

National effort gearing up for refugee help

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 immediate impact," she said.
 At least in the short term, that means money.
 Currently, only financial donations are being accepted, as the Red Cross works its way towards a \$5 million goal.
 Trouble is, many people prefer to donate goods instead.
 "We've had quite a few phone calls about goods," said Ms Lynch. "People like to donate more tangible things, not just money."
 Though bulk goods may be collected in the future, money

is the only way to get aid to Kosovar refugees without tying up Red Cross volunteers overseas, said Ms Lynch.
 "It takes time away from the Red Cross person in the field," she said. "It kind of ties them down in administration instead of helping people."
 There are also steep costs involved in shipping goods, she said.
 "There's a tremendous cost involved in processing, packing, shipping and clearing customs with goods," said Ms Lynch.

Donated money will help to purchase items such as tents, blankets and sleeping bags for victims of the Kosovo conflict.
 Donations can be made by contacting the Red Cross at 1-800-418-1111 24 hours a day, or through any major bank.
 So far, the money has not been exactly pouring in from Milton, said Ms Lynch.
 However, a number of people have called saying they are interested in helping out.
 "I'm collecting the names and numbers of people who want to be involved," said Ms

Lynch. "I've told them they could organize a number of fundraisers, with the proceeds going towards the refugees."
 As it stands now, the money will be sent to help the crisis situation in Kosovo.
 "At the moment, the aid is going overseas," said Ms Lynch. "I'm anticipating the set of circumstances will be different once (the refugees) get here."
 Otherwise in Milton, three Safe and Sound Children's Centres have been busy piling up goods for the Canada-bound

refugees.
 "We sent out a letter to parents requesting goods on Tuesday night," said the centre's administrative director Debbie Scarlett. "By Wednesday, donations were already pouring in."
 Today, staff are gathering to sort, pack and box the used clothing and toys in hopes of sending them out Saturday.
 "We'll get them ready if we have to stay all Friday night," said Ms Scarlett.
 Milton's Bomar Auction Barn has volunteered to deliver

the goods to Camp Borden and Zellers has offered cardboard boxes for packing.
 Though the donation drive is mainly a Safe and Sound initiative, the goods have to go through the Red Cross.
 That means the boxes will be held up until the Red Cross role is better defined by the government.
 Cheques -- made payable to the Canadian Red Cross Society and earmarked Balkan Conflict -- can be mailed to 1430 Blair Place, Gloucester, Ont., K1J 1G2.

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Hello and welcome back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend. Hopefully, everyone made the most of the long weekend seeing as we won't be having another one until the end of May!

Even after a long weekend, students and staff at E. C. Drury have no trouble getting back into the swing of things. For example, the '99 Prom Committee began their fund raising with their first bake sale on Wednesday, April 7. Baked goods were available periods 3 and 4 in the locker bay and all proceeds are going to help support this year's prom. Bake sales similar to this one will continue to be held every Wednesday at lunch hour for the rest of April. As well, for the month of April, .25c from the sale of every can of pop sold at the school store, Honest Ernie's, will be donated to the Prom Committee.

In other Prom related fund raising news, members of the Committee were given Scratch 'n' Give cards on the Thursday before Easter weekend as another way to raise money. Each box scratched on the card will give the scratcher an entry into a raffle. The raffle contains prizes donated generously by local merchants and the draw will be held in the next few weeks.

Other tickets being sold this week include those for next week's Spring Dance. The dance is to be held on Thursday, April 15th from 7 pm - 11 pm. Tickets are available from the Ticket Booth in the locker bay during lunch periods and cost \$5 each for students of E. C. Drury High School and \$6 each for guests from outside the school. Tickets will only be on sale until Thursday at lunch so make sure you get yours in time!

Why attend the Spring Dance you ask? Well, it's the perfect time to celebrate the success of mid-term reports which will be distributed on the same day as the dance. We hope that all students are pleased with their results thus far and we wish you good luck in the remaining half of the semester as well.

That's about it for this week readers. We urge everyone to keep their fingers crossed for wonderful weekend weather and we'll see you all back here next week!



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Grade "A" News at MDHS
 By Jacqueline Bass and Marissa Cheskey



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We hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend. The entrepreneurs class at MDHS would like to thank all of the teachers and students that helped them out with their fund raising efforts last week. Congratulations to the winners of all the Easter draws, we're sure you enjoyed your prizes!

We would like to remind all of the Friends volunteers of the Closure Workshop being held on Tuesday, April 13 at Bishop Reding High School from 2:30-4:40 pm. If you cannot make it to the one it is also being held on Wednesday, April 14 in Burlington at the Halton C.A.S. Board Room from 12:30 to 2:30. Please RSVP for the Friends office at 333-4441 ext. 282. There will also be a recognition event for all volunteers, school contacts, principals, board members and Friends Steering Committee. This will be held on Monday, May 19 from 5:00 to 6:15 pm at Our Lady of Peace Elementary School in Oakville. Last but not least, there will also be a year end celebration on June 10 from 10:45 to 1:30 at Glen Abbey Recreation Centre in Oakville.

This Thursday the MDHS badminton team participated in the Halton Regional competition at Oakville Trafalgar School. The top seven teams will go to the halton Finals and from there the top four teams will go to GHCA. After that it's off to OFFSAA for the winners.

As well, this Thursday music students from across Halton participated in the Halton Showcase Concert held at Hamilton Place. They practiced all day for the big event and the concert was held at 7:00 pm. We hope that all of you had a great time!

Have a great weekend!

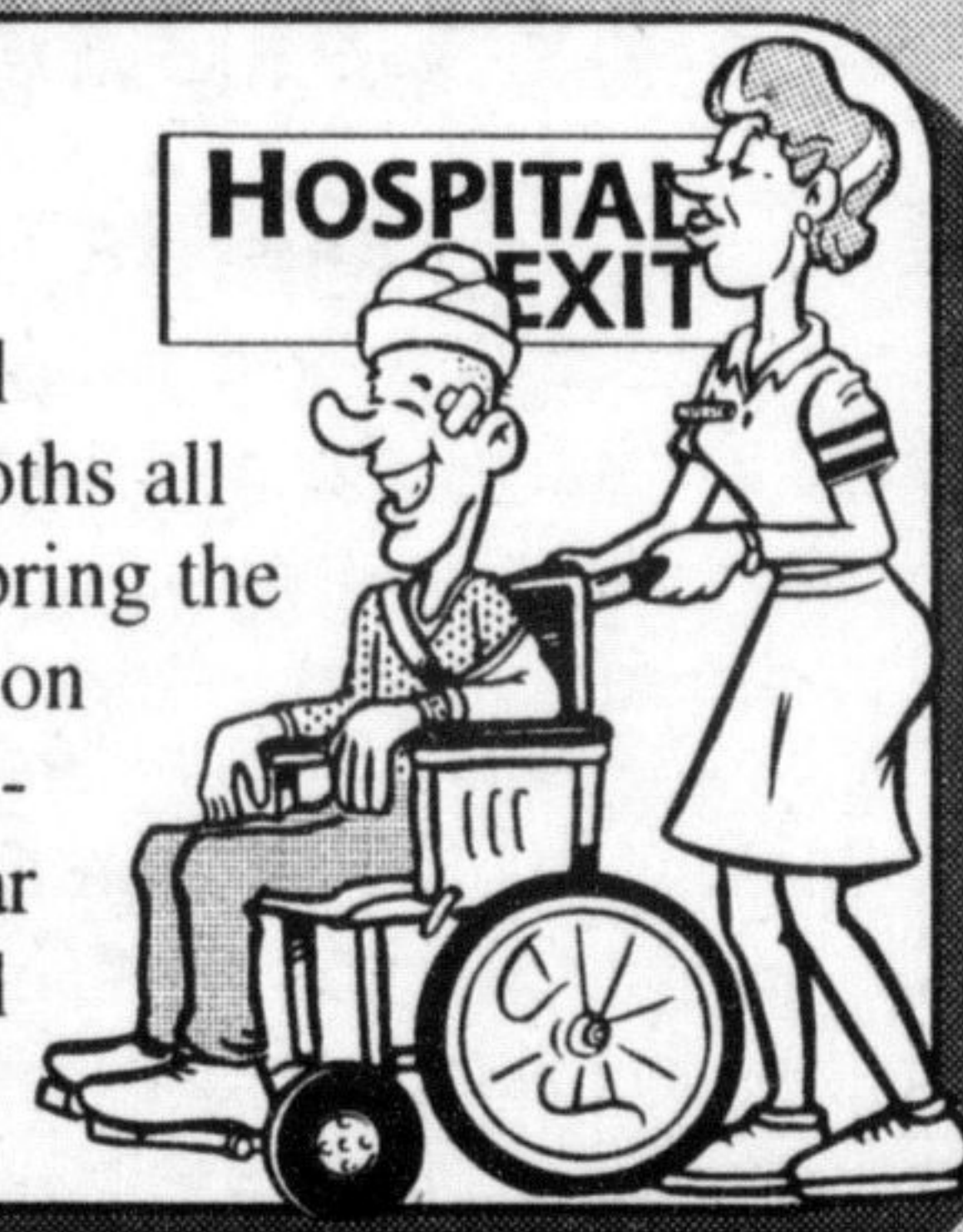
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See you at the Wellness Fair

The 10th Annual Wellness Fair takes place tomorrow, Saturday, April 10 at the Milton Mall. From 9:30 am until 4:00 pm you have the opportunity to visit more than 40 booths all in one convenient location! Visit the blood pressure clinic, bring the family for bike helmet fittings, stop by the diabetes education booth, and learn about Lifeline, laparoscopic surgery, infection control, healthy eating habits and much more. This year the Wellness Fair will include a special Teddy Bear Hospital - a great hands on experience for children of all ages.



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