

## dear susanne..

**Dear Susanne:**  
My husband's sister lost her husband last year and ever since then she is with us all the time. She only goes home to sleep. I felt sorry for her when her husband died, but she left her well provided for. They had no children but she does have two sisters and another brother besides my husband. She claims that my husband is the only one who really understands her so she comes over to our place every afternoon and of course she expects to be invited to dinner. We can't go out unless we take her and some of our friends have stopped asking us over. We like to play bridge and my sister-in-law doesn't, so we have stopped playing. Now she is talking about wanting to go away on a trip and she wants us to change our holiday plans and go where she wants to go. My sister-in-law is 43, and I think she should start to make a new life for herself. My husband says he feels sorry for her and wants to include her in whatever we do. We seem to argue about this all the time now. What I would like to know is how much do I owe to my sister-in-law, who never did anything for us, and how much does my husband owe me?

Mad In-law

**Dear Mad:**  
You don't owe your sister-in-law anything, and your husband owes you at least as much attention as he is paying to his sister. After a year of mourning, and at her age, she should be out with friends, and attempting to find new interests. There are many worthwhile organizations that would be happy to welcome her as a volunteer worker. Take her by the hand, if necessary, and get her started on a new life of her own. Go back to your circle of friends before you find that two is company and this third person has crowded you out of your own home.

**Dear Susanne:**  
I have been wondering if all parents think that their children are deaf or just plain stupid. I am 17 and the only girl in our family. I have two younger brothers and they have been asking me what is wrong with our parents. Almost every time we sit down to dinner they start to fight. It can start over almost anything. Maybe my father is late or maybe he doesn't like the way the meat was cooked. Just anything. It bothers me so that I hardly eat much anymore. I hope my mother and father see this.

Even-Tempered Sue

**Dear Sue:**  
I hope your parents read your letter, too. But in the event they do not see it, for the sake of your brothers and yourself you must let your mother and father see how their fighting is affecting you. Pick a time when your parents are relaxed and tell them you and your brothers want to discuss a serious family matter.



It was a whale of a sale when students of Lorne Park Public School decided to raise money last week for Project Noah, to buy animals for the new Toronto zoo. Andrew Mitchell, grade 1, was overwhelmed by eager salesmen when he moseyed over to examine some of the available merchandise. And Allison Sloga, grade 6, artistically decorating gelatine and fruit desserts for sale, got squirted away by her own designs. Photos by Ron Pozzer.



## Busy schedule for local senior citizens clubs

Members of Mississauga senior citizens clubs are reminded that the deadline for sending in applications for the chartered bus trip to Florida is March 9.

An illustrated talk on Bermuda, presented by Hal Cooper, president of the

Cooksville Senior Citizens Club, was featured at the last meeting of the Credit Valley Neighbours. The group will meet again tomorrow, March 8, for an evening of games bridge and euchre at 8 p.m. at Erindale Community Hall, 1620 Dundas St. W. Refreshments will be

served. They meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

The Bloor Dixie Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, March 12 for an evening of entertainment by Dr. Isaacs Group. Bloor Dixie Seniors meet the

second and fourth Mondays of each month at Bethesda United Church, 3311 Fieldgate Drive, at 7:30 p.m.

Malton Seniors will meet Friday, March 9 for an evening of games, songs and refreshments. The Malton Seniors meet every second and fourth Fridays at the

Malton Community Hall, Victory and McNaughton Avenues, at 8 p.m.

The Applewood Happy Go Lucky Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Applewood United Church, 2067 Stanfield Road, at 7:30 p.m. Their next meeting is March 14.

## Erindale music week

Erindale Secondary School is holding its third annual music week starting next Monday.

Several professional groups have been invited and the music students in the school will also be performing each day.

The Brian Browne Trio will begin activities Monday with their show. On Tuesday the CBC will tape the Phil Nimmons show, hosted by Fred Davis, at the school. Rehearsals will take place in the morning and the show will be taped at 2 p.m.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday Helen Hatton a former music programmer with the CBC and CHUM-FM will present a two hour "Sight and Sound" show tracing modern recording and musical developments.

In the afternoon, a group of

Homelands Public School students in grade eight will present a rock opera, Joseph's Technicolour Dream. It was written by the authors of Jesus Christ Superstar.

In the evening, a professional band from Mohawk College will provide a workshop and do a show.

Activities on Thursday include a morning concert by the Paul Brody saxophone quartet, and an afternoon recital by a horn group from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, directed by Miles Haine.

Friday at lunchtime, the Metro Stompers will provide the entertainment.

In addition to the activities by outside talent, there will be folk singing and performances by Erindale

students. Head of the music department at the school, Marvin Munshaw, says he would like to see far greater

community involvement in music week this year. Members of the public are invited to attend any or all of the activities.

## Consumer Matters

By Judy Flaherty



Canadians buy about three million major appliances a year. Lots of them cost lots of money. Some work well and give the owner good service; others give the owners nothing but trouble. Occasionally, people get stuck with a lemon.

There is a new consumer service, called RSVP, to help you with trouble appliances. RSVP is a branch of the Canadian Appliance Manufacturers Association (CAMA).

RSVP can help you get in quick contact with the proper manufacturer who will review your complaint when you have a major appliance problem.

The RSVP service covers most major manufacturers and most major appliances — like refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, washers and dryers. It does not, however, cover portable appliances or home entertainment products.

**BRANDS**  
To be helped by RSVP, your appliance must be one of the following brand names: Admiral, Enterprise, Fedders Norge, General Electric, Gilson, GSW McClary Moffat, Hoover, Inglis, Whirlpool, Kelvinator Roy Gibson Leonard, Philco-Ford, Simplicity Speed Queen, Westinghouse or Wood.

Here's how to proceed if you have a problem. Check your operating manual, to make sure you are operating your machine correctly. Then deal with your serviceman and/or dealer. If you feel your problem isn't satisfactorily solved, that you haven't gotten a fair deal from either an appliance dealer or service company, contact RSVP at 962-3931 (10 Price Street in Toronto).

RSVP will send you a reply form, which you fill out and send to the proper company — you'll be given the manager's name and company address. The reply form asks the manufacturer to review your case. It will be looked into and a manager representing the manufacturer will contact you within two weeks after receipt of your letter. He'll let you know whether or not anything more can be done.

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RSVP doesn't sound as if it will perform any miracles but it gives us a chance for our problem to be looked at by a person who is in the position to do something about it — the manufacturer. If anyone can replace parts or the problem appliance, it is the manufacturer.

It's encouraging that manufacturers are taking a greater interest in our problems, but, in spite of the RSVP consumer service, it certainly doesn't sound as if there are any guarantees of satisfaction. The RSVP reply form to the manufacturer is a kind of court of last appeal. If they feel that you haven't received a bad deal, and you still do, you, the consumer, end up holding the bag (lemon?). However, RSVP has to be worth a try.

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Darcy Villeneuve (top) and Mickey Swan get peep at action in Springfield Public School's production of Mary Poppins.

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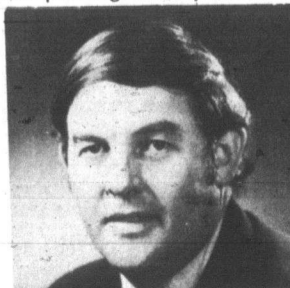
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## The thinking man's friend...Bill McVean

If Bill McVean had a single mission in life, it would be stimulating people to think. "What you believe is important," Bill explains, "but even more important is that you've thought it through. However, if you can't change your mind once in a while, you're not thinking!" says he.

He advocates that people shake out prejudices once a month because they may be surprised to discover they've changed their views on some of them. "There's little virtue in consistency for consistency's sake!" is the way he puts it.

But, of course, Bill McVean is a man of many parts. Thinking all the time makes his head ache so he also plays music, eyes the current scene in a quizzical way and adds his own deft touches of humour.



All good listening! Weekdays: 1:05 to 3 p.m., 11:30 to midnight, and "Dialogue" 10:05 a.m. and 6:50 p.m.

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