

## ...and then comes

## November

Halloween is over and I didn't hear of any cows being painted green with food dye or farm gates suddenly appearing on clothes lines or anything even remotely outlandish, so it must have been a quiet evening. I wonder how many can remember how to make the little window buzzers with an empty thread spool, a bit of string and some rosin? One old fellow in the town I lived in as a kid, used to get out his saw and a violin bow and play the strangest sounds from behind his lilac hedge. Used to scare us kids skinny. Those were the days when treats consisted of gingerbread men, candy apples, popcorn balls, and toffee, all home-made and delicious after you had picked the lint from the pillow case off them. I remember how hard it was to bob for apples when your two front teeth still hadn't grown back. And oh the ghost stories. They kept you awake a lot longer than the sugar from the candy did.

My son, Bruce, in Victoria, loves Halloween. He sent me a plane ticket to go out and visit he and his brother. That was early October and Bruce already had his Halloween decorations out and was planning what his front yard was going to look like for the spooky evening.

It was great to see the boys and the grandson that I haven't seen since he was 14 months (he is now 13 years). I am a bit apprehensive about flying but once I am in the plane and we are in the air, I must admit, I really enjoy the flight. Talking to these distant sons on the telephone has been our connection for many years, but being there and being able to hug them was well worth whatever fears I had of flying. Victoria was very welcoming with mild weather and an occasional glimpse of sun. We did a lot of wandering around the city and a bit of the tourist thing, but mostly we just 'hung out' together. What made this jaunt to the west even more pleasant was knowing that the two dogs I left at home were in good hands with the folks who came and visited

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## Cherry Valley United Church Concert Planned



Mount Tabor audiences will remember the wonderful violin music provided by Zeke Mazurek as he has appeared with Sneezy Waters in the late December concerts over the past several years. Indeed the pair has become a year end tradition for Milford folk.

We have some good news and some bad news.

First the bad news. Zeke and Sneezy will not be performing at Mt. Tabor this December. With their own millennium plans in mind they simply aren't able to make it to our community.

Now the good news! Cherry Valley United Church is pleased to announce that Zeke Mazurek and Rob Loree will perform in concert with a selection of the finest of local talent on Friday Evening, November 5th at Cherry Valley Church sanctuary. The two hour concert, beginning

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