

# Briefly

## Unique film project slated for Toronto

An unusual film, called Acts of Love and consisting of nine vignettes written by nine famous women, begins production in Toronto next week. Contributors to the script include feminist author Germaine Greer, Lady Antonia Fraser, author of *Mary, Queen of Scots*, and Norwegian actress Liv Ullman.

Five of the segments will be directed by Toronto filmmaker Annette Cohen. The writers with whom she will work are Miss Greer (*The Female Eunuch*), Miss Fraser, Edna O'Brien (*Zee and Co.*), Gael Greene (restaurant critic for *New York* magazine) and Penelope Gilliatt (former film critic of *The New Yorker*).

Women who will direct their own scripts are Nancy Dowd (who wrote the screenplay for *Slapshot*) and Miss Ullman. Swedish filmmaker Mai Zetterling will direct her own script and also one by singer **Joni Mitchell**.

The project is being produced by Rene Perlmutter whose husband, David, producer of *Nothing Personal*, is president of the Canadian Association of Motion Picture Producers.

## Sesame Streeter accused of attack

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Northern J. Calloway, who plays David on television's *Sesame Street*, says he "can't remember" anything about an alleged rampage in which police say he attacked a woman and then ran nearly naked through a neighborhood, breaking windows.

"It will be a sad, sad thing for the children to hear about this," said Calloway, 32, one of the most popular figures on the award-winning PBS children's series. "I can't remember a thing. I've never had a spell like this before."

General Sessions Judge Gale Robinson ordered Calloway held without bond on aggravated assault charges and approved his transfer to the Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute.

During the incident Friday morning, *Mary Stagaman*, 27, with whom Calloway was staying, was seriously injured after being beaten with an iron. Police said Calloway then ran through the neighborhood wearing only a shirt and breaking windows until, screaming, "I'm David of *Sesame Street* and they're trying to kill me," until he was strapped to a stretcher by ambulance workers.

Police said Miss Stagaman, marketing director for the arts centre, was in serious condition in hospital with broken ribs and head injuries.

## Carradine faces drug charge

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) — U.S. television and film star David Carradine is to appear in court here today to face a charge of possessing marijuana. A police spokesman said the 40-year-old actor, in South Africa to make a \$5-million movie called *Rally*, was arrested with 11 others at a party in the Johannesburg suburb of Hillbrow early Saturday.

Rally producer Jules Levy said Carradine, best known for his *Kung Fu* television series, is free on \$265 bail. "David possibly believed that the drug laws in South Africa are similar to those in his home state of California where possessing and smoking marijuana is a misdemeanor hardly worse than a traffic violation," Levy said.

## Literary jackpot comes to light

SEATTLE (AP) — A chance remark at a board of regents meeting has disclosed the presence of a major collection of original writings by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow at the University of Washington. The cat was out of the bag after the regents' latest monthly meeting, when William Gerberding, school president, called attention to the donation of the latest of four Longfellow letters.

Inquiries showed that the same donor had given the university 196 original drafts of poems and other letters to literary correspondents, friends and relatives since 1966.

Karyl Winn, curator of manuscripts, was reluctant to respond to questions about the Longfellow collection. "He (the donor) and his wife just don't like publicity," she said. "They are very genteel people who enjoy building collections."

The curator also said the donor specified that the writings be examined only for scholarly research by faculty members and graduate students.