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Daniela Brancatella, fund-raising co-ordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society, gets some supervisory assistance while polishing a car at the Loblaws charity car wash on Saturday. The event, hosted by the Loblaws

social committee, raised \$450 with a portion going to the Canadian Cancer Society and the rest to future community activities.

Photo by Christine Smyth

Camp kids overcome by fumes, rushed to hospital

It isn't known yet what caused 14 people to have difficulty breathing and feel nauseous and light-headed at Acton High School Monday afternoon.

All of the people, 11 students, aged between 8 and 11, taking part in Town of Halton Hills camp programs, two volunteers and a camp leader, were rushed to hospital by ambulance after they were overcome by an unknown noxious substance.

Ten of the students were in music theatre camp held in one room at the school and one was in soccer camp.

Joy Thompson of the town's Recreation and Parks Department said all 14 were taken to either Milton or Georgetown Hospital where they were



JOY THOMPSON said testing of the air at the school Monday afternoon did not reveal anything toxic or combustible. He said a police officer investigating the incident complained her eyes were burning while she was in the school.

Andrews said the air conditioning

given oxygen and monitored. Blood tests were done on some of the people and revealed nothing abnormal. Everyone was released later that day.

Halton Hills Fire Department spokesperson Doug Andrews

units had been checked and a plumber was also called in as there could have been a possibility that sewer gases were coming up a sink drain in the classroom.

Further air quality testing was to be done by the Halton Board of Education today (Wednesday) and in the meantime the town's camp programs have been moved temporarily out of Acton High School to McKenzie-Smith Bennett School.

Thompson said all of the affected kids and adults were back at camp Tuesday.

They won't be back at Acton High School until the fire department determines it's safe.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Osler gets low marks in OHA report card

William Osler Health Care Centre received low marks on over-all patient satisfaction in a report card on Ontario hospitals issued Monday by the province and Ontario Hospital Association.

The health centre, which includes the Georgetown Hospital campus, received a below average rating (one star out of a possible five) in over-all patient satisfaction when compared to other hospitals, but fared much better in clinical care, finances and adoption of new technologies categories.

In comparison Halton Healthcare Services, which includes Milton Hospital, pulled in a four-star (somewhat above average) over-all patient satisfaction rating and Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga earned a three-star (provincial average) rating.

William Osler rated somewhat above average or at the provincial average in See HOSPITAL, pg. 5



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