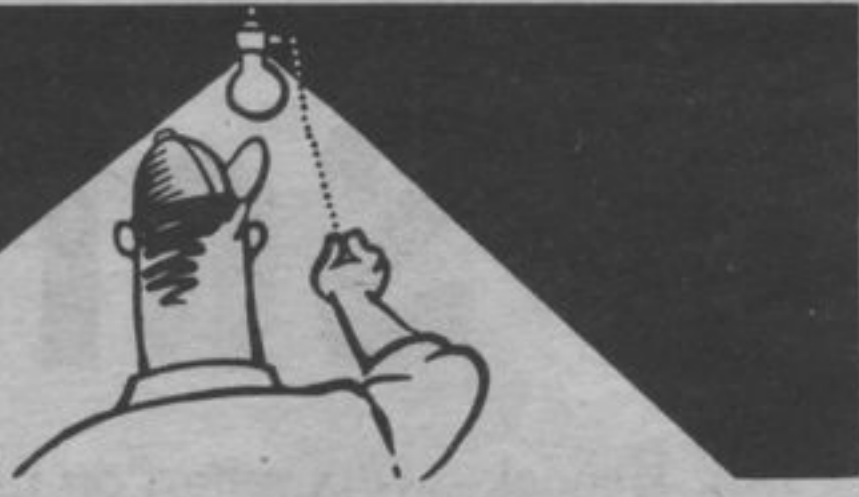


Phil's Basement



Ahh! Peace on earth at last — or at least here at 14 Croissant Crescent. The twins are actually doing their homework, Em is at the local high school starting her French lessons and for the first time in what seems like weeks, the house is free of relatives.

So as I planned, I headed up to the attic to start my caulking and weatherstripping project. I got a great pamphlet from The Hydro and it said the best time to caulk the attic is in the winter, because it's not too hot up there and it's also easier to feel the spots where warm air's coming in from below.

I was surprised to learn that up to 15 per cent of the air leaks in a house are right in the attic. Anyway, Em and I want to insulate up there, so we had to do this caulking and weatherstripping first.

I had to laugh, though, remembering what just happened. I guess Em and the kids will never let me live it down.

We were up there just last week storing the Christmas decorations when my foot slipped between the joists and I put my foot right through Belinda's bedroom ceiling. What a mess, with Belinda screeching and plaster in the hamster cage.

Then the next day Em was on the phone with one of her cousins talking about something

Great Aunt Hilda had done which annoyed me, and she said, "Phil was so mad, Ethel! He just went through the roof!" Then she realized what she said and everybody, the twins included, burst out laughing. And then, of course, Ethel had to have an explanation.

Anyway, I got a great caulking gun for Christmas and went to the mall to get the right stuff. I went all out and got the type of caulking which lasts at least 10 years.

According to the pamphlet, caulking and weatherstripping are sort of like the same dog but with a different tail; caulking seals edges that meet, but don't move, and you weatherstrip when one surface moves, like at the bottom of a door. It was easy. And I have to say, I'm looking forward to cutting down on our heating bill. Up to 25 per cent, The Hydro said. I could use the money.

It'll pay for a sheet of plaster-board and some paint for Belinda's ceiling.

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 "Caulking and Weatherstripping", call Ontario Hydro at 1-800-263-9000 and tell them Phil sent you.

Carolyn's Critique

Pretty Woman "R"
Rating: 0 poor.....10 excellent
by Carolyn Williams

This is a Cinderella story for modern times. Julia Roberts plays Vivian Ward. A woman of the streets, who still has an air of innocence about her. Effervescent and captivating, she literally charms the pants off Edward Lewis (played by Richard Gere) and he's never been the same since.

Edward hires Vivian to be his companion for one week (he wants no emotional ties). With his great wealth, he introduces her to a whole new world.

The jewels and clothes don't overwhelmingly impress her though. As she tell her room-mate Kit (Laura San Giacomo) anyone can clean up nice, with enough money.

What does impress her is Edward and she falls in love with him. Many pitfalls happen along the way, but in true fairy tale fashion, the prince rescues the downtrodden damsel.

Hector Elizondo gives a wonderful performance as Barney, the hotel manager. He tries to be aloof as be-fits his position, but from the first moment he meets Vivian, he is drawn to her like a protective father.

He instantly sees the potential in her and treats her with the kindness and respect she deserves.

I totally enjoyed this movie. I laughed, I cried, I cared. Wonderful performances by all and a great storyline make this a pleasant viewing experience. I give it a 10+.

Small increase to family allowance cheques this year

Family Allowance, paid to some 3.7 million Canadian families on behalf of 6.7 children, will increase in the new year.

The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of National Health and Welfare, announced recently that effective January, 1991, the federal government's Family Allowances, paid monthly for children under age 18, will rise to \$33.93 from \$33.33 in most provinces and in the territories. The adjustment is based on increases in the Consumer Price Index, Statistics Canada's cost-of-living measure, in excess of three per cent.

Under a provision in the Family Allowances Act, a provincial government may ask the federal government to vary the rates payable in that province according to the age or number of children in a family, or both, providing that the average monthly payment in that province equals the federal rate. This option has been chosen by Alberta and Quebec.

The refundable Child Tax Credit for the 1990 taxation year will provide up to \$575 per child based on family income. Also, parents who qualify can claim an additional \$203 on their return for each child age six and under for whom no child care expenses were claimed.

Winter work projects

Three public works projects will be undertaken this winter and spring in Terrace Bay and Manitowadge by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"This commitment of \$247,000.00 by our government will help the members of these communities affected by the recession", said Gilles Pouliot, Minister of Mines and MPP for Lake Nipigon.

Two of these projects will upgrade waste disposal sites in Terrace Bay and Manitowadge. The third project involves preliminary forest management work.

Over all, the Ontario Government will spend \$5.4 million for 65 public works projects in the northwest of the province.



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Deutscher are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter
 Pamela Sophia
 to
 Frederick Alan Carrol
 son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Carrol of Meaford, Ont.
 The wedding will take place in September of
 1991 in Meaford.

On behalf of the TRAVEL SHOP
 we would like to wish all our
 clients and friends a very
 Happy New Year and may all
 your holidays in 91 be full of sun,
 fun and above all, safe returns.
 Have a good one.

Joe, Marina, and Jolanta
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Thank You
 We would like to extend a very special
 Thank You to Dr. Rohani and Cecilia
 Kaizer and all the nurses and staff
 of McCausland Hospital for the excellent
 care and safe arrival of our
 daughter and sister Stephanie Nicole.
 To all who visited, sent flowers and gifts,
 or phoned, your thoughtfulness will be
 remembered always.

Michel, Judy, Jason, Michelle and
 Stephanie Imbeault.

CORRIGAN, Rita - at the Plummer Memorial Public Hospital Sault Ste Marie, Ontario on Thursday, December 27th, 1990, in her 73rd year. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred Corrigan. Dear mother of Jim, Pat and John of Terrace Bay and Mike (Terri) of Crossfield, Alberta. Grandmother of Erin and Dana of Crossfield and Randi (daughter of Patrick) of Terrace Bay. Sister of Mrs. Don Kelly, Leonard Chateauvert of Arnprior and Joseph Chateauvert of Sand Point. Rita was predeceased by brothers Edward, William, Desmond and Albert. Funeral services were held Monday, December 31st at 2:30 p.m. in St. Jerome's Church, Sault Ste. Marie. Rev. B. Buzdygan officiated. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arthur Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 5th, 1991 at 2 p.m. in St Martin of Tours Church, Terrace Bay. Father Bernard Campbell officiated.



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We require a Custodian (m/f) to maintain Kimberly-Clark's apartment buildings.

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