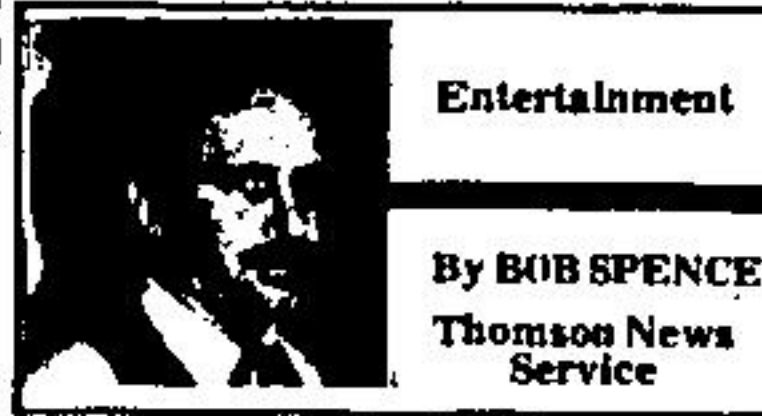


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Naming that tune not so easily done



Entertainment

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Canada's music industry is expanding quickly.

CM Books has been publishing an annual music directory (a sort of who's who) since 1983, adding new categories and additional pages as the industry grew.

Music Directory Canada '88 is a staggering 600 pages, with more than 3,000 listings.

Quick, name the title of one Saskatchewan folk song.

Time's up. Odds are, you couldn't come up with an answer.

There are far fewer songs with a Saskatchewan flavor than many people realize, says Don Freed, a Saskatchewan folksinger who moved to Toronto last summer.

"An acquaintance of mine at University of Regina did a thesis on Saskatchewan folk songs and all of them were American or English songs with 'Saskatchewan' interjected into them," said Freed.

Freed wants to help fill the void. The 38-year-old singer is working on his third album, *On The Plains*. He has a number of new prairie songs ready, but has to complete financing arrangements.

The Chuck Berry video is out (MCA Home Video). *Chuck Berry: Hall! Hall! Rock 'N' Roll* features celebrity interviews and concert footage.

Andre-Philippe Gagnon, a fast rising Canadian impressionist, is about to set out on his first national concert tour. It will be easy to follow his path across the nation - just listen for the sound of applause.

Gagnon, whose rendition of *We Are The World* (impersonating all 18 voices) led to an appearance on the Johnny Carson Show, has a staggering repertoire of impressions.

This multi-talented Montreal performer can switch from Mick Jagger to Lou Rawls to Sting before you can draw a breath.

The concert tour starts May 5 in Edmonton.

A startling book by Canadian Sylvia Fraser has been attracting international attention.

Katrina Kenison of Ticknor and Fields bought American rights to *My Father's House* within 48 hours of receiving galley prints of the book.

"I've never bought a book so fast in my life," said Kenison. "We made a pre-emptive bid for American rights, then literally stopped the presses (the firm's promotional catalogue was being printed) while we phoned in catalogue copy. Rarely has one book had such a powerful effect on so many people in a publishing house in so short a time."

British, German and Swedish rights have already been sold and negotiations continue with publishers in other countries.

My Father's House, the story of Fraser's incestuous relationship with her father, was published in Canada last fall by Doubleday Canada. A paperback edition will be released in September by Collins Canada.

It's been many a decade since Aristotle Onassis had to wash dishes to help make ends meet. A four-hour mini-series offers a look at the early Onassis, then follows his path up the fabled ladder of fame and fortune.

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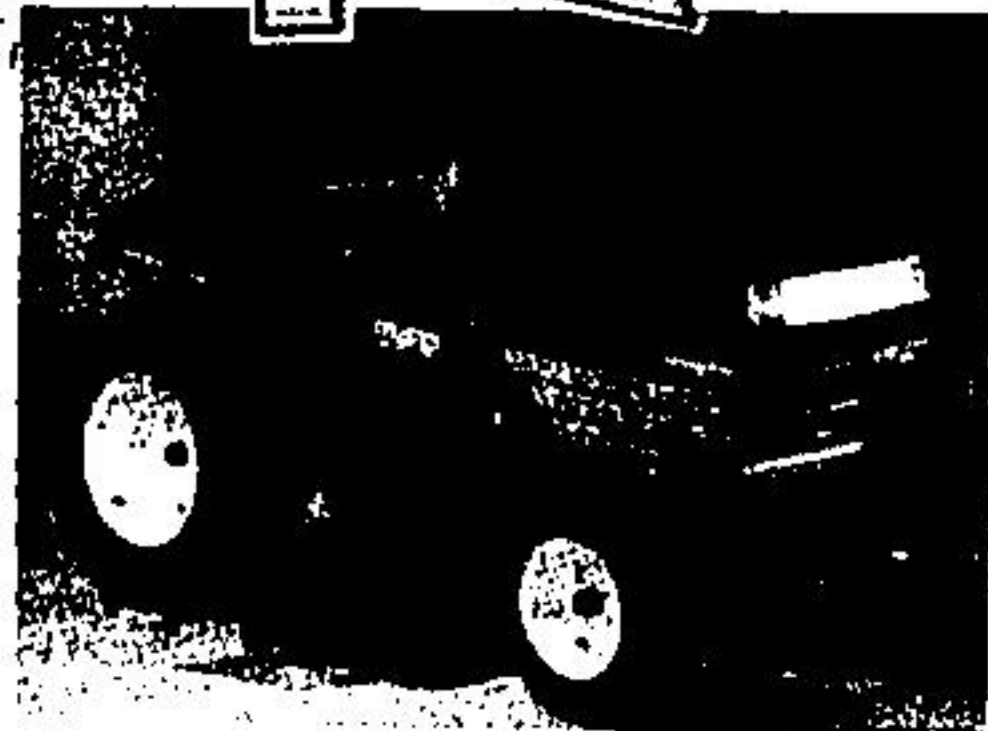
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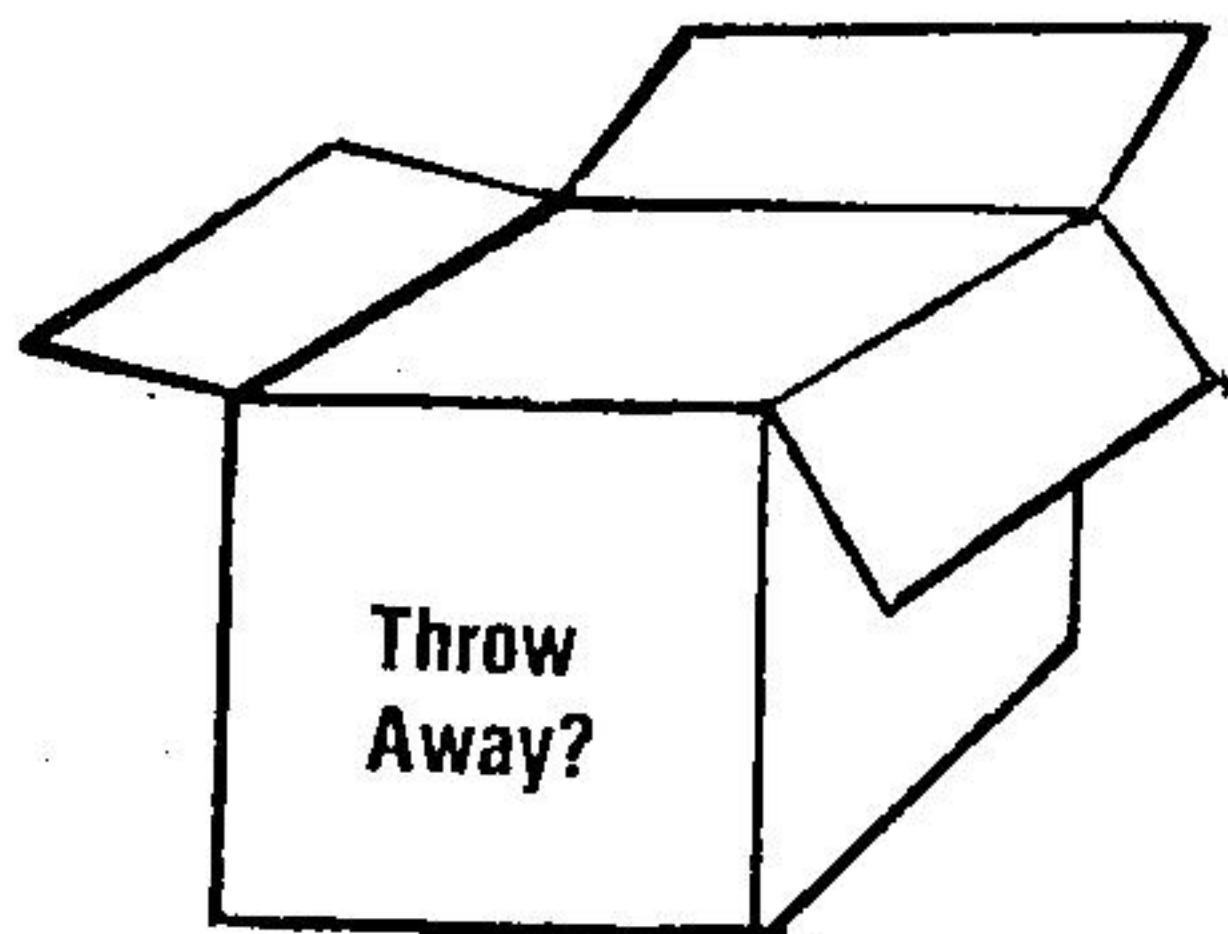
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