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WHEELY BIG CHALLENGE AWAITS: Seen here with the wheels from one of his earlier designed bikes, Ben Gulak will be part of this weekend's Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in New Mexico. See story on page A18.

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Official plan amendment makes way for new shale quarry bordering Milton

Region now putting together aggregate policy

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Hanson Brick's plans for a new shale quarry in Burlington came one step closer to reality this week.

Regional council approved an Official Plan amendment Wednesday to make way for the operation on a 95-acre piece of land on the south side of No. 1 Sideroad, west of Tremaine Road, bordering Milton and Oakville.

Hanson's current supply of shale that produces the buff brick it's known for is exhausted, but the new site will help it continue cre-

ating the popular product.

Initially there was some opposition to the plans from the Tremaine Neighbourhood Association, but the group has reached an agreement with Hanson and withdrawn its objections.

The agreement commits the company to providing a private communal water system to service the residents that could be affected by quarrying operations. Well water was one of the main concerns for the group.

Regional Chair Gary Carr noted the Region was instrumental in working with the two parties to reach an agreement. "We wanted to

make sure the residents were pleased and they are."

He pointed out that the Region now looks to put together an aggregate policy as part of the Sustainable Halton planning process.

The City of Burlington has already adopted an Official Plan amendment necessary to permit the Hanson quarry and forwarded it to the Region for approval.

The Province recently approved removing the lands from the Parkway Belt West Plan and will soon consider the application for a licence to extract shale in order for the quarry to go ahead.

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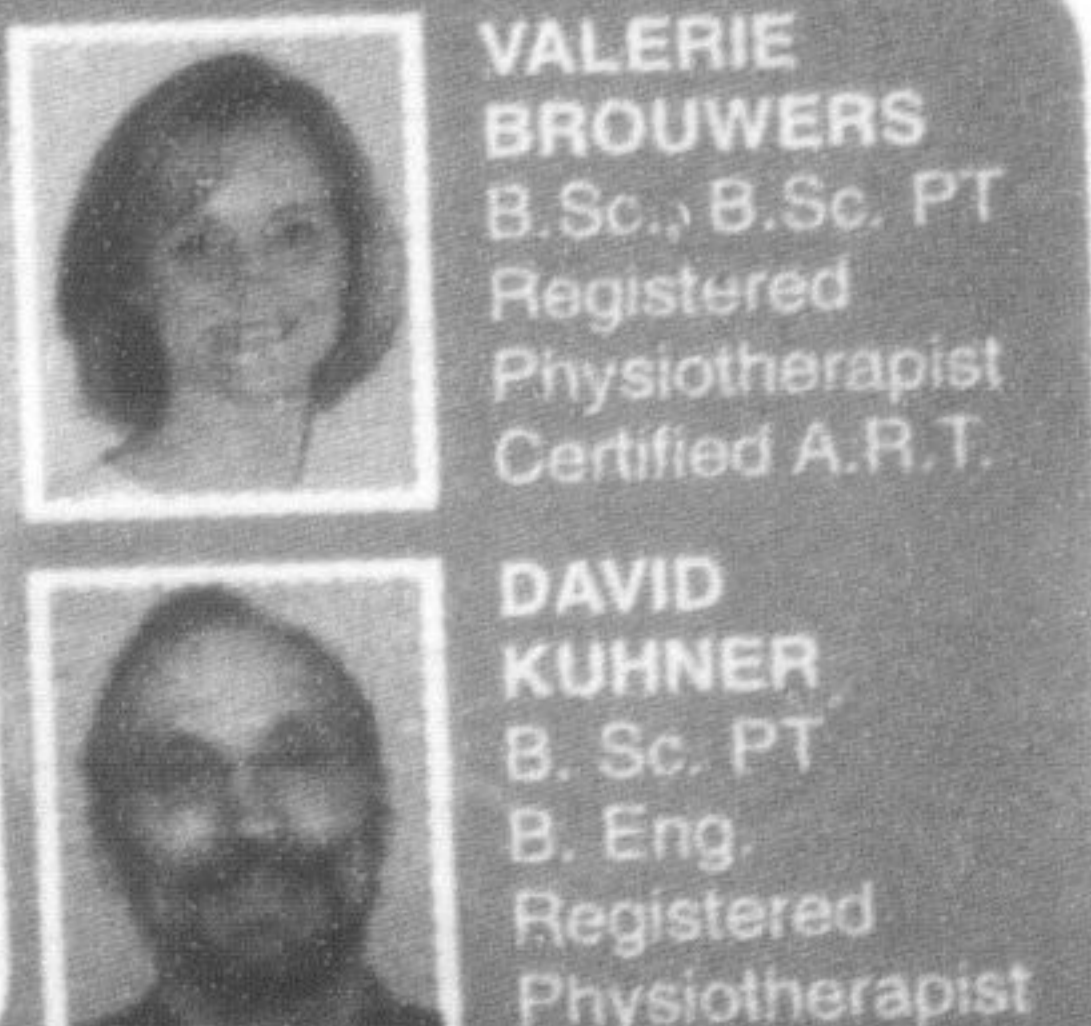
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