

# Water on everyone's mind as region staff meet residents

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Thompson said bleached water should be added to the well by running it down the inner wall of the casing, then mixed into the well by running cold water through a hose into it for about 30 minutes.

Then the homeowner should run every tap until there is a chlorine smell, turn the tap off and allow it to stand in the system overnight. The hot water tank should also be drained and filled with chlorinated water.

The chlorinated water should be removed by running it through a hose, away from the septic system, until the chlorine smell is gone, ensuring not to run the well dry.

Another water test should be taken three to five days after the disinfection, and two good test results taken one to three weeks apart indicate the treatment worked.

A couple of residents at the meeting raised concerns about Halton's sludge program.

One man said Halton is plowing in bio-solids within inches of a groundwater recharge area in the Fourth Line area.

"I suggest the region take a very serious look at the sludge program," he said.

"There are very stringent guidelines they have to adhere to," said Thompson. "We are quite comfortable with that program and are quite satisfied all the controls are implemented."

Holysh said two region staff members oversee the program.

A Terra Cotta man asked about the general health of water in Halton and Peel regions.

"Bacteria is not going to be a good story," said Holysh of the results of a Halton well survey expected in about three weeks. He estimated about 50 per cent of the wells tested

will likely exceed bacteria guidelines but said well construction is a factor.

"On a broad scale the water quality is still very good," said Holysh.

A woman at the meeting said she had high coliform counts in her well twice despite the fact the well is new and she followed the region's disinfection program.

"I'm worried it may be a bigger problem," she said.

Holysh said the region is working on establishing a well database and linking well records.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Fund established

### Crash victim released

A 10-year-old Acton girl who was injured in a fatal car crash Sunday which claimed the life of her father and seriously injured her mother was released from the Hospital for Sick Children Monday.

Nichole Stuckey, 10, of Acton and her sister Stephanie, 13, were passengers in a van driven by her mother Deborah when it collided with a truck driven by a Brantford couple at the 25 Sideroad-Fifth Line intersection in Milton.

The girls' father, Christopher, was killed. Deborah remains in Sunnybrook Hospital in fair condition.

Friends of the Stuckey family have set up a fund for the family at the CIBC branch in Acton. Donations can be made to account number 05-70435 or by calling Sue Hilton at 853-4723 or Cheryl Rolfe at 853-9637.

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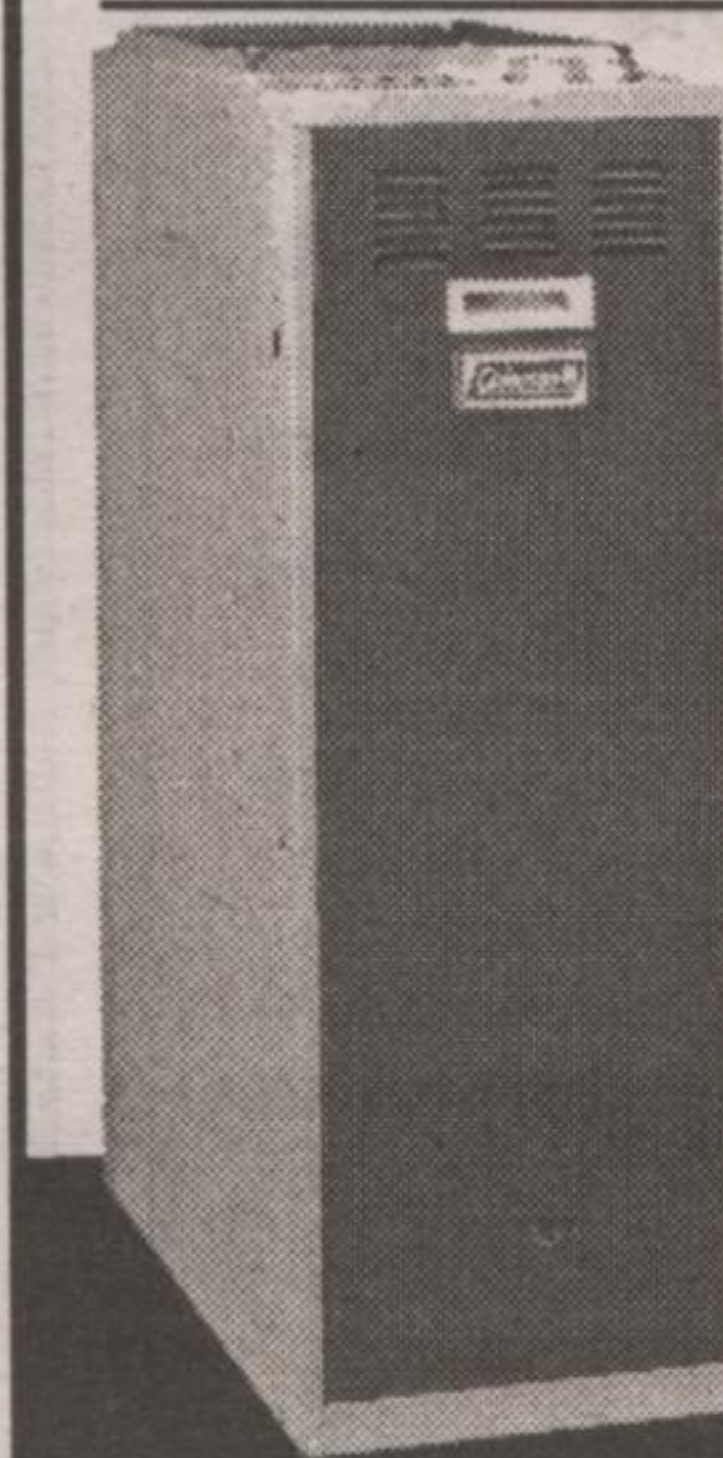
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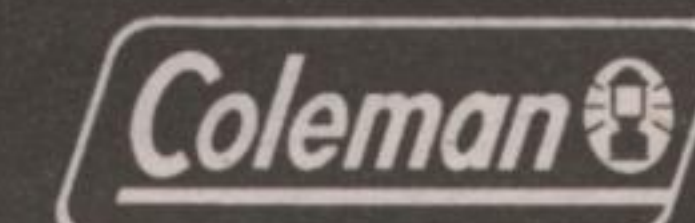
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