

Letters to the editor

Coat thief showed a lack of morals

Dear editor,

Several weeks ago I took my children and a neighbor's child to McDonald's for lunch and a play in the playroom and in error, when leaving, the kids forgot their jackets.

When I returned to McDonald's to get them, the coats were missing. They were not turned into the lost and found, they were stolen. What has this town come to when you cannot turn your back for one moment or put something down or else someone steals it, and make no mistake, it was stealing. Check the dictionary. Steal: to take or carry away without right or permission.

If the person required coats for their children

that badly I am sure the town has programs to help them. It would not have made me feel so bad if it was just my kids' coats, but it was my neighbor's child's coat too, and it was a gift from her grandmother from out of the country and not replaceable.

So, next time you see something laying around anywhere that looks like it was left behind, please turn it into the lost and found because it belongs to someone and they will come looking for it eventually. They shouldn't have to pay for a mistake because some people in this town have zero morals.

Judy Smith, Georgetown

Teachers have to deal with Bill 160 'facts'

Dear editor,

Your recent dismissal of the information handed out by Halton secondary teachers as "little more than propaganda" is inaccurate if you accept the dictionary definition of propaganda as "opinion or belief."

It is fact that there are 533 classes with over 30 students (despite the government's promise of class sizes of 22). It is fact that each teacher has been assigned an extra 76-minute period (despite the government's directive that teaching time be increased by 25 minutes). It is fact that teachers

are assuming responsibility for more students. It is fact that students have reduced access to their teachers since the school day is the same length but teachers, not students, are in class longer. It is fact that the number of teachers has been reduced by 87.5 while student enrollment has increased.

These facts add up to a very different education system than was on offer before Bill 160. If you don't believe the teachers for whom you have so little respect or regard, perhaps you should talk to the students.

Ronald G. Nelson, Georgetown

School staff thanked for terrific barbecue

Dear editor,

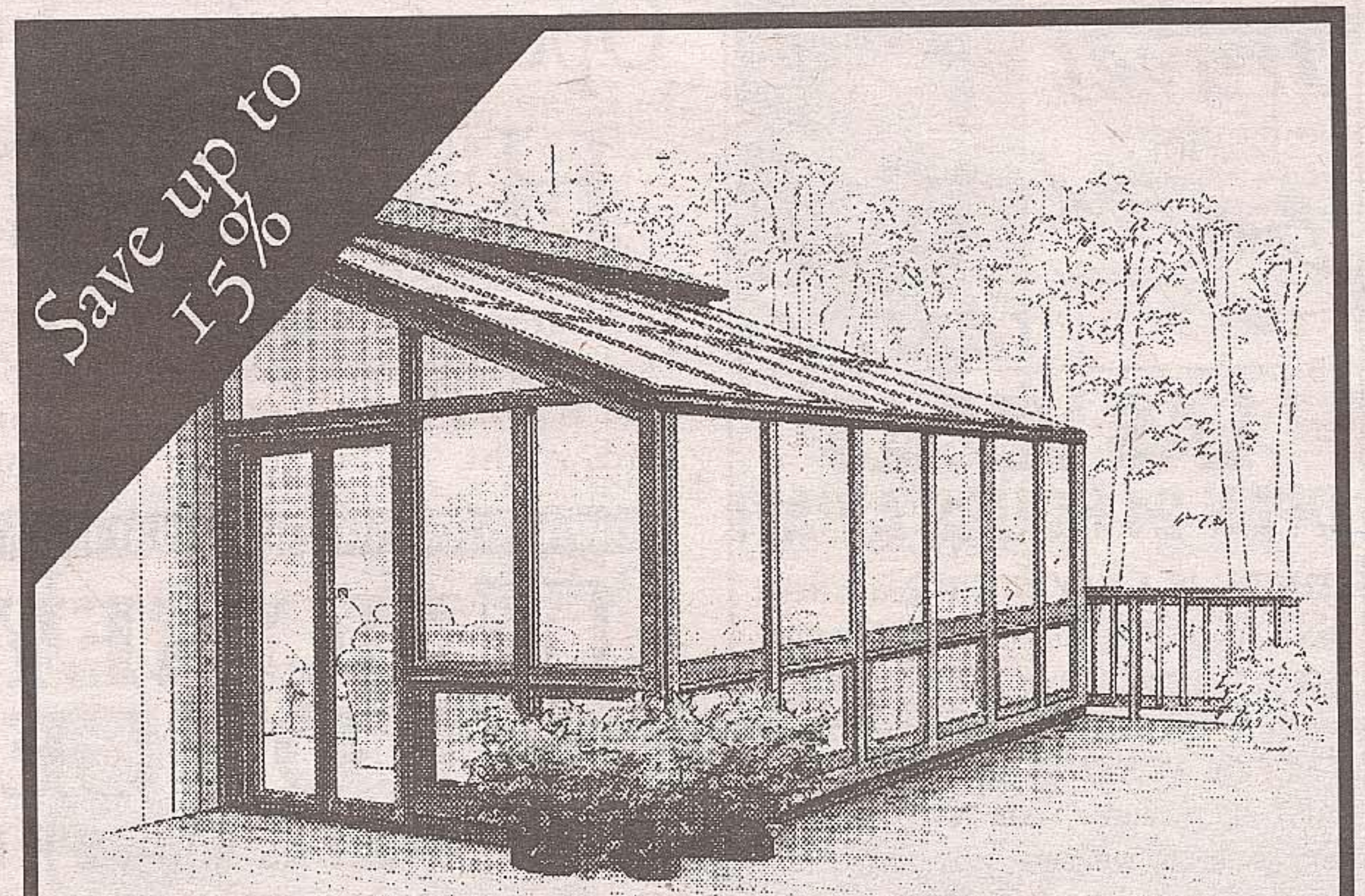
Please allow me to take this opportunity to say thank you to the principal, staff and parent volunteers at St. Francis of Assisi School, for hosting a family barbeque on "Meet the Teacher Night" in September.

Our family enjoyed the food prepared by some dedicated volunteers and the presentations delivered by my children's teachers were heart-warming and informative.

In light of the negative publicity we have been inundated with over the last few months, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate staff, school council and other parent volunteers for making the start of the school year a positive one for my children.

The St. Francis School community is terrific!

Lisa Hunziger,
Georgetown



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soon grew to become a leader in farm estate and retirement planning with offices across southern Manitoba. Following his election to the Manitoba Legislature in 1992, he was re-elected in 1995 and appointed Minister of Government Services by Premier Gary Filmon. In 1997, Brian joined Jean Charest's Progressive Conservative election team as a federal candidate.

EXPERIENCE

- Elected to the Manitoba Legislature in October 1992, Minister of Government Services.
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- Introduced the Manitoba Balanced Budget, Debt Repayment and Taxpayer Protection Act.
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- Focus government on protecting health care and education, not on constitutional and jurisdictional bickering.
- Provide real solutions to our justice problems, not increased bureaucracy.
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- Cut job killing payroll taxes.
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10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Milton, Ont.