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A sense of duty about taking care of Mother Earth

One of the most important responsibilities given to us by our ancestors is the duty to take care of our Earth Mother.

It is very clear what must be done to ensure the land and all its resources are still available to the unborn Seventh Generation. Seven generations from today our descendants will ask what we did to protect our Earth Mother and her resources. How will we ensure there are still forests standing and fish in the water?

One of the ways is to make certain we do not sign away land or resources which belong to future generations. What if our ancestors had accepted money for our lands when Europeans landed on our shores? Where would we be in the year 2001? It is fortunate the first Europeans feared and respected us because we outnumbered them and they needed our knowledge and assistance to survive on our land; otherwise we would not have the protection of the treaties today.

The first Europeans were greedy for our land and its resources so they conspired and eventually contrived a way to steal our land, which was through treaties. At that time we could have easily wiped them out using our far superior numbers. It was those white treaties that saved them from

our superior numbers. And it was those same treaties that eventually cost us much of our land and resources.

It is also those same treaties that are today being used by our people to show that the land is ours and that we were, and still remain, a self-determining and independent people or as the Europeans know it, sovereign nations. Treaties can only be signed by Nations.

A Nation of people does not answer to any other Nation. It is the same as if Canada told the U.S. they must do what Canada says. Do you think the U.S. would accept this? No, because the U.S. is a sovereign Nation. The people in the U.S. decide what must happen. It is exactly the same for Indian Nations. We have the right to do what we as a

people decide to do. We have never given up the land, the fish, the logs or any other natural resource.

What has happened is that Canada, with its "white is right and might is right" ideology, denies our birthright to be an independent and self-determining people as we have always been - long before European contact. We cannot allow this to happen.

Although it is late in the day we must now begin our negotiations with the Canadian government with the understanding and acceptance that all the land and all of the resources belong to us. Every agreement we sign continues to deny

and go against our sovereignty birthright unless it is signed Nation to Nation. We cannot allow the DFO to regulate us. If we do so, we would be

agreeing to fall under the power and authority of Canada and its rule of law.

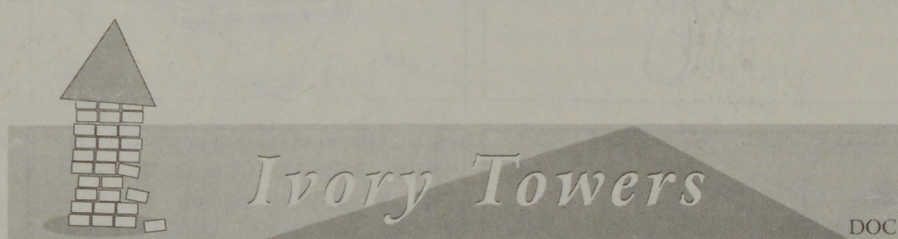
We had our own institutions to deal with law and order. We must revive those institutions and stop relying on a foreign government to think and act for us.

Any treaties our ancestors signed were considered sacred and the treaty making process was carried out with wampum belts and sacred ceremonies. We owe our ancestors much gratitude for the fact that in the year 2001 we are still a distinct people. There is no treaty that our ancestors signed which says we signed away our land - we should all pause to silently thank our ancestors who made sure we would always have the right to say "it is our land."

Our ancestors followed their sacred instructions when they refused to sign away our land and its resources. Our responsibility today is exactly the same, we in turn must protect our land and its resources so that seven generations from now those who follow us will thank us for our caring and our foresight.

All My Relations

Dan Ennis



Project VISIT: Virtual Intelligence Synergistic Image Trials: Phase 2



and in Professor Gilda Lilly's Art History class

Alcohol: Know when to draw the line

Most of us enjoy alcohol. It's a great social lubricant. Many of us meet up with friends to drink and go to the club.

How much would you drink before you go out and still consider yourself to be in control? How many of us consider picking-up people on a night out with our friends? How many couples go out and drink with the intention of having some hot sex later? How many of us think that simply going out to drink with friends could lead to a sexual assault?

In a previous article, "Billy's Trip To The Bar," sexual assault was discussed in its most common and deceiving form. Billy was a UNB student who went out with his friends drinking and ended up making unwanted advances on one of his female friends.

Like Billy, many of us do not realize the role alcohol plays in sexual assault. The truth is that alcohol has a lot more to do with sexual assault than most of us would consider. When we drink, we place ourselves at risk of being involved in a sexual assault, and that means men and women.

Ladies, did you know that research has shown when women drink, we feel more empowered, more sociable, more romantic, definitely more sexual, and less inhibited about the judgements we make? These feelings are deceiving. Alcohol only clouds our perception of reality, it doesn't change who we are.

Guys, did you know that when you drink, you feel more empowered, less inhibited and definitely are at greater risk of committing an assault unknowingly? Again, drinking doesn't make you 10 feet tall and bullet-proof, you only feel that way.

Research shows us that most men and women are under the influence of alcohol when an assault is committed. So, why do men and women place themselves at risk? What can we do about it?

There are some simple strategies to safeguard ourselves from sexual assault.

First, never go drinking alone! Having a close friend of the same sex with you is the best idea. Always use the buddy system. It's like swimming at camp; you need a pal to watch your back.

Be aware of how much you and your friend/s drink, and make plans before you start drinking.

Always know the places you go to, and have an open meeting place if you should happen to lose one another.

Be certain if you "pick-up," your friend knows who the person is, (i.e. introduce your "bar" friend) and where you are going.

Also, make sure you have emergency money, enough to cover a cab home. You need enough money to make it home no matter where you end up after the "romance" is dead.

Couples, informed consent is still a must. If someone is near the point of passing out, that is *not* the time for hot sex! If they can't say "yes, I want to have sex," then you should automatically assume "no." It's still assault, even if you're dating.

We all like to party but stress relief can come at a high price if simple precautions aren't taken.

Have fun but know your limits!
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