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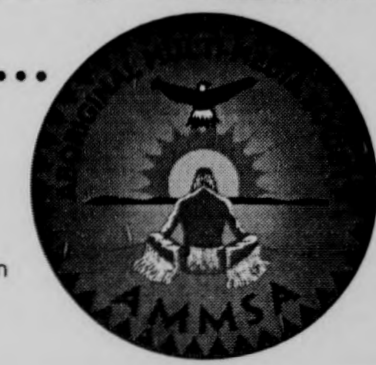
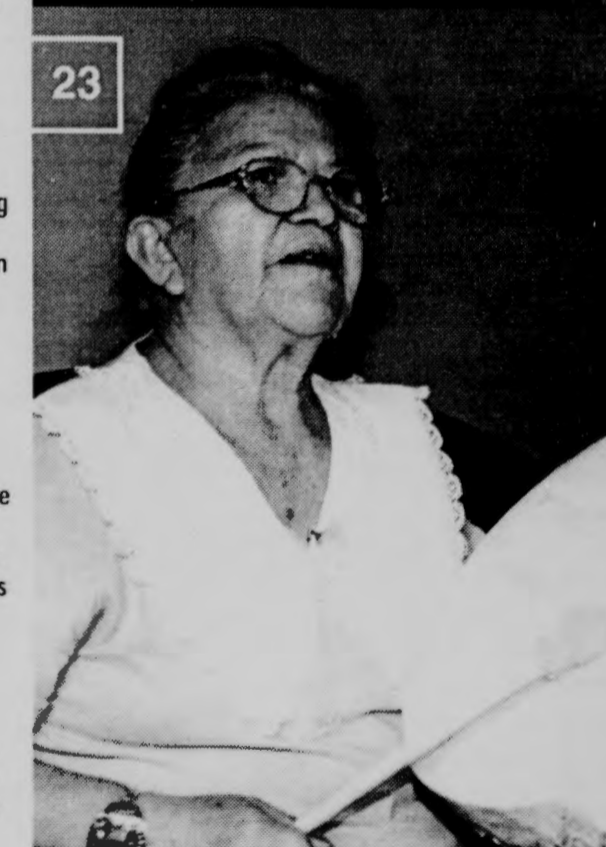
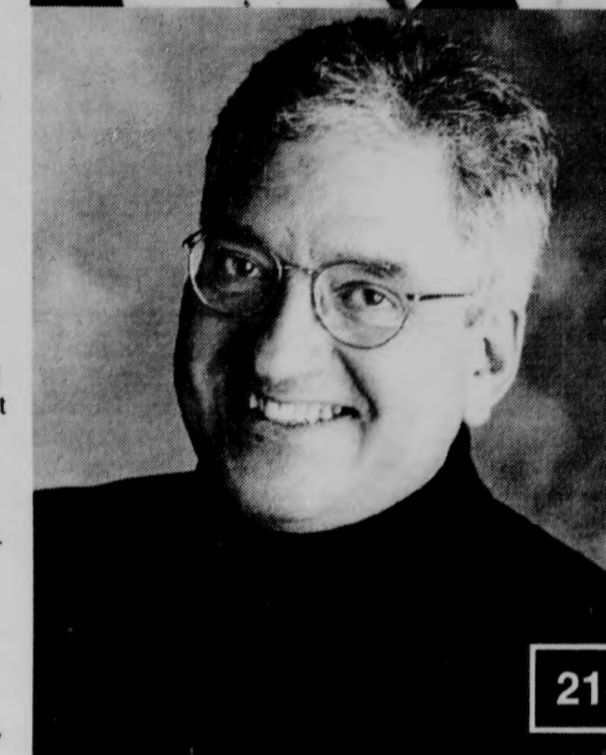
Shuswap Elder Annie Parker.

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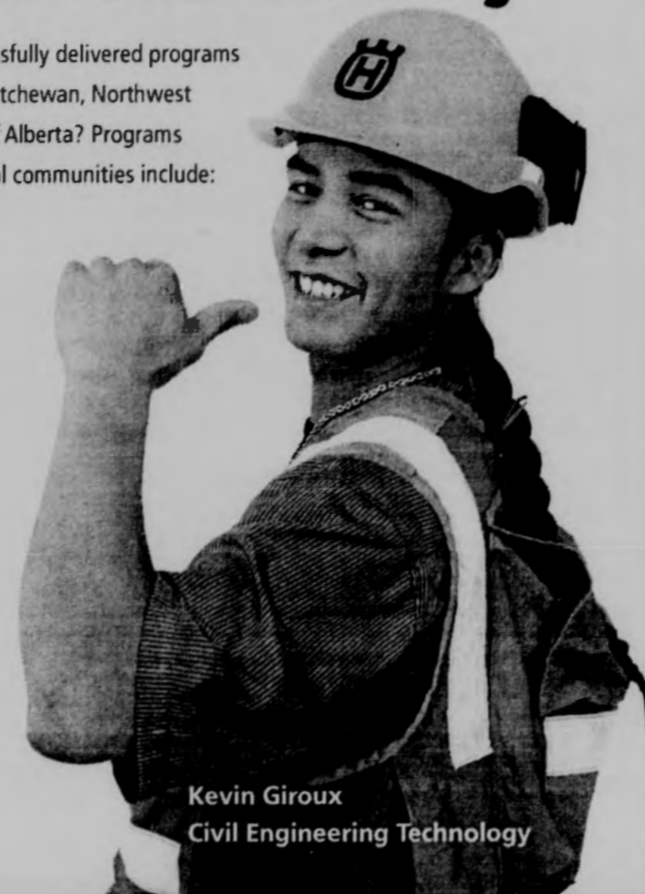
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## Set an example— follow the rules

It's a little ironic, and more than just a bit hypocritical, for the Northwest Territories vice-chief for the Assembly of First Nations to be pooh-poohing a thing like the AFN charter. (See *Windspeaker's* story on page 8 for details.) It is, after all, the rulebook for an organization that has kept Bill Erasmus and many of his colleagues gainfully employed and well fed for a great number of years.

Yes, the AFN charter is a quarter century old, and yes, it will probably be changed based on recommendations brought forward by the organization's renewal commission, but until that day comes the charter is not optional. And it's not something to be manipulated or ignored depending on its impediment to the agenda of the players involved.

We remember a day in August 1994 when Chief Erasmus disrupted a public appearance by Queen Elizabeth in Yellowknife to warn her that Canada was dragging her name through the mud with its treatment of Aboriginal peoples. He was taking advantage of a high profile public event to draw attention to what? To the often-repeated lament of First Nations' leaders that Canada doesn't follow its own set of rules—the Constitution, the treaties, its laws.

Fast forward a decade and hear Erasmus in Charlottetown decry getting caught up in the minute details of the AFN charter. Then hear him tell that small crowd of chiefs gathered there he is pushing the federal government to define—in detail—its obligations to First Nations in regards to the health provisions as set out in those troubling relics of history, the treaties. (See story page 12.) If this executive member of the AFN is to have credibility on any subject, surely he must see that consistency in the message he delivers is crucial.

Should Canada's 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms, an essential tool in the protection of Aboriginal rights, be set aside because it is a document that will soon reach the ripe old age of 25? If the ideals set out in that statement of Canadian values become a challenge to live up to for some of this country's citizens, should we just ignore it, give it up? What of those "ancient" agreements that we have asked the Supreme Court of Canada to use to define Aboriginal rights, like in Marshall on the East Coast, for example, are they of no use to the people of today to provide the guide for our modern behavior?

No, some of you reading this will say there is no comparison between the AFN charter and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms of Canada, there is no comparison between the AFN charter and the treaties or a royal proclamation. But there is. All of these documents find their roots in a promise, a promise that states that until these rules are replaced by others negotiated by all sides, they are the agreed upon code by which we will govern our conduct.

No, these codes of conduct are not always convenient or expedient for all people at all times. Just ask the Canadian Taxpayers Association. That group believes that the tax-exempt provision negotiated on our behalf by our ancestors, one that is still written down in Canadian law, should not apply in this world today. 'Scrap it, post haste.' Just ask the rump of the former Canadian Alliance Party that still exerts its influence over the new Conservative Party of Canada. That group would have us assimilated and our rights as first peoples under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution extinguished to put the "Indian problem" to rest. 'Ignore that section; it's become a detail inconvenient to the majority.'

It would be unfair of us to allow the reader to believe that Vice-chief Erasmus is alone in his lackadaisical observance of the AFN charter. Erasmus was simply the one who opened his mouth and opened the door for this editorial. The simple truth of the matter is that all ideological and political sides within the organization are blameworthy.

It may be a Canadian tradition that the élites in this country don't think they have to follow the rules, but it is not an Indian tradition. The AFN exists—and absorbs millions of dollars every year—because First Nations people have a different way of looking at the world. If First Nations leaders want to act like Canadian élites, they've joined the other side.

If Canada simply said 'Yeah, the rulebook states we have an obligation, but we're going to follow the AFN lead and just ignore inconvenient rules' Erasmus and his cronies would howl. But if the AFN leaders think they can get away with that same kind of behavior, what makes them think they can insist others can't?

—Windspeaker

## Investment needed

Dear Editor:

I've always listened to people about the negative actions of their chiefs and councils, and I must say that these accusations are true, but our people must understand that they put these people in office, mostly by being bribed or given false promises. And these communities' heads seem to forget the people and the things they promised when they get the votes they wanted.

Our leaders must understand that they must make the best investments for our communities to help benefit our people, especially our youth who are our future voices. A lot are losing touch with their culture due to our chiefs and councils not investing in our culture or people to teach it.

Our communities are being taken by drug and alcohol abuse and no one's doing nothing 'cause they're a part of it or aren't raising their voices to be heard.

I think chiefs and councils should invest in their people and communities, not their wallets and bank accounts. I hope to become a chief of my reserve, 'cause I care for my fellow Aboriginals and I hope people choose their leaders with good credibility.

Daniel Napesis  
Horse Lake First Nation, Alta.

## There will be time to pay taxes later

Dear Editor:

Recently, I was informed that the Canada revenue agency would revise its existing law to change the Aboriginal education system in Canada. Aboriginal students are going to be paying some heavy taxes on their education endeavors.

The Liberal government plans to fully tax students based on their tuition, living allowance, books and other supplies.

It's bad enough the average Aboriginal student has to survive on Corn Flakes, Asian noodles and fried bologna. After these changes I would not be surprised if an Aboriginal student could even afford the bologna. Some students may not be able to afford rent simply because this government forces Aboriginals to resume a lifestyle that rolls in the slums. These taxed students will be forced to rely on inner-city food banks and soup kitchens.

In times like these many Aboriginal students must take a stand for their education as I did. They should contact their chiefs, grand chiefs, the national chief, members of Parliament and the minister of Indian Affairs.

These taxation reforms are unjust based on the fact that a majority of students will have lived away from the First Nation for the first time. It will take their entire education to adjust to urban life. Should they stay in the city like many of us afterwards, they will be working in full-time jobs and contributing taxes then.

This Liberal government must lend an ear to those who are seldom given a voice. Even the one voice behind these words will never rest. I will assure you that,

Daniel J. Townshend  
Sagamok First Nation

Editor's note: Canada Customs and Revenue Agency planned to bring in the new tax in 2005, but that has been pushed forward to 2006.

## Future looks bright

Dear Editor:

It's interesting to note that anyone convicted of committing atrocities against Aboriginal women and children, such as former judge David Ramsay [see "Ramsay sentence disappoints Aboriginal leaders" July 2004 *Windspeaker*], get to serve out their sentences at minimum security facilities. Even though Mr. Ramsay once held the power of the judicial process in one hand and with the other hand he assaulted minor Aboriginal youth, he is privileged by the system and placed in the most elegant federal facility. In no time at all he will enjoy escorted temporary absences to attend church services and to go shopping. He will most likely be revered by some of his peers and keepers and eventually he will be allowed to retire with his pension.

It's unfortunate that Mr. Ramsay's future looks brighter than the youth that he victimized and left traumatized. Moreover, it's disheartening for all Aboriginal people who are working to regain trust in the judicial process to see more examples like this.

Davey Maurice

## [ rants and raves ] Elite need to know

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading the article "Grassroots network prepared to fight 'collaborators'" (August 2004 *Windspeaker*). You let Mr. Taiaiake Alfred know that there are many here in Saskatchewan that are prepared to join the movement.

We do not have much use for our present so-called leaders of the First Nations people. They are more department of Indian Affairs' lackeys than leaders. You do not stand alone. You go ahead and print this letter. Let the elite know that Mr. Alfred is not alone.

Victor Mispounas  
Beausval, Sask.

## Pensions a sham

Dear Editor:

I wholeheartedly disagree with the exorbitant pensions and severance packages that our retired and defeated MPs receive. I agree with a letter writer to the Saskatoon Star Phoenix who asks how Jim Pankiw, Saskatchewan's most infamous federal parliamentarian could receive a \$70,000 severance package (this on top of his healthy pension) for stirring division and pandering to society's most base prejudices?

We will reward Maurice Vellacott for the same thing for arguing that two disgraced Saskatoon police officers were somehow wrongly prosecuted for taking a young Aboriginal man outside of city limits to possibly freeze to death. We will also reward Rick Laliberte for spending more on travel than any other MP and for not fully taking on his parliamentary duties.

It's unconscionable that 50 retiring MPs could receive \$3.5 million annually in pensions or that the taxpayers will pay a further \$2.9 million in severance for 29 defeated MPs.

MPs' pensions surely don't mirror my reality or the Canadian reality. I worked for 17 years with the Smoke Jumpers, the most effective fire suppression team in Saskatchewan's history. I know that I did more useful work in one summer than all those MPs I mentioned earlier did in their entire parliamentary careers. This was my reality as a civil servant—no severance package and no pension. I am sure my story is quite common. I guess I should have been elected to Parliament.

Frank Tomkins  
Saskatoon, Sask.

## Suicides to continue

Dear Editor:

For years now there has been a suicide epidemic devastating our northern communities. The last estimate of successful suicides is well over 200. I believe without proper support or resources, suicides will continue and this will be utterly shameful for Canadians as a whole.

I believe this issue has everything to do with an underlying worldview and treatment of people who are different. It's my opinion First Nations in this country are dealing with the intergenerational impacts of residential schools, continued oppressive acts, such as racism and incarceration, and the present-day colonialism policy as propagated by anti-Aboriginal groups like the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, who insist our people have it easy.

This ties in to my next concern—the closing down of a nationally funded Aboriginal-operated youth treatment centre in this community. Is this wise to close the doors of this centre? I believe one issue of the centre's closure has to do with the "Not in my back yard approach" society is known for in dealing with marginalized and oppressed people.

The last issue has to do with our land. As Canada's first people, why does our First Nation-operated agencies and organizations have to purchase land for use and pay taxes on land we already own? In addition, some of our sacred ancestral lands and lodges had to be moved or dismantled to accommodate society interests.

In closing, if we're talking about nation building and developing trust with Aboriginal people, first assist in building our youth treatment centre. Secondly, share the land with the original inhabitants of Canada. Third, provide our northern First Nations with resources to deal with the serious socio-economic situation.

John Fox,  
Thunder Bay, Ont.

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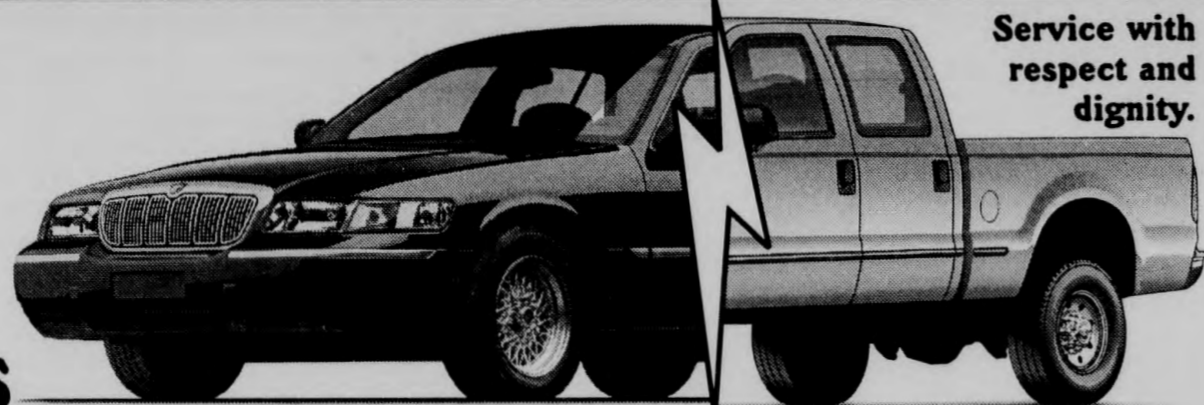
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# Assembly of Vice-chiefs?

## HOOKY PLAYING CHIEFS DISRUPT ANNUAL MEETING

By Paul Barnsley  
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CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

The Assembly of First Nations' habit of not playing by its own rules has caused trouble again, this time in Charlottetown at its annual general meeting held July 19 to 22.

Only two of the more than 60 resolutions filed by chiefs concerned with a variety of pressing matters were dealt with over the course of four days. A golf tournament was fit into the schedule, however, as was a banquet and dance in honor of New Brunswick and P.E.I. Vice-chief Len Tomah.

Of the resolutions dealt with, one concerned child and family services matters. The other approved a proposed "framework for advancing the recognition and implementation of First Nations governments."

The second resolution was of central importance to National Chief Phil Fontaine's plan to work jointly with Indian and Northern Affairs on policy issues.

The other resolutions did not get debated because, late in the afternoon of Day 2, the question of quorum was raised. Once the voting delegates present were counted, it was clear that a significant number of chiefs or their proxies had gone AWOL. Since the body could not function without a quorum, despite the fact that as much as half-a-million dollars was expended to hold the meeting, the resolutions were referred to the national executive for action, a decision that caused some sparks.

It has become accepted practice that resolutions are referred to the

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—N.W.T. Vice-chief  
Bill Erasmus

11-member executive body for approval if they are not dealt with during the assembly.

Dave General, a councillor with Six Nations of the Grand River (Ontario) and proxy for Chief Barbara Allison of the Lower Similkameen First Nation (British Columbia), stood at a meeting floor microphone to say the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) charter did not allow for such a practice.

The battle over when the charter is followed and when it isn't has surfaced at all recent AFN meetings. During a sometimes heated session last December at the group's Ottawa confederacy, the AFN wrestled with the idea of what to do when accepted practice conflicts with what's written in the charter. At that meeting, British Columbia chief Doug Kelly called for a return to the charter rules on voting. Kelly said the charter allowed only a limited number of chiefs from each region to vote at confederacy meetings. Many chiefs, led by Six Nations Chief Roberta Jamieson, fought back against that motion arguing the charter had been ig-

nored for many years and the accepted practice had become that every chief in attendance could vote, as is the rule for annual meetings.

In response to that argument, all the chiefs were allowed to vote at the Ottawa confederacy, but were put on notice that the charter would rule at the next confederacy in Saskatoon.

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## Hold chiefs to account

Many Assembly of First Nations meetings end with not enough chiefs present to attain quorum. When it happened in Charlottetown, several chiefs felt the need to chastise their colleagues. Sowlie Chief Doug Kelly, also a member of the First Nations Summit executive task force, suggested that having a quorum is not the only way to do business.



Chief Doug Kelly

"Open up the membership of this assembly to all the people. That'll make some of us behave, if they can watch us," he said.

He also called for "a national executive that has been elected by the people," instead of the present situation where chiefs in a region appoint or elect their vice-chief.

Later, Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation Chief Sharon Stinson Henry asked the executive to compile and send out

a report on attendance.

"We have to all be accountable to our communities when we get back," she said. "We spend a lot of money to be here."

Chief Harold Sault of the Northern Ontario Red Rock First Nation suggested that some regions intentionally register a lot of delegates and then make the strategic decision to stay away from the meeting if they don't agree with the way things are going. He alleged that the threshold for a quorum can be artificially raised and the meeting hi-jacked by any group that employs that tactic.

"We all know that some regions register lots of delegates and then don't show," he said. "It's a trick that's been used for years."

But others said chiefs from remote communities were in a difficult position because there might only be one flight to their region per week and they either had to leave on that flight or pay for another entire week on the road.



PHOTOS BY PAUL BARNSELEY

*"This is our time and we have to take advantage of it. We have to move with new speed, with faster speed."*

—National Chief  
Phil Fontaine

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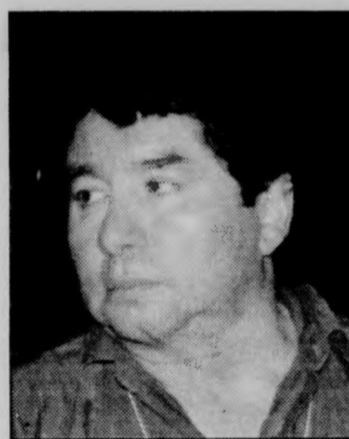
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He urged that the special assembly be called to "focus on the work of the renewal commission." The renewal commission is working on recommendations that will allow the AFN to end the procedural squabbles that have plagued the organization over the last few years.

As the assembly began, Fontaine and other speakers stressed that AFN infighting had to stop. One reason, according to highly placed government sources, is that the organization received \$2 million for its renewal process with the expectation that it would transform the AFN into a group that could make and keep promises in dealings with the government.

In his opening address, Fontaine appealed to all factions within the assembly, saying the AFN could accommodate all the regional differences and need not have one overarching position. He suggested solutions could be worked out that allowed "not a single goal but many goals."

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# Young activist speaks for survivors

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CHARLOTTETOWN

A proxy from British Columbia squared off with the national chief on July 21 over the role being played by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in the compensation process for survivors of Indian residential schools.

The debate resulted in a public promise from Phil Fontaine to seek a "full and open apology from the prime minister" for Canada's residential school system and the abuses suffered by Aboriginal people who experienced it.

It all began after Fontaine presented a detailed report on residential school issues to the chiefs in assembly at the AFN's annual general meeting held in Charlottetown. After Fontaine's report, David Dennis, carrying the proxy for a Vancouver Island Nuu-chah-nulth Nation chief, got the floor. Dennis, well known in B.C. as an activist member of the Native Youth Movement, said the survivors are demanding to play a much bigger role.

"I'm not sure where you get direction to look into the [alternative dispute resolution] ADR," he told Fontaine. Dennis said the Nuu-chah-nulth survivors met in a longhouse and threw the ADR

applications into the fire as a sign of their displeasure with the treatment they were receiving at the government's hands.

Dennis told Fontaine he had been directed to say that "any objections to the ADR should be developed in conjunction with survivors" and that survivors insisted on "overseeing the process."

He said the survivors also were dissatisfied with the so-called apology issued by the government of Canada in 1998. At that time, then minister of Indian Affairs Jane Stewart handed down a statement of regret for physical and sexual abuse experienced in the schools. The statement sought to limit the government's legal liability to just the physical and sexual abuse some students suffered in the schools, but others are suing for the loss of language and culture. Canada has so far refused to consider such claims, but if a national class action lawsuit is certified by an Ontario judge in the coming months the government will be forced to defend itself.

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Fontaine justified AFN's involvement in the residential school issue, saying that when he and his executive and staff see something that is clearly wrong, they feel they are obliged to act.

Fontaine said that "only four" Aboriginal people have been hired to adjudicate ADR cases and that the Office of Indian Residential School Resolution Canada (OIRSRC) "should hire more."

Windspeaker has learned that OIRSRC will spend more than \$5 million hiring adjudicators to work in the ADR process. Adjudicators hearing cases involving sexual or physical abuse that resulted in lasting injuries will be paid \$1,000 a day. Adjudicators who hear cases involving physical abuse that resulted in no lasting injuries, or cases involving allegations of wrongful confinement, will be paid \$600 a day. The request for applications to fill adjudicator positions closed on Aug. 17.

When new Indian Affairs Minister Andy Scott was in the audience at the AFN meeting on July 22, Dennis raised the subject of the ADR again.

Fontaine quickly moved to the microphone at the head table to respond.

"I'm prepared to apologize to your group," he told Dennis. "I'm prepared to go there at the first

opportunity and I will do as requested. We will pursue a full and open apology from the prime minister if that is your wish."

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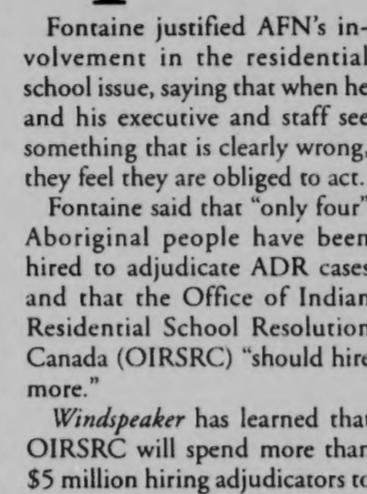
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## Youth council to help next generation

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A program developed by members of the Assembly of First Nations' youth council is designed to help young Aboriginal people deal head on with the damages of the past.

It's called CEPS—Cultural, Economic, Political and Social—and it's intended to create a healthier next generation.

Wesley Hardisty, 23, explained the program to *Windspeaker* during an interview at the AFN's annual general meeting in Charlottetown in July. He had just been elected co-chair of the council three days before. Ginger Gosnell from British Columbia is the other co-chair. The youth council has a male and female member for each of the AFN's 10 regions. There are currently five vacancies on what should be a 20-member council. They meet twice a year, in December and July.

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CEPS is an "issue training model" funded by Health Canada, he said.

"I think it's going to be revolutionary. We've already put out our draft curriculum and all on the youth council have seen it and they've all agreed that it's amazing and our kids are really going to be able to bond to it."

As a way of trying out the program, 20 young people will travel to four cities in various locations across the country and attend workshops. Each of the four issue areas will be dealt with separately. The workshops will look at issues from a national perspective and then the program will be tailored to meet the specific needs of each region and will be rolled out on a regional basis, he said.

It's expected a report on the effectiveness of the process will be completed by the end of February.

"The manual is phenomenal. After it was all said and done we sat down and we looked at it. It was just like—wow! Then to have our peers comment on the draft and see the direction and why we're going this way, to see what we wanted to accomplish, they just all agreed. I'm so glad this is there for our other youth that are going to follow in our footsteps," Hardisty said. "They're not going to look at our leaders and say, 'Oh, he drinks. He does this. He does that.' They're going to look at it and say, 'I understand. I can't hold him responsible for the way that he's being. It's not his fault that he's like that. There's all these other contributing factors and this is how we are going to deal



Wesley Hardisty

with all those contributing factors to make sure that our kids tomorrow won't have to worry about it."

The idea is to arm the next generation with the information they'll need to combat the stereotypes and ignorance directed all too often at Aboriginal people. In some cases, the youth themselves will need to revisit false or erroneous attitudes they may have absorbed about their own people and themselves. It will allow young people to get rid of what experts call "internal colonization."

Hardisty may be young, but he's already experienced one thing only very few people in this country can say they've experienced; he knows what goes on behind the closed doors that shield an Assembly of First Nations executive meeting from public view.

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Wesley Hardisty, 23, explained the program to *Windspeaker* during an interview at the AFN's annual general meeting in Charlottetown in July. He had just been elected co-chair of the council three days before. Ginger Gosnell from British Columbia is the other co-chair. The youth council has a male and female member for each of the AFN's 10 regions. There are currently five vacancies on what should be a 20-member council. They meet twice a year, in December and July.

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CEPS is an "issue training model" funded by Health Canada, he said.

"I think it's going to be revolutionary. We've already put out our draft curriculum and all on the youth council have seen it and they've all agreed that it's amazing and our kids are really going to be able to bond to it."

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# Mitchell gone, Scott on scene

By Paul Barnsley  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FREDERICTON

Another Andy is setting up shop in the Indian Affairs minister's office.

When Prime Minister Paul Martin revealed his new cabinet on July 20, Andy Mitchell was shuffled out of Indian Affairs to become the new minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, leaving Andy Scott to become the Indian Affairs minister.



Andy Scott

Scott, the former Chretien-era solicitor general who resigned from Cabinet in 1998 after he was overheard discussing sensitive material on a commercial flight, was also named the federal interlocutor for Métis and non-status Indians. The two jobs have never been held by one person at the same time before. And since an Inuit secretariat is also being established within the department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Scott is the first person with responsibility for all three constitutionally recognized Aboriginal peoples.

Ethel Blondin-Andrew, minister of state for northern development, and Susan Barnes, appointed parliamentary secretary to the minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and federal interlocutor for Métis and non-Status Indians, are the two other cabinet members who will play direct roles in Aboriginal issues.

Barnes, MP for London West (Ontario), in 2003 was named parliamentary secretary to the minister of Justice with special emphasis on judicial transparency and Aboriginal justice. She is also a former chair of the standing committee on Aboriginal affairs and northern development.

Anne McLellan, the deputy prime minister and minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, will take over responsibility for the Office of Residential School Resolution Canada.

The new Indian Affairs minister called *Windspeaker* on Aug. 12. He was in his home riding in Fredericton. Scott seems to favor an informal approach with the media. His communications staff, sounding somewhat uneasy about it, informed us he would make the call himself without the benefit of watchful functionaries.

"It's the nature of these organizations to protect their ministers," he said, chuckling as he discussed the ground rules for the interview.

"Look, I'll do as much as I can. It would be pretentious, I think, for me to pretend that in three weeks I've got anything figured out. I do look forward to the opportunity. I do believe that the prime minister is seriously committed to advancing the file here. And certainly, when asking me to do this, he expressed that. Every indication is that this is something that he believes is a priority to the country."

As the minister responsible for infrastructure and housing, Scott attended the April 19 Aboriginal roundtable

hosted by the prime minister. He came away from that meeting thinking there was a chance to make some progress.

"I believed at the time, and came home and told my wife, I think it was really quite historic, an opportunity to advance on a number of fronts files that are very difficult to move. I guess I was challenged to put my money where my mouth was," he said.

He didn't know at that time that he would soon be right in the middle of the process. He was asked if he sought out the top Indian Affairs job.

"The quick answer is no. Did I request this? I did not. But neither did I request anything. Am I happy to have this position? Very much so. I'm a sociologist by education. I've spent most of my life since graduating from university as a sort of social activist on disability and literacy and related subjects like regional economic development.

"I've spent some time as solicitor general and unfortunately when you're solicitor general you're faced with the terrible reality that our correctional system is home to far too many Aboriginal Canadians. I'm quite driven to take advantage of this opportunity," he said. "If you're a Canadian who wants to make a difference, this is the department where you can have the largest impact, I think, in government because I think that the needs are great, the issues are very complicated and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Every minister receives written instructions from the prime minister when he or she is appointed. The "mandate letter" is confidential but *Windspeaker* asked Scott what he could tell us about it. (see Roundtable page 28.)



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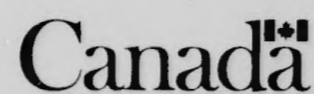
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**Dignity blooms in murder's shadow**

By Carl Carter  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

**EDMONTON**

On Aug. 14, Kathy King dedicated a garden to the memory of murdered women, those whose remains were found on Robert Pickton's pig farm in Port Coquitlam, B.C. and those whose lifeless bodies were callously dispatched to the fields and ditches surrounding Edmonton, Kathy's daughter among them. Cara King was found dead in a canola field in September 1997. Kathy wears Cara's picture on a pin fastened to her dress.



Kathy King

Tulips and irises and wild roses will grow in the memorial garden located behind Alex Taylor School. The garden will be a reminder of the tragedies that, in King's words, "cast a shadow over our society."

Along with the dedication came a proclamation from city hall that Aug. 14 was as a day of mourning in the city. King told the group gathered, many whose loved ones were lost to similar violence, that the garden was "a welcome step in restoring a dignity that was often denied in [the women's] lives and even in their deaths."

"They were our daughters, our sisters, our nieces, our cousins, our friends and, for some, even our mothers. They were part of a world many of us do not understand, a world where we could not follow." Many of the victims were drug addicted or working as prostitutes, vulnerable on the streets of big cities.

Kate Quinn, executive director of the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton, said the group had gathered to mourn every year for the past five years. This year they wanted to do something special.

Quinn hopes that the family and friends of the murdered women will be able to find solace at the garden and that other cities will join

them by planting their own memorial garden or having their own day of mourning.

"We hope that it provides [family members] with two kinds of comfort. One, the comfort of knowing there is a beautiful place and that their daughters are not forgotten. And also the comfort of



Kathy Hamelin is comforted by a friend.

knowing that the larger community of Edmonton cares and that they are not alone," said Quinn. "Often they feel so alone and so stigmatized by the rest of society and we want to uphold the dignity of each person who has been lost and the dignity of the family members and friends who are grieving

for them." Kathy Hamelin wasn't expecting the day to be so emotional. She lost two people to murder: both women's remains were found on Pickton's pig farm. Pickton is facing numerous counts of murder in a Vancouver court.

"I'll walk away feeling a little

better and knowing that there are people who actually do care enough to try and do something about what's going on with the women, these young women, all the women who were victims. I don't know too many that haven't been touched in the Aboriginal community," said Hamelin. "There's been too many. We've lost way, way too many. Way too many for too long."

Elder Rose Martial blessed the garden. "It's very emotional because I know that it includes our women, our girls. And very, very emotional because a lot of our girls are taking the wrong path and we need to make them understand that it's not part of our culture to be on the street, to live that dangerous, risky lifestyle, and as an Elder I am very concerned. We would like to help in any way that they may want. They just have to ask and seek guidance from the Elders."

Martial said she would like to see a group of Elders organized to offer that guidance and support.

**More money may mean more answers**

By Carl Carter  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

**FORT NELSON, B.C.**

Chief and council of the Fort Nelson First Nation are offering \$100,000 for information that leads to a conviction in the 1997 murder of Loretta Capot-Blanc.

The decision to increase the reward (it was originally set at \$10,000, then \$20,000) comes after a visit from Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) president Kukdookaa Terri Brown. She stopped in Fort Nelson in July to talk about the the Sisters in Spirit campaign, a movement designed to bring attention to the Aboriginal women who have been murdered or have gone missing over the last two decades in Canada.

Brown met with Capot-Blanc's family and said it was time leader-

ship started getting more involved.

"We're getting more and more interest from chiefs, chiefs across the country, and it's important that they do speak out. They are very critical to creating safety for Aboriginal women," said Brown. "It does haunt you as a leader to know that women are disappearing and women are dying and there's very little we can do. And we've created a lot of awareness on this issue."

Roberta Dendys, who was Capot-Blanc's cousin, said that by offering the reward the family is hoping to get some closure on a violent episode that has haunted it for the past seven years. Capot-Blanc went missing during Treaty Day celebrations Aug. 11, 1997. Her remains were found on Sept. 1 of that year, her death ruled a homicide.

"She was very loving, she showed a lot of affection towards her fam-

ily and she always had a smile on her face," said Dendys. "She was just a person that never did any harm to anybody and that's what makes it so strange. Why would somebody hurt somebody like this?"

Chief Liz Logan said that by raising the reward they could entice somebody who has some information about the death. The band also wants to put to rest one of many mysteries. This is the fifth person from the reserve of 420 people whose murder has gone unsolved.

"It's over seven years and we want to bring the closure for the family. I could not imagine being in that situation. So, we have to do what we have to do," said Logan, who assured *Windspeaker* she hadn't heard any complaints about band funds being used this way. "Hopefully this will bring some closure, get something done."

Anyone with information on the murder can contact the Fort Nelson RCMP at (250) 774-2777, or the Crimestoppers Tip Line at (250) 774-TIPS.

NWAC estimates that about 500 women have been murdered or gone missing over the last 20 years.

Brown said that it's "an outstanding issue, it's an historical issue, as well as a very current issue, where women's lives are in danger."

"I don't know if a week goes by when we don't hear of someone who's gone missing," said Brown. "It's very concerning because the safety of all women are at risk, particularly Aboriginal, and in particular young women. Of course we want to save lives, as well as create safety for all as it is a human right to have safety and have dignity and be able to move about freely in this country, which we have not enjoyed."

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## First Nations planning for the worst

By Cheryl Petten  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

Emergency plans are like having insurance—preparing them isn't seen as being priority until you find yourself needing them.

Last summer, many First Nation communities in B.C. learned firsthand the importance of having emergency plans in place. The province experienced its worst year ever for forest fires. By the end of the summer more than 2,500 wildfires had been recorded.

In all, more than 260,000 hectares of forest were destroyed, along with a number of houses and businesses. More than 45,000 people were evacuated when advancing flames threatened their communities.

Paula Santos is general manager of the First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) of British Columbia, which has been operating in the province since 1983. For the first decade or so, it was a society of Native firefighters, but by the mid-1990s the society had expanded its focus to include a broader spectrum of emergency services and began working to raise awareness within First Nations of the need to prepare for any emergency. Then last June, with funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), FNESS began helping First Nations develop those emergency plans.

So far, there has been a very



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good response from First Nations wanting to take advantage of the services offered by the society.

"Especially with the forest fires last summer, people have just been coming out of the woodwork looking to do emergency plans for their communities," she said.

What FNESS does for a community is send an emergency planner in to guide them through the process—making sure chief and council are on board, helping to determine who the emergency co-ordinator should be and

doing an assessment of the risks or hazards in the community and the resources available to respond to those hazards. Then they take all the information and put it together into a plan. Once the plan is in place, the society helps train the people responsible to respond to emergencies and educate community members about how they need to react in an emergency. Then come the drills or exercises to make sure the plan works.

"You don't have to wait until an emergency happens," Santos

said. "You can do a test of it and see, 'Okay, are there any gaps, or are there any things that we need to think about differently based on how the test went or how the drill went?'"

Each emergency plan can be created to meet the specific needs of the community, and with input from community members, she said.

"The plan is better accepted if everyone buys into it through the process, rather than just somebody coming in from the outside and doing it for them. And so we

like to make it a community-type process."

The level of emergency preparedness that already exists when FNESS is called in to help develop a plan has varied from community to community.

"It depends on the size of the community and how busy they are with other issues as well. You know, if they're fairly small and they're dealing with a lot of other issues, it may not be the top of their list of priorities. And they can only do so much with the people that they have," Santos said.

"Most have a good awareness of what it is and why it's needed. It's just a matter of getting it done and finding the time to get it done, because it can be a long process. You do need a lot of input from the community at large, from Elders... it's not just you go in there once and write a report and that's it."

But, thanks to last year's fires, having a plan in place to deal with emergencies has become a bigger priority than it once was, Santos said.

"It's suddenly raised everyone's awareness of 'Oh, what would I do if I needed to evacuate?' and 'Does my community have a plan in place?' So I think everybody in the province is kind of going, 'Oh, my God, are we ready?'"

This summer's forest fires, while nowhere near as widespread and devastating as last year's, have served as a test for some of the communities that have put emergency plans into place.

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8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 Welcoming Remarks from Insight Information Co.

9:05 Co-Chairs' Opening Remarks

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9:15 Opening Keynote Address

**The Honourable Andy Scott** (invited)  
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern  
Development and Federal Interlocutor for  
Métis and Non-Status Indians

9:45 Coffee Break

10:00 Practical Challenges From Consultation –  
*Haida Nation versus British Columbia and  
Weyerhaeuser, 2002*

**R. Martin Bayer**  
Lawyer  
Weaver Simmons LLP (Sudbury)

**John J. L. Hunter, Q.C.**  
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**E. Ria Tzimas**  
Counsel, Crown Law Office - Civil  
Attorney General of Ontario

- The legal duty of consultation from an Aboriginal perspective:
  - brief examination of the socio-economic demographic conditions
  - scope and nature of the legal duty of consultation and the expectations of Aboriginal people
  - recommendations on how all stakeholders can work together to meet everyone's interests
- What is Industry obligated to do?
- Questions and challenges for governments
- What are the competing demands on governments and what are the options in the context of resource development?
- Where do we go from here?

11:15 Historic Resolution: The New Co-operation Spirit for James Bay Hydroelectric Development

**M. Réal Courcelles**  
Senior Advisor, Relations With  
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12:15 Networking Luncheon

1:15 Keynote Luncheon Address

**Charles Fox**  
Ontario Regional Chief  
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1:45 Land Development Court Case: Sanford versus Ontario Realty Corporation

**David Grey Eagle Sanford**  
Representative of Huron Nation

**Timothy Gilbert**  
Partner  
Gilbert's LLP

- First Nation's perspective for developments on Aboriginal Settlements
- Duty of Crown to consult before sale or development
- Overview of decision
- Scope of consultation duty
- Discussion of informed consultation
- Fiduciary obligation of Crown
- Requirement to conduct consultation on Nation-to-Nation basis

2:30 Refreshment Break

2:45 Getting In the Loop: Negotiating Regular Consultation Arrangements With Your Neighbours

**Michael Coyle**  
Professor, Faculty of Law  
The University of Western Ontario

- How to establish permanent consultation on land developments in your area
- The role of municipalities, conservation authorities and the Crown
- Protecting burial grounds, archaeological sites and the environment
- Ensuring that the process is without prejudice to Aboriginal rights
- A look at two recent consultation protocols

3:30 Aboriginal Title on Land and Water: Selected Issues Raised in *R. v. Bernard*, *R. v. Marshall* and *Walpole Island First Nation v. Canada and Ontario*

**Scott Warwick**  
Counsel  
Department of Justice (Ontario Regional Office)

**Senior Counsel**  
Department of Justice (Ontario Regional Office)

- Applying the *Delgamuukw* test for Aboriginal title: coming to terms with the concepts of "exclusivity", "occupation" and "sovereignty" in *R. v. Bernard* and *R. v. Marshall*
- The "cognizability" of Aboriginal title to the Great Lakes: the juxtaposition of Aboriginal "exclusivity" and the public right of navigation in *Walpole Island First Nation v. Canada and Ontario*

4:30 Conference Adjourns for the Day

# TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 2004

8:30 Continental Breakfast

9:00 Co-Chairs' Opening Remarks

**William B. Henderson**  
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9:15 Evidentiary Issues in Recent Court Cases

**Heather Treacy**  
Partner  
Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP (Calgary)

- Principle of *Delgamuukw v. B.C. (1997)* – traditional oral histories of Aboriginal peoples on equal footing with other types of historical evidence
- Evidentiary issues from *Benoit v. Canada (2003)*, a treaty rights case
- Substantial discount for the "hearsay" nature of evidence
- Court applied "silence is relevant" principle
- Strategies regarding evidence - who should give oral history evidence?

10:00 Coffee Break

10:15 Against the Current - Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Title in the "Commercial Mainstream" - *Mitchell v. M.N.R.* and the *Petition of Grand Chief Michael Mitchell to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, 2003; R. v. Marshall, 2003 and Bernard v. The Queen, 2003*

**Peter W. Hutchins**  
Partner  
Hutchins Grant & Associés (Montréal)

- Developments in Canadian and International law
- Is economic activity part of culture?
- Economic/commercial activities and the *Van der Peet* test
- Economic/commercial activities and reconciliation with Crown sovereignty
- Economic/commercial activities - should Aboriginal and treaty rights be distinguished?

11:00 Update on Historic Tlicho Land Claim and Self-Government Agreement

**John B. Zoe** (invited)  
Chief Negotiator  
Dogrib Treaty 11 Council (NWT)

- Historical background - an overview of objectives
- Negotiating Tripartite Agreements
- What does the Agreement include to differentiate between Tlicho First Nation and Federal Government responsibilities?
- The issue over tax revenue, diamond mining and resource royalties
- Lessons learned from negotiating with Industry



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- Brief history of the Ontario First Nations (OFN) Casino at Rama
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### 2:30 Fiduciary Obligations Under the Indian Act and the Challenges in Governance for First Nation Forestry

**Lorraine A. Rekmans**  
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- Specific claims - historic legal obligations
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# [ infrastructure ] Organization wants certification

By Cheryl Petten  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LONDON, Ont.

Keith Maracle has been working in construction all his life and has been inspecting houses in First Nation communities for close to 25 years. He's well aware of the problems that exist with on-reserve housing, and he and other inspectors have joined together to try and make improvements.

Maracle is a Mohawk of the Bay of Quinte and is technical building advisor for the Southern First Nations Secretariat based in London, Ont. He is also co-chair of the First Nations National Building Officers Association (FNNBOA), a newly formed organization that hopes to provide building inspectors on First Nations with a network through which they can share information and improve the way houses on reserves are built and renovated.

The main way the association plans to accomplish this, Maracle explained, is by developing national occupational standards for inspectors and a process by which they can be certified as meeting those standards.

One of the problems that currently exists for building inspectors on First Nations is that their skills, training and experience are only recognized by the First Nations they are working with, Maracle said.

"I myself have probably gotten 15 or 20 courses that I've taken over the years, and none of them are recognized other than on the reserve," he said. "So that was one of the reasons for us to start [FNNBOA], because we wanted to get ourselves in a position where our skills were transferable, not only from on-reserve to off-reserve, but from province to province, reserve to reserve, across the country."

Certification will also provide inspectors with a higher degree of professionalism, because all certified inspectors will have had to meet the same standards in terms of skills, knowledge and experience.

Under the current set-up to be designated as a building inspector for First Nation communities, all a person has to do is pass an exam based on Part 9 of the National Building Code, which deals with housing and small buildings.

The idea of mandatory certification has so far been a hard sell to inspectors, Maracle said, because they don't see any problems with the status quo, but the association's goal is to bring in certification for its members

before certification is forced upon them by the federal government.

"What's a designation? I can designate you. Anybody can designate anybody. So yes, you wrote a Part 9 exam, but was it a sanctioned exam? Was it a certified exam? No it wasn't. It was an exam that we made up," he said.

"We have no certification, and the auditor general questioned that in the auditor general's report on housing. And we feel that within the next three to five years ... they're going to make it mandatory that we be certified. And what we're trying to do is be proactive instead of reactive," he said.

The association will also help to improve the quality of housing on reserve by providing members with networking opportunities that hadn't existed previously. Through that network, inspectors can keep up-to-date on the latest developments in the construction industry, Maracle said. That opportunity will be especially beneficial to inspectors in remote communities, where exposure to new ways of doing things has been limited.

The network will also provide a way to get information directly to the people who need it. Many times when conferences are held dealing with housing issues it's the chiefs and councillors who attend, but the information doesn't filter down to where it will do the most good, Maracle said.

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# Make it a priority—plan now, plan well

(Continued from page 16.)

"This year was a lot better than last year, for sure," Santos said. And some, actually, they'd just finished their planning, then they were on evacuation alert. And their plan worked beautifully and they were really, really happy with it. So it was good to see that it was something that they felt, 'wow, we're so glad we got that done.'"

As part of the emergency planning process, FNESS acts as a bridge between First Nations and the provincial agencies whose responsibility it is to respond to emergencies. The society also helps create working relationships between First Nations and neighboring communities if those relationships don't already exist.

In Alberta, the responsibility for co-ordinating emergency planning for the province falls to Emergency Management Alberta (EMA), part of the public safety division of the department of municipal affairs. Working within EMA are two disaster services officers who, under an arrangement between the province and INAC, work specifically with First Nations.

Rudy Parenteau is the disaster services officer for northern Alberta who works out of the EMA regional office in St. Paul. Though

he works on contract for the province, he makes it clear to First Nations who he really works for.

"We tell them, 'We're here as consultants. We work for the First Nations. How do you want to make that plan? It's your community. It's your jurisdiction. You know the culture. You know all the other issues that go on. Here's the focus. Here's the experiences that other First Nations have had in the province. Why do you think you'd need this?'" he said.

"We essentially are their liaison to the provincial and the federal Emergency Preparedness Canada. We do not make the plans for them. We do not take any jurisdiction or authority for them. When the events occur, we go in and give guidance and help in saying, 'Okay, here's maybe what you could do, what you should do, but it's up to you to do that. How do you want to do that? Do you want to declare it a local state of emergency? Here's the appropriate action to take.'"

The approach Parenteau takes is pretty much the same as the one taken by the FNESS—get the support of chief and council, have the community appoint a director of disaster services and look at the community's history in terms of major emergencies that have come up in the past.

*"A community can set up an evacuation centre, they can evacuate people, they can get people out of harm's way. And that's the priority behind the plan and the services, is saving lives. The buildings and everything else, through negotiation and other issues and fundraising, those things can be replaced. But lives can't."*

—Rudy Parenteau

"The way this is all structured is pretty much in line with the way a provincial jurisdiction would have it, any other town or city in the province. So that allows the community to deal with their jurisdiction as far as their local authorities. So they're in control of the whole process. We simply allow them the guidelines to say, 'Okay, here's what we should focus on for disaster services. Here's what our reality is,'" Parenteau said. "Then you take their administration or department heads or managers, depending on what title they give them, and utilize those directors or managers or a committee to say, 'Okay, social services will do this, health will do this, education will do this.' You know, what kind of resources do we have? How can we all work

together in the process in the event something happens?"

The First Nations also receive training in basic emergency preparedness, evacuation, setting up an emergency operation centre and site management.

"So we take them through what policies and procedures should unfold when an event happens," he said.

Parenteau is in his eleventh year working to help First Nations prepare for emergencies, and he's seen the difference having an emergency plan in place can make to a community during a crisis.

"I have had 13 experiences with First Nations and major events, whether they be floods, fires, evacuations. And in 10 of the cases, they've had a plan and it has worked. Like everything else,

it takes practice and we do exercises with them, but it depends on who's there on a given day. So it's not always 100 per cent, because nothing ever is," he said.

"There was a lot more organization and communication, and communication is a big issue when it comes to disasters, about who calls who, who should be called in. So you predetermine where the committee is going to meet, so all your administration [is gathered together]. You're going to predetermine where an evacuation centre's going to be, for example, or a reception centre where people can go to... so it definitely helps," he said.

He estimates that about 80 per cent of Alberta's First Nation communities have developed and implemented emergency plans.

In the end, having an emergency plan in place can better prepare a community to do what has to be done when an emergency arises. "A community can set up an evacuation centre, they can evacuate people, they can get people out of harm's way. And that's the priority behind the plan and the services, is saving lives. The buildings and everything else, through negotiation and other issues and fundraising, those things can be replaced," Parenteau said. "But lives can't."

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# Thrust onto centre stage by circumstance

## THE URBANE INDIAN

Drew Hayden Taylor



park on the shores of Lake Huron. The end result being one less living Native protester to annoy the authorities. He had been there in support of his community's attempt to convince the authorities to return land appropriated by the government during the Second World War. The demonstration was peaceful. Dudley was peaceful. The morning everything happened was peaceful. A few days later, his

funeral was peaceful.

As the long anticipated inquiry approached, I couldn't help pondering this man's brief existence. I never met the man. Never met the family. Never even been to Kettle and Stony Point. But there was something achingly familiar about the whole situation. The scenario had a familiar ring of sadness about it, something about a man who became more famous in death than

in life. This was a person who, if not for the accuracy of a trained police sniper, probably would have been more than content to live in relative obscurity. That's how I thought of Anne Frank.

On one hand, they are strikingly dissimilar—age, race, geography and cause of death. Yet, it occurred to me, they are sacred kin. People in far away places had decided their fates without having met them. And, it could be said they died because of their race.

If Anne Frank had not perished at the hands of the Nazis, would she still be a household name today? Hard to say, but unlikely. A good friend of mine praised the quality of the writing in her diary, but had she lived would the diary be recommended reading in

school? Or was it her death that made it so memorable? She was a very ordinary girl with ordinary problems thrust onto centre stage by events beyond her understanding. In fact, it was her ability to remain a typical young girl in an atypical situation that cemented her fame.

Same with Dudley. In reading One Dead Indian by Peter Edwards, I get the impression Dudley George was not meant for greatness. I do not say this to be malicious or cruel. Dudley seemed to be just one of the thousands upon thousands of guys that were born on the reserve and were content spending their lives being good sons, brothers, husbands and fathers.

(see Dudley's page 27.)

# Being an Indian is about more than just status

Dear Tuma:

I am a 65-year-old grandmother who lost her status through marriage. My son and I regained status in 1985 (under Bill C-31), but now my grandchildren do not have status. I am thinking of adopting them so they can have status and preserve their rights to medical care and education. The parents will still take care of them and raise them, but I will only adopt the children so they can be Indians. What do I have to do in order to adopt them?

Grandmama

Dear Grandmama:

A non-Indian child adopted by Native parents can now be registered as a status Indian under the Indian Act. There are some conditions though and the most important one is that the child is either a minor or an infant at the time of the adoption. In addition, it refers to a legal adoption



PRO BONO Tuma Young

and Indian Affairs' position is that only customary adoptions that happened after 1985 will be considered. The process for registration is the same: it depends on whether the parent is registered under 6(1) or 6(2) of the Indian Act.

Now, it seems like you can adopt your grandchildren and they will be granted status but there are other significant issues both the natural parents and you need to consider. For the natural parents, it means a complete severance of all and any parental rights they have to the children. For you it means now you will be

religious instruction, language, education, and over health treatments plus everyday "minor" decisions such as what and when they will eat, what television shows to watch, movies to see, places to go, whether to take hockey or ballet lessons and even whether the child should be friends with another child. Adopting your grandchildren means you will be making those decisions, not your son or his spouse.

Even if the children still live and are raised with your son and his spouse, you can legally take them home with you, discipline them and raise them because they will be yours and not your son's or his spouse. No matter how well you get along with your son and his spouse, I can safely predict that there will be disputes over how to raise the children.

As for preserving their education or health benefits, there are other ways to do so rather than

taking the drastic step of adopting them. You can contribute to a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for the children, provide for them with an educational trust in your will, or help pay for the tuition bills when the time comes. You can help pay for extra health and dental insurance while they are young or even offer to help pay part or all of the bills. Only do this if you have the extra money to do so.

Remember, Indian status is a western legal concept. You do not need the Indian Act to consider your grandchildren Indians. Offer to teach them their language, culture, songs, stories, art, dances, customs, history and games. Teach them what it means to be an Indian. If you do not know your history, culture or language, you can learn it along with your grandchildren. You will find that this is what makes them an Indian and not a band number.

(see Tell creditors page 29.)

# From wretched ugliness to glamour doll-dom

The recently announced creation and marketing of an Inuk Barbie doll has triggered some questions within me. It has also reminded me of the vivid, plain, uncomplimentary descriptions of Inuit women by a series of Qallunaat (white) explorers who first encountered Inuit in their natural "uncivilized" state.

From the raw, unadorned impressions of Inuit women as wretchedly unattractive to the glamour of mass market doll-ery is a great leap by any measure.

First, though, the questions: Will the doll's name still be Barbie? And, if so, who determined that Barbie is a typical name for an Inuk woman? Will its body proportions merely follow the standard tall, slender, leggy Barbie of the Qallunaat ideal of beauty? Or will Inuk Barbie be reflective of bodily reality, and therefore be more chunky? Will there be an Inuk Ken doll to follow? Why will Inuk Barbie be available only in Canada?

Isn't Eskimo beauty good enough for export outside Canada?

Now, consider what some Qallunaat explorers in the Arctic had to say about Inuit women:

British explorer Sir John Ross, visiting an Eskimo encampment on Boothia Peninsula, Jan. 10, 1830, wrote: "The females were certainly not beautiful; but they were at least not inferior to their husbands, and were not less well behaved... one girl of thirteen was even considered to have a pretty face."

American explorer E.K. Kane, in High Arctic Greenland in 1853-55, came up with a uniquely contradictory description of one particular Eskimo woman: "Six Esquimaux, three of them women,—that ugly beauty, Nessark's wife, at the head of them,—had come off to the boats for shelter from the gale."

American polar explorer Robert Peary had this to say about Inuit women in 1909: "The accomplishments of the Eskimo woman are of



NASIVVIK Zebedee Nungak

the useful rather than the ornamental kind.... As the Eskimos are not highly romantic, a woman's skill in dressing skins and in making clothes largely determines the quality of husband she is likely to get. The Eskimo men have not a very critical eye for feminine beauty, but they are strong in appreciation of domestic accomplishments."

Earlier, in 1894, Peary described a woman who was the subject of duels of strength among some Inuit men: "Ahtooksungwah... had a form like a walrus. Her glistening face was considerably broader than it was long, she stood about four feet six inches high, and weighed about

three hundred pounds, her figure resembling a number of stuffed pillows fastened together. To my mind, her curves were a trifle heavy, but she evidently realized the Eskimo ideal of beauty, and being a widow besides, she was irresistible. Many were her suitors."

So here we have a teenaged girl noted for possessing the unusual novelty of a pretty face, a woman specifically described as being an "ugly beauty", and an irresistible Eskimo beauty... who had the form of a walrus, with a figure resembling a number of stuffed pillows fastened together! None of this is anywhere near talking about future Barbie dolls!

Peary and most of the Qallunaat who made first contact with Inuit went out of their way to take note of the perceived lack of physical beauty among Inuit women. Contrary to this impression, though, some Inuit women were desirable enough to conceive children with. Peary himself fathered children by an Inuk woman, and he certainly was not the only one. In Canada, about 40 to 45 per cent of Inuit can trace some Qallunaat ancestry, which is plentiful testimony that not all Inuit women were repulsive in appearance.

Beauty, it is said, is in the eye of the beholder. And ugliness, where observed, must definitely be relative. Why do we now have so many Qallunaat nungak's (sons and brothers-in-law), who have taken Eskimo wives? Has there been a beauty evolution among our women in the 400-plus years since Qallunaat have been around?

(see Northern page 29.)

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Artist—Winston Wuttunee  
Album—When The Sun Sets Over The World  
Song—Powwow Dancer  
Label—Turtle Island Music  
Producer—Kelly Parker

## Fans will love this new offering from Winston

The latest album by well-known and loved entertainer Winston Wuttunee has everything you could expect from this seasoned veteran of the stage. Wuttunee is known for his performances of traditional and country songs, as well as for his songs for children and contributions aimed at sharing his Cree heritage with his audiences. Wuttunee explores each of these facets within the 11 tracks on the CD, a combination of song and storytelling that is bound to delight his many fans.

From a traditional version of *Happy Birthday* to a county song celebrating the powwow dancer to a story about nature's gifts to mankind, Wuttunee shows off the talent and versatility that has kept him in demand as a performer at festivals across the country.

For his younger fans, Wuttunee has included a bouncy version of the *Alphabet* song performed in both English and French, fol-



lowed by the *Indian Alphabet*, in which a group of children join him to sing their ABCs in Cree.

A number of other well-known performers join the award-winning Wuttunee on this recording, including Andrea Menard on vocals, Jay Ross on guitar and Ray Villebrun on bass, turning the album's credits into a virtual who's who in Saskatchewan's Aboriginal recording industry.

## Roman Bittman—[ windspeaker confidential ]

Windspeaker: What one quality do you most value in a friend?

Roman Bittman: Acceptance. I have friends that I haven't seen for 20 years, sometimes. I see them suddenly and it's like I've never been away. When you have a friend, you accept that friend for what they are. You don't try and change them. they don't try and change you.

W: What is it that really makes you mad?

R.B.: Bullies. I was the guy that always made sure George Porgie ran away.

W: When are you at your happiest?

R.B.: With family, I think. If I'm part of a happy crowd, I like that, because I'm a mixture of both an extravert and an introvert. So I also love bird-watching or walking in wild places. And I'm happy in all those situations.

W: What one word best describes you when you are at your worst?

R.B.: Uncentred.

W: What one person do you most admire and why?

R.B.: Nelson Mandela, I would think. And why? Because he's

somebody that was very principled, fought for what he thought was right, persevered and was patient and in the end made a big difference.

W: What is the most difficult thing you've ever had to do?

R.B.: Fire somebody I hired. It means two things: it means that someone's dream wasn't realized or someone's ambition wasn't fulfilled. That, I suppose, on a personal level, that I made a bad decision or a wrong decision. On the positive side, that it's best because that person would probably thrive in a different place. So it's like moving someone from the wrong environment to the right environment. But nonetheless it's always difficult.

W: What is your greatest accomplishment?

R.B.: Making a difference. I think it has to be developing a film funding system that has caused, it caused hundreds of jobs to happen in the province of Nova Scotia and when it was rolled out into the rest of Canada it's probably caused, every year, a couple of billion dollars worth of jobs to be happening in the media business that would otherwise perhaps not be happening.

W: What one goal remains out

of reach?

R.B.: A hole in one. The law of averages is on my side, though. I keep doing it and I'll do it.

W: If you couldn't do what you're doing today, what would you be doing?

R.B.: I'd be sailing around the world. I love to sail.

W: What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

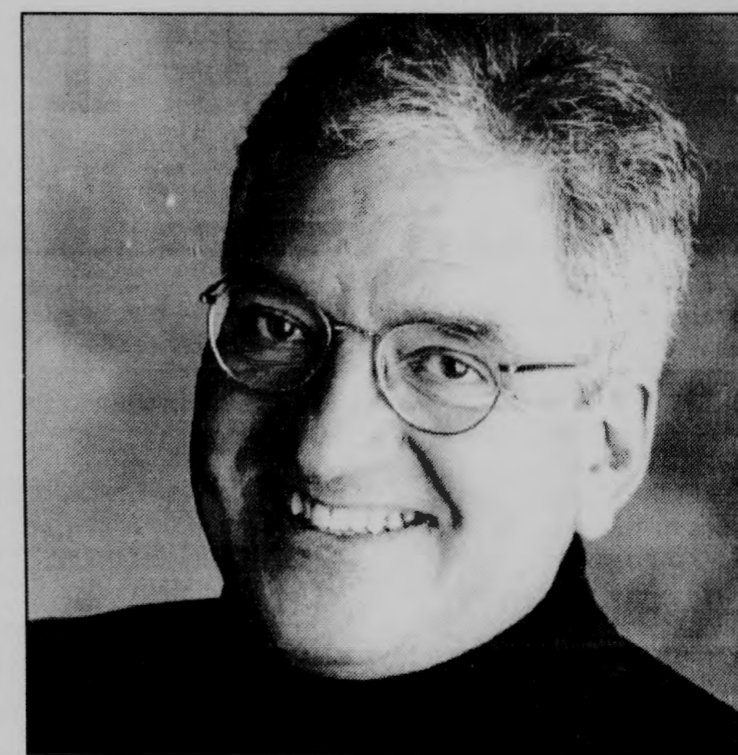
R.B.: It was given to me by Lister Sinclair when I was a very young producer just out of the woods and producing *The Nature of Things*. And he said to me when I was worrying over something, "Remember, Roman, you're not building a cathedral. And what it meant was, really, what really matters? You are not building a cathedral. You're part of a process, you're part of a system, you're doing your 15 minutes on the treadmill ... to keep perspective."

W: Did you take it?

R.B.: Oh, yes. And I believe everything is process. And entropy lurks for us all and is our destiny.

W: How do you hope to be remembered?

R.B.: Fondly.



Roman Bittman was named acting chief executive officer of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation in July. Bittman is a Métis film-maker and businessman with a distinguished career and more than 40 documentaries for CBC's *The Nature of Things* to his credit. One of Bittman's many contributions is the creation of a labor-based tax credit system that fueled growth in Canada's film and television industry.

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# Traditional tattoo designs appropriated

By Suzanne Methot  
Windspeaker Contributor

TORONTO

Three experts on Aboriginal tattoos and body art took part in a panel discussion on Aug. 21 during the Planet IndigenUs festival at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre.

Trish Collison (Haida), Riki Manual (Maori), and Makerita Urale (Samoan) spoke about the cultural meaning of tattooing, traditional and contemporary tattooing practices, and whether culturally specific designs should be protected and their use restricted. The panel was moderated by artist and film-maker Kent Monkman (Cree).

"The rituals involved in [Samoan] tattooing, as well as the patterns used, help us memorize cultural concepts," said Urale, a playwright and the director of Savage Symbols, a documentary film about Samoan tattooing. "The traditional male tattoo, which extends from the waist to the knees, embodies the concept of serving the people. It's also a rite of passage and a symbol of bravery, because it's very bloody and it sometimes takes an entire year to complete."

In Haida culture, tattoos represent animal totems, lineage, and identity.

"A Haida crest represents who that person is," said Collison, a B.C.-born anthropologist currently working in the environment department at the Ottawa office of the Assembly of First Nations. "Since we're matrilineal,

*"The traditional male tattoo, which extends from the waist to the knees, embodies the concept of serving the people. It's also a rite of passage and a symbol of bravery, because it's very bloody and it sometimes takes an entire year to complete."*

## Makerita Urale—Samoan

it tells the stories of where our mothers come from, where our families are from."

Manual, an artist and carver from Christchurch, New Zealand, said when tattoos are applied to a Maori person "we have to consider that person's lineage. Some patterns are only used for women, and some patterns only for men."

Manual saw traditional Maori body art—which in the Maori language is called ta-moko—when he was a child. By the late 1960s, he said the practice had died out. It resurfaced again during the cultural resurgence of the last two decades.

"Ta-moko is pretty trendy now," Manual said, "especially for non-Maoris. We used to do ta-moko as a form of trade with foreign sailors. But I wonder sometimes whether it's appropriate."

Collison wonders the same thing. She once found her great-uncle's designs in a tattoo parlor in Seattle, Wash.

"I find it offensive when I see Haida-inspired art used for tattoos," Collison said. "It's ripping off someone else's lineage, someone else's art. Those designs are



people wear Aboriginal designs," Urale said. "If they appreciate the art, that's a good enough reason. But when it's used for commercial purposes, that's a different thing. Then it is a misappropriation."

Manual, who has been a ta-moko artist since 1979, says it's interesting to work on non-Maoris, because he can mix and match the patterns.

But Maori Elders haven't always been pleased by the re-emergence of ta-moko and the changes younger artists have made to the art.

"There are prayers that should be said at the beginning and at the end," Manual said. "We try to abide by the traditional practices, so the Elders are happy."

Manual uses traditional ta-moko tools and ink. He ties a piece of albatross bone to a piece of wood from the Kauri tree and taps it with an albatross-bone hammer to insert the ink one millimetre beneath the skin.

The ink is made by boiling gum from the Kauri tree, and gets its distinctive green-black color from the soot of the fire."

Collison is currently developing a Haida tattoo kit that uses the same tapping technology. She's basing the design on a Haida kit that was found in the Smithsonian Institute collection a few years ago.

Collison believes that Haida art should be protected by intellectual property rights or some form of copyright. Then individual artists could choose whether or not to allow their art to be used, and for what purposes.



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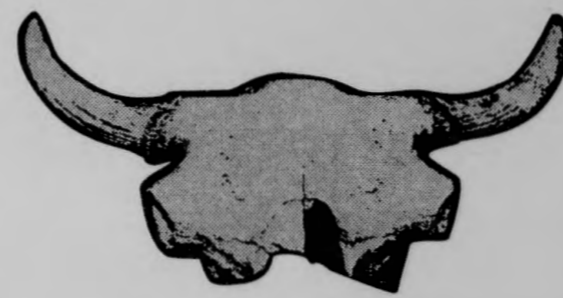
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# Elders begin to realize the importance of their role



Annie Parker

had the Okanagan and all the languages out there amongst us. We could have learned so much....

When I first started [to work as a drug and alcohol counsellor] I was terrified, how to start it. So I asked the clients, 'Please, can you help me out? This is my first time.' And they said, Oh, that's easy, Elder.' So they started talking to me, and from there it's been a breeze since '85...I believe I've helped a lot of children, in be-

tween [middle aged], and even Elders. Even some chiefs and councillors come when they have a burn out ... One that sticks out in my mind, I was talking to some young ones, around 16 [years old] ... I was having a workshop and this little girl came and she was 10 years old ... She came to the door and she asked if she could come and talk to me, and of course the children told her no,

And then we couldn't speak our language and, if we did, our mouths were washed with carbolic soap. Thank goodness I never see it anymore. I think the school used to make their own carbolic soap. And so our mouth was washed to make sure we didn't speak our language and that was a catastrophe. They took away so much, because I felt, even now, that we could have learned so many languages, you know, with one another, because they

she couldn't come in. And I said, 'no, this is my session and it is for you and this young child. What she's got to say could be involved with you, what you are doing at home, what's happening.' So I asked her to come in and she said, 'Can I call you auntie?' and I said 'Yes, you may.' So she sat on my lap and she proceeded to tell me her story, when she goes home.

She hated to go home from school because every time she opened her fridge there was just booze in there. And every time she opened the cupboard, there was no food in the cupboards. She would find booze on the floor... I asked the other children if they were experiencing the same thing. This child was asking me for help. 'Can you tell me how to help my mom and dad? I hate the booze. I hate the smell of it. Can you help me please? Tell somebody to help me?' I said I would see what I could do. She looked at me and I felt ... she wanted it now. I told her I would get on to it right away. So I asked this Elder man if there was any way the children could be helped, and he said 'We'll see about that, and we'll talk. And we've got to put a vote and see how we can help the children.' I said 'These children need help now, because if they get help now they won't become alcoholics and druggies when they grow up.' I

felt before you eat, you start to teach your children to start from the table ... That's what I do with my grandchildren. I get them to sit at the table. They've been listening to me when they are younger and now they're starting to pray along ... they are saying a prayer with you. I have hope there for my grandchildren, because they are starting to learn to pray. They listen to you and they learn the love for the home and their love for their [grandmother]. And that's where it starts, in each home...

The Elders are starting to realize how important their role is. The Elders are going to disappear. They have the younger [people] coming up and they aren't going to know anything. So the Elders have a big role and to start telling the next generation of Elders-to-be how to start being good teachers and good examples to the young ones.

It only takes a minute to grab your child and give him a hug. Let them know how much you care for them. And your brothers and sisters are showing the same compassion, the same love for one another. There is so much the Elders can do to help the young, but the Elders have to learn how to get together first and to be able to be good teachers and show their wisdom to all the young. This way it's full of encouragement for them that are coming up.



Lewis Twoyoungman of Morley, Alta. dances with his infant daughter Aaliyah during the Tiny Tots component of the Tsuu T'ina powwow held July 23 to 25.

# Native theatre: More than just 'Poor me' stories

By Jennifer Chung  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

TORONTO

When Cree playwright Tompson Highway began shopping his play the *Rez Sisters* around to theatre companies in Toronto almost 20 years ago, the response was always the same: Who would be interested in a story about seven women on their way to play the world's biggest game of bingo? Frustrated, Highway decided to produce the play himself.

The story, as Ojibway playwright Drew Hayden Taylor tells it, is that when the play premiered at the Native Canadian Centre in 1986, attendance was sparse, save for a few theatre critics. After the reviews came out, word spread and after weeks of giving away free tickets to get bums in the seats, the *Rez Sisters* captured the attention of theatre-goers who came out in droves to see what all the fuss was about.

Shortly thereafter, the production embarked on a national tour and became a huge success, going on to win prestigious industry awards, including the Dora Mavor Moore Award for best new play of 1986-87. The *Rez Sisters* continues to grace the stages of theatres around the globe.

For many people, including Taylor, whose list of impressive works include the plays *Only Drunks and Children Tell the Truth*, *Toronto at Dreamer's Rock* and the *Buz'Gem Blues*, the *Rez Sisters* marked the beginning of the Aboriginal theatre movement.

Even though there had been what Taylor describes as "the occasional flare-up of Native performance in the theatrical community"—*The Ecstasy of Rita Joe* by non-Native playwright George Ryga in 1967 and *October Stranger* by the Association for Native Development at a theatre festival in Monaco in 1979—what made Highway's play unique was its fresh approach to storytelling.

"For one thing, there's no central character. It's an ensemble piece, coming from the concept of the Native community where the community's more important than the individual," Taylor told *Windspeaker*. "Each of the eight characters are equally important and have equally valid storylines...so it was that concept, and also concepts of different perceptions of conflict and just the full-fledged, interesting, larger-than-life characters that were very rich and very full."

He said Canada perceives Native people as being oppressed, depressed and suppressed. Highway's characters were "vibrant, they were sassy, they were clever and they were fun."

Despite Highway's success with *Rez Sisters*, it would take a while to tempt Native writers to look to the theatre as a venue for their



CARL CARTER

Playwright Tompson Highway addressed his support of casting non-Native actors in Native roles during a visit to Edmonton in June. He said there is a double-standard in theatre, saying all other groups can cast the way they wish, but in Native theatre, producers are forced to cast in a racial way.

artistic expression.

Taylor said that in 1988 when he was offered the job of playwright-in-residence at Toronto-based theatre company Native Earth Performing Arts by Highway, who was the artistic director at the time, there were only "two working Native playwrights in Ontario." Daniel David Moses had left the post. Taylor had only a few television writing credits to his name—including an episode

theatre craft.

"It was inspiring, of course. It's such accomplished work. Like there's such complex, multi-layered and fantastical stories that it was like, 'OK, I can do anything,'" said Nolan.

Nolan began her writing career in 1990. After working for the Winnipeg Fringe Festival, Nolan saw an opportunity for her to create her own work.

"It was bizarre. I had no role

*I did a performance in Holland two years ago and I did three pieces of my own... one was a short piece of mine called Video, which is about a bride in a wedding dress... Someone came up to me and they went, 'Well, that was really great, but that wasn't very Indian.' And it's like, well, it has to kind of be Indian, because I'm who I am.—Yvette Nolan*

of the Canadian classic the *Beachcombers*—but was given the job because Highway didn't want to return the grant funding the company got for the position.

"[Highway] was desperate, so he did what a lot of desperate people do. They go to the bottom of the barrel, and there I was passed out," joked Taylor. "I think, at first, I turned it down, and he explained the situation and the money and then I said 'Yes.' And I think I'm probably one of the few people you'll meet that went into theatre for the money."

Algonquin playwright Yvette Nolan is the current artistic director for the Native Earth Performing Arts. She is the author of acclaimed plays *Annie Mae's Movement*, *Job's Wife* and *Video*. For Nolan, seeing the *Rez Sisters*, and Highway's follow-up *Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing*, helped to open her eyes to the infinite possibilities of Aboriginal

*I remember on several occasions bumping into Native people coming out of a play who would tell me that they weren't going to see any more Native plays because they were tired of being depressed.*



—Drew Hayden Taylor

But Taylor soon discovered that many Native plays he was seeing concerned themselves with the darker, historical side of Aboriginal existence.

The nature of drama is conflict, he said, so it made sense that most plays would deal with that aspect of the Native psyche.

"But it was my observations that most Native plays were pre-occupied almost completely with the darker aspects to the point

"I did a performance in Holland two years ago and I did three pieces of my own and one of them was a monologue from *Annie Mae's Movement* and one was a short piece of mine called *Video*, which is about a bride in a wedding dress... Someone came up to me and they went, 'Well, that was really great, but that wasn't very Indian.' And it's like, well, it has to kind of be Indian, because I'm who I am. It's like I'm not allowed to talk about what a woman's life is like when she's getting married. 'That's what you think is not Indian? Is that it?' It wasn't very Indian," said Nolan.

When Native Earth presented the *Art Show* directed by Alanis King about the work of Odawa painter Daphne Odjig, the production was criticized by some for not delivering what was expected.

"[It] was really a play that animated the actual creative act of painting, of creating the work, so the actors played the paints... and they became characters in Daphne's life and there was dance and it was hugely visual. And critics said 'Where was the Indian part of this? We never got to see the struggle of her losing this husband.' It was like their expectation precluded what they actually saw. They weren't interested in what they were seeing on the stage. They wanted to see how the Indian overcame her struggle. That's what they wanted to see. That's fine, that's valid, but that wasn't what the play was about."

Casting is another minefield for those producing Native plays. Highway has had to live with the harsh response to his casting choices for his most recent play *Ernestine Shuswap Gets Her Trout*. He was criticized for casting two non-Native women to play Native characters. Critics felt they were "unconvincing" as Aboriginal women. Having seen many plays where the actors cast are of racial backgrounds different from the characters they are portraying, Highway felt there was a double standard for Native theatre.

Still, there are expectations that need to be addressed. What makes a Native play Native? Taylor said "there's no particular form of Native theatre" much like "there's no particularly Native way to boil an egg." But Nolan seems to think differently.

"I think a lot of what makes Aboriginal theatre is that Aboriginal people write it, Aboriginal people make it, Aboriginal people are telling the stories." Nolan has experienced what the reaction of an audience is like when they don't get what they expect. (see Double page 26.)



# Work hard, plan for the long haul

By Cheryl Petten  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

Shawonipinesik Kinew is only 18 years old, but her list of accomplishments would be impressive for someone twice that age.

Kinew is a member of the Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation in northern Ontario but was born in Winnipeg.

In May, Kinew graduated from the University of Winnipeg Collegiate, the only high school in Canada located on a university campus.

"It's a great school," Kinew said. "It runs on a university-length year and you have the opportunity to take university courses. And it's a very independent environment."

Kinew excelled academically in high school, earning a number of awards, but also found time to take part in many of the school's extracurricular activities. While in Grade 11 she was co-editor of *Mindscape*, the school's literary magazine, and contributed to the school's annual fashion show as a designer and a

seamstress.

In addition to her interests in fashion and writing, Kinew is partial to film. She attended the Gulf Island Film and Television (GIFT) school in 2001 and 2002, where she made two films, acting as writer, director, editor and camera and sound crew on both projects. One of those films, *The Girl Upstairs*, won an award at the school's annual EyeLens Film and Video Festival. She also took courses offered by her high school, during which she created two more films.

Kinew said she's always enjoyed movies, but didn't think about getting involved in making films until she took part in a camp put on by the Women's Television Network.

"They had this girls' camp, and it was on, I think, video and digital editing and that sort of thing. And so I think that was my first real introduction to film-making or video-making, I guess. So after that, I sort of pursued more film courses and things along that path."

It's the storytelling aspect that Kinew likes most about film-making. "I've always liked writing, and so that appeals to me," she said. It's not something she sees as a potential career, however.

"It's just a very interesting way of expressing myself." Kinew had another interesting experience in film-making last year when she volunteered as costume designer's aide during the production of Guy Maddin's film *The Saddest Music in the World*, starring Isabella Rossellini and Mark McKinney.

"My friend is really good friends with the costume designer, so I just started going down to the set and helping her iron things," she said of her infiltration of the production. "We made some fun things for the movie. Like we made some garters. I don't know if they actually made it into the movie, but I know Isabella Rossellini wore them. It was pretty exciting for us." (see International page 26.)

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# International experience

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This year, Shawonipinesik Kinew was one of four high school students from across the country chosen to participate in The Hague International Model United Nations Conference, held to educate young participants about the role and structure of the UN while helping them develop skills in research, writing, organization, debate and negotiation.

"It was a really great opportunity," Kinew said. "There were 4,000 students and it was in The Hague, so that was pretty amazing because the conference centre where it took place was right across from some real United Nations courts. So it felt real."

"At first it was really intimidating because, I mean, there were so

many students there. And there were students speaking, you know, English was their second language or third language or fourth language. And pretty much everybody was working at the same level. I was surprised with that, and I was intimidated because a lot of these kids come from amazing schools. But it was also really reassuring because I realized how good my education was. I didn't feel like these kids were smarter than me. I felt fine. It was really interesting to see, just to see how the United Nations works and get a feeling for it," she said.

This fall, Kinew will attend McGill University where she'll work towards a bachelor of arts degree. She'll study French and maybe take some courses in history and literature.

Kinew will be getting some financial assistance to pursue her studies, thanks to the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. She will receive a Local Excellence Award worth \$4,000.

Kinew said she's often asked what advice she has for other students, and she says they should start thinking about post-secondary studies long before they get to Grade 12.

"For me, it was always something that I knew I would do. It wasn't my dream to go to university. It was something I knew I'd have to do to get somewhere. I mean, I think you need to start young and work hard," she said. "I don't think that I'm extraordinarily brilliant or anything. I just think that, you know, I work hard."

# Double standard irks author

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During a speaking engagement at the Magnetic North Theatre Festival held in Edmonton this past June, Tompson Highway posed the question: "Why allow the Italians and the Danes and the Scots and the Australians, etc., etc. to cast shows any old way they want and you specify that this Native playwright, it's not just me, has to cast their shows only in a certain specific racial way?"

While Yvette Nolan believes in the idea of "color-blind casting," she said she is torn because she wants to keep Native actors working in Toronto.

"For me, it's a double-edged sword. Part of me wants color-blind casting, but I want all our Native actors, all the Native actors I use, I want them to be cast on all the stages of this town that I'm working in and I don't ever see them cast. Nobody casts them unless it says prostitutes, drunks, and then the Indians get cast...Tompson and I would love it to be color-blind casting everywhere, but I don't think we're at that point yet."

Drew Haydent Taylor said he finds himself "mellowing" on the rule of hiring Native people to play Native roles. While Taylor believes

it's a good idea to hire Native actors because they may better understand the nuances of Aboriginal culture, he has been in situations where a Native actor has cancelled and a non-Native person was hired instead.

"In one production it was a Jewish woman. In another production it was a Chinese woman. They both did fabulous jobs and I have absolutely no criticism of the production. So, in that situation, given a choice between hiring somebody who does not have the training as an actress, or has very limited training as an actress, but is Native, over somebody who is an absolutely brilliant actor or actress, but is non-Native, I wouldn't go with a person with a status card. I would go with somebody who can read a line with authority, confidence and knowledge rather than just somebody who happened to be born into the right family. But in a perfect world though, I would definitely prefer a Native actress or Native actor, but you can't always get what you want," he said.

Native theatre has come a long way from the time Highway's Rez Sisters was introduced as a fresh new concept that explored a culture unfamiliar to the theatre-go-

ing public. How far it can travel is the great unknown, said Taylor.

"I think with the success of the Native theatre, we've now become part of the rule, not the exception to the rule, and I think maybe, maybe Native theatre's gotten a little comfortable and we're just waiting for that second wind to start shaking things up again." Nolan has faith in a new crop of talent on the scene. With Darrell Dennis (Trickster of Third Avenue East, Tales of an Urban Indian), Penny Gummerson (Wawatay), Dawn Dumont (Stalker, Little Brother) and theatre ensembles like the Toronto-based Turtle Gals, Native theatre will continue to grow and become more sophisticated, she said.

"The first show we're doing [at Native Earth] next season is Marie Clement's Unnatural and Accidental Woman, which is a huge, really complex, really moving play...It's a very complex theatrical piece and that's the kind of place I think we're going. Turtle Gal, they're doing really complex dense work that is not just about 'Poor me, this is my obstacle and I overcame it and now I'm on the road to healing.' That's a valid story, but that's not the only story we've got. We've got all kinds of other stories to tell," she said.

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# Dudley's unlikely comrade

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Instead Dudley George's name has become a rallying cry for busloads of social and political advocates, and a royal pain in the back end for Mike Harris, the former Ontario premier, on whose watch Dudley's days were ended. Many claim the blood from the policeman's bullet splashed onto Harris' hands, and so the inquiry.

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years apart, have their roots in government policy from the Second World War.

Who knows what's going to happen with this official inquiry? Cynicism about inquiries in general and a serious scepticism in government's commitment to dealing with Native issues have made me a little jaded over the years. We can only hope Dudley George didn't die in vain. I think it's safe to say Anne Frank didn't.

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**Qualifications:** A University degree in History, Social Sciences, Native Studies or Museum Studies is required. Previous experience developing and delivering interpretative programs within a museum setting is preferred. Equivalencies may be considered. Knowledge of values and cultures of Aboriginal people of Canada, specifically Aboriginal Plains people (especially the Blackfoot) is required. Must be able to speak and write the Blackfoot language fluently. Fluency in other languages besides English, including sign language, is an asset. Experience working with the Microsoft Office Suite is required. This position will be required to work irregular hours including evenings and weekends. A valid Alberta Class 5 Driver's License is required. Note: Final candidates for this position will be asked to undergo a security screening. Salary: \$41,976 - \$52,644. Closing Date: September 30, 2004.

**Competition Number 24357-WDSP**

**Site Marketing and Special Events Coordinator**  
Communication 1

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## Roundtable commitment

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"Without revealing the contents of my mandate letter I can say that the prime minister was very alert, at the time of the choice of his Cabinet and the drafting of instructions, to the roundtable in April. So clearly, if one looks at what the roundtable was designed to do and what the roundtable identified as the six priority areas, that figured prominently in this," he said. "I was specifically, as minister for Indian and Northern Affairs, charged with two of the six tables as a lead. I was familiar with housing because I was charged with the lead in housing before I became the minister of Indian and Northern Affairs as the minister responsible for housing. So I knew the process and I knew where we were moving on this. My intention is to not only lead in the tables I've been asked officially to lead, but also as an advocate for the interests of a community. To sort of push my colleagues, work with them to make sure it's getting the level of attention in other very busy portfolios that it deserves."

When it was announced that Scott would have responsibility for all three Aboriginal groups, National Chief Phil Fontaine said he was concerned that the lines would become blurred and the unique requirements of First Nations would get lost in the shuffle. Scott said he was aware of the concerns.

He said he understands the logic in "depositing the responsibility for the broad series of issues that confront the community" with one person and the challenge of not "confusing the difference in the nature of the relationship that exists in each

case...

"I think the reason that the prime minister has made the decision that this will be brought into one place is so that in moving forward someone is looking at all of these issues through the same lens, but I'm not seeing the same things. That's possible and I'm quite confident that I can achieve that in a way that respects the unique nature of the various organizations that we speak of."

Ottawa insiders say there are two kinds of government officials: those who believe in self-government and those who don't. Scott was asked where he stood on the issue.

"I believe, as was articulated by the prime minister, the language of nation to nation. I believe that we would be starting out this relationship in a respectful way of recognizing that there is value in moving forward from that premise," he said. "I think that there are serious social problems that need to be attended to independent of where you stand on those other legal/political positions. So, to some extent, the pragmatist in me would like to be able to make sure that we attend to those issues while we struggle with some of the more challenging political/legal issues, but I would characterize myself as believing instinctively in a respectful relationship with other governments."

Scott said he does not plan to introduce any governance legislation. Instead, talks on the six priority areas identified at the Aboriginal roundtable—lifelong learning, housing, accountability, economic development, health and land claims—will drive the agenda.

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#### INFORMATION GATHERER

- Acting as a linguistic translator wherever required
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## Tell creditors to back off

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The issue of status and band membership is one of most significant issues facing our communities. Bill C-31 did not eliminate the discrimination, it pushed it one generation away and the problem is still there. Bill C-31 has affected every single family in one form or another. If we continue to ignore this issue, we may find that our grandchildren are no longer Indians.

Dear Tuma:

I just had a question about some phone calls that I have been receiving. My sister lives next door to me and was not able to keep up with her bills which resulted in her losing her phone. I have asked her repeatedly not to use my phone number as a contact number because I am the one who has to deal

with the bill collectors when they call. She just ignores them, and I always tell her to make arrangements with these people. I have been told by other family members to change my phone numbers, but as you can see, this is not my problem and I should not have to change my number. If I ask these bill collectors not to call my home any more, do they have to stop? Personally, I am tired of taking messages for my sister. So, can I tell the bill collectors to not call my home for my sister?

Not My Sister's Secretary

Dear Not My Sister's Secretary:

The next time the bill collectors call you, ask for the name and the licence number of the person. Under most provinces there is a creditors remedies act, which pre-

vents harassment of creditors. The law usually requires that a bona fide bill collector identify himself or herself, the company they are with and provide a licence number upon request. Once you have this information, tell him or her that no one by that name (who they are calling for) lives at this number. Tell them that if they persist in calling, you will be making a complaint to either the credit bureau or to the better business bureau. Then end the call.

Make sure you have a scribbler next to the phone along with a pen so you can write down the time, date, name, company and licence number of the bill collector. Be firm but polite. Do not get into a conversation with the person; do not offer any information about your sister, where she lives or how they can find her. Just tell them that no one lives there by that name and if they keep calling, you will report them. If they keep calling, report them.

You are lucky that your sister is only giving out your phone number. She could have stolen your identity and caused a whole lot of trouble for you. Don't give anyone your social insurance number or any personal information, not even family members.

This column is not intended to provide legal advice but rather highlight situations where you should consult with a lawyer. Tuma Young is currently studying for a PhD in law at the University of British Columbia and questions can be sent to him via e-mail at: [puoin@telus.net](mailto:puoin@telus.net)

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# documentary ensures actor is remembered

By Joan Taillon

Will Sampson's last remaining sibling, Norma Sampson Bible, wants people to know there was much more to the Muscogee Creek man than the 22 films he made between 1975 and 1986. That's why this great-grandmother has spent 10 of the past 17 years writing his biography.

For one thing, her book *Beloved Brother* reveals that Sampson, who died in 1987 at age 53, was recognized for his paintings and drawings long before he achieved notoriety as the first Native actor to break the mold of demeaning Native film actor stereotypes.

"First of all, before he was ever anything else, he was an artist. It was his first love," said Bible.

As a young man, Sampson, known as "Sonny" to his friends and family, had numerous commissions, sales and public exhibitions to his credit. His paintings and sketches of Western and traditional Native themes are distributed across the United States in the Smithsonian Institute, the Denver Art Gallery, the Gilcrease Institute, the Philbrook Art Museum in Tulsa, Okla., the Creek Council House in Okmulgee, Okla. and in private collections.

"He was self-taught. From the time he could hold a pencil in his hand, that boy drew," his sister said. "When he didn't have no paper and pencil, he'd draw on the ground."

"Before he even went to school, me and my sister would bring our books home, and if he couldn't find any clean paper, he'd draw on the covers of our books. We'd get mad, and take his pencils away from him. I never dreamed that later on I wouldn't even be able to afford one of his paintings after I used to wad his papers up and throw them out."

Despite Bible's efforts to highlight all of her brother's accomplish-

ments, it's likely it will be Sampson's unique contribution to the movie industry that most people remember, beginning with his portrayal of Chief Bromden in the 1975 production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* alongside Jack Nicholson.

Up to then, most Native American film parts were played by non-Native actors who couldn't speak Native languages and who didn't care about cultural authenticity.

Sampson's film debut as the silent, sharp, supposedly catatonic mental patient Chief Bromden is credited with changing the prevailing Hollywood images of Indians. Up to then, Native Americans were portrayed as illiterate sidekicks, self-effacing non-starters, and otherwise cast in servile or unsavory roles. Usually, Italians or Mexicans got the parts, as bad as the parts were.

Sampson rankled at the disrespectful way Native people were portrayed in film and he had a lot of anger towards white people generally, his sister said.

In her book, Bible talked about her brother's roles as activist, advocate and rolling stone.

She admits he drank, and that he had a hard time staying in one place long enough to be a family man, although he had nine children. He worked at a lot of jobs to support them, though, before he got into acting. He was a construction worker, oil field worker, linesman. Bible said that while "he was never involved in any everyday (tribal) activities, he just always was proud of the fact that he was a Muscogee Creek. He was a full-blood, and he built them up just every chance he could."

During his sporadic visits home "he would go to the stomp dances, go to church with us and visit and then something else would come up and off he would go."

"Then in between there, of course, he had marriages.

"He was in the navy from 1953 to 1955, I believe it was ... and after he got out he was gone again ... doing whatever he could to earn a living. And all the time, he was painting, drawing."

"Some of his paintings sold and he'd have a high old time. And then use that up and he'd be looking for work again. You've heard of starving artists; I guess that's what he was."

Bible's book also strives to clear up false stories about Sampson perpetuated by various media over the years. His image stands tall enough on its own without any embellishment, she figures.

For instance, one newspaper reported Sampson was a navy pilot. Bible said, "which he wasn't. He was in the navy and somewhere along the line he learned how to pilot a plane, but he was not a navy pilot."

She said her brother became an actor by happy chance.

"What he told me, he was up there in Yakima, Washington, somewhere up there in the mountains painting and drawing and coming down once in a while. He said he had a friend in town. He came down to check his mail or something and his friend told him that they were in town casting for a movie and said they needed a tall, ugly Indian. Those were his words... So my brother thought, 'Why not?' He was always one to take a gamble anyway."

"So he walked to this casting office ... they said the minute he walked in the door, they said, 'boy, they had found their Indian. So he was the mute Indian in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*."

Bible said he had a serious side. Sampson demonstrated against the oppression Native Americans experienced every day, not just in films.

"In between his movie roles, Sonny also found time to travel to other Indian reservations and towns to speak on their behalf

about their problems. He told me he had begun to read up on tribal politics and government... His lifestyle was slowly beginning to change. He would still drink and he still had his wild moments, etc., but slowly and surely, he was letting up."

Bible went on to say that Sampson, who she believes completed school only to Grade 9 and who started out as a rodeo rider at age 14, struggled one time to decide whether

he should accept a speaking invitation at an Indian school graduation in South Dakota.

He told her, "I get all mad again when I think about how the Indians have been mistreated all these years, and I can give them hell, but I never even finished school myself, so what can I tell these kids?"

"By the very fact that you didn't finish school and had a rough time of it, that should make them realize that they need all the schooling they can get," Bible advised him.

Sampson became a founding member of the American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts, which helped American Indian performers and technicians get work, and which pushed for cultural accuracy in scripts in the last decades of the 20th century.

Sampson also worked to promote accurate on-screen portrayals of Native Americans by join-



Will Sampson may well be remembered for his role in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, but he was an accomplished artist long before he played the silent Indian opposite Jack Nicholson in the 1975 film.

ing the board of the American Indian Film Institute (AIFI).

That non-profit organization also wants Sampson's legacy preserved, which is the reason it is chronicling his "life, art, and love of adventure" in a documentary.

Michael Smith, founder and president of AIFI, stated in a publicity release that "Will's legacy is the path he cleared for non-stereotypical roles for Native peoples... There remains much work ahead to clear the world of misconceptions and misrepresentations of Native Americans in film. Will's life challenged the status quo. We are proud to begin the process of making this documentary film."

Sampson's sister and his son Tim are creative consultants on the documentary. Others on the team are Smith, Phil Lucas, Alanis Obomsawin and Wishelle Banks.

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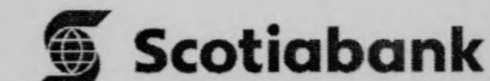
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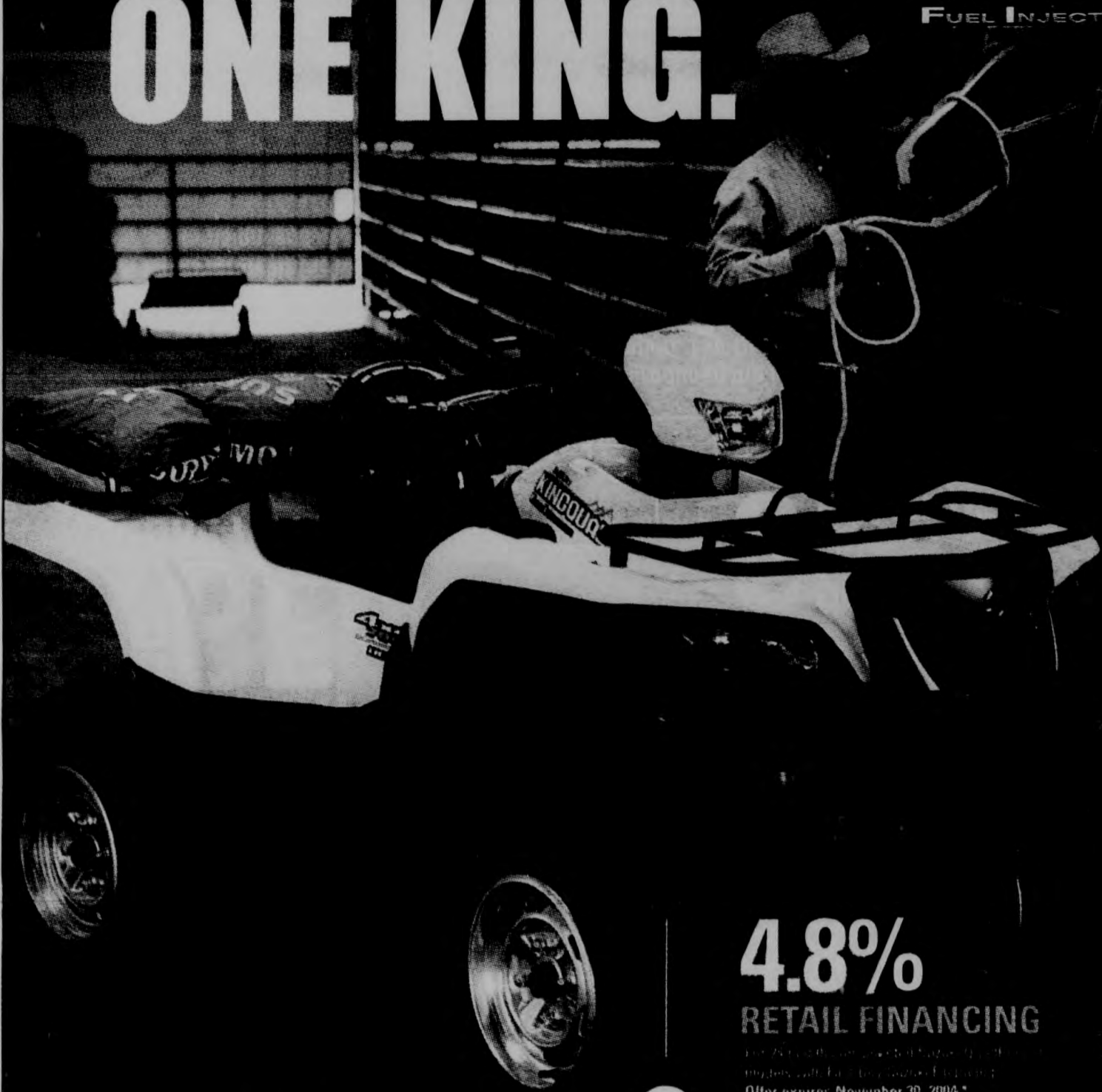
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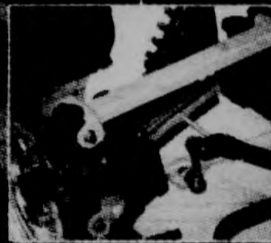
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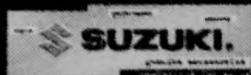
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