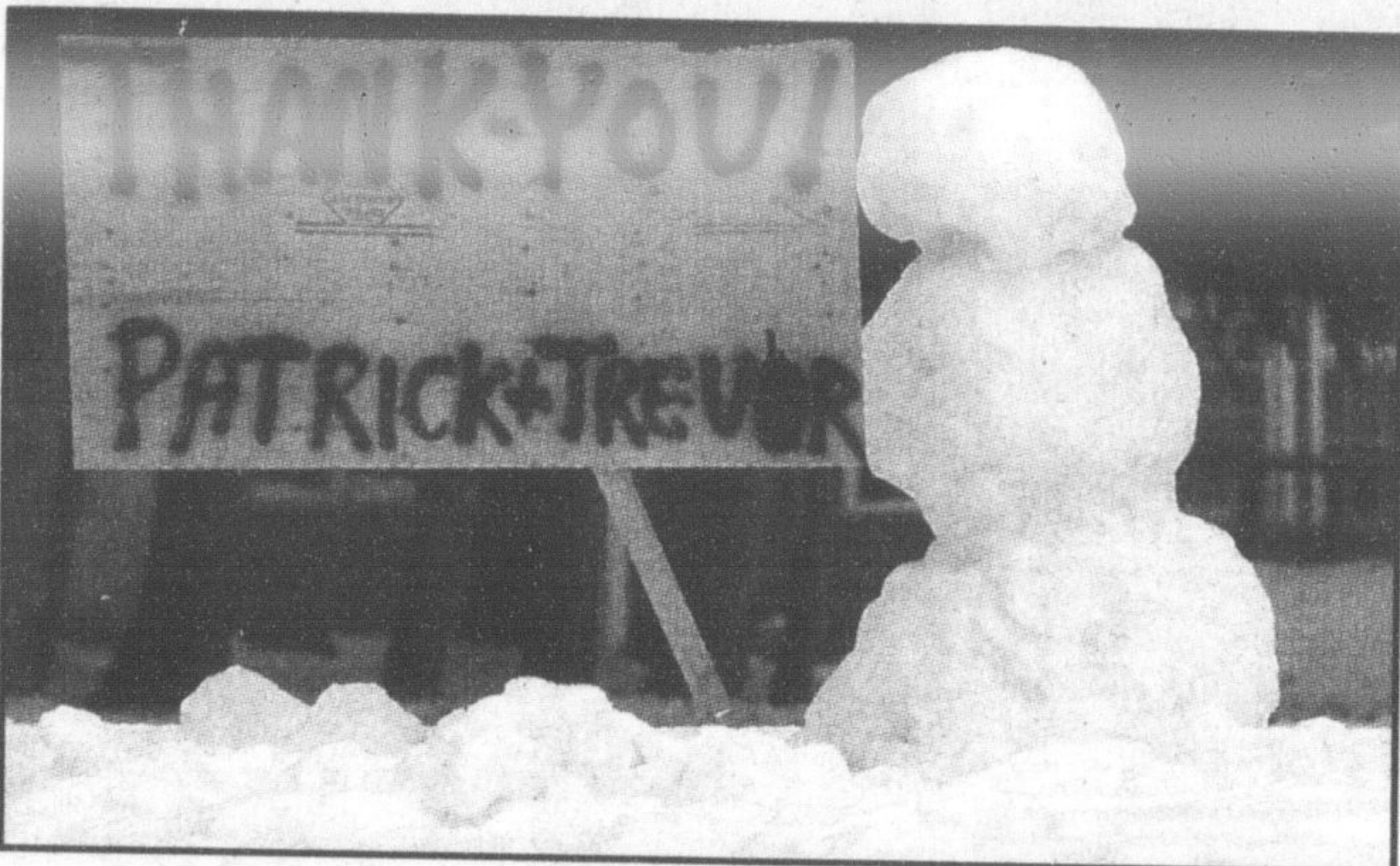


# Well just two years old; cover was replaced Monday



A sign thanking emergency services is displayed in the front yard beside the partially-built snowman that was being created when the accident occurred.

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"When you're in the water, the water takes body heat away from your body 25 times faster than air does. In this case, it was the best thing to do, because he had the ability to do it," he said.

Mr. Johnson said he still can't believe how quickly everything happened. "As soon as I stepped on (the cover), I heard a 'whoosh' and then I landed in the water. I don't remember twisting my ankle, but somehow I did."

The "what ifs" are impossible not to consider, he said. "What if I had hit my head and been knocked out?"

The question of why the cover broke is still a mystery. "Considering it's made to last a lifetime and up to 4,000 pounds, there had to be some sort of flaw in it," Mr. Johnson said.

Pam Mulhall is the well owner and mother of the four-year-old the couple was babysitting. She said she experienced "shock, disbelief and fear" when she first heard what happened.

"It could have easily been one of the kids."

The irony of the situation, she said, is that the well is just two years old. The previous well was closed and buried "to avoid this very scenario."

The company that dug the well — which Ms Mulhall declined to name — replaced the concrete cover Monday.

Mr. Johnson said he wants to share his experience with as many people as possible. "I believe everyone should know about this, especially in Halton region where everyone has wells. If it can happen to me, it can happen to anyone."

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## Wells should receive regular servicing: CH

When it comes to water wells, a lack of maintenance and inspection can have serious consequences.

According to David Gale, Conservation Halton's watershed planner, wells should receive regular servicing and annual inspections to prevent any sort of contamination or accident from occurring.

There are two types of wells. Drilled wells have a small opening, with a diameter of perhaps just six inches. They can be drilled up to several hundred feet deep. Dug wells aren't as deep, and have a much wider diameter. These are the wells, Mr. Gale said, you periodically hear of people falling into.

The vast majority of people these days opt for drilled wells, he said. Contamination is better prevented, and there's no chance of anybody falling into it.

Those who have dug wells — usually those living on older rural properties — shouldn't let children play in the immediate area, Mr. Gale said, just in case.

It's important that residents know exactly where wells are and how many there are on the property. There may be several abandoned wells, and there's always the possibility the old ones weren't filled in and closed properly.

"Often in the past, people just dumped a bunch of rocks in the well, put a few boards across and dumped some (earth) on top," Mr. Gale said. "Then somebody walks across it, and boom, there they go."

The concrete cover — which resembles a manhole cover — should be frequently examined.

"If it's cracked or broken and somebody steps on it and it comes apart, down they go," he said.

Residents who aren't sure what to look for in a water well inspection should leave it to the professionals, Mr. Gale said. Or, they can get more information from calling Conservation Halton at (905) 336-1158 or Halton Region at 1-866-442-5866.

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