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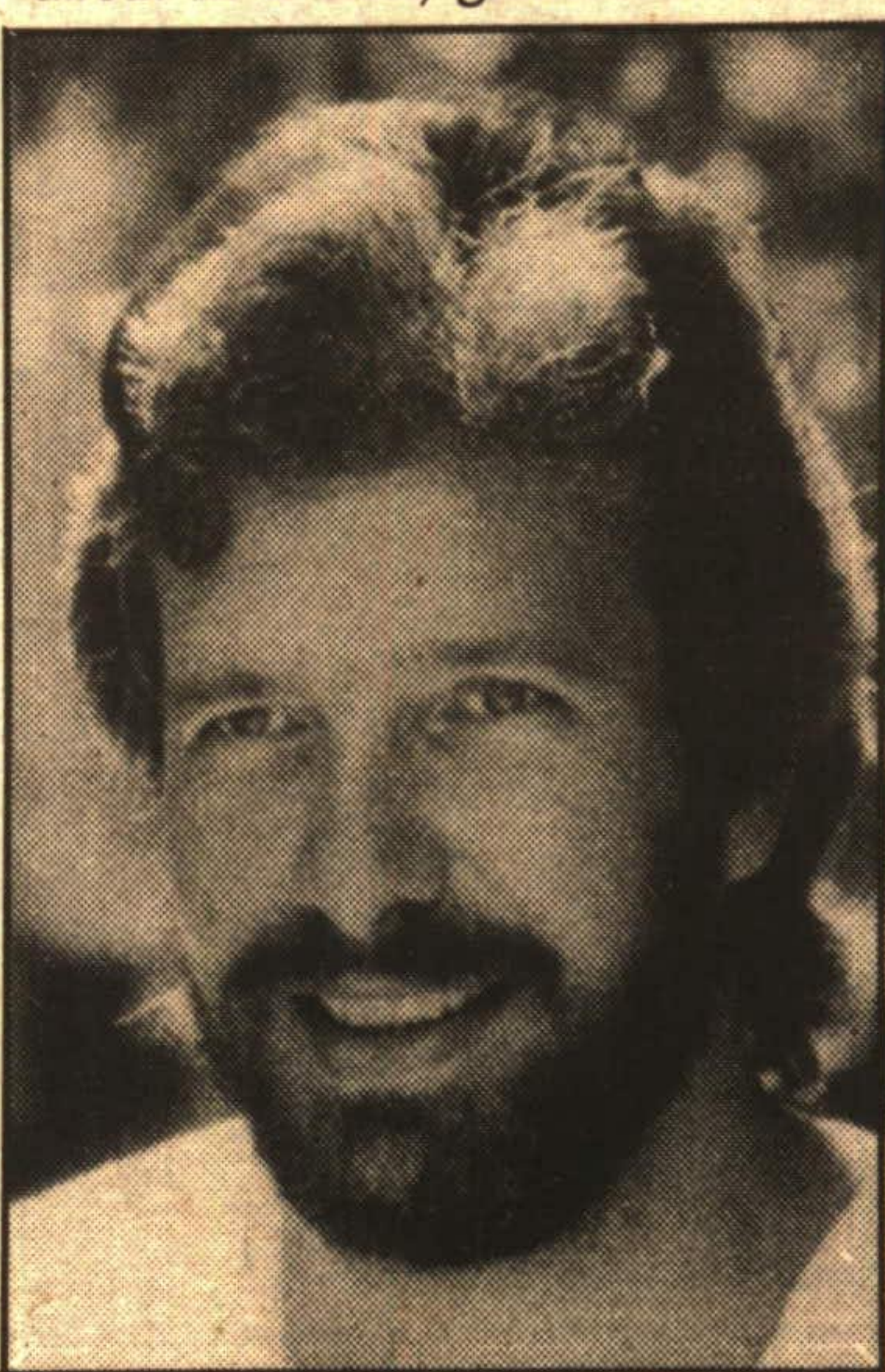
By DAVID GIAMMARCO
The book is called Bandito. It's the biggest thing to ever be smuggled across the Mexican/American/Canadian borders in the trunk of a Pinto. The plot, with ultimate intellectual clarity, concerns a peasant Mexican thief who opens a dry cleaning store in a sleepy Mexican village and... and... and... wait a second... sorry, I got mixed up, Wrong book.

Splendido is the name of the book and it's the latest installment in the very successful series of books based on reluctant hero Tom Coward. Including its predecessors Matinee Idol and Foreign Object, Splendido traces the continuing adventurous escapades of Coward through the glamorous world of the jet-set with exotic locales as backdrops for his James Bondesque misadventures with the very rich and very powerful.

The man behind all this mayhem is none other than author Ron Base. And if that name sounds familiar, it should. Base was the Toronto Star movie critic for seven years. In addition to the Star, Base's work has appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers all over North America, including The Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, The New York Post, The Los Angeles Times, The Miami Herald, Newsday, Cosmopolitan and Maclean's. And if listing every distinguished publication (except The New York Post) known to mankind wasn't enough, Ron has also co-hosted his own movie show on TVO, and for the last several years has been hosting his nationally syndicated radio show called Marquee Magazine.

But it's Ron's first love—writing novels—that keeps propelling him back to the home computer, allowing him to unlock his imagination and wit for yet another sophisticated thriller. Splendido as Ron sees it, "is not my attempt at world peace, but it is an attempt to do something different with the crime fiction genre, at least in this country. Canadian crime fiction has to do with solid, stolid middle aged sleuths who fit in perfectly with the exact dullness of the Canadian landscape."

Tom Coward, the focus of the books, "is not solid, stolid or reliable." He's an anti-hero moving about in a rich, glamorous world



Author Ron Base, in a recent shot of him returning from a couple of days spent in Hugh Hefner's jacuzzi. (Just kidding... it was really an entire week). Base's new book Splendido is a racing thriller filled with great humor and sardonic wit.

that he's a part of, but not really a part of at all. He belongs, but he doesn't belong. He's just not your average, everyday hero."

But it is Canada, 1989, and Ron Base's writing just doesn't seem to fit into the Canadian stereotype. His novels read like anything but what we've come to expect from Canadian authors. And no one is more aware of this than Base, who sees that 'Canadians don't seem to like things that smack of commercialism. I mean we do, but we like to get it from the Americans.'

And what about a movie serial based on Base's character? "It's been suggested for television and for movies but the problem in this country is that nobody's got the kind of money that it would take to do it."

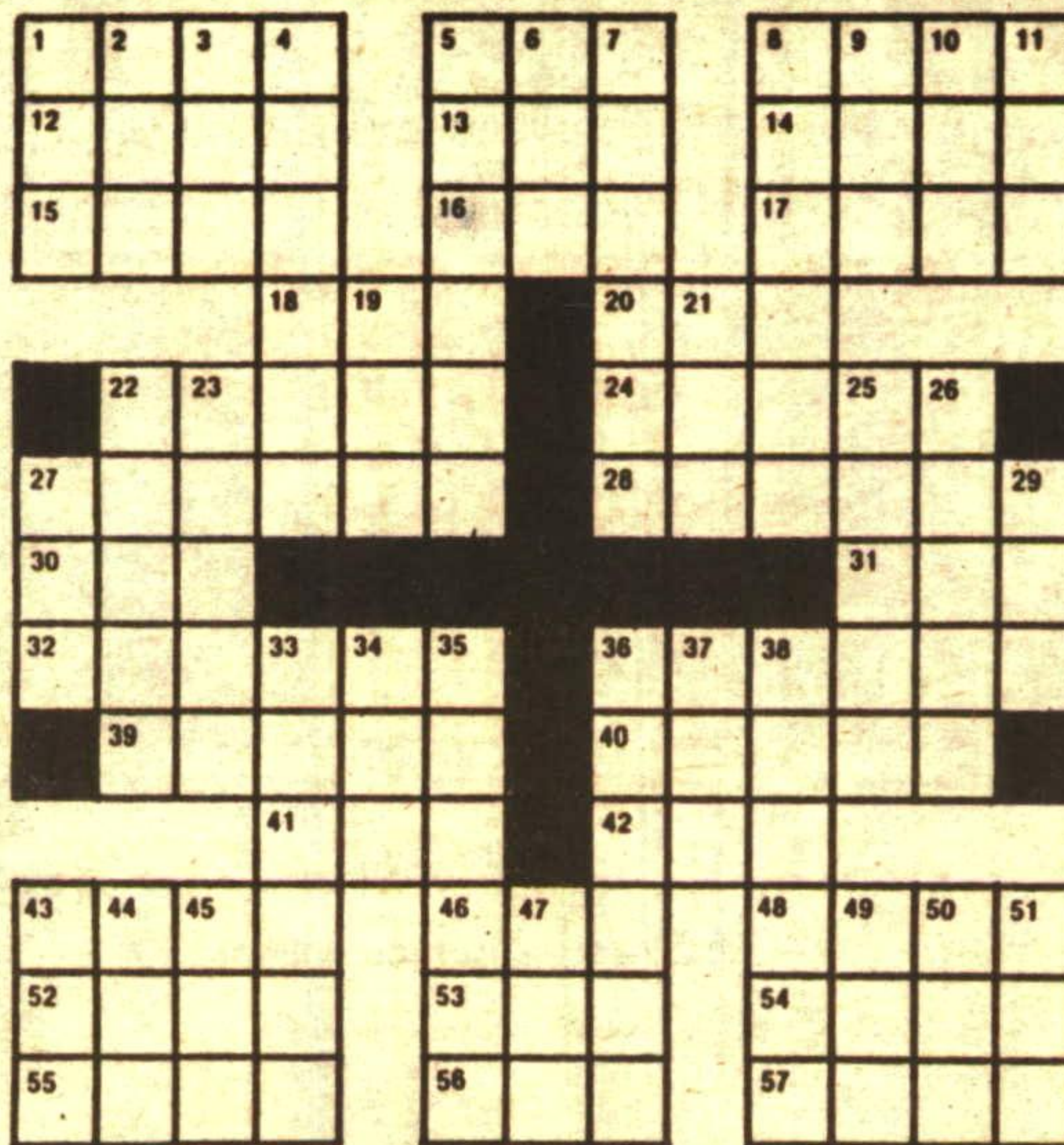
Lack of Canadian funds, however, hasn't stopped Base's venture into the film world, at least from behind the cameras. He wrote the screenplay for the 1984 film Heavenly Bodies and his current screenplay, entitled Ghostwriter is set to soon go before the cameras as well. In addition to film, he's written episodes of Night Heat and Mount Royal for television.

With all the experience Base has accumulated from his years involved with movies and television, the similarities between Base's life and his fictitious character's life makes us wonder how much of Ron Base is actually in Tom Coward.

"When I first wrote about Tom Coward, I was married. Tom was sort of my alter-ego I suppose. He was single and travelling around the world while here I was chained to a typewriter in a basement office."

But things change, and after Base
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- 18 Eliminate
- 20 Knot lace
- 22 Waltz
- 24 Aida, for example
- 27 Ease
- 28 Water nymph
- 30 Vegas
- 31 Ultimate, abbr.
- 32 Loses blood
- 36 Argon and neon
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- 40 Intertwined
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WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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- 5 Make unhappy
- 6 Employ

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- 19 Frozen dessert
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- 26 Was sick
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Historical Town Hall

Halton Hills will continue with a procedure that in three weeks will protect the Acton Town Hall under the Ontario Heritage Act. Having gone through the 30 day appeal period without receiving objections, Council Monday approved the final step which will advertise the passage of the bylaw for three weeks.

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482-042	Sureshot Prima Camera
848-713	Computerized Aerobic Bike
611-004	20 pc. Dinnerware
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