

Out at the Ranch

with Bill Ellis



THE TRUST

The Downtown Brain Trust was called into a full session to digest recent events in a "Canada only" meeting.

The members immediately began discussions on Garth's involvement with the new Federal Cabinet. Trust members quickly came up with a list of portfolios which might be available to our own Garth. Mentioned were Infernal Affairs, Wealth and Hellfire, International Offence, Forest and Stream, Refinance, Migration, Injustice or Constipation and Unilingualism.

The Downtown Brain Trust Chairman then advised the membership that the long awaited Senate appointment had been offered to one of the members. Unfortunately, the member was forced to turn down the appointment. His reasons for refusal were many with the primary one being that his wife would not let him stay out over night. There was also a concern over holding his membership at North Halton, but most of all, he would miss that all important Sunday "see and be seen" visit to the Georgetown Fruit Market.

One of the members drew attention to the political cartoon in the Sun, which showed Jean Chretien watching the Tory convention on T.V. and chanting "Garth! Garth! Garth! Garth!" Garth's old friends at the Sun can be funny -- but they are mean!

Then ensued a general discussion as to why Jean Charest did not win the Tory leadership convention. One Trust member allowed as to how Charest's French accent was not thick enough. He appeared to be too English, with a name like Charest. It cast some doubts. As a matter of fact, Mr. Charest had a definite "too" problem. He was too young too handsome, his wife was too cute, he

was too smooth and too obvious to win. Definitely not a Canadian Prime Minister's image.

And he had never admitted if he inhaled the smoke when he was smoking that Mexican laughing grass. People wonder about things like that.

Followed a lengthy discussion pertaining to the colour pink. A question was posed as to whether pink was really a strong political colour. Older Red Tories must have just about dropped their teeth when they got their first image of the Tory convention floor. Surely this sea of pink was not the "Big Blue Machine" in a new uniform!

Then followed many questions from Trust members. What if our 5.8 billion dollars of new helicopters suddenly go to 6.5 billion dollars because the paint specs are revised to pink?

What if Canada insists that it's U.N. peace keeping forces must be decked out with pink berets rather than the U.N. blue? This could cause a major problem in recruiting rough and ready fighting men. You could not even imagine what the famous Canadian Forces Van Doos could be called, wearing pink berets! They could spend most of their time fighting allies with hats like that!

Will the P.M.O. suddenly have pink drapes? Can stately, old 24 Sussex Drive handle the transition to pink whatever? Can you imagine what the Canadian Forces V.I.P. aircraft will look like in a month? What about the cottage in the Gatineau Hills? A pink verandah?

As reported to me, the meeting was adjourned with the Trust members wondering where this would all end.

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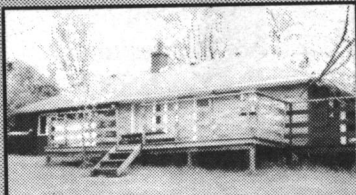
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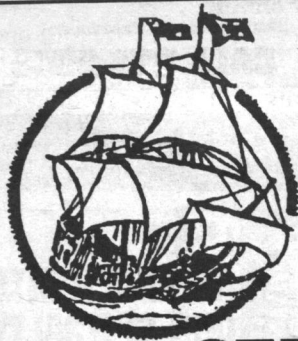
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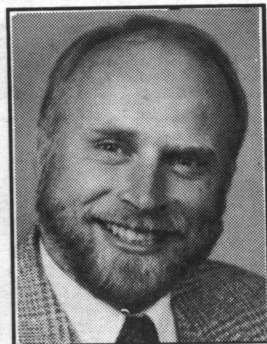
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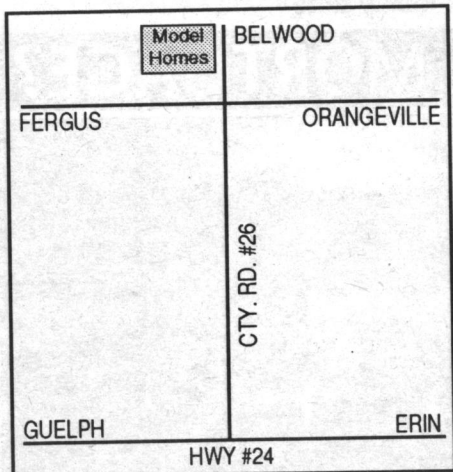
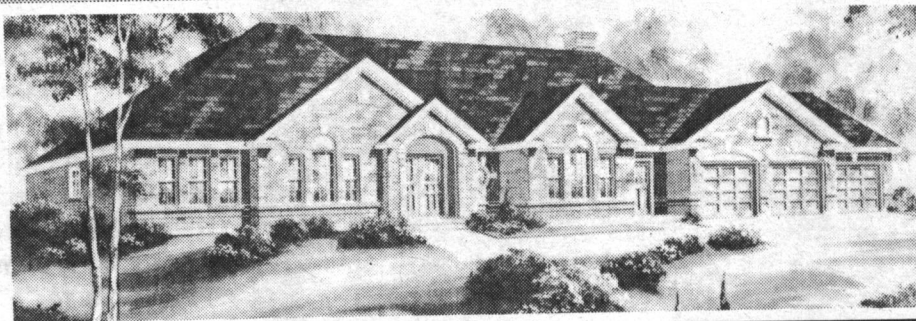


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