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Pretty crafty

Retired peacekeeper Michael Comeau (right) and Main Street Yarns owners Samantha Atthew (left) and Carolyn Anstey hold a few of the more than 200 knitted dolls that were recently made at the local store during a knit-a-thon. The dolls are used as packing for medical supplies and will then be given to children in Third World countries.

Food drive nets 650,000 lbs.

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**
The Champion

A Campbellville woman and her daughter were the catalyst for the creation of an annual food drive that this year collected more than 650,000 pounds of food across Ontario.

It's the largest door-to-door food drive in Canada, and raised \$1.2 million worth of donations thanks to a partnership between rental property owners, managers and residents.

The drive, held April 12, involved more than 1,500 rental properties across Ontario — several buildings in Milton participated, including 82 Millside Dr., managed by Realstar property management — and more than 100,000 participants.

The goal of collecting 650,000

pounds of food was well exceeded, said Campbellville resident and key organizer Bonnie Hoy.

"It was phenomenal. It was so overwhelming — we were having trouble picking up all the food," said Ms Hoy, adding one building in Toronto collected 8,000 pounds of food.

All the food collected is going to food banks in the communities in which it was collected. Food collected in Milton will go to the local Salvation Army food bank.

"I appreciated seeing Milton participate and step up to the plate," Ms Hoy said.

The idea for the food drive actually came three years ago from Ms Hoy's daughter, Beverley, who was just nine at the time.

After watching the Milton Fire Department driving down their

street collecting donations from each home, Beverley said food could be collected more efficiently from apartment buildings.

As one of the leading public relations and marketing consultants to landlords across the country, Ms Hoy said she knew it was within her capability to organize. And it grew from there.

Today, Beverley is still very involved with the project.

"It just goes to show you how a child can force you to do the right thing," Ms Hoy said, adding the event now involves 10,000 volunteers and 10 major corporations who pick up the food.

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Barbecue for charity at M&Ms

Enjoy a hamburger or hotdog for a good cause Saturday at M&M Meat Shops' annual charity barbecue in support of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC).

The fundraiser event, at 420 Main St. E., will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Milton Mayor Gord Krantz manning the grill from noon to 1 p.m.

The Canada-wide goal is to raise \$1.3 million for the CCFC. The money will be used to help find a cure for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), which affects more than 170,000 Canadians and has no known cure.

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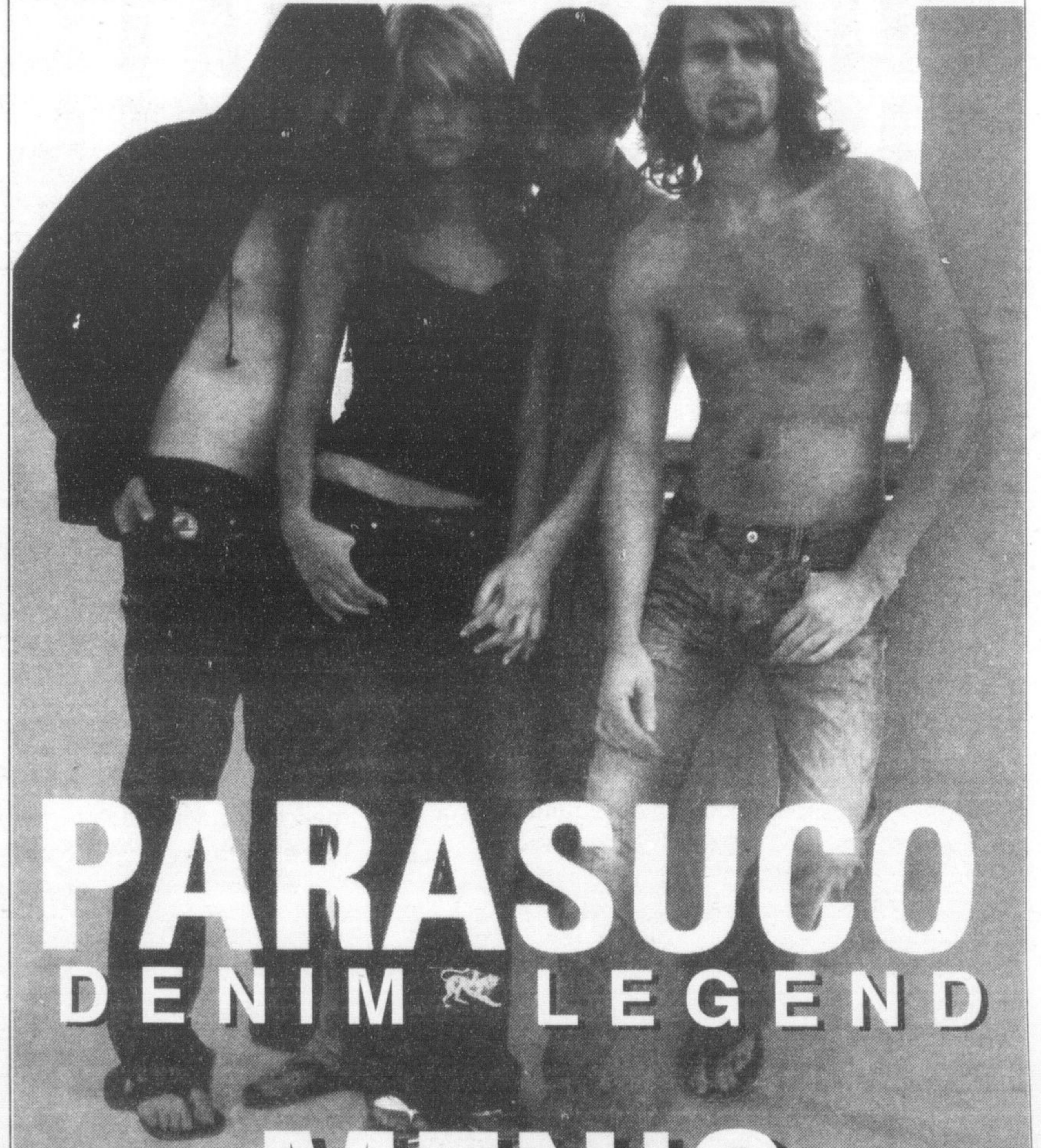
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