



Sprowl



Chapman



Pelitis



Lister



Shepherd



Serjeantson



Cupid looks at local love

What makes some love last?

What makes some couples call each other darling until they are old and gray and, with half of all new marriages ending in divorce, is "til death do us part," wishful thinking or a bottom-line commitment? With the grand celebration of romantic love - Valentine's Day - just days away The New Tanner asked some local couples how they met and how they make love last. Married 45 years in July, Jo and Wayne Lister met in 1952 in England.

"I knew his sister and she took me home and it happened to be his birthday party, and that's how we met," Jo Lister, owners of Wetherby's recounted, adding that a good sense of humour when it's not smooth sailing made their union last. Les and Evangelia Pelitis were married on March 21, 1971, in Toronto, several years after meeting on a sports field. "We met playing football

on opposite teams and we caught each other's eye and married a couple of years later," Les Pelitis said, adding that the give and take of their marriage has produced a harmonious relationship so close that when one of them is ill, the other feels it. Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and her future husband Ed met on a blind date in 1965 and married two years later. "His friend was going out with some one I was living with and I ended up as his date by chance," Mayor Serjeantson said, adding that their four children have made their marriage last. Married since May, Acton Pentecostal Evangel Tabernacle Pastor Jamie and Pam Shepherd are still in the honeymoon stage of the marriage. The couple met after Jamie returned from a trip to Africa.

her up and she laughed at my pictures of Africa," Pastor Shepherd said.

The union of Acton lawyers Marg MacKenzie and Gord Chapman began as a business partnership in 1977 developed into an office romance and finally a marriage two years later. The couple says they probably met over a real estate deal and then had dinner to discuss a law partnership. Chapman jokes you can tell how the partnership negotiations went when you look at the company name - featuring his wife's name first.

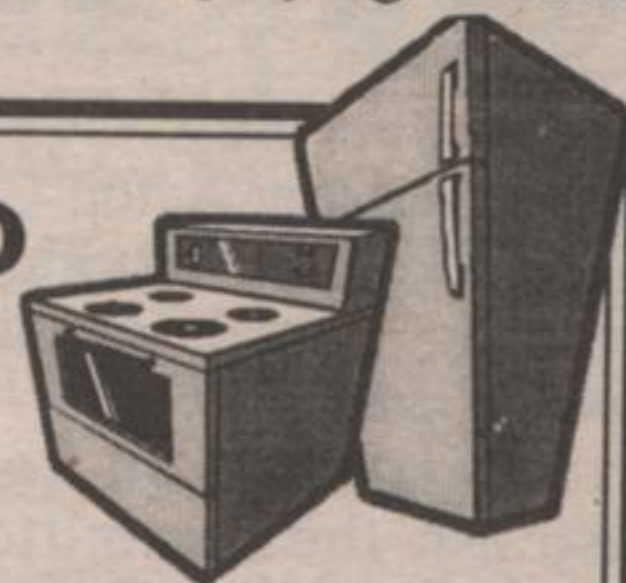
Asked what has made their love last Gord said, "Tolerance."

Mac Sprowl and Joyce Leitch met on a blind date in June, 1961 and were married three years later. Give and take is what keeps them together, Joyce says. "We can usually talk things out and come to an agreement on things."

"Pam is a missionary kid and I stayed with her family when I was there in 1996. When I came back I looked

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