

# Played with big bands

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we listen to is older music, so it kind of rubs off on our sound."

The band has already enjoyed success. It has opened for many established acts, such as Dala, Hello Beautiful, Ronnie Hawkins, as well as headlined a sold-out show at The Edge studios in Toronto.

The group released a four-song demo disc Friday night at a concert at the Rivoli in Toronto. A full-length album is a long-term goal for the group.

"The plan right now is to release some demos first to get our name out there," he said.

The group performs a lot of original material, with most of it written by Saab and Moffatt, who was the musical genius behind Girl, the winning entry for this competition.

"The best part is that the songs keep coming," said Saab. "We write about what we know, about being young and the things that happen. We write about real-life experiences because we know people can relate to that."

The four guys still call Oakville home, although Courtemanche is temporarily away at school in Guelph. They are all pursuing post-secondary education, with Saab working on a general arts degree at the University of Toronto, Moffatt and McCamus studying music and Courtemanche taking a degree in hotel administration.

Despite going to school and working, the four musicians are devoted to Alright Alright. Right now, they are performing gigs about once a week. During the summer, they expect to be playing at least two to three shows a week.

"You have to pay for the gas and recording costs, so we all have jobs, but music is a priority," he said. "It is sometimes hard getting everyone together to practice, but we still manage to make it work. It is kind

of like a long-distance relationship. This is something we are all committed to. It would be ideal if we could continue to do this for the rest of our lives."

The group is managed by Saab's brother, Ayman, who found out about Metroland's Best of the West competition and organized the entry and press information.

"My brother told us we should enter because it could do a lot for us, so we're very happy that we did," Saab said.

For more on the band, visit [www.myspace.com/alrightalrightband](http://www.myspace.com/alrightalrightband). For more on Burlington's Sound of Music Festival, visit [www.soundofmusic.on.ca](http://www.soundofmusic.on.ca).



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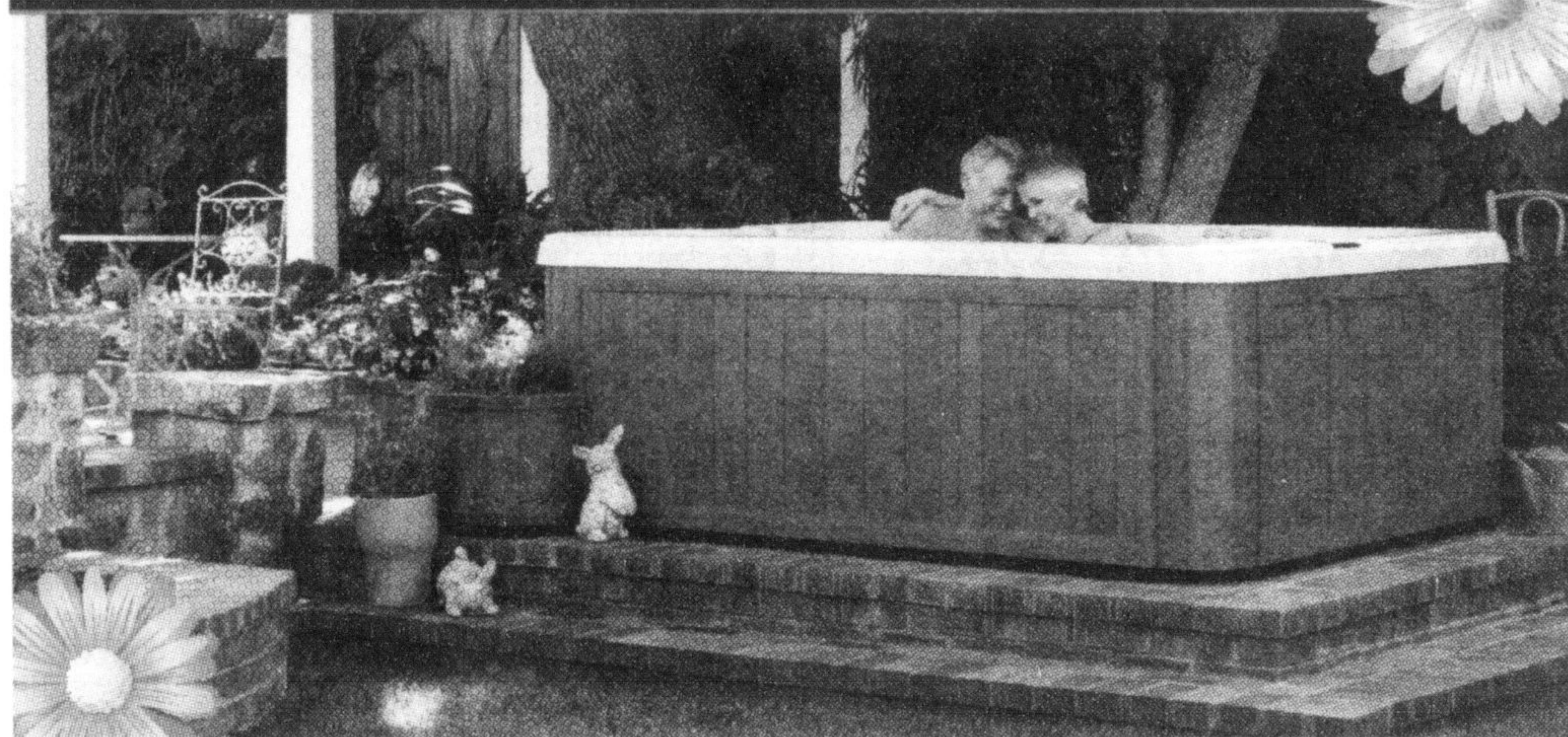
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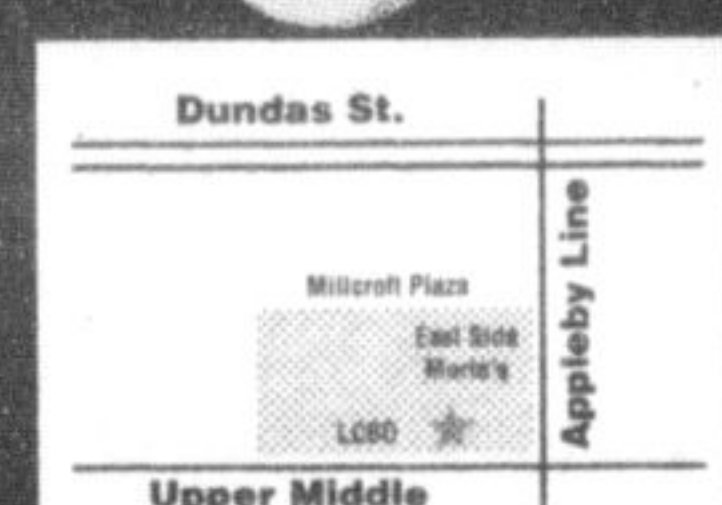
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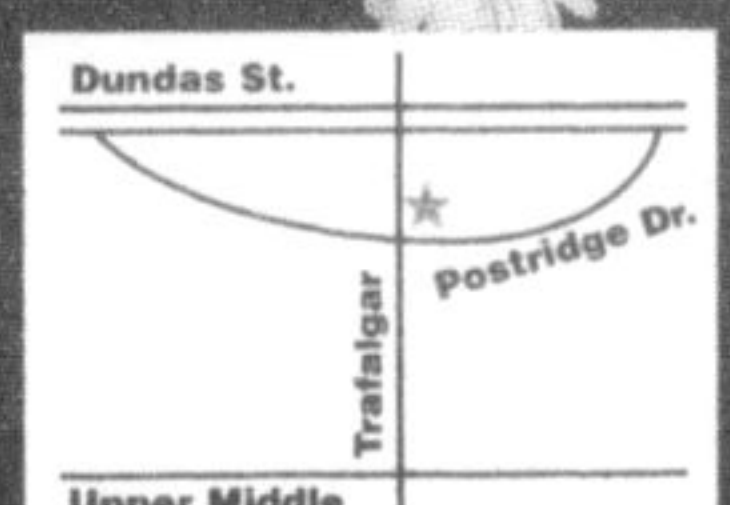
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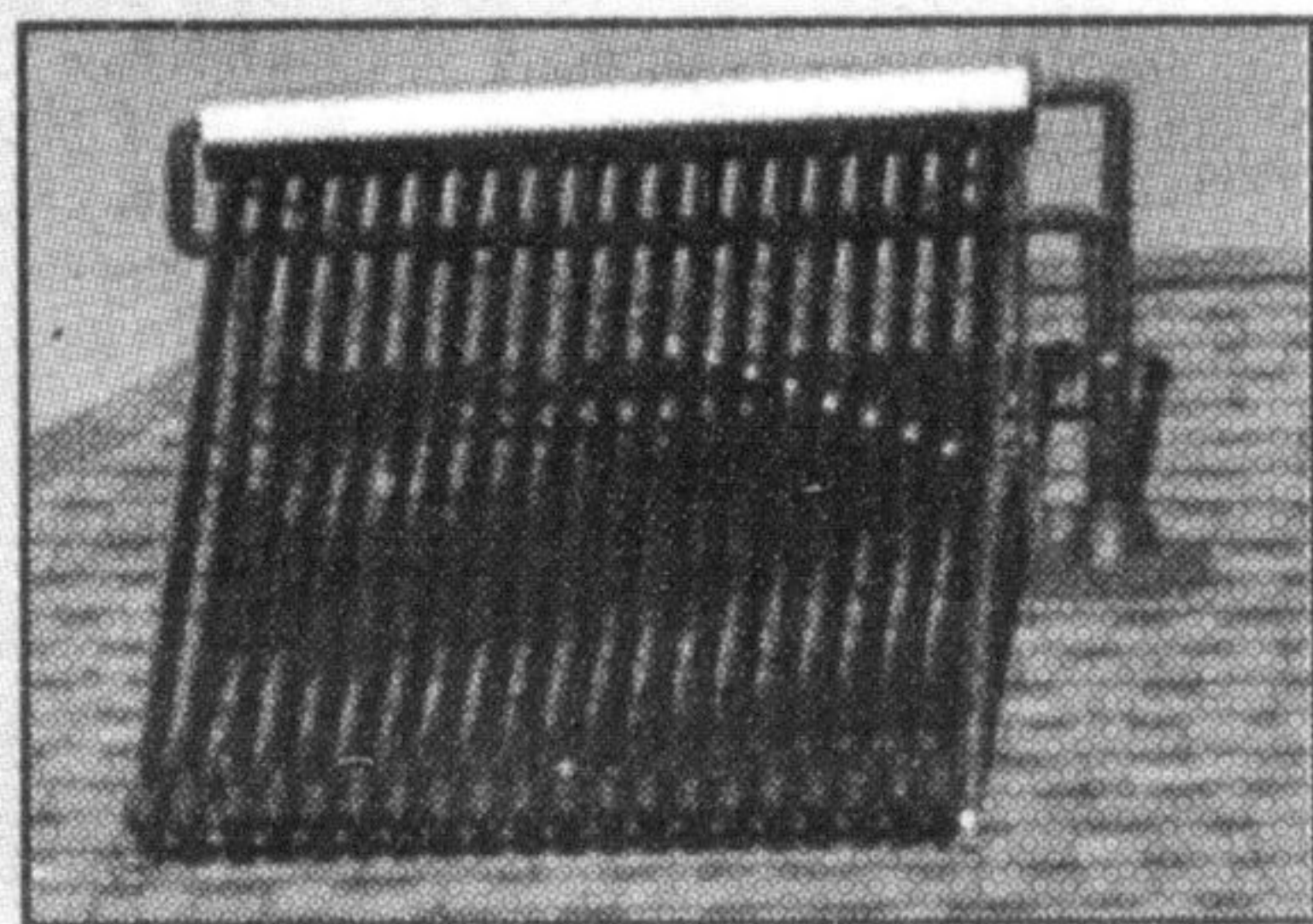
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