

# Red Cross seeks donations

The North Halton Red Cross is urgently appealing for cash donations to help with the International Red Cross relief efforts in Bam, Iran.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies announced last week that it has increased its international appeal to \$53.9 million in response to the escalating humanitarian crisis in the earthquake-devastated city.

"The scale of the disaster is so great that emergency relief will be required for several months to come," said Juan Manuel Suarez

del Toro, president of the International Federation, while visiting Bam.

"The people of Bam need adequate shelter, food, health services and sanitation for the foreseeable future. If they don't get this, we risk seeing epidemics developing and more suffering and heartache."

The December 26 earthquake left more than 28,500 dead and more than 30,000 injured. The Iranian Red Crescent rescued 11,000 people from the rubble and has distributed emergency aid to survivors, but some 75,000 people are homeless with many thousands

still sleeping outdoors in freezing temperatures with little or no belongings.

Consequently, the threat of respiratory tract infections has risen sharply. In addition, the area traditionally suffers from endemic diseases such as malaria and has recently experienced typhoid and cholera epidemics.

Miltonians wanting to make financial donations for an immediate on-line receipt can visit [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca). They can also call the North Halton Red Cross at (905) 875-1459.

# Cold takes bite out of crime

The recent barrage of frigid temperatures isn't all bad.

It seems the cold weather has been keeping the criminals and mischief-makers inside with the rest of us, said Halton Regional

Police Det. Sgt. Don Cousens.

"It's been a down weekend," Det. Sgt. Cousens said. "It's been cold. There hasn't been a lot of activity."

This week, there's just one new

incident to report.

A Kemper snowboard was stolen from Glen Eden snow centre January 8.

It was valued at \$300. Police are investigating.

# Blood donor clinic Thursday

By making a blood donation, you can help save up to four lives.

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., will hold a blood donor clinic Thursday from 1:30 to 8 p.m.

Currently, only about 3.5 per cent of the eligible

Canadian population donates blood. But Canadian Blood Services is hoping this will increase to about 5 per cent in the next few years.

For more information or to book an appointment, call 1-888-236-6283. You can also visit [www.blood-services.ca](http://www.blood-services.ca).

If you witness breaking news, give us a call at (905) 878-2341, ext. 234.

## Crime Stoppers of Halton

# Home safe containing valuable jewelry stolen

Halton Regional Police are investigating a residential break-in.

Sometime between 1 and 5 p.m. December 10, suspects entered a First Line home by crawling through a connecting dog kennel door. Once inside, thieves stole a black Danier leather coat and a small safe containing cash, jewelry and passports.

The stolen jewelry includes ruby earrings, a pearl ring, a 24-karat gold crucifix and a 24-karat gold bracelet.

The total loss is valued at \$20,000.

If you have any information that leads to an arrest in this or any other matter, you may be eligible for a cash reward.

You will never have to give your name or testify in court. Crime Stoppers of Halton does not subscribe to call display. Please call 1-800-222-TIPS (1-800-222-8477) or check out Crime Stoppers' Web site at [www.haltoncrimestoppers.com](http://www.haltoncrimestoppers.com).

## ATTENTION -- PARENTS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS

### You are invited to attend a PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of students who are planning to attend Milton high schools in September 2004 are welcome to come and hear more about the Grade 9 program, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school (the school designated for their community). For more information, please contact the school office.

Milton District High School 905 878-2839  
Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

E.C. Drury High School 905 878-0575  
Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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## Women of Halton Invite YOU

to an International Women's Day Celebration

# The Dinner Party

A Fundraiser for S.A.V.I.S.  
Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services - Halton  
And  
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## SALLY ARMSTRONG

Keynote Speaker

International Journalist and Author, 'Veiled Threat'

**Date:** Wednesday, March 10, 2004  
**Time:** 6:00 pm Cash Bar, Community Tables  
7:00 pm Afghan Dinner  
8:00 Program  
**Place:** Galaxy 707 Club  
475 North Service Road  
Oakville, Ontario  
**Cost:** \$30.00

For Further Information and Tickets Contact

Catherine Long - Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario - Halton  
**905-332-1633**

S.A.V.I.S. - Halton - **905-825-3622**

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