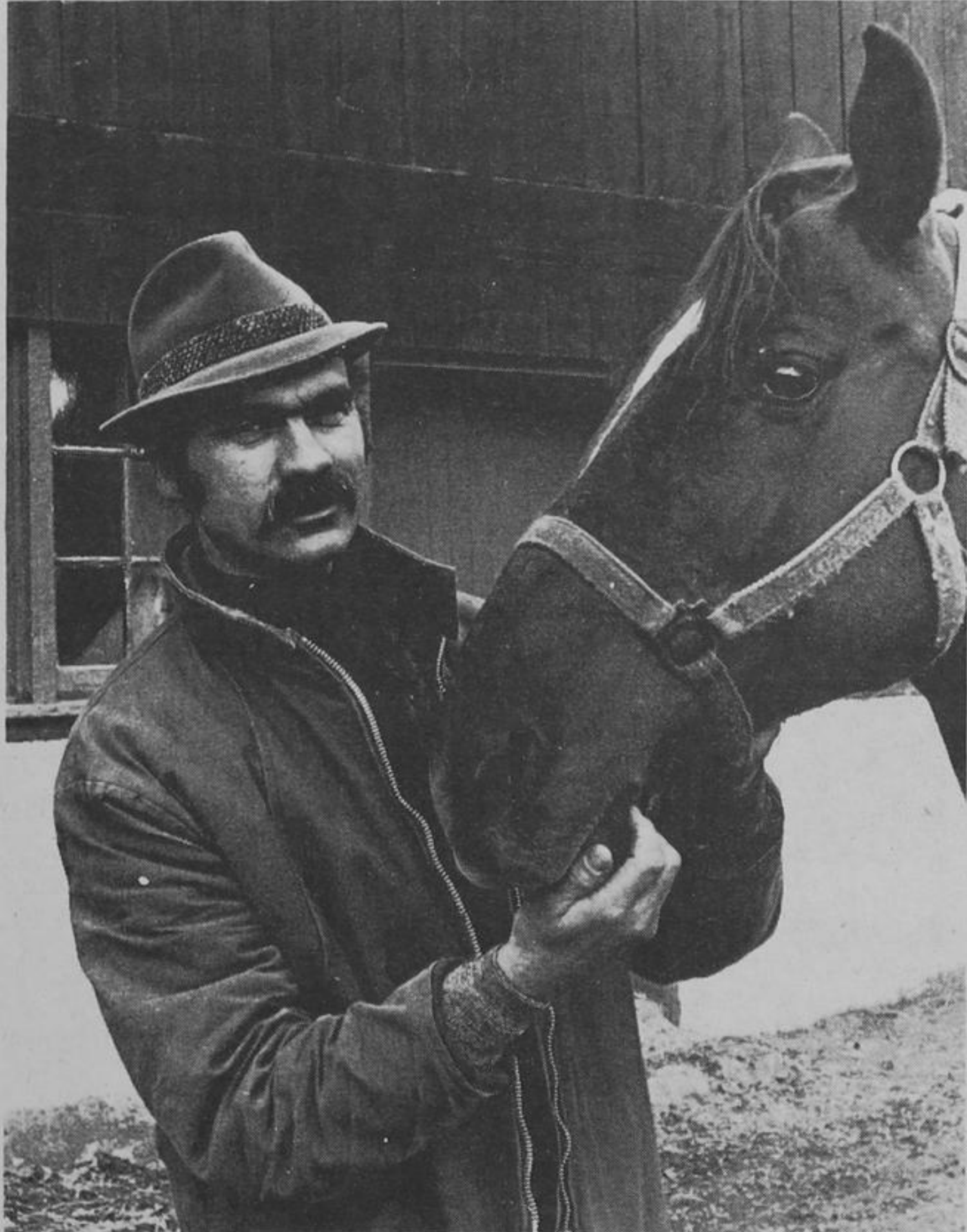


# spotlight on people

## Royalty right here on Bayview Avenue

**By Lorie Sculthorp**  
The serenity is almost stunning. Redstone Farms on 18th Avenue and Bayview in Richmond Hill could make you forget you are only 20 miles from the second largest city in Canada.  
Dogs, horses, lots of open space. And to complete the picture — a big crackling fire in an open fireplace and a real live Baron.  
Serenity with just a touch of class.  
Austrian royalty is living right here in Richmond Hill, but Baron Kunibert Von Rothenstein is the very last person to tell.  
Resembling what The Toronto Telegram once described as a "tall Yul Brynner", Kunibert Von Rothenstein is just your average, unassuming baron.  
In fact, he gets embarrassed if someone harps on the fact too long.



(Photo by Lorie)

Austrian Baron Kunibert Von Rothenstein is shown at his five-year old horse at 70-horse Redstone Farms. Bayview Avenue home holding one of

**20 years here**  
He came to Canada from Austria 20 years ago and five years ago purchased Redstone Farms.  
His one love in life is horses and he has 70 of them housed in three barns with a riding arena. Sixty belong to other people who board there and 10 are his own.  
Quite enough to satisfy the cravings of any horse-lover.  
After much thought he gave Redstone farm its name. But why Redstone?  
Why not Rothenstein Farm or something Austrian and completely unpronounceable to most Canadians?  
Simple — 10 guesses what Rothenstein means in English.

**Old family**  
His family history can be traced as far back as the year 1700 when they were made Von Rothenstein (the "Von" denoting royalty) by Emperor Carl VI of Austria because of special services rendered.  
But now, Mr. Von Rothenstein considers himself a Canadian and wouldn't want to go back and live in Austria, even if you offered 10 of the best horses Canada can find. Canada is his home and Redstone is his baby.  
His days start at seven in the morning and usually end at 10 at night. It's a seven-day a week job that leaves little time for anything else, at least one would think so.  
Well, almost. He also owns his own window display advertising com-

pany called International Window Display.

**Business life**  
Two or three days a week after he has done his chores on the farm, things like feeding and watering the horses, he jumps into his business suit and heads down to the city.  
He used to have a full company. But since his purchase of Redstone, he has scaled down his operation to a few favorite accounts he can work on by himself between tending to the horses and riding shows he puts on once a month.  
There just isn't the time to devote to running and staffing both businesses.  
Although it costs \$120 a month to board a horse at his farm, Kunibert doesn't

find Redstone a money-making proposition.

All the money must go back into the stables for food, water, electricity, heating and stable help. He does a lot of the work himself to try and keep costs at a minimum.  
One advantage of his location is that he is close enough to the city that many of his patrons who don't have a car (many are too young to drive) can get there by bus and a little leg-work.  
**Bachelor life**  
A divorcee, he lives a bachelor's life, but is always surrounded by women of all ages. Riding is perhaps considered and Redstone is a classic example.  
Of 60 boarders, only three of them are male. He has a waiting list of people wanting to get their horses into his stable and says some of the girls want him to offer lower rates to any male. It might even out the ratio a bit.  
Two years ago he put an application to the town for a restaurant in the back of his property. He had in mind a nice quiet cocktail sort of

place, somewhere in Richmond Hill where you could go to just sit and relax, away from noise and loud music.

But the planners didn't quite see it in the same way as he did. Everyone isn't a horse-lover and it seems they were worried about the smell more than anything else.

**Spotless place**  
Redstone is virtually spotless though. Even the most discriminating nose couldn't pick out horsey odors. He makes sure the manure is trucked away every single day (even Sunday).

Undaunted, however, by his first attempt, he intends to try again some time in the future.

Right now he is unquestionably happy with his horse-laden pursuits and isn't worried about a subdivision moving in on him because his land is zoned agricultural.  
A baron by birth, Kunibert Von Rothenstein would never tell until you got talking to him. It doesn't mean as much in Canada as it does in Austria, but it sure makes a great conversation piece!

# 4 days of spring fashion shows set

The shops are bursting out all over with new spring fashions, and the merchants of Hillcrest Mall are presenting a preview in full and scintillating color this week. A percentage of ticket sales are in aid of local charities.

There will be four showings of "Swing Into Spring" in the second floor auditorium at the Mall, featuring fashions for men and women, boys and girls, beginning tonight at 7:30 pm.

There will be shows at the same time Thursday and Friday, and one at 2 pm Saturday.

Emphasis is on the free-and-easy look, soft pastel colors, light fabrics, glowing designs. The big look in dresses and capes is in, giving an unrestrictive feeling of comfort, belted or unbelted.

Suits have fuller skirts, and puff sleeve jackets feature gathered cuffs. Safari look pant suits are still popular, but the pundits predict that with more comfortable skirts and dresses we will be seeing less of pants and more of legs.

**Versatile hemlines**  
Viewers will be relieved to note the versatility of the hemline — from knee to floor-length, or anywhere in between. And to set off the skirts there are camisole to bra tops, from elastic tubes to shirts.

Practicality and economy are the key with accessories, accessories, accessories to dress up or dress down any outfit — colorful flowers, single chains, thin bracelets, gay scarves, wide handbags and comfortable narrow platform shoes. A simple outfit can be turned into the most elegant garment.

**Men's fashions**  
And for men there are the casual safari outfits, the natty blazers to be worn with vests and dark trousers for more formal occasions.



Althea's dusty-rose leather-look wrap around all-weather coat with self-sash belt of polyester and cotton blend has a paper feel and wears extremely well. Softly knotted scarf, high-collared shirt and narrow platform shoes set off the longer-look for 1975 from Sears.



For daytime or evening wear, Dawn enjoys casual comfort. White collar, flower and cuffs give a touch of spring to this tailored-look navy gown from Town and Country Stores.



Fashion for spring and summer are on the softer side, in color and fabric, easy-care materials. Above Jo-anne previews a slinky silver-beige evening dress with shirt sleeve jacket in washable polyester-jersey with two optional ties that can be used as head tie or belt — from the Village Shop.

## Whole department store is turned into fashion bazaar

Next week is fashion week at Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill, and Sears has turned its whole store into a fashion bazaar.

Every department will be involved in presenting a breath of freshness, color and activity for spring, from demonstrations of you-can-

make-it crafts to shooting the perfect picture and effective putting. There is a green for practice.

With economy and inflation in mind, the fashion look for spring is away from "costume dressing", says division manager Pat McNeely. Emphasis is on

the comfortable, practical put-together wardrobe.

Mini fashion presentations, what's new in jewelry, how-to in cosmetics, how to work those scarves — emphasize the more feminine look yet are designed to help women enjoy the security and

freedom of new lifestyles.

Schedules of demonstrations of camera equipment, carpet cleaning, camping, films and other activities running mornings, afternoons and evenings will be posted at each store entrance.

## York University jet engine emission study

The faculty of science at York University is conducting research aimed at reducing the emission of nitric oxide from jet aircraft engines.

Nitric oxide is of concern for two reasons. It is part of a cycle that generates photochemical smog, and it may annihilate ozone in the stratosphere.

The latter, explains York professor H.O. Pritchard, may lead in turn to an increase in the amount of the sun's ultraviolet radiation that reaches the earth and perhaps ultimately to an increase in sickness, particularly skin cancer.

The university's computer program will assist in determining rates of all chemical reaction proceeding from jet engines. This would be followed by construction and testing of a prototype that would be practical in performance yet less hazardous to health.

## House fire in Thornhill

Damage estimated at \$1,500 was done in a fire in Thornhill last week.

The fire occurred at the home of Morley Goldberg, 56 Silver Aspen Road, February 27, about 5:30 am. Markham Fire Department, which answered the call, said the fire started in the master bedroom. The cause is unknown.

No one was hurt in the blaze.

The only other area fire of any significance occurred in Aurora at Deemac Furniture Limited, 55A Yonge Street.

The fire, also of unknown origin, did \$60,000 damage to the store and \$10,000 smoke damage to the adjoining Trio Restaurant.

Firemen from Aurora and Newmarket Fire Departments answered the call.

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