

"Enter and Sign In Please..."

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It's strange how five simple words can cause such a case of nerves. At least this was the case Thursday, July 27, when I became a contestant on the new CTV game show, "What's My Line." (For anyone not familiar with the program, there is a moderator, a panel of two men and two women, and a contestant. The moderator asks the contestant to enter and sign in, then the panel has to guess the contestant's occupation from the questions they ask.)

I walked onto the stage and was immediately dazzled by the bright lights and television cameras. (Perhaps I should have broken into a rendition of "When I'm calling you ou ou ou ou," and removed all doubt as to who I was. No, that wouldn't have been very sporting.) So I signed in, remembering that the "R" comes after the "U" and before the "S" in my name. I sat down next to the moderator, didn't forget to smile and awaited the barrage of questions.

"Panel, Carol Blackhurst performs a service," announced the moderator. "Now let's show the studio and home audience what her line is."

Question 1: "Would you perform your service at my house?" leered Larry Soloway.
"I could," I said.

Question 2: "Would you perform this service with your hands?"
(Giggles, laughs, more giggles from the audience.)
"I could," I said.

And so, the questions went on and on, until the moderator finally intervened: "Our time is up panel, but I'll give you a hint. Carol is involved with the law." Cries came from the panel... "A proba-



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tion officer"... "a traffic officer"... "a meter maid!"...

"Wrong, panel. Carol Blackhurst is one of the three hundred women who are constables in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

"No kidding"... "wow"... "I never would have guessed..." members of the panel exclaimed.

After a short question period in which I was asked if I was a member of the Musical Ride (no), and whether training for male members differed greatly from that of female members (also no), my short-lived career as a television celebrity ended as quietly as it had begun... Ah... no autographs... please.