

## Pre-Christmas craft and bake sale

### ASSIC ALERT

The Acton Parent-Child Resource Centre will be holding its annual pre-Christmas craft and bake sale this Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm. A light lunch will be available as well as a bake table full of delicious home-baked treats!

Admission is free for this

popular event that features local artisans. The craft and bake sale will be held at the Centre at 85 Wallace St.

During the fall there are numerous craft and bake sales and bazaars going on that are well-advertised in our community. Please try to get out and support these worthwhile fund-raising events!



*Congratulations to*

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*who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 20, 1995.*

*Love, Dianne & Dave, Georgina and John and families*



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**FLASH - NEW ITEM!**

The Red Dog makes great Pastas! And now we want to share them with you and a friend. Every Tuesday is "2 for 1 Pasta Tuesday". Each week several pasta dishes will be featured at the regular price. Buy one and get the second one for free. (Served with a beverage and Sorry - No Take Out).

We're certain that these delightful specials, carefully prepared by our "Red Dog Chefs", will convince you to come back again and again.

There is no place for a relaxing, enjoyable meal or drink like Acton's own Red Dog Café.

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## Down's parent: 'We get more'

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Sara Lo Turco is like many 5-year-olds. She's obsessed with Barney the Dinosaur, loves to swim, rides a bike, plays in a sandbox and gets a thrill wrestling with her older brother.

Sara also has Down Syndrome, a genetic disorder which occurs at conception. It usually causes delays and limitations in physical and intellectual development.

But if you think Marilyn and Francis Lo Turco don't and will not experience the same joys and challenges experienced by all parents, you're wrong.

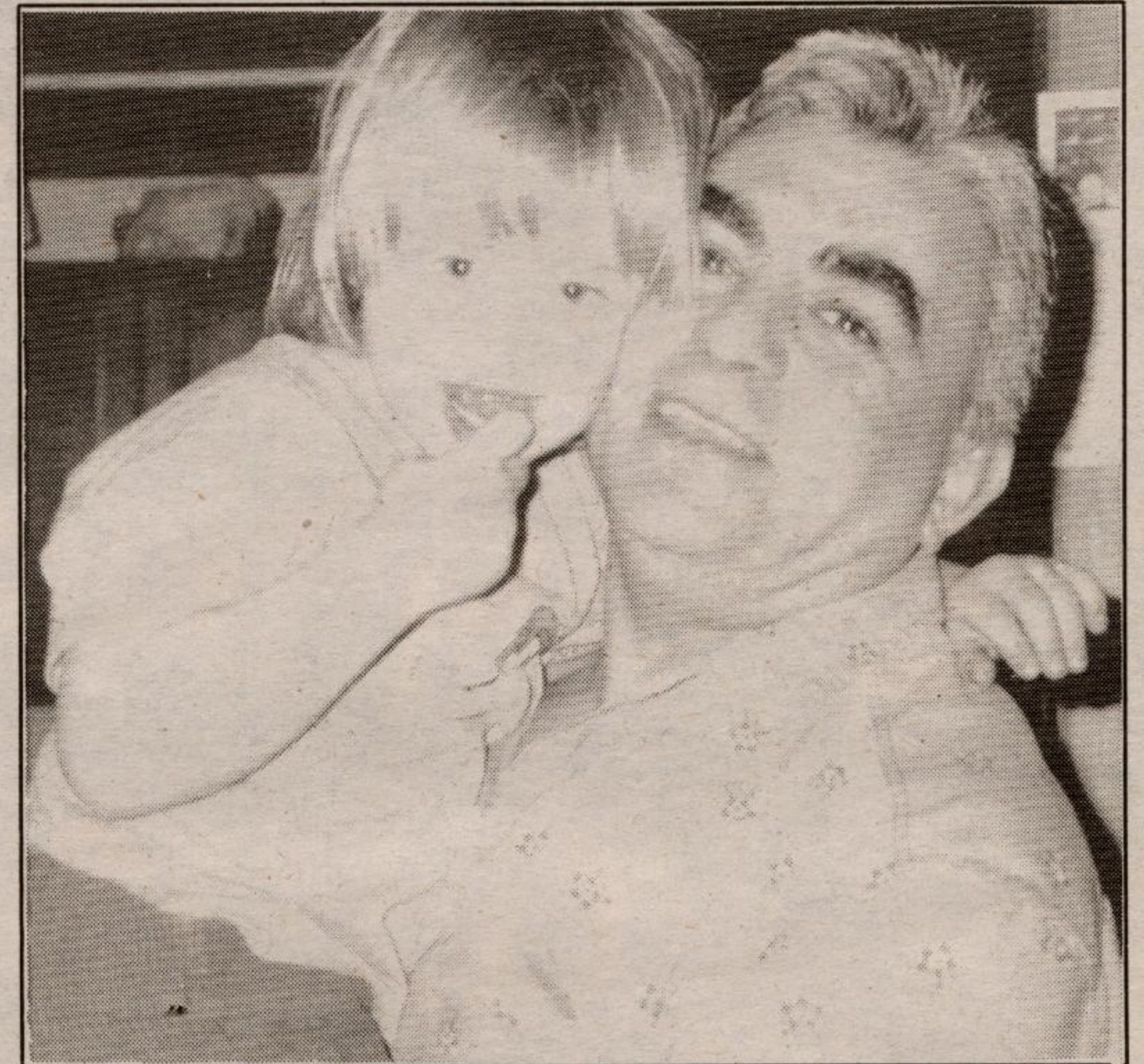
"We get more," explained Marilyn on Monday, as Sara and a friend viewed a Barney videotape. "because everything she accomplishes, we notice. Other 'normal' kids are expected to pull them out of a hat, that they will evolve.

"We make sure the stimulation is there and she grows. It's terrific. Whatever you give them (Down's kids), if and when they get it, they've got it."

Today (Wednesday) through next Tuesday has been proclaimed National Down Syndrome Awareness Week.

The Canadian Down Syndrome Society, in collaboration with its member and affiliate groups - the Lo Turcos are members of the Halton Down Syndrome Association - will conduct a public awareness campaign to focus attention on the unique strengths and needs of people with Down Syndrome.

Sara, who attends Kindergarten classes at Robert Little three half-days a week and two half-days at the Kindergarten Language Centre at Georgetown's Park



**BIG HUG!** Acton's Sara Lo Turco, 5, and her dad Francis share a tender moment at Christmas last year. (Submitted photo)

School, has many strengths.

According to her gross motor skill assessment last week, Sara's ability to ride, jump, balance and ride a tricycle is the same as any "normal" 5-year-old.

She also knows the alphabet, the concept of upper and lower case letters, her colours and can count to 20.

"I never look at her as a Down's kid. She's tremendously healthy and doesn't have the characteristics that give her away (as a Down's kid)," Marilyn stated.

Independence when Sara gets older, her future family life and whether they want their daughter in an apartment living with someone or in a group home are challenges that Marilyn and Francis

will face in the coming years.

"But she has a lot of friends, which is good for her at this age," said Marilyn, hinting the road ahead could be a little rocky. "I imagine it will get worse when she's older because her friends are going to get smarter and will get their fears."

Sara is part of a loving family. Her half-brother, Alex, 15, visits her from California in the summer. And her other brother, 7-year-old Matthew, is already becoming protective.

"Alex and Sara adore each other. It's sickening," Marilyn chuckles.

"And Matthew is learning to play more with her. Sara's at that stage where she's not just a pain in the neck to him."

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