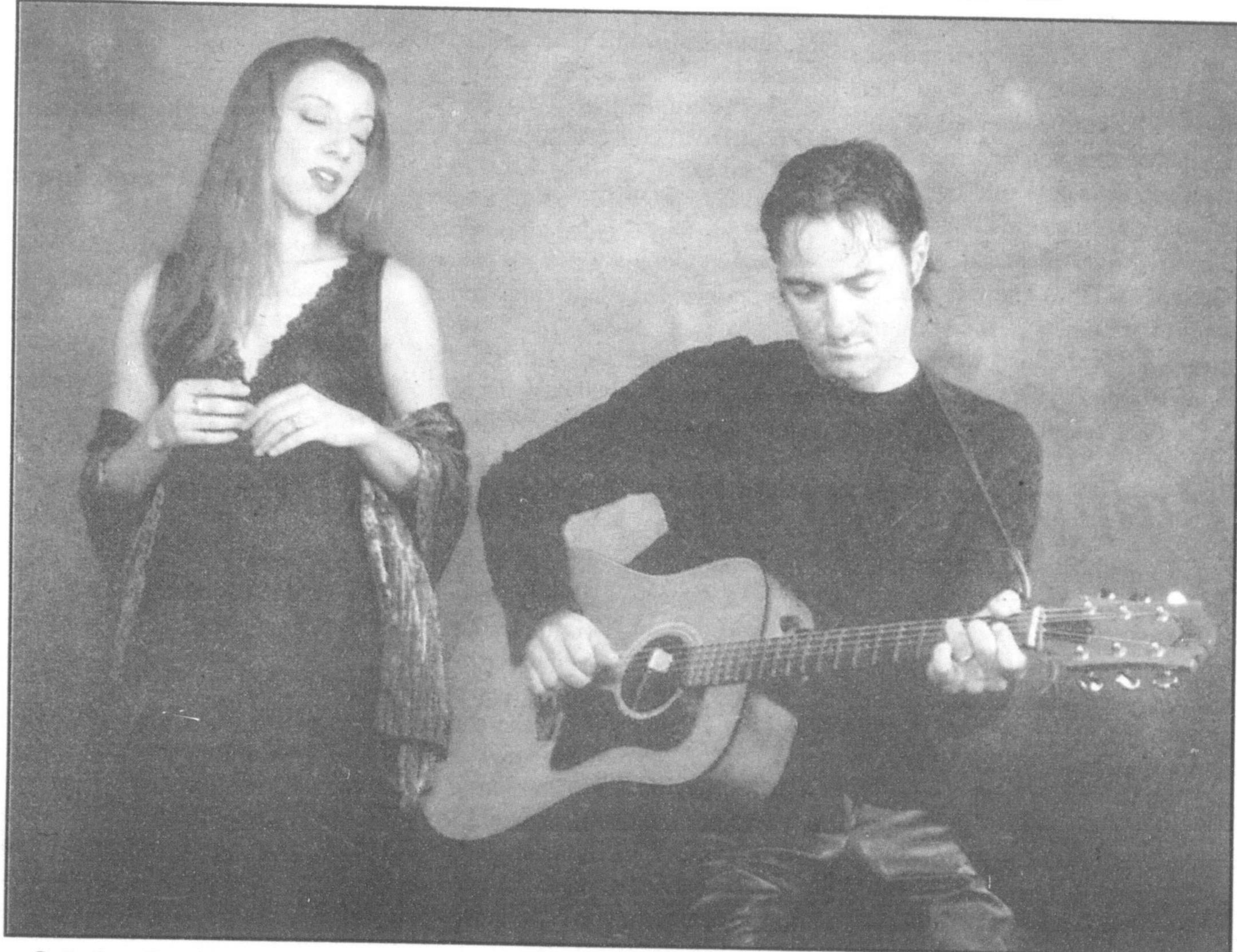
ENTOUTINEMENT

Musical duo keeping pizza patrons entertained



Catarina Cardeal and Mike Siracusa have been blending their musical talents over the past few years and have a CD in the works.

Celtic Tenors to sing for charity

They were discovered in London five years ago, and since then have performed internationally.

Wednesday, Halton residents will have a chance to, hear for themselves the Celtic Tenors performing their enchanting brand of music.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, 130 Navy St., with a champagne reception at 7:15 p.m.

This fundraising concert is being held in support of Wellspring Halton-Peel, a cancer support centre.

The trio from Ireland was discovered in an impromptu audition in 2000 and immediately signed to an international record deal. They've just released a

The classically trained tenors — Niall Morris, James Nelson and Matthew Gilsenan - will be joined by special guest soprano Deidre Shannon and musical director David Munro.

Wellspring Halton-Peel provides a wide range of cancer support programs and services to serve the emotional, social and informational needs of men, women and children living with cancer, and those who care for them.

Tickets cost \$100 each and are available by calling Wellspring at (905) 257-1988. Or, send an e-mail to

Pair now regulars at Portabello's

By STEPHANIE THIESSEN

The Champion

he's Portuguese and he's Italian, but what Catarina Cardeal Mike Siracusa have in common are family backgrounds rich in music.

They both know what it's like to gather around the dinner table with the whole family and sing together. And both know the importance of delving into their own heritages by exploring the music of their ancestors.

She began singing fado, traditional Portuguese music, while he and his guitar gravitated toward rock 'n' roll. But when Ms Cardeal and Mr. Siracusa ended up performing together, it was no surprise that their different sounds blended beautifully, fused by their similar growing up experiences.

What they ended up with was cutting edge - fado with a contemporary, bluesy

"It's a really good feeling to know we can be ourselves up there and people are gravitating to it," Mr. Siracusa said.

Together, Ms Cardeal and Mr. Siracusa make up the group 15, which can be heard every Thursday night starting at 8:30 p.m. at Portabello's restaurant on Derry Road, near Trudeau Drive. They began playing there four months ago at the Italian eatery's grand opening.

The musicians, who live in Brampton and Etobicoke, spoke excitedly about how

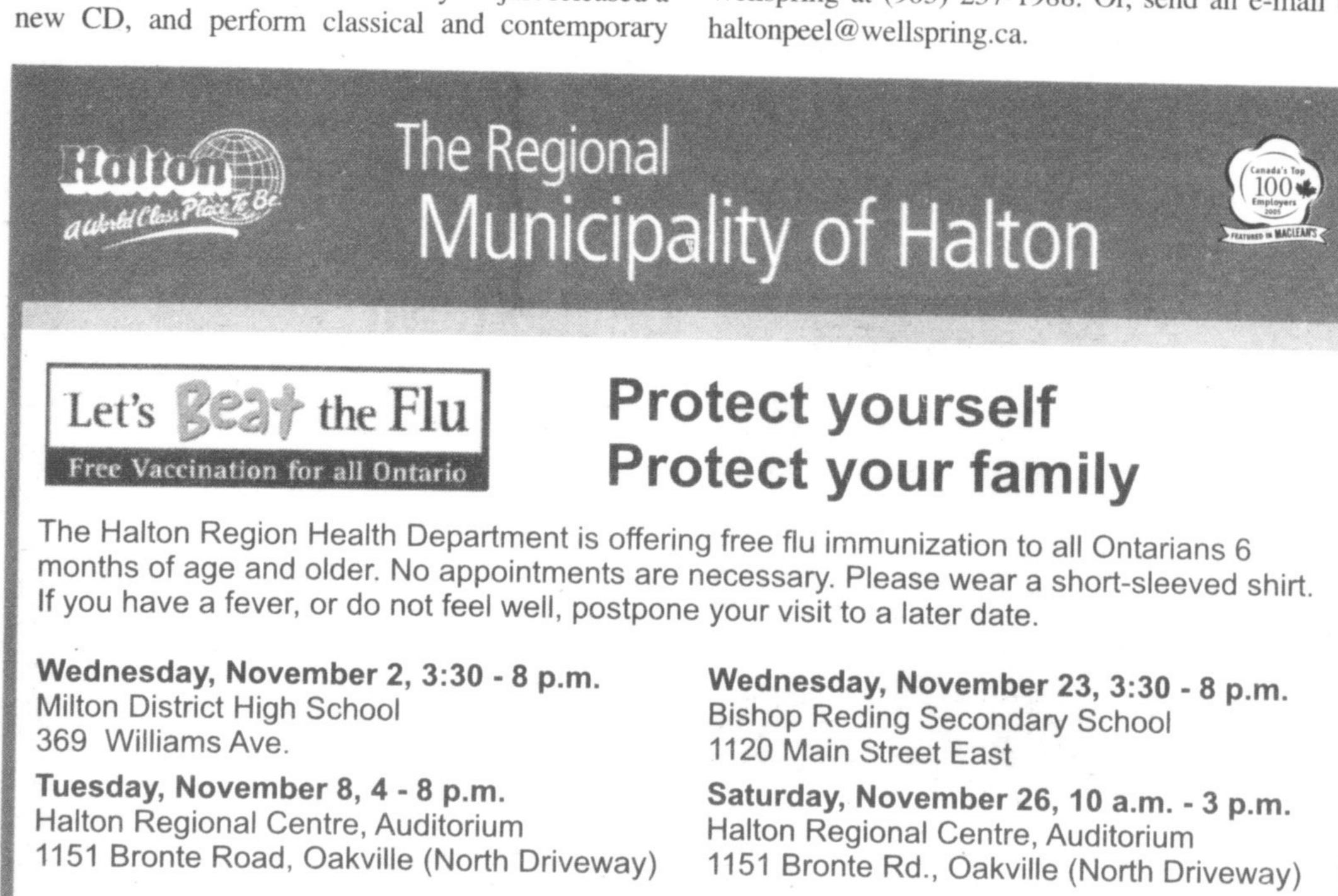
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they're gradually gaining a following of regulars at Portabello's. People seem to be enjoying their music, which includes a variety of styles. They perform top 40 hits, classic rock, blues and jazz. And, when patrons are lucky, they get a taste of this new type of fado that's gained the pair such notoriety.

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