

*Raising self-esteem in children*

# Parenting workshop

Child and family education expert, Gordon Naylor has been invited to Georgetown to present a seminar entitled Raising Self-Esteem in Children and Adolescents.

The talk, sponsored in the public interest by the Baha'i community of Halton Hills, will be held this Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gallery of the Georgetown Public Library.

"We know that parenting can be very tough these days," said Halton Board kindergarten teacher Isabelle Weaver, one of the event's organizers, "Yet, there are some techniques, both new and traditional, which can help raise self-esteem in children. Mr. Naylor will address these."

Gordon Naylor is the founder and principal of the Nancy Campbell Collegiate Institute in Stratford. This is a private, international secondary school offering a complete four-year academic curriculum with special focus on the performing and fine arts.

Naylor is the father of five children.

The development of human

potential has been the focus of his work for more than 20 years during which he has lectured on child rearing in many countries. He has completed graduate studies in International Education, Clinical Psychology and Educational Administration. He has been a member of the Baha'i Faith for over 20 years.

"We believe that the family unit has suffered tremendously from recent societal and economic pressures," said Richard Landau, chair of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Halton Hills. "Baha'is are widely regarded in faith communities as leader in the development of successful child rearing and educational methods. We wanted to offer something constructive to help our smallest constituents, our children; and to provide solace to those whose responsibility is parenting."

The Baha'i community has been actively involved in Halton Hills for some 40 years. Founded in 1863, today there are over five million adherents worldwide, and a mission with special status at the United Nations.

# Anti-Poverty Coalition sets date for first meeting

Starting October 1, most social assistance recipients will have their incomes cut by 22 per cent.

Thousands of people in Halton already live in poverty but now the situation will be even more critical for individuals and particularly families with children, according to the Halton Anti-Poverty Coalition.

In 1991, one out of every 17 children in Halton were considered poor (based on Statistics Canada Low-income Cutoffs).

In 1994, approximately 45 per cent of all food bank recipients were children.

Of the thousands of social assistance beneficiaries in Halton in 1995, approximately 42 per cent of general welfare recipients were children and approximately 57 per cent of Family Benefit Allowance recipients were children.

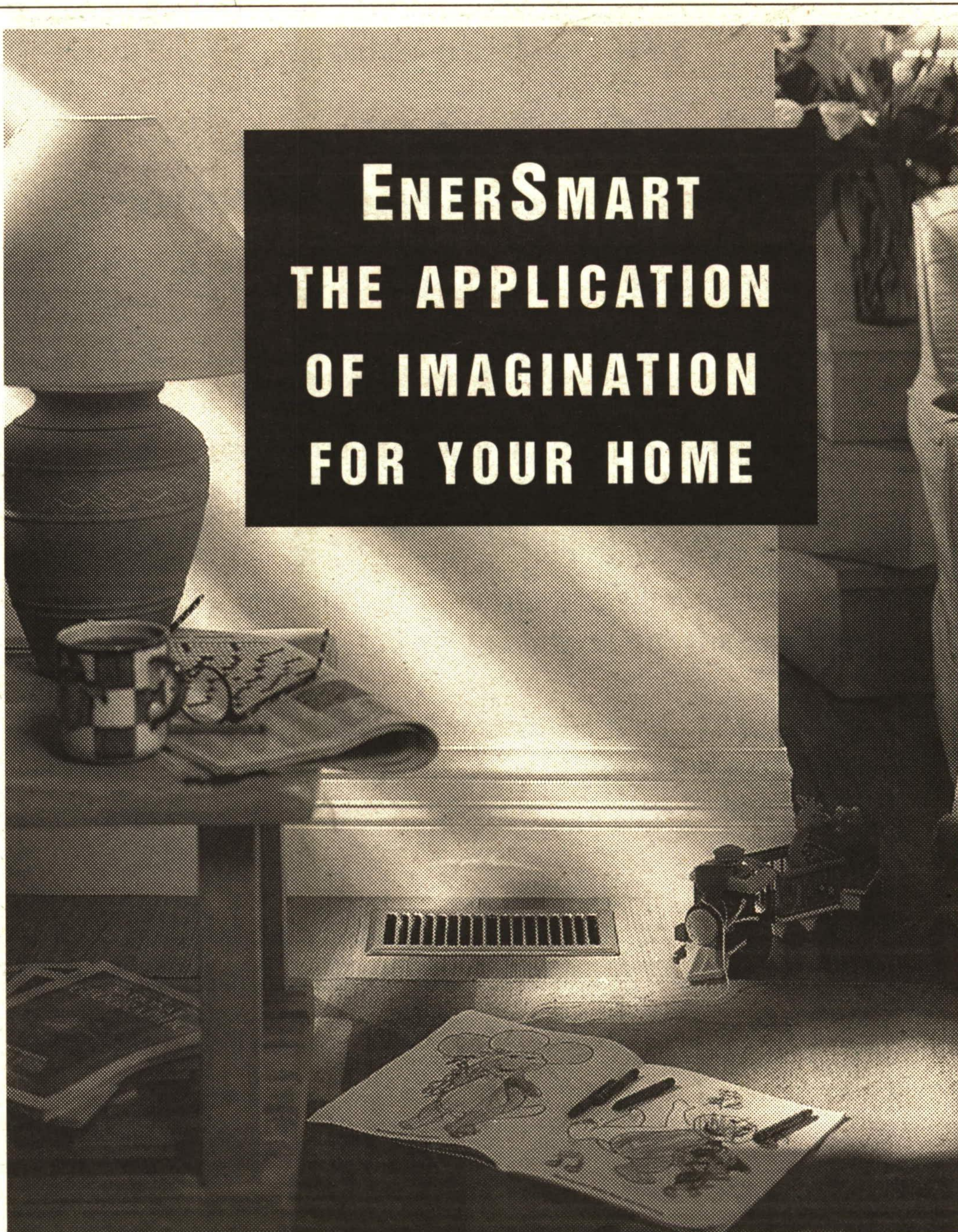
Children living in poverty are more prone to higher infant death

rates, low birth weights, childhood disability, higher school drop-out rates, unstable, stressful or violent family situations, psychiatric disorders, smoking, drugs and problems with alcohol.

Halton Social Planning Council invites the Halton community to attend the first meeting of the Halton Anti-Poverty Coalition. Particularly encouraged to attend are low income individuals and family members (child care and transportation arrangements can be requested.)

The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m. at St. John's Catholic Church, 2016 Blairholm (corner of Brant St. and Blairholm), Burlington.

To register for the meeting or for more information about the Halton Anti-Poverty Coalition, contact Lynne Calderbank, Halton Social Planning Council, (905) 632-1975.



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