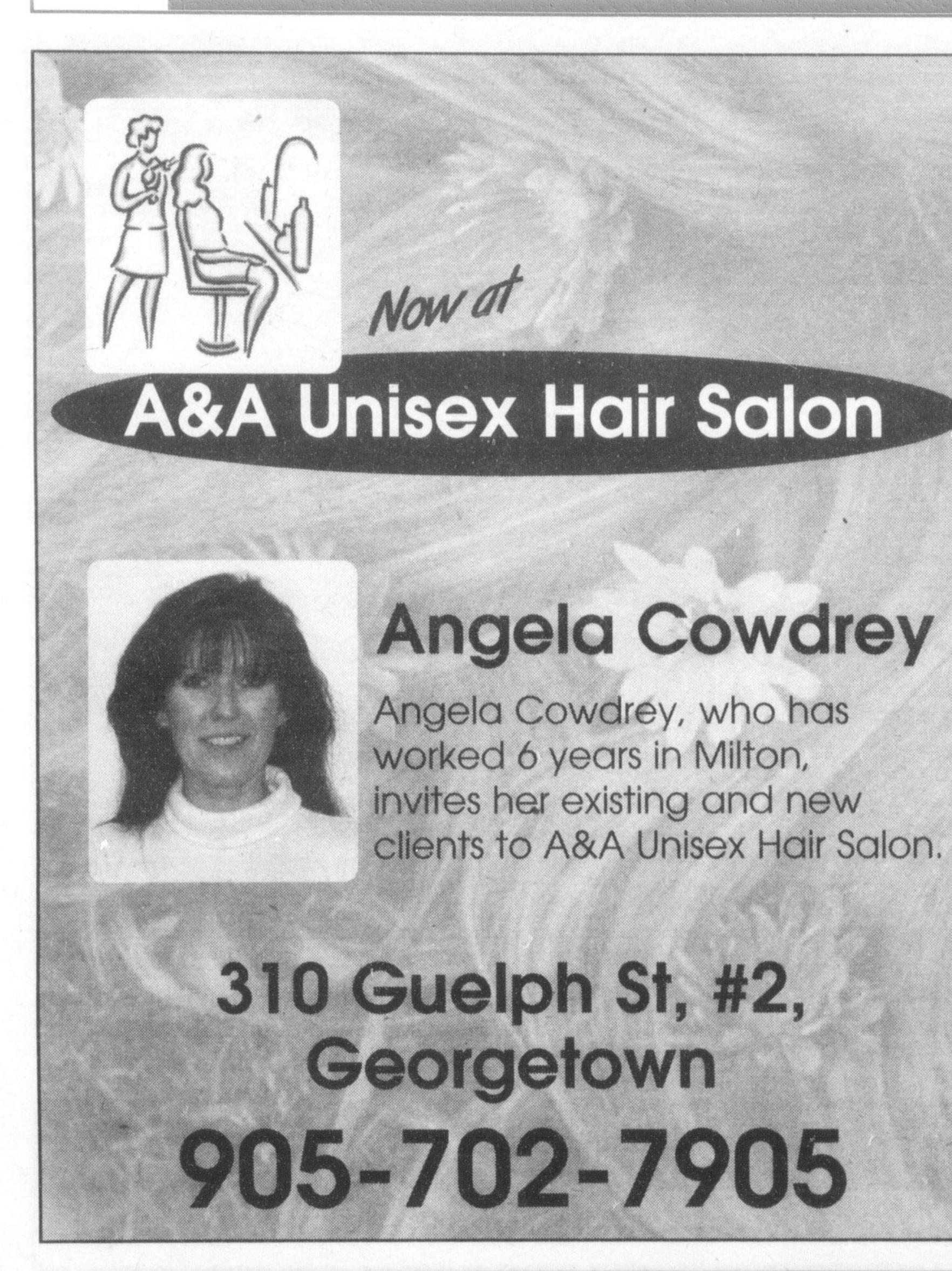


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## Participants spend time with old friends, make new ones

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loved ones who've lost the fight to cancer and to honour those who've won the battle. Luminaries can be purchased on behalf of a loved one, and a photo of that person can be dropped off at The Champion — at 875 Main St. E. — to be displayed on a screen during the ceremony.

"It's magical," Ms Chudleigh said of the Luminary Ceremony.

Ms Blay has been participating with Ms Chudleigh for the past three — and soon to be four — years.

"It turned out to be a night no words can explain," Ms Blay said of her first year taking part.

Spending time with old friends and making new ones while everyone's working toward the same cause is unforgettable, she explained, adding, "I've known several people who've fought cancer. To me, there's always room to make more money for research."

Mother and daughter pair Denise and Victoria Prior are also part of Ms Chudleigh's team. This is Ms Prior's second year participating, and 13-year-old Victoria's first.

"We're in this because many of our friends and family have been touched with cancer in one way or another," Ms Prior said.

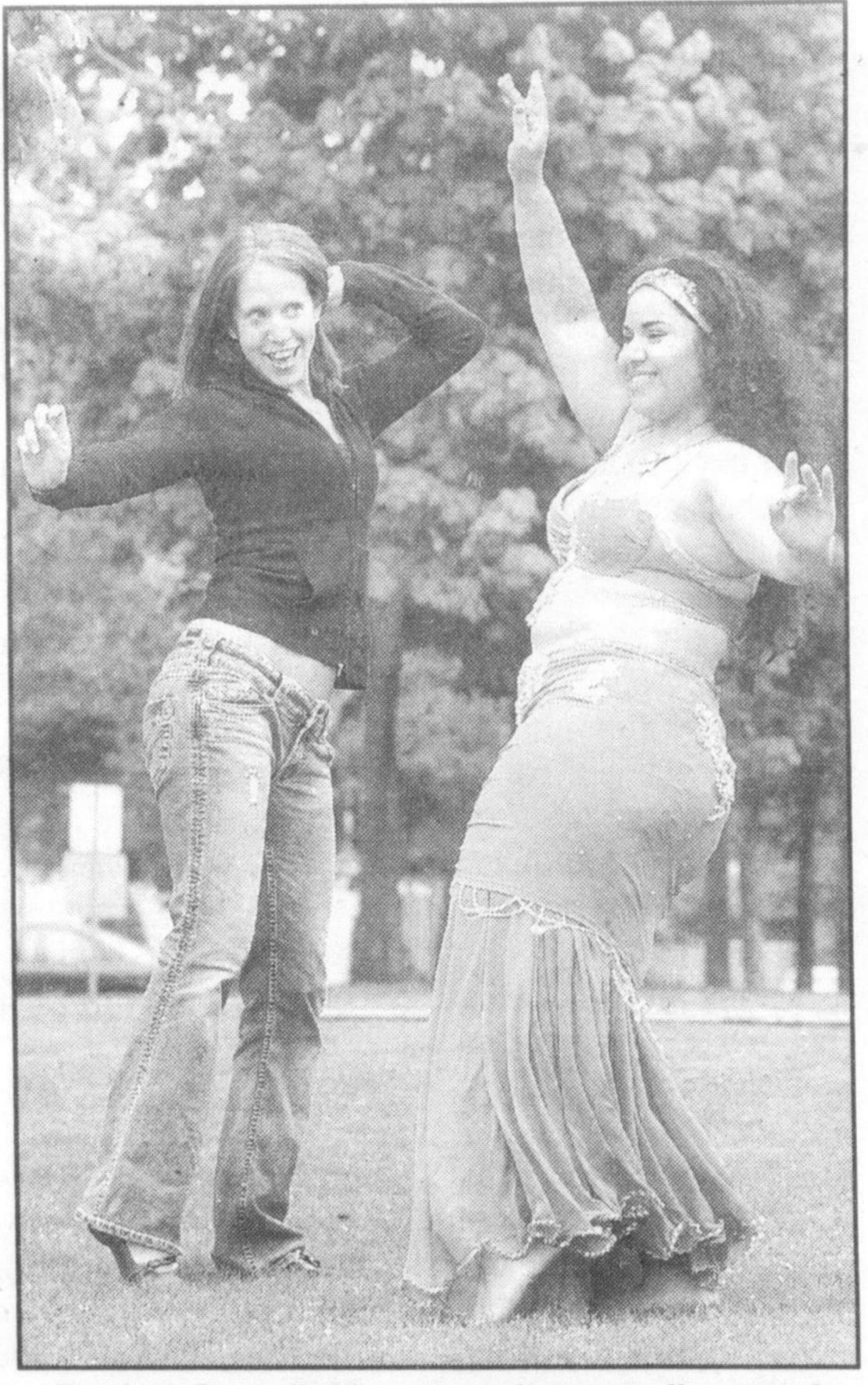
It didn't take long for her to decide to get on board last year, since she'd just lost a very young family member to cancer, she said.

"I did it in a heart beat... (People with cancer) have many sleepless nights, so I figure I can give up one to honour them," she said, adding it's a touching, rewarding experience.

Last year Victoria was quite interested in the relay, and this year she decided to take part, Ms Prior said.

"Last year my mom looked like she was having fun," Victoria said, explaining one of her reasons for participating.

For more information about the Relay for Life, or to make a donation on-line, visit www.cancer.ca or call



Rachel Burt (left), entertainment director for the Relay for Life, gets into the spirit of things with belly dancing instructor Hiba of the Rakasseh Studio. Belly dancing will be among the entertainment at the Relay for Life.

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