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Michael Nussbaumer is a journalist. He works for the local radio station Europe 2 at La Clusaz in the Alps. Just like every other morning, he is catching up on the news. Today, in the Dauphiné, the regional paper, there's a story about an avalanche killing three army servicemen.

Nat: "In your opinion, why do avalanches occur?"

Michael: "In my opinion, avalanches happen because of the fact that skiers are careless, that's one half of the question... or answer. But the other point is that it's what mountains do!"

Radio: The weather Europe 2

Michael presents three weather bulletins a day that closely track weather and temperature changes.

Michael: "Tomorrow the weather will change. There will be light snow tomorrow morning, the afternoon will be very sunny however. Top temperatures will be around the two degrees mark at the resort and minus two at the mountain summit."

Nat: "Has it been cold this year?"

Michael: "January was a very very very cold month for us. Er... We had temperatures as low as minus twenty two degrees at 2,500 metres and we had a couple of weeks in January when the temperature oscillated between minus ten and minus fifteen degrees at the resort."

Nat: "In your opinion, do you think the climate is changing?"

Michael: "The climate is changing, it's definitely changing because of all the events we are seeing... Particularly all the... all the tornadoes that... that happened around Florida, and around the... the Caribbean. The planet is heating up and if we don't do something to stop it, it will be difficult for our children."

Here sport is the main activity. But what goes on here in terms of cultural events?

Michael: "If you want more concerts, more... events or let's say exhibitions... For that kind of thing you go to... You go to the local pages where you'll find comprehensive information about the town of Annecy. And you can see on the first page here that a band called Cactus Deville will be playing a concert in Annecy... They are a rock band from the region."

Nat: "Do you think they're a good band?"

Michael: "Of course, I would say that they are a good band... If the Dauphine Libéré is featuring them, then I am sure they will be a good band!"

Michael goes very often to the tourist office to meet Alexis Bongard and talk about future events.

Michael: "What do you have to tell me about events coming up in the next few days?"

Alexis: "We're doing our customary Ski Retro. On Wednesday 8th February 2006, and therefore in La Clusaz, one hundred years of ski history. So this is a big outside show. It's a sound and light performance and it covers the whole history of skiing."

Michael: "Finally, let's finish up with some film listings that are..."

Michael ends the day by announcing cultural events like some films listings or a traditional torchlight ski descent.