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## A taxing way to carry on

Dear Revenue Canada:  
I presume it may be some while before anyone in your office gets around to reading this letter, since you are all undoubtedly working triple-overtime and developing debilitating stress disorders as you sort through the millions

of tax forms which you have forced honest, hard-working Canadians to submit. Am I correct in this assumption? Good. One doesn't like to sound mean-spirited, but this serves you right. Has it ever occurred to you that all of us would save a great deal of time and trouble if you simply collected income tax on the honor system?

Given such a system, the taxpayers of Canada — an honorable group, if ever there was one — would not have to spend the last week of April filling out forms. We could simply pour ourselves a drink, sit reflectively on the porch for a few minutes, decide how much income tax we deserve to pay, and mail you the cheque.

You could drop these cheques off at the bank, and head straight to the golf course

But enough. Let's get to the point. And the point, gentlemen, is that I am deeply, deeply upset by the little trick you have just played on me.

Don't try to act the innocent. You know exactly what I'm talking about. And you had it all planned, didn't you?

On the morning of May 2, I went to the post office to mail you my 1987 return, complete with cheque for amount owing. This did not make me happy, but at least it left me with a feeling of relief and accomplishment.

And when I returned home, the postman had just delivered your letter demanding payment on the taxes I still owe from 1986.

This, gentlemen, is no way to treat an honest, hard-working taxpayer. It wrecks his morale. It creates feelings of bitterness and despair.

But it's something I might have expected, given how unfriendly you've been about those 1986 taxes all along.

If you'll recall, gentlemen, there has never been any dissimulation on my part. In my 1986 tax return, I honestly and openly reported that I owed you this money.

My assumption — perhaps naive — was that goodwill existed on both sides. My reporting of this debt clearly implied that I would do my best to pay it sooner or later, and thus I assumed the case was closed.

And for the past year, I have done my best to live up to my side of the bargain. I have bent over backwards not to trouble you with this unpleasant matter. You're the ones who keep bringing it up.

Most galling of all is that I had, in fact, succeeded in setting aside enough money to pay the arrears. Indeed, you have possession of this money at this very moment, considering that it's the money I used to pay my 1987 taxes.

But let's make one last attempt to remain friends. The money in question is a trifling sum, really — surely it's not worth ruining a relationship over. In short, I'm still willing to forget the whole thing, and let bygones be bygones.

In the meantime — as a friend — I worry about you guys. You work far too hard. Wading through millions of 1987 tax returns, while still fretting about 1986...

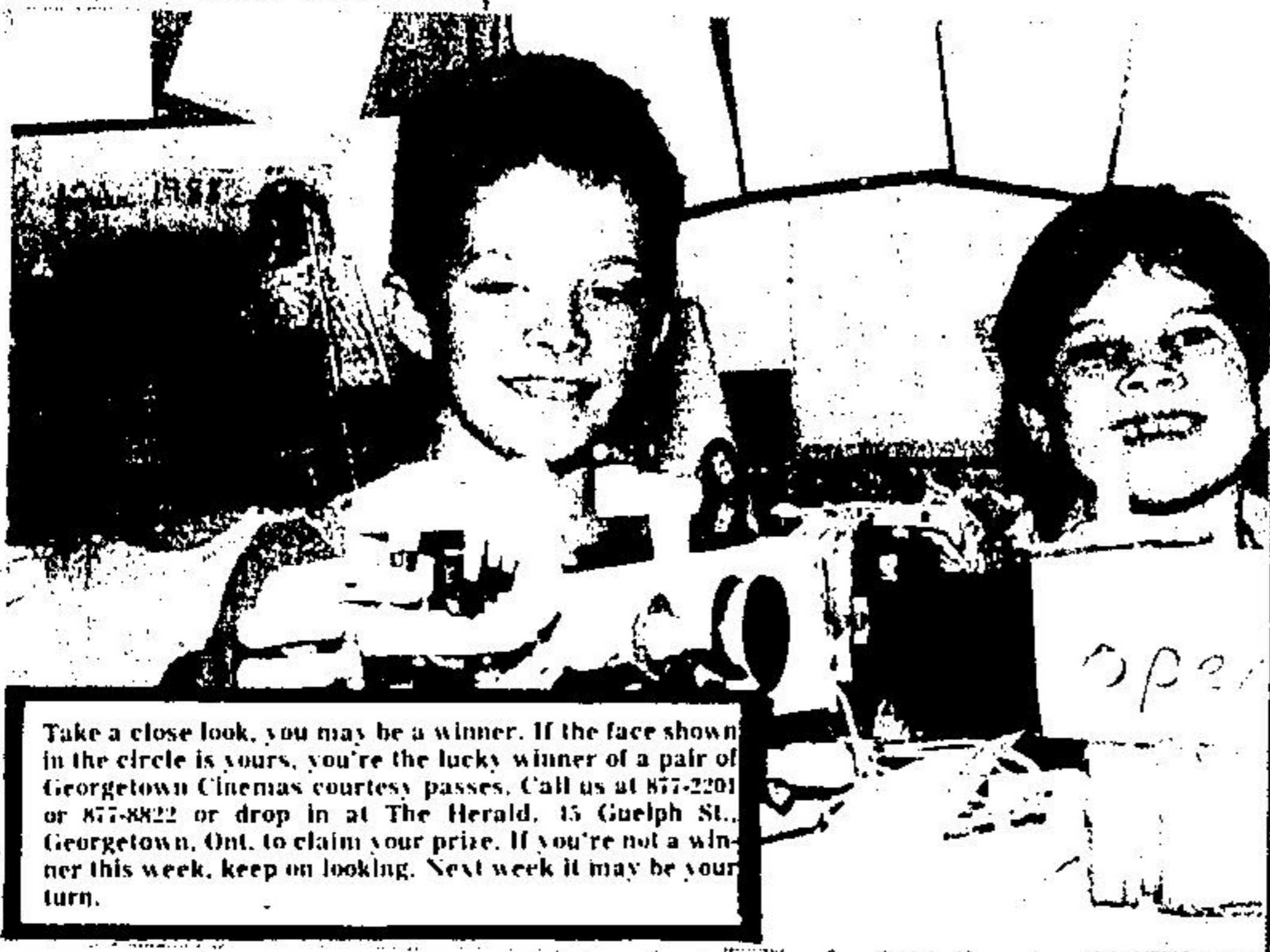
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**Weir's  
View**

By Ian  
Weir  
Thomson  
News Service

Anyway, you might be interested to hear that I did something new and different this year — I went to an accountant for some tax advice. And guess what? I discovered a whole bunch of perfectly-legitimate deductions that I could have been claiming for years, if only I'd known about them!

Looks like I've managed to pay hundreds of dollars more than I actually owed. Writers sure are geeks, huh?

I pass this news along in case you're in need of a good chuckle. Personally, I laugh every time I think of it.

I also just wanted to mention this bit about getting an accountant's advice before you start going through my return. If there are any problems, and if you'd like to send someone to jail as a result, I'd be happy to forward his name and address.

Still, there shouldn't be a problem — we went through everything pretty carefully. And the accountant dampened my original hope, which was to claim lots of expenses so I wouldn't have to pay any taxes.

His professional opinion was that we probably couldn't file a return reading "Expenses: lots. Taxes: none."

## GEORGETOWN CINEMAS

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## Licensing fees waived for classic fundraiser

The Classics Against Cancer antique car show will not have to pay licensing fees to the town to hold their show in Cedarvale Park. The car show, along with the

Symphony and Strawberries Festival will be held on June 18 and 19.

Classics Against Cancer organizer Neil Young asked councillors to waive not only the licensing fees, but also rental fees and bond security.

But the town policy is not to waive rental fees or bond securities so all charity and service organizations will be treated equally.

Consequently the Classic organization will have to post a \$5,000 bond to hold the two day event.

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