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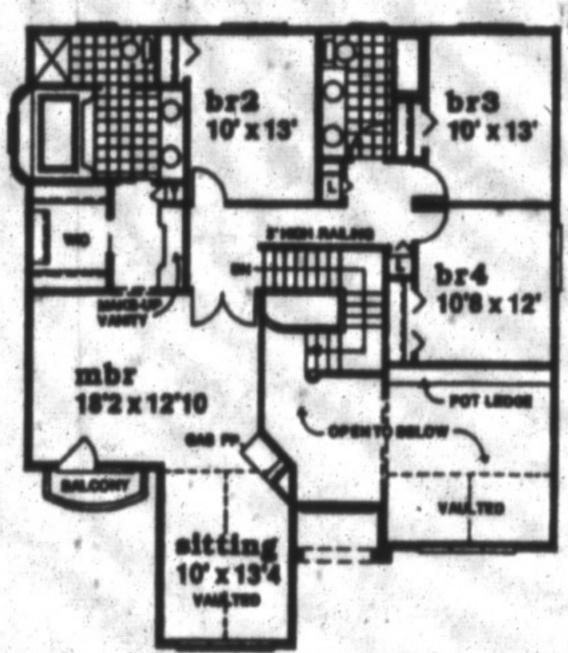
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- This spacious four-bedroom home is loaded with extra design features.
- Open living and dining room boasts distinctive styling, including archways visually separating the formal areas and high-vaulted ceiling.
- Soaring ceiling is accentuated by a two-storey multi-paned window.
- Gourmet kitchen has ample counter space and is open to the breakfast areas with telephone desk, pantry, and double French doors to the patio.
- Spacious family room features a television alcove over the fireplace and adjoining front deck.
- Luxurious master suite boasts a vaulted sitting

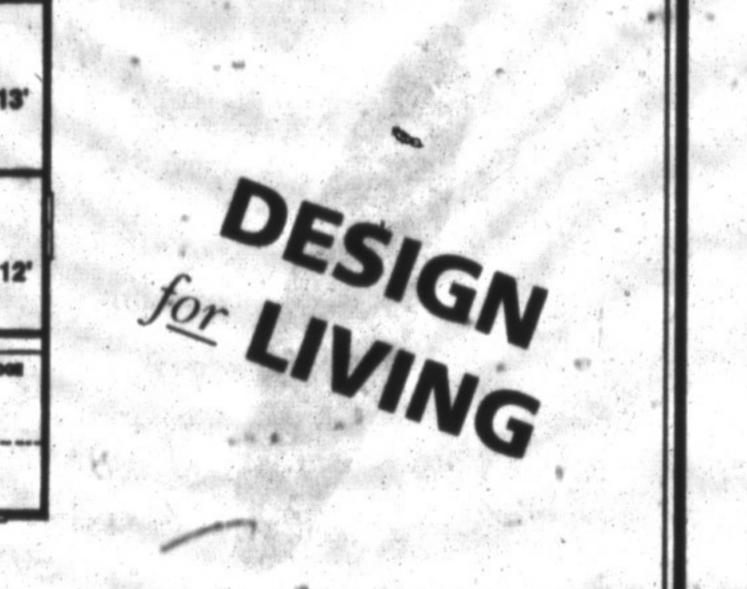
room with corner positioned fireplace, private balcony and sumptuous ensuite.

 Ensuite has a dressing room with make-up vanity, whirlpool spa nestled in a window bay, shower and his and hers vanities.

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Don't get short of cash when closing the sale of your new home. Just because you have saved for the downpayment, you will still need up to 2 per cent of the purchase price to make sure you cover your closing costs for a resale or existing home. For new home, you may need as much as 3 1/2 per cent.

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