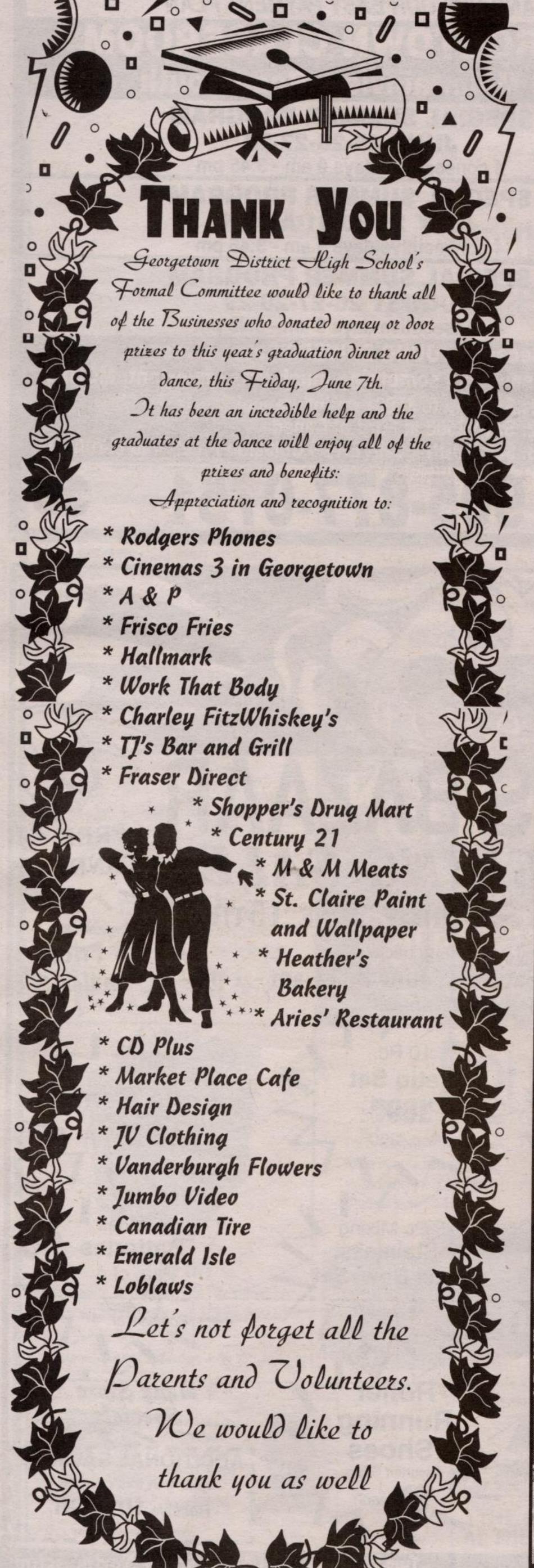


Congratulations

Lesley Bruce, Jim & Debbie Scarlett along with Jim and Joan Lowrie are pleased to announce the engagement of Julie & Jason.

Wedding to take place on November 30, 2002



Red Cross, fire department team up for disaster program

to provide Red Cross' Personal Disaster Assistance program in Halton Hills.

North Halton Red Cross and Halton Hills Fire Department recently signed a one-year Memorandum of Understanding to set out organizational responsibilities. The fire department contacted the Red Cross about the program after two major fires in Halton Hills last fall.

While the fire department is wellequipped to deal with emergencies, followup support for the victims of fires is lacking, according to a report written by the department's Chief of Operations, Larry Brassard.

"In our community, neighbours, friends and family members often step forward to lend a hand to those in need, just as they have done for decades. However, in some cases, even these resources are lacking or non-existent."

The North Halton Red Cross, with its recent opening of its office on Nipissing Rd. in Milton, is now able to offer its range of services more fully to the residents of Halton Hills, including the Personal Disaster Program, Brassard said.

This program will assist people by providing lodging, clothing, food, personal and family reunification and referral to other community agencies as required for the first three days after the disaster. The local branch is capable even "small scale disasters"— affecting up to 50 people.

The fire department's main contribution will be to provide training to the two Red Cross volunteers who will be liaising with the department.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer



Rodeo rider

Casey Lyons, 8, of Glen Williams Public School, was one of the more than 200 kids who took part in the school's bike rodeo held recently in the playground of the school. The rodeo, sponsored by State Farm Insurance, Up Your Bike and Ollie's Cycle and Ski, featured obstacle courses to challenge the kids, safety checks for the bikes and safety tips from Halton Regional Police.

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