

SKATING SIGN-UPS!

The Acton Figure Skating Club held its fall registration at the Community Centre on Saturday. Here, Betty Druif signs up her daughter, Andrea, who busies herself reading a pamphlet. (Eve Martin photo)

Quarry appeals water ruling

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The Acton Tanner

Lawyers for United Aggregates Limited (UAL) have asked the Ontario Court of Appeal to review a recent General Division Court ruling that required UAL to apply for a Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) development permit before pumping water from its quarry, south of Acton.

UAL wants to pump 500,000 gallons of water a day from a portion of the quarry on the south side of Regional Road 43 so it can get to the aggregate, now under water.

Before it can pump, it requires a water-taking permit from the Province. The Province will not issue a permit until the NEC is satisfied that the water-taking will not harm the environment or the water supplies of quarry neighbours.

UAL's lawyer, Burton Kellock, said the General Division court judge didn't answer the question he was asked.

"Our application, first of all, asked for a declaration that United Aggregates Limited does not require a development permit in order to operate the quarry or have to seek and obtain permits under legislation to operate the quarry, and

more specifically, to de-water the quarry," Kellock said on Friday.

"That's what we asked for and the Judge wrote how important it was for the Niagara Escarpment Commission to have jurisdiction. But, the question he was asked, and did not answer, was *did* the Niagara Escarpment Commission have jurisdiction?"

UAL executive vice-president Bill Burkart said he decided to have his lawyers file the appeal of the ruling because "the quarry is the development."

"Water taking is part of that development and that development superseded the Niagara Escarpment Act," Burkart said Friday.

Burkart said without being able to pump water, mining the aggregate is not economical and restricts operations.

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Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer your time? Acton Support Services and Information Centre has a number of volunteer opportunities available.

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The East Wellington Advisory Group for Family Services is planning a six-week workshop series for persons caring for an elderly or disabled relative.

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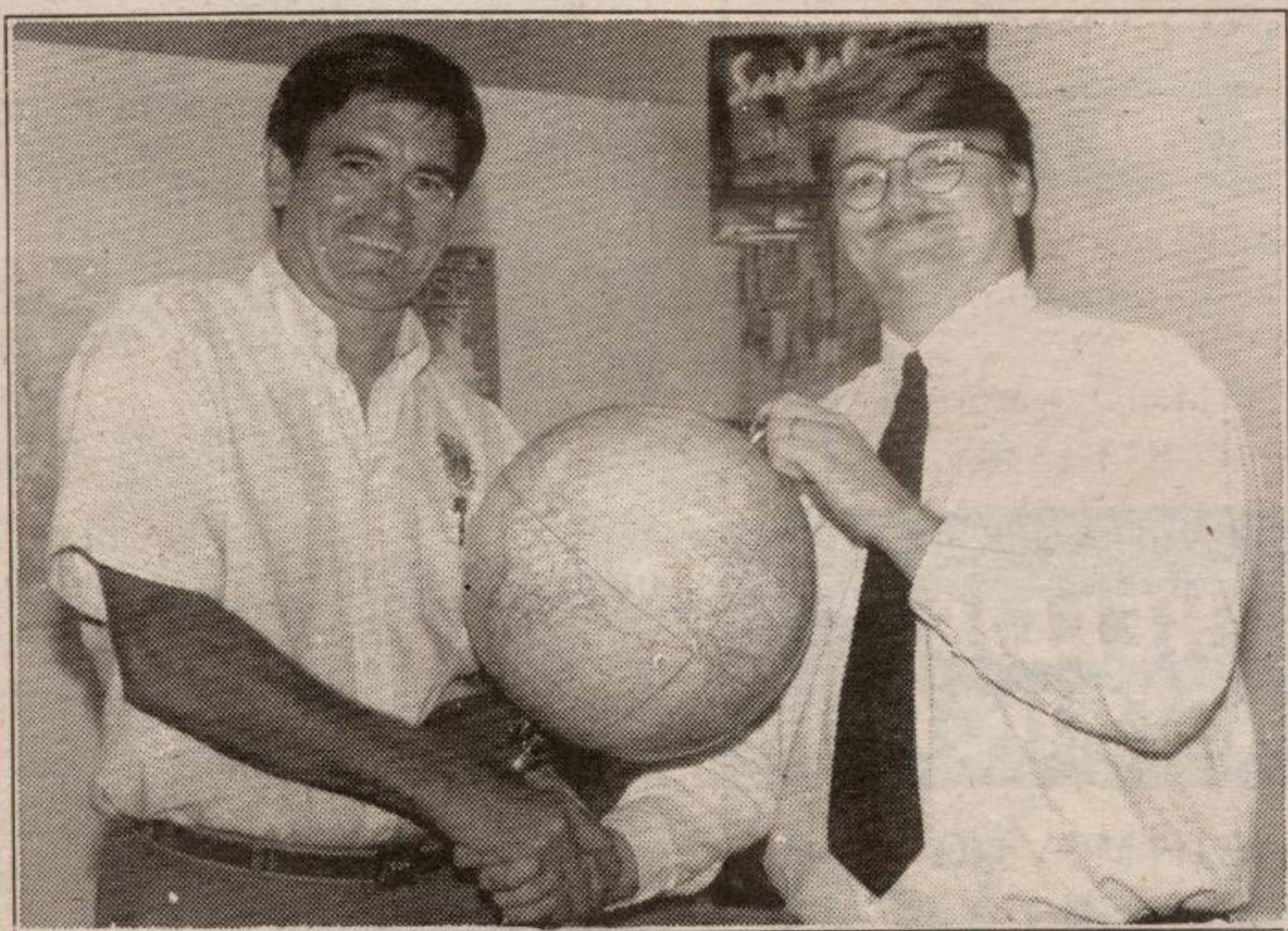
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