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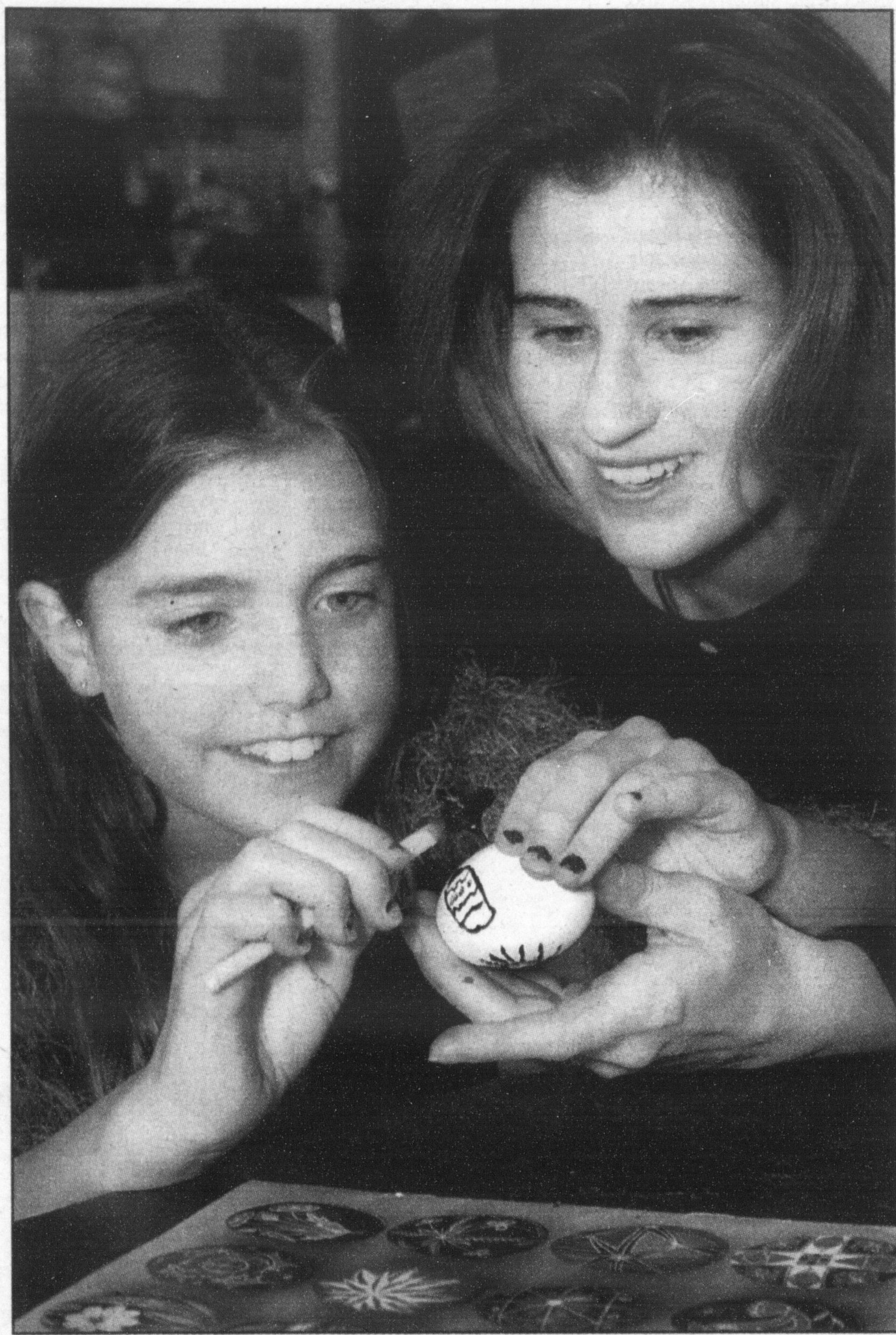


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Ukrainian Easter

Grade 3 Brookville School student Amanda Steddy gets a helping hand from her teacher Sonia Nalywajko in waxing an egg. The class decorated Easter eggs the Ukrainian way — called Pysanka, using wax and dyes.

Region finds source of brown water problem in the Kelso wellfield

Ground water testing at the Kelso wellfield indicates the origin of the manganese is primarily from water flowing through the deepest part of the buried valley aquifer, says the Region's planning and public works department.

Halton Region began conducting an aquifer test at the Kelso wellfield in February to address Milton's ongoing discoloured water problem caused by manganese.

Under certain hydraulic conditions, this water appears to move up and into the lowest screened section of the wells.

Tests identified a number of improvements the Region could implement to reduce manganese concentrations in the water supply. Options under consideration include:

- Sealing the lower zone in well three at the Kelso wellfield to reduce the amount of water entering from the lower zone

- Modifying the pumping rates to minimize the withdrawal of water from the lower zone

- Install sparging wells to remove the manganese

Alternative treatments include sequestration (adding polyphosphate or sodium silicate to the water to prevent settling of manganese) as well as iron and manganese removal.

The source of discoloured water in Milton can be attributed to the precipitation of naturally occurring manganese in the well water and its accumulation in the distribution system. Manganese deposits that accumulate in the system can be agitated as a result of normal pump operation, water-main breaks, system flushing or fire demands.

The presence of manganese in the Milton well water is an aesthetic problem that may result in discoloured water, staining of laundry, plumbing fixtures or an undesirable taste.

A public meeting is scheduled for late May on the issue.

The project file is expected to be completed and made available for the 30-day public review period in June.

Fifth person arrested in robberies

Halton Regional Police have arrested a fifth suspect in connection with a series of robberies that occurred at a rural convenience store.

Four Guelph residents and a Simcoe man have been charged with robbery.

The Brookville Market on Guelph Line was first held up last August, then again in November and a third time January 25.

In the first robbery one of the suspects was armed with a knife. A firearm was used during the second incident.

In January, the store clerk didn't see a weapon but intimidation and threats of violence were reported. Each time money was taken.

Three arrests were made in mid-March in Guelph.

The Simcoe man was arrested March 27.

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