



# Editor's Notes

## **HIV PREVENTION FOR RCMP MEMBERS — NEW "KIT" OF ANTI-VIRUS DRUGS**

A recent CBC television show spotlighted a "kit" of three anti-viral drugs to be taken within hours of a high risk needlestick or other high risk exposure to HIV, the virus which causes AIDS. This kit comes from a series of recommendations, known as the "post exposure prophylaxis" (PEP) protocol, made this year by the Centre for Disease Control Atlanta. This protocol should now be in place in most Canadian hospital emergency rooms. If you suffer a needlestick injury, or other biohazard exposure, go to the nearest emergency room and ask about the PEP protocol. **These medications are expensive; if an ER doctor prescribes them for you they will be paid for by the RCMP.**

If the emergency room or health provider in your community requires information about this program, call your regional Health Services Office or:

Health Services Directorate (Ottawa)  
Dr. Jeremy Brown  
Telephone: (613) 998-4537  
Fax (613) 993-0934  
E-mail: [healthsv@ftn.net](mailto:healthsv@ftn.net)  
or [copdoc@ftn.net](mailto:copdoc@ftn.net)

## **VISION QUEST — HELPING THOSE IN NEED**

Journeys 97 was an RCMP initiative unlike any other. This 30-day canoe voyage down the coast of BC had First Nations peoples, RCMP members and private citizens paddling to raise funds for a Vision Quest addiction recovery centre. This recovery centre, to be built in BC by the year 2000, will provide assistance to anyone battling addictions.

To support Journeys 97 the CD *Artists for Vision Quest* is now available at your local HMV store. All proceeds of the CD sales go directly to Vision Quest. Artists on the Vision Quest CD include Roch Voisine, Dan Hill, Amy Sky and many more. Please contact:

Cst. Len Meilleur  
Prince Rupert, Customs & Excise  
Telephone: (250) 637-3149  
E-mail: <http://www.thevqnet.org>.

## **CALLING "L" DIVISION ALUMNI**

The "L" Division RCMP 125 Committee is attempting to locate all current or retired members who have served in Prince Edward Island since the Force assumed policing duties in the province, in 1932. The Committee is planning a variety of special festivities and would like to formulate a mailing list to

## **NAPC CONFERENCE**

The second National Aboriginal Policing Conference "Heartbeat of the Nation" will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, September 24-27, 1998. Police and Aboriginal leaders from around the world will be invited to attend. Seminars will be held on a daily basis, on a variety of subjects related to aboriginal policing. Stay tuned for more information in next issues of the *Quarterly*!