Everyone hates November... except me

A swe're now past the halfway mark of November, I find so many people complain bitterly about the 11th month of the year.

November certainly takes its licks (as does January, and the most hated month of all time, February.) But not playing devil's advocate, I don't really mind those months.

They may not be my favourites, but they certainly ain't all bad. (I personally enjoy September and October a whole lot more.)

But as I listened to the radio this week, CHFI has been giving away trips to Jamaica.

It occurred to me how many people badmouth the month of November.

And it just ain't fair.

There are lots of beautiful sun-drenched areas on this fair earth, like Florida, Bermuda, Arizona, and the Cayman Islands.

And for those who want to escape the cold of winter, they provide a good alternative, particularly if a radio station is footing the bill.

But some of us have to stay home to mind the home fires— even in miserable November.

So I figure we just make the most of it.

I recently came across a forum on the Internet for people who hate November.

A quick summary of the reasons to hate November (along with January and February which were up there, too) could be summed up as follows:

1. It's too cold.

- 2. It's dark too early at night.
- 3. It's dark too late in the morning.
- 4. It's too dark all day:
- 5. The sun doesn't shine enough, (which I thought was the same as all of the above).

6. It's sloppy and muddy.

7. One subscriber hated November because it was the month of her birthday and she got older every November. (That one is a bit lame.)

8. It's grey, raining and depressing as hell...

A TED BIT Ted Brown

Whiners, whiners, all whiners...

What's wrong with November? Or January? Or February for that matter?

I can't think of a better time to enjoy a nap on the couch in front of a raging fire with quiet music on. And in November, I know I won't have to worry about heat and humidity— or whether my deodorant is working.

And as I poured over the other complaints about November, I suddenly noticed that no one was slamming December? You know, the one between November and January, right?

Ahhh, December means Christmas, right?

Now doesn't it seem unfair to pick on November, just because December won the lottery when someone decided Christmas should be celebrated during that month?

If it snows in November, everyone groans. We've just endured the first storm of the season—get out the snow tires.

But should it snow in December, all the world's aglow as visions of sugarplums dance in their heads.

As soon as snowflakes flutter down in December, folks dust off their Christmas CDs and get into a dreamy "Jack Frost nippin' at your nose" type of mood.

Unless you're my youngest daughter, that doesn't apply— she's been playing Christmas

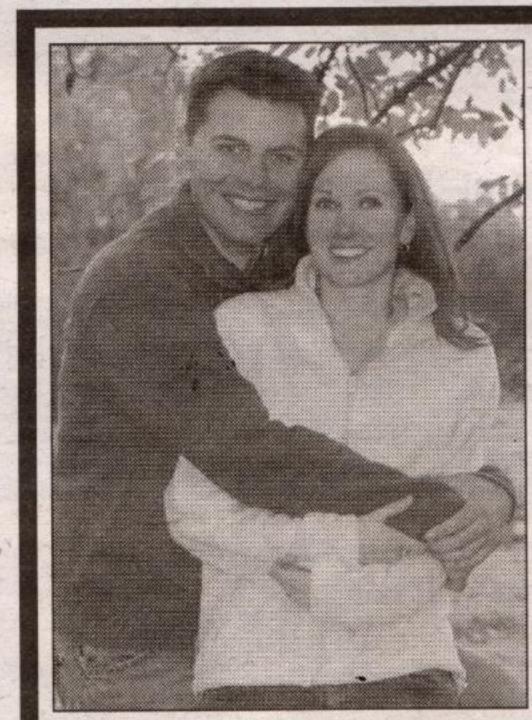
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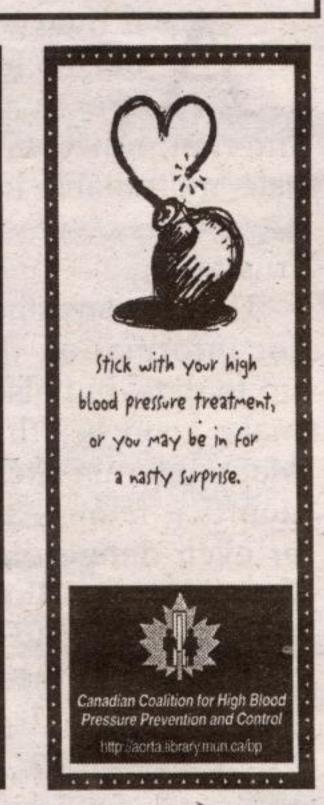


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Wednesday, November 23, 2005 6:30 to 8:30pm (registration begins at 6:00pm) Terra Cotta Conservation Area Nature Centre, 14452 Winston Churchill Boulevard

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