw their lead slip away, leaving them with a tie. Their preseason was a winless one, but shows signs of optimism. (Eve Martin photo)

Bank robber hits Municipal Trust, flees on foot

Halton Regional Police were called to the Municipal Trust on Mountainview Road at Guelph Street after a report of a bank robbery, Friday.

Police report that a lone male entered the bank at 1:15 pm, approached a teller and indicated he had a gun,

though no gun was seen.

After demanding money, the teller handed over an undisclosed sum of cash and the suspect fled on foot, running south from the rear of the bank.

According to police, no one was hurt in the robbery.

Halton Police are searching for the suspect, describing him as male, white, 20 to 30-years-old, 5'5", 150 lbs, with short brown hair.

At the time of the robbery the suspect was wearing a ball cap, a dark blue plaid lumber jacket and dark pants,

with a bandana covering his face.

Anyone with information regarding this robbery is encouraged to contact the Halton Regional Police Service at (905) 878-5511, ext. 2115, or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-668-5151.

Last minute changes to Terry Fox Run site

Some last minute scheduling problems have necessitated a few changes to the Terry Fox Run next Sunday, Sept. 22.

The run is now due to go at the Georgetown South Community Park from 9 am to 2 pm. Participants will be able to bike, walk, jog or run on site.

Entrance to the run site is at the corner of Main Street, South (8th Line) and Argyll Road, with registration near the baseball diamonds.

Entry forms for the Georgetown Terry Fox Run are

available at most banks, variety stores and video stores in Georgetown.

Due to the overwhelmingly generous response of various Georgetown businesses, the Terry Fox committee is pleased to announce that there will be a random prize draw every hour, for participants only.

The committee is still looking for volunteers; donations, in lieu of prizes would be greatly appreciated to help offset the costs.

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