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Musicians head home as Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival wraps up

### News



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The Pocket Dwellers were among the many acts who appeared at this year's Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival. MC Nigel A. Williams (aka n.i gel) and his band played Saturday at the downtown barracks. For more coverage of the festival, see the Arts section on page 8.

### Sports



UNB took on Memorial University this weekend. Page 12

## 12 more homeless hours

Teams hope to raise money for Chrysalis House

by Brian Mumford

Homelessness.

The irony is that not long ago Chrysalis House was itself 'without a home.' On Christmas day 1999 it was forced to close its doors due to lack of funding.

The House was a shelter for homeless teenage girls, however these girls were left without shelter or assistance for almost two years before the House was able to re-open.

Chrysalis House is once again a haven for homeless female teens. It now receives \$2,000 a month from the province, and the federal government subsidizes one-quarter of the four person payroll and will continue to do so for the next two years.

This government help, however, is not nearly enough to provide the food, clothing, health care, rent, and wages necessary for running the House. Therefore, Chrysalis House is once again turning to the community for support with another 12 Hours of Homelessness fundraiser.

On October 16 teams of up to 10 people will spend 12 hours in Officers' Square without permanent shelter. Each team will construct a shelter out of cardboard, plastic, and/or duct tape.

Once the "brown town" is complete, the fun will begin. There will be food, cheering contests, and musical guests Chillin' Room, Fat Jebus, and Pimp Tea.

There will be prizes, including awards for most authentic shelter, the most creative shelter, and the best cheer.

For those who collect the most pledges, both individually and collectively as teams, there will also be prizes.

Last year the event raised over \$20,000, with about 40 teams participating. This year's goal is to raise \$50,000.

Armed with food, entertainment, and a lot of duct tape, all Chrysalis House needs is your support.

## Bari trial continues

Prosecution's evidence takes spotlight as trial heats up

by K Brookland

Interpol, diplomatic channels through Dhaka, and the RCMP, have all assisted in gathering evidence for a Fredericton murder trial.

The victim was UNB student Shailla Akther Bari. Her estranged husband Abdul Bari stands accused of her murder.

Detective Fulton MacIntosh was on the stand all Friday morning as Crown Prosecutor Hilary Drain asked about some of the evidence collected over the six-month long murder investigation by Fredericton City Police.

Mr Bari displayed no emotion as his translator related MacIntosh's testimony to him.

Central to Friday's testimony were letters written by Mr Bari to family members in Bangladesh, latex gloves, fingerprints in the victim's apartment at 773 Regent Street, and "castaway" evidence.

Beginning with the gloves found near Ms Bari's apartment, Thomas Suzanski, a DNA analysis expert with the RCMP, testified last week that biological material found on the pair of rubber gloves was a reliable match to the DNA profile of the murder victim. He said that one test showed "the chances that the material on the gloves belonged to someone other than Shailla Bari were one in 10 million, while another test showed one in one billion."

A group of letters sent to family members of Mr Bari in Bangladesh were recovered by the city police with the help of "Interpol, diplomatic channels through Dhaka, and the RCMP," said MacIntosh Friday. Another group of letters was seized from the home of Mr Bari at 247 Wright Street in Fredericton.

A handwriting expert determined that the letters brought from Bangladesh and those seized from Mr Bari's Fredericton residence were written by the same person.

The letters from Bangladesh were photocopied by MacIntosh and sent to



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Abdul Bari, the accused in the Shailla Bari murder trial, is escorted out of the courthouse.

a firm in Toronto to be translated from Bangla to English.

In one of the letters Mr Bari sent to a family member in Bangladesh he wrote of Shailla, whose nickname was Moon, "If Moon ever lives anywhere in Canada other than with my family, I'm not going to let her live."

When asked by Drain about fingerprints in the victim's apartment, MacIntosh said that no fingerprints of the accused were found at the crime scene. About 15 fingerprints were found, of which only two belonged to Ms Bari. The other prints were not identified, he said.

MacIntosh told the court there was no need to fingerprint Abdul Bari, as the police "already had them on file." Mr Bari had previously been charged with criminal harassment [of Shailla] and fingerprinted at that time. In June 2003 he pleaded guilty and was given a conditional discharge.

MacIntosh made it clear that Mr Bari was a suspect almost immediately after the body was found by police July 22, 2003. "We had him under

surveillance," he said. Drain asked when Mr Bari was watched by police. MacIntosh said, "July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 26<sup>th</sup>, and another couple of days after that."

Drain then moved on to castaway evidence. She asked MacIntosh to explain to the court what exactly castaway evidence was. "For example, if a person throws away a cigarette while under surveillance, that cigarette can be taken for testing for DNA," he said.

In this case the police picked up several castaways. "The lab got a DNA profile from one of the castaways. It tested for male, but we had nothing to compare it to."

But it was the latex gloves police found August 31 which were the focal point of MacIntosh's testimony Friday.

He said, "At first I thought gloves like this were pretty much all the same." After spending months to determine if the gloves (style number 57157) found near Ms Bari's apartment were a match to those used at the Sheraton where Mr Bari was employed, MacIntosh discovered the gloves were not as common as he had originally guessed.

"We went to the Sheraton last fall to get a pair of their gloves to compare it to those we found near Shailla's apartment," said MacIntosh. They did not match.

Despite this setback, MacIntosh kept working on that aspect of the case. He and other officers went to every possible retail outlet in Fredericton that sells latex gloves. The police spoke with Doug Bell, CEO of Alliance Mercantile in British Columbia, the largest distributor of latex gloves in Canada.

Bell told the police that the gloves they found near Ms Bari's apartment were not distributed for sale to the public but only to commercial customers such as restaurants and hotels.

It was then discovered that the brand of gloves supplied to the Sheraton had changed in the fall of 2003. Therefore, the gloves that were initially compared to those found near Ms Bari's Regent Street apartment were the new brand of gloves shipped from Cisco Atlantic, a distributor based in Moncton.

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### Weather

**Today:** Chance of wetness; High 20, Low 7.  
**Thursday:** Sunny; High 20, Low 10.  
**Friday:** Bright 'n beautiful; High 20, Low 7.  
**Saturday:** Alright; High 50, Low 2.  
**Sunday:** What am I, Kreskin? High 40, Low 1.

### Quote of the Week

"The years teach much that the days never know."  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Thursday Sept 23

# Get Schnapped!

Dr. McGillicuddy

# I AM

Saturday  
\$2.00 Molson Cdn, Cdn Lt all Night  
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