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Goodbye, farewell, adieu, Frank S

Quieter half of
Canadian comedy
duo is dead at 85

Obituary



'Careers like that are unparalleled, both by their length and body of work. Shuster (left) gave birth to satire in Canada'

COMEDIAN RICK MERCER

Hospital. He was 85.
Mr. Shuster's death brought down the final curtain on the most successful show business partnership in Canadian history. His partner, Johnny Wayne, predeceased him in 1990.
"He was like someone's grandfather," comedian Rick

Mercer said last night in a telephone interview from Halifax. "He had no star attitude. His kindness and generosity was

legendary in the industry. He was one of those people who exceeded your expectations. "Careers like that are unpa-

ralleled, both by their length and body of work. Shuster gave birth to satire in Canada."
Apart from their considerable success, in Canada and elsewhere, Wayne and Shuster were unusual in another important respect: Most comedy teams, from Abbott and Costello to Martin and Lewis or Rowan and Martin, consisted of a straight man and a comedian. Wayne and Shuster were both

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Frank Shuster, the quieter half of Canada's most famous comedy team, died of pneumonia yesterday at Mount Sinai

A shot across the brow



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Dr. Fred Weksberg injects Botox, made from botulism bacteria, to battle the wrinkles on 42-year-old Angelo Nasato's forehead at the New You 2002 anti-aging and cosmetic surgery show. The event attracted 12,000 people to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on the weekend. Story, page B3.

Terror show to am states

Tape found near
Kabul on way to
U.S. for analysis

SYDNEY, Australia (AP-Reuters) — A videotape showing Al Qaeda militants practicing a mass assassination of world leaders and an attack on a motorcade, is on its way to the United States for detailed analysis by U.S. military intelligence.

The Australian Broadcasting Corp. aired extracts from the video late last night. Recorded at an Al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan, it showed what the network said were Arab, Pakistani and African fighters rehearsing hostage-taking and assassinations.

The drills, using live ammunition, appeared to be aimed at potential Western targets, the network said.

The exercises included detailed plans to attack a motorcade on what appeared to be a road system in Washington, D.C., and a mass assassination of national leaders at a golf tournament. In another exercise, those acting as hostages and the attackers practiced speaking in English.

In one scene, militants blew up a car, and in another they fired hand-held rocket launchers and automatic weapons at targets on a barren golf course.

The network said it obtained the grainy six-hour video from Northern Alliance soldiers who found the tapes in an abandoned school turned training camp near Kabul shortly after the hardline Taliban fled the Afghan capital.

Meanwhile, the Guardian newspaper reported in London today that the British government will order army reservists

Anxiety in Walkerton

Still hurting nearly two years later from seven deaths and widespread illness, Walkerton residents await the release of the inquiry report that could give them firm answers to the tainted water disaster. "I'm anxious to get it on the one hand, but I'm also afraid to read it," said one resident of the document, to be released next Monday.

Story, A4

Lastman handshake with an Angel sparks Quebec fury

'Naive' mayor needs tutoring on gangs, critics say

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For the third straight day Mel Lastman is at the centre of a deepening scandal following his weekend handshake with a Hells Angels gang member.

And the circle of critics continues to widen as political and civic leaders here and in Que-

bec — where a deadly biker war raged unchecked for years — express outrage and disappointment, saying the Toronto mayor is in desperate need of a crash course on how outlaw motorcycle gangs like the Hells Angels earn their money.

And the mother of an 11-year-old Montreal boy who was killed by a pipe bomb during a 1995 biker war says Lastman is dangerously naive.

"I was very disturbed — very," said Joanne Desrochers, whose son was playing on the sidewalk near their home when he was killed by a remote-con-



MEL LASTMAN: Biker party visit roundly criticized.

trolled bomb planted in a residential neighbourhood near Olympic Stadium in Montreal during that city's lengthy biker war.

"I'm very saddened by the mayor of Toronto," Desrochers said, noting Lastman's actions show that Torontonians simply

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