JOEY SLINGER

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John Edward (Joey) Slinger was born April 14, 1943 in Regina, Saskatchewan and graduated from GCVI in 1962. While at GCVI, he served on Student Council (1960) and with the Gaels Club (1961). However, Joey was an aspiring journalist and that is what he went on to become. He worked for the Guelph Mercury in 1964 and 1965 before attending Queen's and Carleton Universities. He later worked on several newspapers including the Victoria Times, The Globe and Mail, and The Toronto Sun before settling down at The Toronto Star.

Slinger currently lives in Toronto and has written a humour column in The Toronto Star since 1979. In 1982, Joey Slinger won the National Newspaper Award for best columnist. He continues to be one of the most consistently funny columnists in Canada today. Joey is the author of two books, No Axe Too Small to Grind, winner of the 1986 Leacock Award for humour, and If It's a Jungle Out There, Why Do I Have to Mow the Lawn? Both of these books were compiled from Joey Slinger's newspaper columns.

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