# Basement



Holy moly, it seems like yesterday that I was down here in our basement contemplating the beginning of another new year. Spending time down here is how I like to get organized from the ground up. Well, actually, from below the ground up. I figure if things are put to rights in the basement, then there's a good chance the rest of the house will follow.

It's funny how we - my wife, Em, and our 15-year-old twins, Kyle and Belinda - all run at different speeds. I'm a putterer, myself, but I like to think it's an efficient kind of putter. Em is the steady, always-on-course member of the family who keeps us all glued together. And if you can imagine a house-sized cyclone, with freckles and Em's chin, and then multiply it by two, you've got Kyle and Belinda. At the opposite end of that scale is our old kitty Guildwood, who's seen 'em come and go at our place on Croissant Crescent.

Em and I have been talking about renovating our kitchen since February, and it's taken us this long to get down to it. I'm in the basement right now making a list of the things we're going to need to get started.

I like to work around the house and Em and I are pretty keen on making energy-wise improvements, but I'm the first one to admit it when I need some help. So I got a pamphlet from The Hydro that has a lot of interesting renovation tips. One thing I read that makes a lot of sense is incorporating energy-efficiency into your home renovation plans.

For instance, think about the improvements you can make to the mechanical and structural aspects of your home - wiring, ventilation, heating and insulation - before you start your renovations. You can think of it as part of a whole package to make your home more energy efficient and comfortable. After all, it's easier and a lot more practical to put energy efficiency improvements into your renovation plans than into the finished product.

This newspaper, in conjunction with Ontario Hydro, is bringing you Phil's Basement to help "bring home" ideas on how to save energy. To receive the brochure "Build Energy Efficiency Into Your Renovations", call Ontario Hydro at 1-800-263-9000 and tell them Phil sent you.



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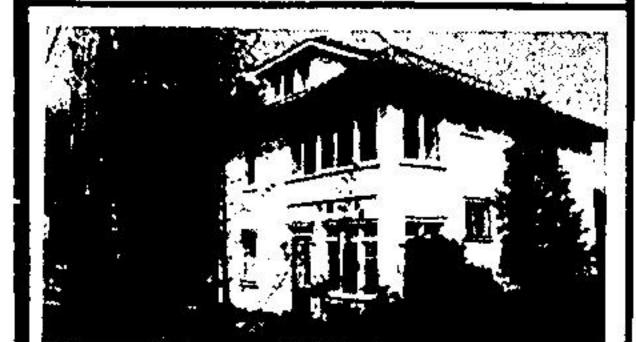


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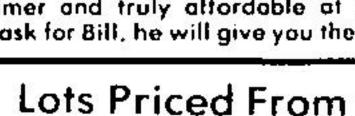
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