

# Plan lesbian, gay pride event in Halton

The Halton Anti-Homophobia Committee has received funding from the Halton Healthy Community

Fund to establish a community committee with a mandate to coordinate the first ever lesbian and gay pride event

in Halton.

"Halton Pride 2000" is scheduled to take place next summer. The day's events will be decided by the Community Committee, but options being investigated include an agency fair and entertainment (bands, dance, literary readings, and more). There will also be an educational component which will promote healthy living, emotional and physical well-being, safety of all people, and awareness of the diversity within the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community.

The Halton Anti-Homophobia Committee is a group of educators, youth, health care and social service providers, and concerned community members who have come together for the purpose of raising community awareness on the issue of homophobia. Members of the committee include: The Halton

Rape Crisis Centre, Halton Regional Health Department, Burlington Counselling and Family Services, Halton Regional Police Services, parents, friends and families of Lesbians and Gays, and Ontario March of Dimes.

Anyone interested in being on the Community Committee to plan "Halton Pride 2000," please send your resume and a letter of application explaining how you will contribute to the Community Committee by Friday, Dec. 3, 1999 to Halton Anti-Homophobia

Committee, c/o Halton Rape Crisis Centre, Attention: Julie Pehar, 1515 Rebecca St., Suite 227, Oakville, ON L6L 5G8.



**CREAM AND SUGAR?** Megan and Caitlin Wheatley were among those who served tea at St. Joseph's Church bazaar on Saturday. They are the grandchildren of Kevin and Julie Conroy of Acton, daughters of their daughter Theresa.

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### Youth Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers will be needed to assist at the new Acton Youth Centre. We are looking for people who are dedicated and committed to serving the youth of Acton to help with recreational activities and special events. The Centre will be open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. If

you are interested in this volunteer opportunity please call Sue at 853-3310.

### Acton Women's Association Meeting:

The next meeting of the Acton Women's Association will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, 1999 from 10 to 12 in the Community Room at Cobblehill Co-op (53 Cook Street).

Craft instructor Susan Coyne will show us how to create a beautiful Victorian Swag decoration to place over a door or window. A variety of materials will be used including preserved cedar and silk flowers. The cost for the craft is \$20. and includes all materials.

To register, please call Cathy at Halton Hills Community Support and Information at 853-3310. Pre-payment is appreciated and the money can be dropped off at our office at 45 Mill Street East, Acton. The Acton Women's Association meets monthly and is open to women of all ages. We hope you will join us!

## Bill receives award

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grandchildren to a parade, only on a larger scale, and he does this for the kids in the community." Chief Cunningham said, adding Bill's wife Diane, received a dozen long-stem red roses for picking up the slack at home when Bill is busy with the parade.

While every parade is a good one as far as Spielvogel is concerned, he thought this year's parade was "great" and a real "crowd-pleaser."

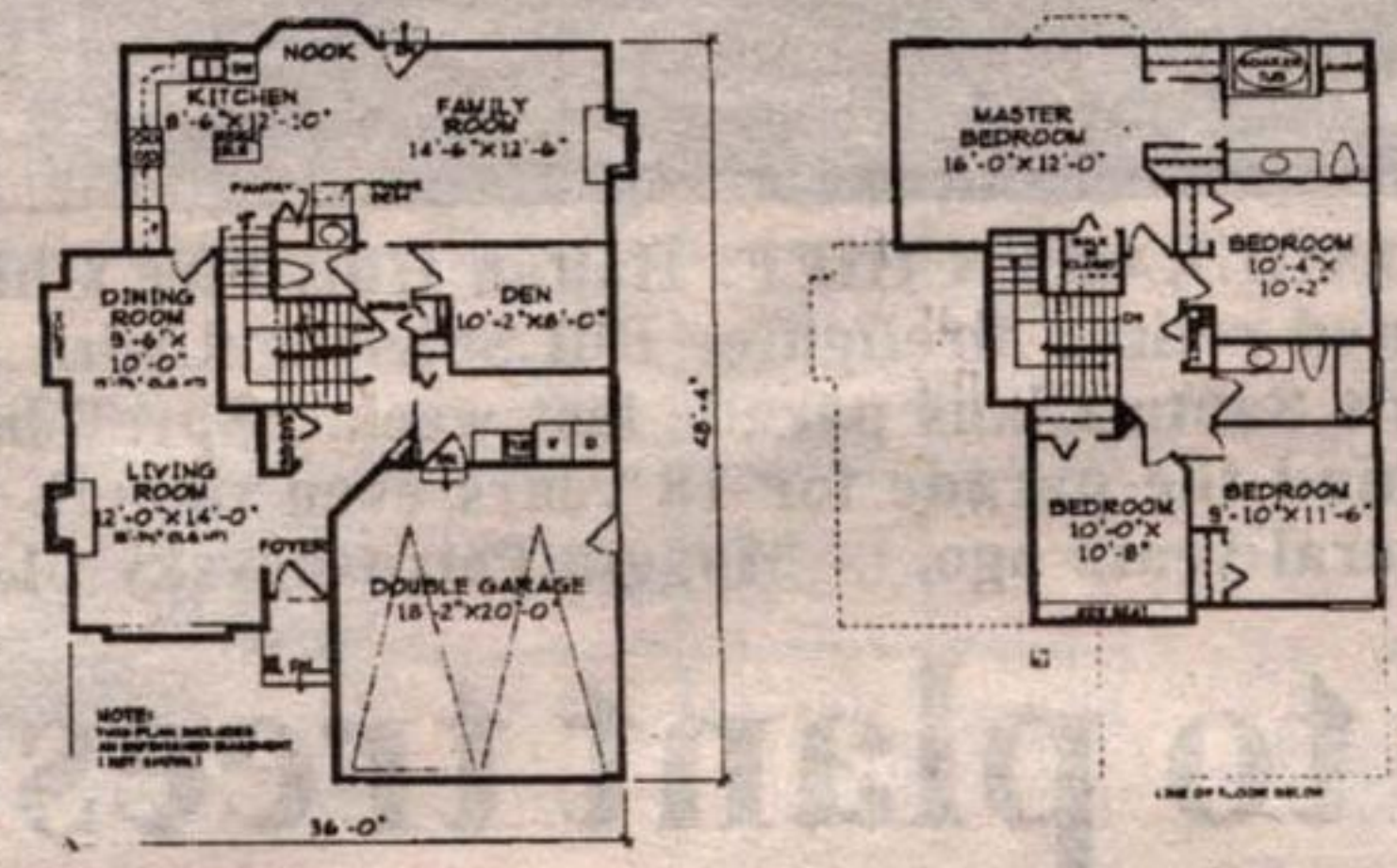
For the second year in a row, the float entered by St. Joseph's Catholic school won best over-all - and \$100 - in the parade that featured over 50 entrants. Their float featured a millennium clock and approximately 60 students showing kids through the ages.

The Kinette and Kinsmen float won the best service club entry. The "Off the Wall" Acton youth centre float - featuring a disco Santa - won best commercial float for Halton Hills Community Support and Information. Marching students from Robert Little school, led by Little Robert and dressed as robots, aliens and space creatures of the future, won the best school entry.

In the "other" category, it was a repeat win for Friends of Worden View - a group of residents from the neighbourhood east of Acton, whose float included Victorian village scenes. They won best overall last year as well.

With the last parade of the millennium barely over, Spielvogel said he's already lining up floats and entrants for next year.

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