

Disaster assistance program recruiting volunteers

Program information session to be held Wednesday

It was 5:30 a.m. when Jeff got the call from the Red Cross dispatcher.

For the past two years, Jeff had been a volunteer with the Red Cross's Personal Disaster Assistance Program.

He was on volunteer call for the week, so he quickly got ready and was out of the house in minutes with his Red Cross help kit. The Red Cross had given Jeff free training to help families of personal disasters like fires, gas leaks and floods.

Sound interesting? On Wednesday, the North Halton branch of the Canadian Red Cross will hold

a free information session from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for people interested in the agency's role in disaster services and Personal Disaster Assistance (PDA) — and how residents, like Jeff, can become involved.

It will take place at the Milton police station on Childs Drive.

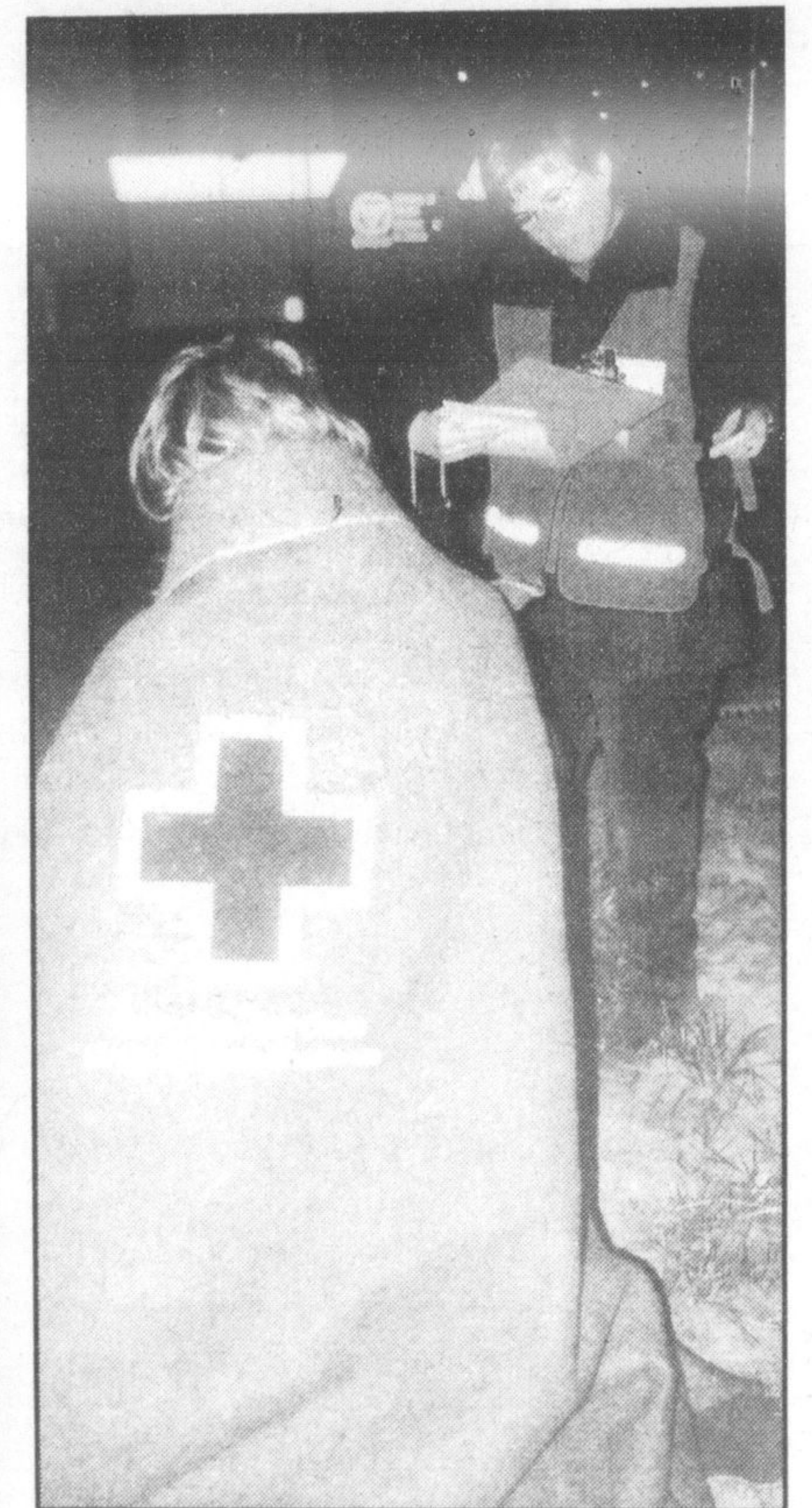
PDA teams respond to emergencies that find individuals or families in need of assistance. Thanks to community support, these volunteers can offer shelter, clothing, food, personal needs items and a shoulder to lean on during times of cri-

sis.

Back to Jeff. This was his second time responding to a call to help families in need. The last time, he helped a family in Acton whose house had a fire in the basement. The house was badly damaged, and the family was new to the area and had no friends or family.

Jeff arranged their food, shelter and other requirements for a few days, much to the family's relief.

For more information about the information evening or how to become involved with PDA, call the Red Cross North Halton branch at (905) 875-1459.



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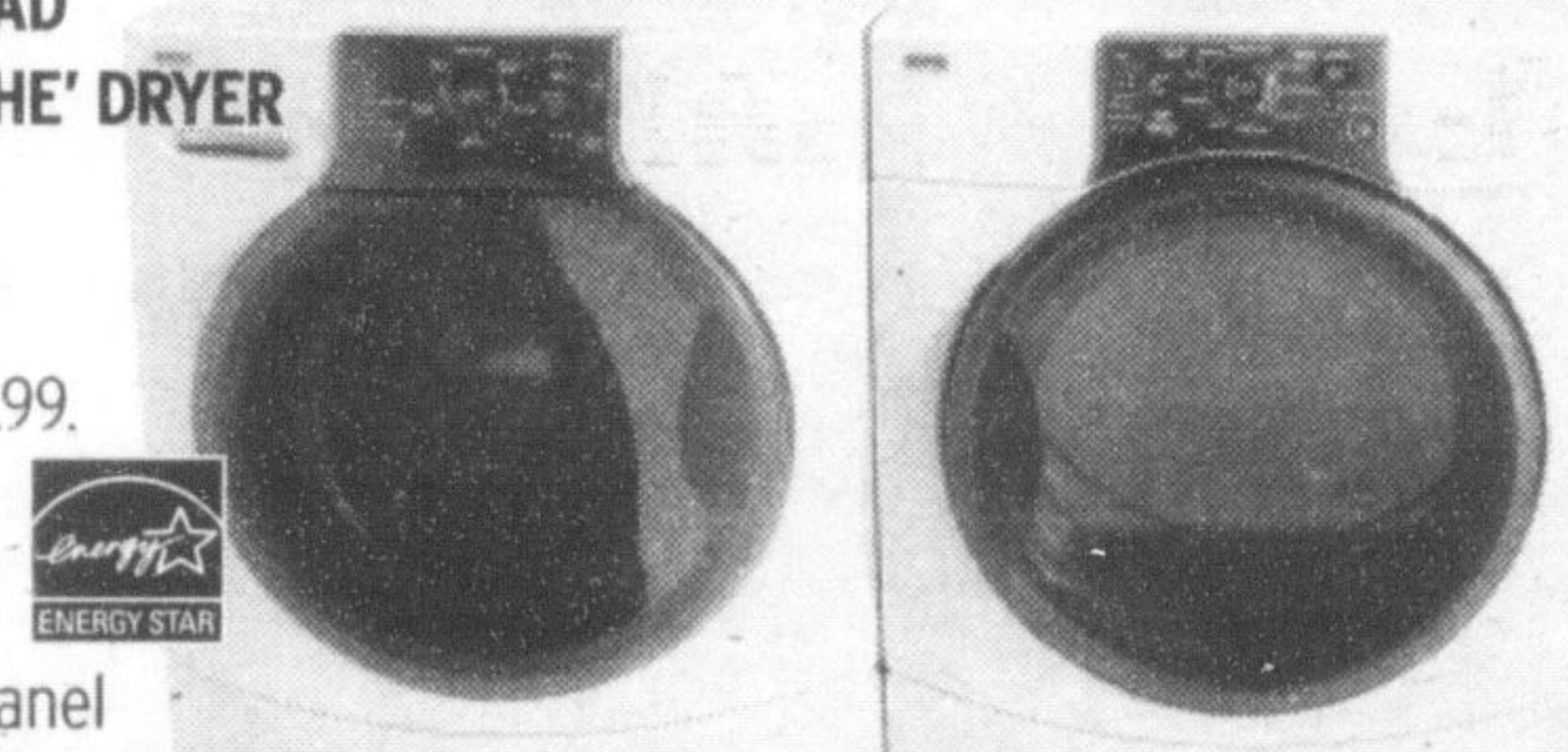
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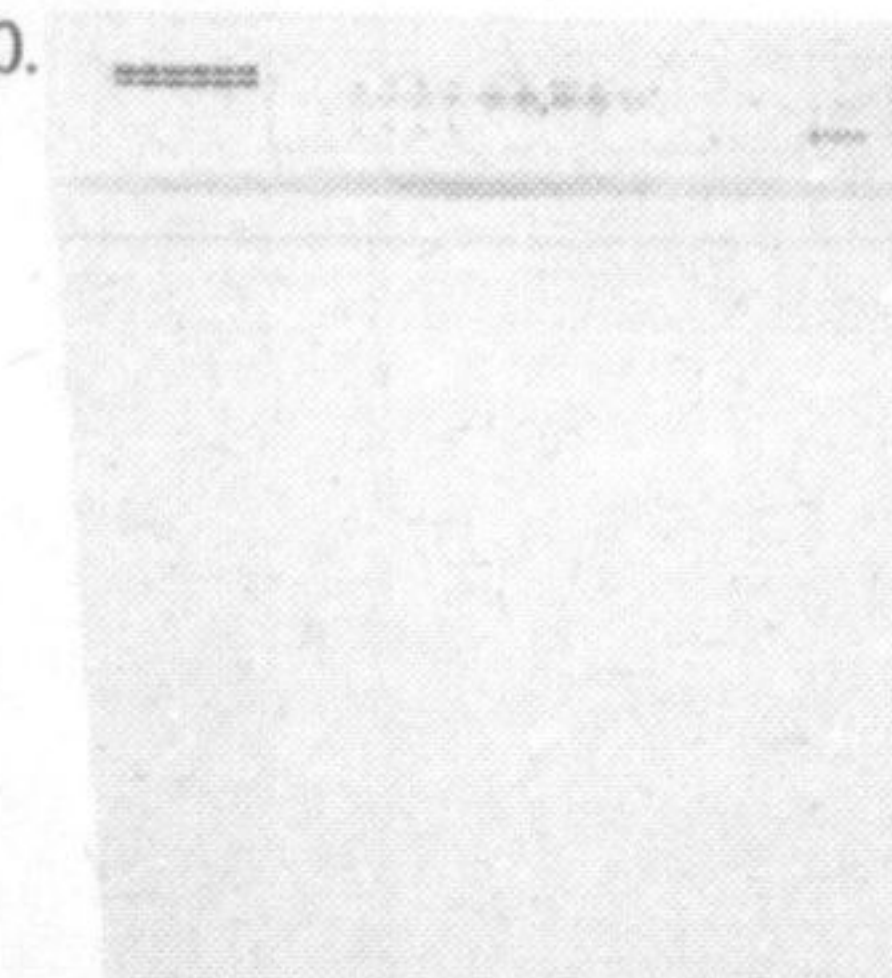


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