

## Leisure...

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Acton Councillor Clark Somerville argued against the additional costs, saying it's not prudent to "just damn the torpedoes and go full speed ahead." to end up with potential tax increases. He suggested it was time to choose one project, or the other, but not do both. Staff said they

said they would bring back a report within weeks on the possible sources for supplementary funding.

Councillors were also briefed on a very ambitious fund raising campaign with a goal of \$2 million that will officially kickoff May 28. The leisure centre will open in the fall of 2001. The new arena is scheduled to be ready for the 2001 ice season.

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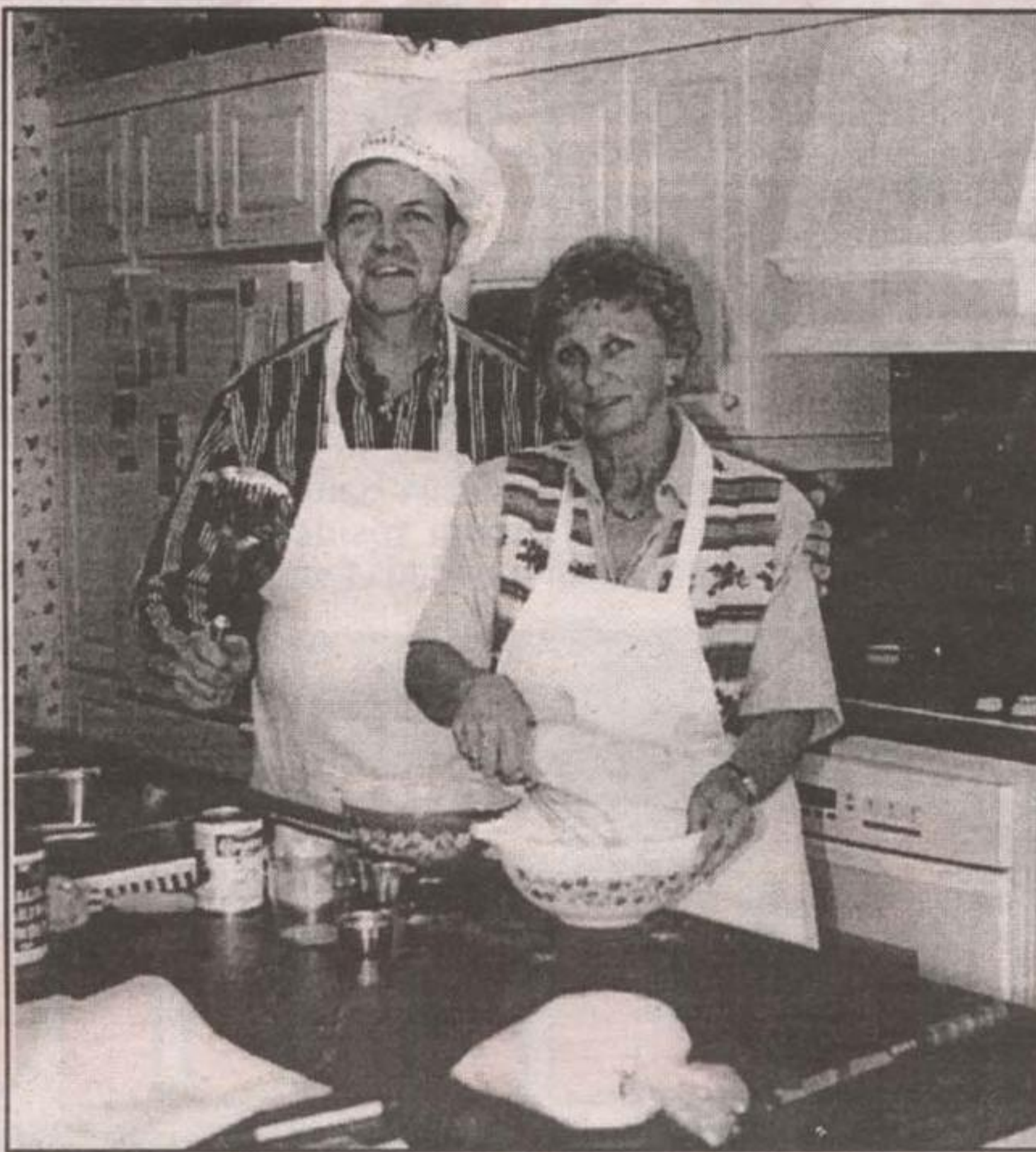
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**COMMUNITY CUISINE:** Acton's Lloyd McIntyre and Mary Ann Austin will be cooking for 300 people at the first Acton Community Brunch on Sunday, March 26. Organizers hope the millennium project will foster a sense of community. - Frances Niblock photo

## Community brunch...

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who we are as a community," McIntyre said, adding people are searching for a way to belong in a fast paced high-tech world.

"Smaller communities need individuals to take on something - sometimes it's your turn to do it," McIntyre said, laughing that Austin lured him to the project with home-baked cookies.

"Look at the success of the trunk sale and events at the school and the various churches. Everybody likes to eat and to get together on the last Sunday of the month for a brunch will be an event that hopefully will draw people from all parts of our town."

Organizers have scheduled four brunches and hope community groups will want to get involved as a fundraiser.

"Maybe one of groups like the Scouts or one of the sports groups could provide people to look after cooking and serving and they would get a portion of the funds," McIntyre, adding one group has expressed interest and the Rotary Club of Acton provided some seed money to get the project started.

Organizers are attempting to purchase their supplies locally - they've ordered 50 dozen eggs for the first brunch - and have had several recipe testing/baking sessions.

The brunches will be held on the last Sunday of the month from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., with the first one on March 26, in the community centre at the arena. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, fruit cups, deserts and beverages for \$5 per person and preschoolers are free.

## POLICE BEAT

### Fake cash

Halton police caution merchants and shoppers to check their bills carefully following a "phenomenal increase" in the amount of counterfeit cash being passed, especially in North Halton. The latest incident involved a counterfeit \$100 bill, deposited by an Acton business at the Bank of Montreal, last week.

### Van scratched

At least \$1,000 damage was done to a 1999 Ford Windstar van parked in a Churchill Road north driveway between March 1 and 4. A sharp object was used to

scratch the paint along the entire right side of the vehicle.

### Water help

At 6:06 p.m. on Friday, Acton firefighters were called to a fully involved house fire on Twiss Road in Milton. Acton crews provided tanker assistance helped by shuttling water to the scene from a hydrant.

Later that evening at 7:45 p.m., crews were called to an area behind the Mill Street police station where youths were seen lighting a piece of paper on fire before running from the scene. No damage reported.

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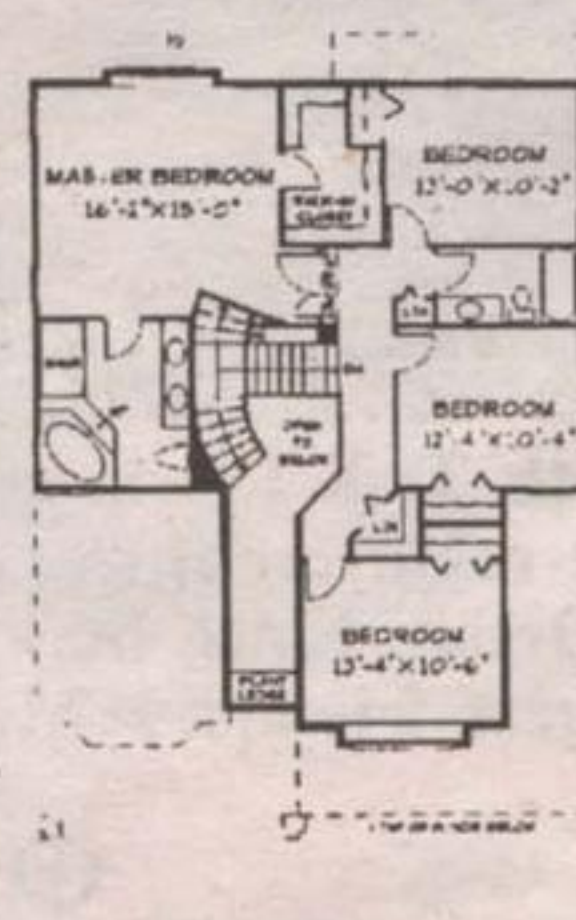
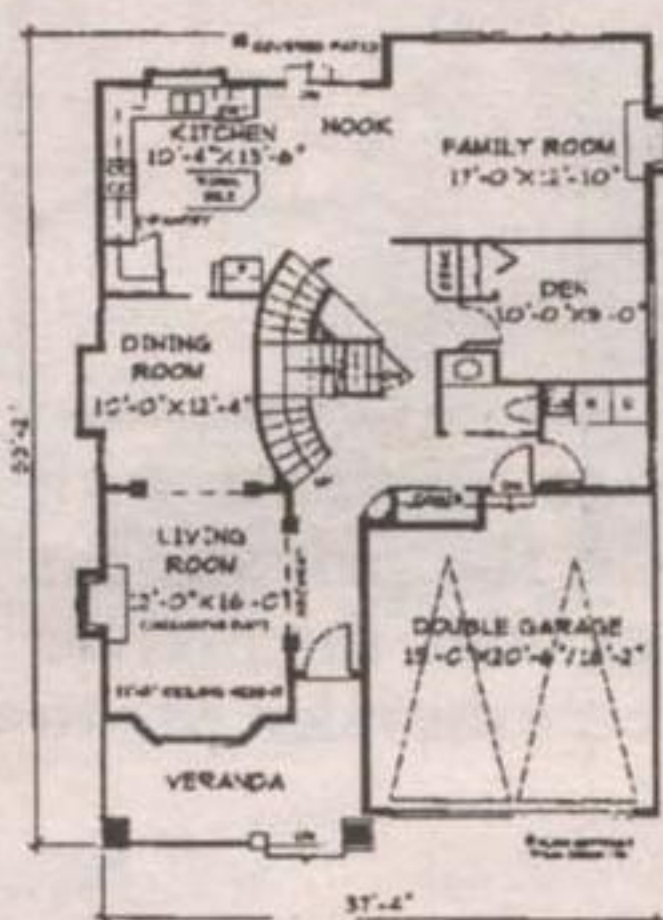
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