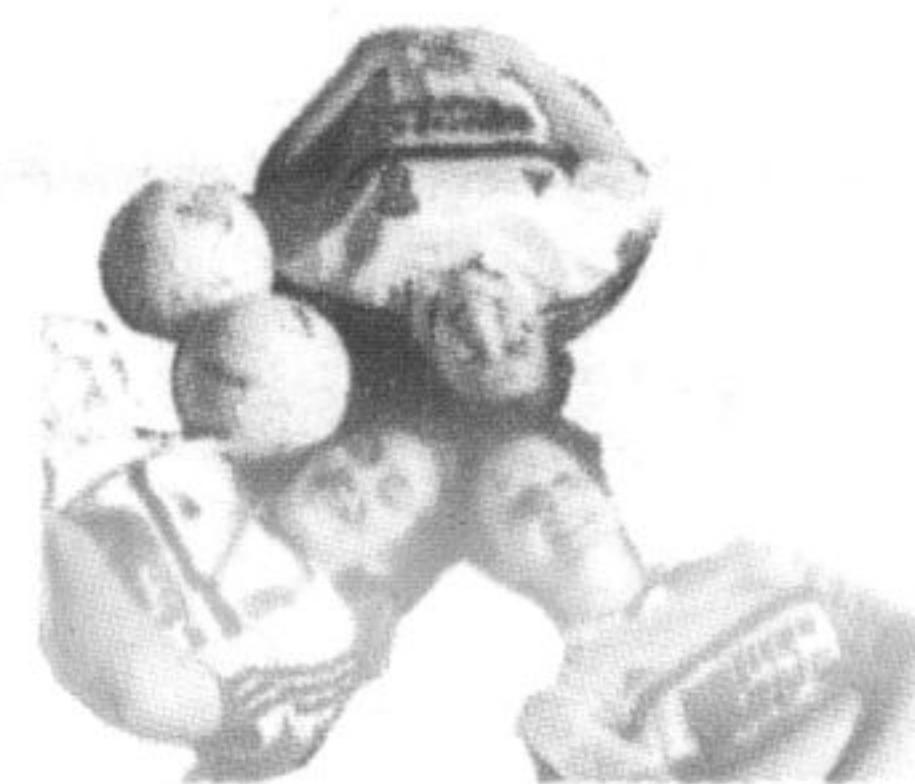


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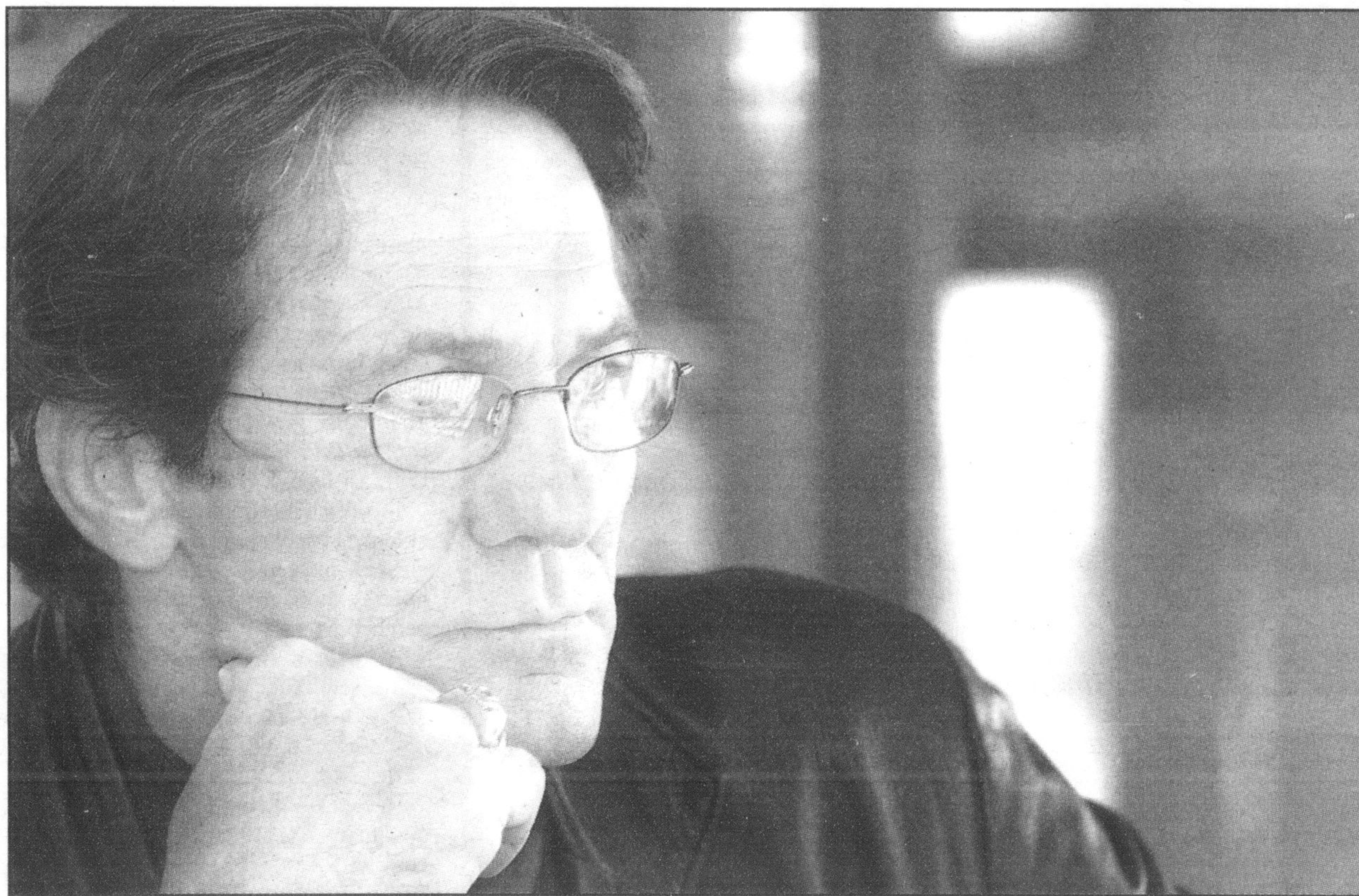


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Joe Manchisi looks out the window of his Steeles Avenue restaurant reflecting on a tough five months.

Joe Manchisi believes his son is dead and he's known all along who killed him

By **STEPHANIE THIESSEN**
The Champion

It was a Century 21 office turned into a makeshift command central. Members of the Manchisi family were starting their own investigation into the disappearance of their beloved son, brother, cousin and nephew.

They phoned scores of numbers found on paper scraps in 20-year-old Guiseppe 'Joseph' Manchisi's room, but one stood out from the rest — a phone call to Douglas Moore's cell phone, made by Mr. Manchisi's cousin.

Mr. Manchisi's father, also named Joseph, said Mr. Moore's name surfaced again and again as the family phoned his missing son's friends and acquaintances.

From that day nearly five months ago on, Mr. Manchisi said he knew Mr. Moore was the man police should be investigating.

So when he was informed recently that Mr. Moore had died April 2 while in prison on sex charges — and that he was a suspect in the murder of a Mississauga boy and a "person of interest" in his son's case — it only confirmed what Mr. Manchisi said he knew from the beginning and had told police.

"I pegged the right bastard," Mr. Manchisi said, his face flushed with anger, in an interview with *The Champion* at his real estate office. "They (police) knew about this bastard all along."

He quickly added he knows police are doing their best with the investigation.

"I have no bad feelings, I just want results now."

As Mr. Manchisi struggles to cope with what he believes to be true — that his son is dead — he's also struggling to go about his day to day business and deal with the sudden onslaught of media attention.

Giuseppe 'Joseph' Manchisi went missing November 12 with his Mississauga friend, 22-year-old Robert Grewal.

Mr. Grewal's body was found November 15 — just three days after the men disappeared — in a rural area south of Montreal. His body wasn't identified until last week, and Mr. Manchisi was informed of the discovery Thursday.

Police are expected to comb the same rural area in search of Mr. Manchisi's body.

The two young men were last seen driving Mr. Manchisi's blue Honda Civic hatchback. They haven't been heard from since. Police told family members a month ago that foul play is expected. That was confirmed when Mr. Grewal's body was discovered.

Peel Regional Police said they think drugs are involved and that

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15-year-old charged in vandalism spree

A 15-year-old Milton boy is facing charges in connection with a two-year pellet gun vandalism spree.

Between September, 2002 and February, Milton police said a drastic spike in pellet gun-related vandalism incidents was noticed.

There were 100 reported incidents of damage to vehicle and house windows in Milton. The total damage is estimated at \$55,000.

Police said a "person of interest" was found, and an investigation was conducted. The investigation ended March 29, when police searched a Milton residence and seized four pellet guns, a sling shot and pellet gun ammunition.

A 15-year-old Milton boy is facing nine criminal charges of mischief and nine Town of Milton bylaw charges.

He will appear at Burlington youth court April 29.

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