Money a primary (but taboo) marriage problem

Joe and I have been married for 28 years. We have a great family, wonderful friends and a beautiful house. The only thing we consistently argue about is money. Every month when our Visa bill arrives, Joe opens it and has a fid While he claims I handle the money, he yells and questions every purchase. I never overspend, but his tantrum makes me feel angry and like a child. I love Joe, I'm committed to my marringe, but I'm frustrated.

A long with sex, in-laws and children, married couples rank money as one of source of chronic conflict, the subject is frequently veiled in secrecy. It may be surprising to discover that money is more of a tabou topic of conversion than is sex. While courting, we'ge likely to share past acxual experiences and never mention money. Yet, we can't deny that money is at the base of marital and family life; a form of

energy, and a currency between partners. Indeed marriage forces each of us to become economically interdependent. Your question brings the topic out of the closet!

Most diffusities can represent conflicts from childhood analor struggles for a balance of power in your marriage. First, as individual, swe may have very definite idens about how money should be carned, managed and apent. Each can trigger frustration and an internal struggle. The struggle depends largely on how money was used in our family of origin and our personal reaction to the money messages we received.

For example, let's take the woman growing up in a family where date the expressed love through gifts of clothing, but showed little physical or verbal expression of affection. As an adult, this woman may rush out to buy herself clothing any time she feels depressed or unloved.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Seelinger-Szczepanik

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Kimberly Ann Szczepanik and
Wallace Bradley Seelinger were
married Oct. 3 at St. Stanislaus
Catholic Church in Bay City.
The bride is the daughter of
Mr. Wm. Szczepanik of Saginaw
Township and Mrs. Darlene
Kalnhar of Bay City.
The groom is the son of Mrs.
Carol Peters of Bay City and Mr.
John Seelinger of Grand Rapids.
A reception was held at Ashman Court in Midland. The newlyweds honeymooned on a cruise
through the Mediterramean and
the Greek Islands. They are
making their home in White
Lake.



Fletcher 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Zane R. Fletcher of Daleville, Ind. will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Nov. 27 in Rochester, with their son, Cary E.

Chrostek-Sowers

Mr. and Mrs. David Chrostek of Birmingham announce the engagement of their daughter. Karin Joy, to David Christopher Sowers of Hidnigo, Ill. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Scabolm High School and is attending Michigan State Uni-versity.

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Her finnce is a graduate of the University of Illinois and will be commissioned as an officer in the Navy State Navy whereupon he will report to flight school.

A June wedding is planned.

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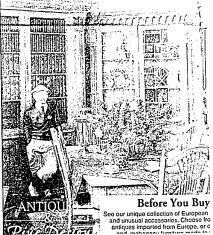
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