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Win An Election, Lose A Country

It seems that ethnics resent ethnic pandering quite as much as Canada's majority, although not for remotely the same reasons. According to the October 13, 2008 edition of **al Jazeera**, "**Faria Kamal**, a campaign co-ordinator with **No One Is Illegal** ... warns of the tokenism that parties employ during every election season. Experts warn of even a greater threat to immigrant communities *subjected to ethnic-based campaigning.* **Sabah Al Nasser**, a political science professor at **York University** in Toronto, said institutional fragmenting and fracturing of society according to different communities strengthens the position of the white ruling class in Canada. A recent immigrant himself, he said: 'By splitting our communities, we are weakened in the sense that we cannot create a general political project *with other immigrants.*'" Not with other Canadians? **Enoch Powell** saw the flaw at the heart of the diverse society theory rather early on: He realized that consensus democracy could only be meaningful within a population that shared enough in common -- in terms of language, culture, custom, history, and economic interests -- for people to accept governance at one another's hands. As the population begins to splinter, so do voting patterns and the big parties simply cannot expect to build or maintain a broad base of support. Electoral returns bear this out: In 1959, Britain's two major parties captured 90% of the popular vote; by 1974, just 75%. Thus, the more British society was changed, the less likely that any single Briton would find his interests satisfactorily represented in Parliament. So, all that ethnic pandering and immigration for votes is futile. Powell noticed at the same time, that fewer voters were bothering to vote. Canada's recent election would break all previous records for low voter turn out: just 58 per cent exercised their franchise.

All parties were more shameless than a Tiajuana table dancing whore in the courting the non-White immigrant vote. Crazy **Jack Layton** wanted to make Punjabi Canada's third official language. Actually, there are more German, Italian or Ukrainian speakers here than Punjabis, Jack. Of course, all parties promised even higher numbers as they would kick open the floodgates even further to welcome our replacement and demise. The Conservatives offered to up official immigration from about 250,000 to 265,000. In the treasonous bid to hasten our replacement, the Liberals and **NDP** offered to increase the torrent to one per cent of our population or roughly 330,000 per year. **Blair Wilson**, the financially dodgy Green candidate and briefly Green **MP**, had been denied the Liberal nomination. He told a packed Iranian audience in West Vancouver that, if elected, the Greens would let all family members in. The assembled Persians huzzahed wildly. So, much for reducing the impact on our environment. The Greens are phoney environmentalists as they won't tackle the major cause of growing urbanization and population -- immigration!

Another Chinese Driving School

"A former driving school owner who paid bribes to get driver's licences for new immigrants was sentenced [October 8] to two-and-a-half years in prison. **B.C. Supreme Court Justice Donna Martinson**, in imposing sentence on **Foon-Wai (David) Chiu**, decided to send the man to jail rather than grant his request to serve his time at home under house arrest because he was the sole provider for his wife and two teenage children. ... The judge found Chiu was solely motivated by greed and played a bigger role than **Christine Diaz**, the **ICBC** examiner who accepted bribes to pass people ... Diaz made \$41,500 from the scheme and Chiu made up to \$147,500. Chiu earlier pleaded guilty to defrauding the public and committing a fraud on the government, which carries a

maximum of five years in prison. He admitted he bribed Diaz to fraudulently obtain 54 driver's licences between Sept. 1, 2001 and March 30, 2004. ... Chiu's lawyer, **Alan Ip**, told the court that his 53-year-old client was born in China, moved to Hong Kong as a teenager and came to Canada in 1990. Recently Chiu was forced to sell the family home to pay \$365,000 to settle a civil lawsuit launched by **ICBC** against him and his now-defunct **Dragon Driving School** of Richmond. [No kidding, that's its name.] Chiu took out ads in local Chinese language newspapers, promising he could help new immigrants from China pass their driver's licence examinations. [The ads read: No English needed. Guaranteed top marks. Pass in one try] Chiu's customers were new immigrants from China, mostly women. He charged between \$1,500 and \$8,000. For the higher fee, he would also obtain fraudulent Chinese driver's licences, which speeded up the waiting time for a B.C. licence. All the bogus licences were revoked, but none of those who paid Chiu were charged, mainly because they spoke little English and were unfamiliar with Canadian law." (**Vancouver Sun**, October 8, 2008) "In China, bribes of government officials are common. ... This is not the first time **ICBC** has had to deal with widespread licence fraud. In 1993, an **RCMP** investigation uncovered a licence-for-sale scam in Richmond and Surrey. More than 500 fraudulent licences were cancelled in that case." (**Canada.com**, September 15, 2008) For less privileged groups, ignorance of the law is no excuse.

Ancestors To One In Three Canadians

"**Ancestry.ca**, Canada's leading family history website, today launched online **the Canadian Passenger Lists, 1865-1935**, which contains more than 7.2 million names, including 5.6 million of those who travelled from around the world to start a new life in Canada. The collection is fully indexed by name, month, year, ship and port of origin and arrival of more than 4,000 ships, and includes original images for more than 310,000 pages of historical records. It is the first time that these records have been indexed and made available online. ... Digitizing and indexing the collection took approximately 83,000 man hours, or the equivalent of a person working 24 hours a day, seven days a week for almost 10 years. [These lists] are the official records of the arrival of the majority of people accepted as immigrants in Canada during this key immigration period. An estimated 11.6 million Canadians or 37 per cent of its current population have ancestors included in this collection. ... The main immigrant nationalities arriving in Canada during this period of rapid growth were British, Irish, Ukrainian, Russian, German, Chinese and Polish (the majority of French immigrants, the second largest Canadian immigrant population, arrived prior to 1865). Passengers from mainland Europe usually sailed to Great Britain where they boarded trans-Atlantic ships at ports such as Liverpool, London and Glasgow. Immigrants from Europe destined for western Canada landed at ports on the east coast, then continued their journey by train. ... Contained in the collection are records for a number of ships which tragically never made it to their final Canadian destinations, including that of **RMS The Empress of Ireland**, a passenger ship which was rammed in dense fog on the St Lawrence River near Quebec on the 29th of May 1914 and sank in just 14 minutes. 1,012 passengers and crew drowned - a larger loss of life than when **RMS Titanic** sank." (**CNW Telbec**, September 16, 2008)

Agencies Serving Immigrant Agencies

Every day crates of money are forwarded to immigrant agencies across Canada. Big towns and small towns, there's money for all towns. Hard to believe that immigrants were once expected to create and polish a country, now the country is expected to create

and polish them. Not long ago, Ontario **Liberals** were caught practically force feeding \$32-million to party friendly immigrant agencies. One beneficiary was **Peel Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Social Services**, headed by **Andrea Seepersaud**, common-law-spouse of **Mississauga West Liberal MPP Bob Delaney**. Delaney had gravely read aloud petitions in the legislature pleading for more funding for, you guessed it. Life is just so full of coincidences. There were questions too, about \$250,000 to a Mississauga Sikh group, the **Ontario Khalsa Darbar**, embroiled in a court case over \$2.5 million in financial irregularities. On the plus side, several members of the group's board were Liberal party donors. At the **Iranian-Canadian Community Centre** (\$200,000 grant) all 7 board members were party donors. In more recent immigrant agency news, "directors of [Halifax's] **All Women Empowerment and Development Association** announced Wednesday that most of the \$142,700 grant they'd received from Ottawa was gone and that they had fired **Rosamond Luke**, the organization's executive director. They displayed cancelled cheques that were written out to cash. They said the treasurer who co-signed them had moved to the Bahamas. [The funds had been plundered so diligently that only \$20,000 remained and the group owes more than that in taxes and unpaid salaries] Only seven immigrant women received financial assistance from the organization. [A black woman in a key Nova Scotia riding, **Rosamond Luke**] was named as a candidate for **Conservatives** on Sept. 7 after being courted by party activists this summer. Her candidacy ended two days later after it emerged she had a criminal record for uttering threats and breaching an undertaking." (**Canadian Press**, September 27, 2008) Within days, it was back to the 905: "One of Peel Region's largest settlement agencies has had its federal funding cut ... causing two-thirds of its staff to be laid off. **Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Social Services** is the second settlement agency in Greater Toronto to have its funding axed by **Citizenship and Immigration Canada** in a month. Toronto's **Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre** had to lay off 26 language instructors and settlement workers earlier this month after Ottawa withheld funding amid a routine audit. **Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood**, a pioneer agency in the 905 region, says it's in the dark as to why the immigration department dropped \$3.5 million in annual funding and alleged financial mismanagement. 'This decision is bewildering to all of us at the agency. It requires an explanation, but we haven't received one yet,' said **Andrea Seepersaud**." (**Toronto Star**, September 27, 2008) If we're getting all these super qualified self-starters and rocket scientists, why do they need so much support?

The IRB: Yes, It Gets Worse

"As of March 31, the board had 41,944 claims pending. Last year, the board received 27,912 new claims and settled 13,901." (**Toronto Star**, August 20, 2008) Bad enough that Canadians are on the hook for the care and maintenance of scores of thousands of self-proclaimed refugees while their cases creak through a constipated system, without mischief from the world's leading supplier of bogus refugees. "**Karel Heje**, head of consular and political affairs at the Czech Embassy in Ottawa says during his time at the embassy he has received several faxes from the **Canada Border Service Agency**, providing the first name, last name and date of birth of Czech citizens claiming refugee status in Canada. [Since Canada lifted visa restrictions on Czech citizens last November, Czech Gypsy claimants are again swamping the pipeline to Canada. But enough about our problems.] Heje said Czech citizens need not fear reprisal from their own government, *but he worries that his is not the only embassy receiving this type of personal information from Canadian border officials.* ... Not all countries and their embassy staff are so benign, warns immigration lawyer **Lorne Waldman**. Waldman said border services has the legal right to verify the identity of any persons wishing to come

into Canada, including checks with a refugee seeker's country of origin. [However,] the level of sensitivity being used by Canada's border services in asylum cases raises serious safety concerns. ... 'If trying to verify information about a person results in someone being tortured, then we shouldn't do it. ... We have to find other ways of verifying information.' Under the **Immigration and Refugee Protection Act**, claimants must prove to the **Immigration and Refugee Board** they fear for their safety in their own country in order to remain in Canada." (**Canadian Press**, July 24, 2008) It would be helpful to know how that's supposed to work. We have to accept every claimant at face value until a sclerotic system has examined his claim. Now, thanks to a meddling Czech diplomat, even that process is suspect as it puts the "refugee" at risk.

It's Not Easy Being Green

According to **Immigrant News Services**, March 23, 2008, "'in 2007, Canada admitted 429,649 permanent residents, temporary foreign workers and foreign students.' [A number bearing no resemblance to official stats. By April 22, 2008, **CBC** was moaning that Canadians are] 'among the highest per capita polluters in the world, producing an average of 23 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions per person each year.' Now, 429,649 immigrants *multiplied by* 23 metric tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions *equals* 9,881,927 metric tonnes of greenhouse gases directly from immigration annually. [Whillikers -- is that a lot? In a July 27, 2007 document, **Questions and Answers about the Alberta Tarsands**, **Greenpeace** claims that] 'annual greenhouse gas emissions from tar sands plants in 2007 are expected to be 39.3 to 41.4 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent.' So how many years of allowing 429,649 immigrants into Canada would equal the tarsands in greenhouse gas emissions? 41.4 million metric tonnes *divided by* 9.9 million metric tonnes *equals* 4.18 years! Therefore, there is a new tarsands worth of greenhouse gas emissions added to Canada every 4 years. In other words, 1 year of Canada's current immigration intake produces 25% of the greenhouse gas emissions as 1 year of the tarsands." (**Canada the Sinking Lifeboat**, October 12, 2008) Pathetically, Canada's so-called **Green Party** is perhaps the biggest immigration booster of the rascally Ottawa crew, the difference being that they want all 50 or 60-million of us living in low impact chicken coops.

Habitat Or Harvey's

Remember when the world suddenly realized that mercury amalgam drilled right into your head was a bad idea? You wonder how many climate change stories you must read before someone at the **Sierra Club** or **Nature Canada** realizes that relentless immigration and sub-urbanization is ecological suicide? "In the last 40 years, 71% of **Common Terns** have vanished. And in the same time, over 70% of **Boreal Chickadees** have disappeared. Our **Evening Grosbeak** populations have declined by 78%. Of the 428 bird species that regularly breed in Canada, 60 species are at risk of extinction. Our birds are calling out for help and we must act now to preserve the decreasing number of places left in Canada where they can safely nest, feed and raise their chicks. ... And we have to hurry. As one of nature's best indicator species, healthy bird populations are linked to healthy habitats for all species, including humans. When birds disappear at such an alarming rate, it's a signal that something is very wrong. Our birds are sending us a very important message about the impact of climate change and we must take action before it's too late." (**RushPR News**, August 19, 2008) Let's start by thinking of migration in terms of preserving wildlife rather than overrunning it.

A Sea Change In Ottawa

Hedy (Does anyone else smell burning crosses?) **Fry** was actually an inspired choice to head the multiculturalism secretariat, a

department that operated as Canada's de facto anti-racism department. The ludicrous parent agency, **Heritage Canada** operated as though this country had come into existence on the Cuban heels of the bell-bottomed prime minister. Now belatedly, just a bare whiff that Ottawa may be beginning to wake up and play catch up with the rest of the developed world: "In a presentation to a federal national security advisory board, **Andrew Griffith, Canadian Heritage's** director-general of multiculturalism and human rights, raised a series of issues including the question: 'What is the appropriate role for **Canadian Heritage** and its **Multicultural Programme** in countering radicalization?' 'Are traditional government objectives [civic participation, anti-racism/cross-cultural understanding, inclusive institutions] enough to address radicalization, or are radicalization-specific initiatives required?' His **PowerPoint** presentation offers no concrete answers, but hints that shifting demographics mean the government must 'adjust multiculturalism programming' in order to 'advance core Canadian values.' The '**Canadian Multiculturalism Act** is flexible,' the presentation notes. ... According to the Heritage presentation, 1970s- and 1980s-era initiatives geared toward 'celebrating differences' and 'accommodation' should now promote 'rights and responsibilities' and the 'Canadian identity.' [In other words, the last forty years have been predicated on lunatic assumptions.] And compared with earlier problems [or chimeras] such as 'prejudice' and 'systemic discrimination,' a 'clash of cultures' is highlighted as a major issue faced by immigrants today. The presentation notes that Australia, the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands have all been taking steps to integrate immigrants and combat religious extremism. ... **CSIS** and the **RCMP** officials have become increasingly outspoken about how they see radical youth as a major problem, including several ongoing cases where they've never managed to arrest anyone." (**Globe and Mail**, September 1, 2008) In other words, the most inflexible, unforgiving and maddening aspects of Canadian civil life over the past few decades have been idiotic and now we are prepared to take the first tentative steps to introduce the concept of sanity to the integration problem? Let's start with an apology from the prime minister for contemporary wrongs against decent Canadians who've had their lives blighted by political correctitude. "Tolerance is the virtue of a man with no convictions." **G.K. Chesterton**

Always A Colony Never A Bride

When groups arrive driven by a sense of manifest destiny, insistent on imposition of their own ways, it's not immigration -- it's colonialism. To further that impression, Canada is weak, overly generous and clearly frightened of its new populations. This problematic equation is perhaps why "over the last **Liberal** decade in power, the immigration portfolio emerged as a high-risk/no-reward cabinet position, one whose holders were often more preoccupied with finding a quick exit strategy than with leaving a mark on the file. **Jean Chrétien** changed immigration ministers six times. **Paul Martin** had two in less than two years [in both instances, departure was preceded by stunning revelations about porkers at the trough.] **Stephen Harper** is now on to his second. ... There have been plenty of recent signs that the country may be ripe for *an immigration election*, as well as indications that politicians could have a hard time keeping a handle on such a campaign." (**Toronto Star**, April 9, 2008) Now, when they say *immigration election*, that doesn't mean Canadians will finally be asked whether we need the kind of high maintenance immigration we're getting, or need any at all in an increasingly uncertain economy. An immigration election means cameo appearances by smirking politicians in an array of novelty headgear.

CRIME WATCH

Not So "Ceremonial"

"A Winnipeg man who claims he suffered years of sexual degradation as a child at the hands of Sikh priests was given a one-year suspended sentence Tuesday for a violent confrontation with two of his alleged abusers. The 26-year-old man -- who pleaded guilty to one count each of unlawful confinement and assault causing bodily harm -- had sought a conditional discharge which would have spared him a criminal record. But Judge **Catherine Carlson** said a conditional discharge would send a message to the public that it endorsed vigilante justice. 'I am sympathetic to your situation ... but the court simply cannot sanction individuals taking the law in any way into their own hands and confronting the perpetrators in a threatening way.' Court heard the man visited a St. Vital temple in December 2006, armed with a ceremonial sword, intent on confronting the priests. The man forced them into a van and drove to his parents' south Winnipeg home, where, in the presence of his mother and sister, he hoped to draw a confession from the men. The confrontation turned violent when the man asked one of the victims, 'Do you remember how many times you did that to me?' and received a sarcastic remark in reply, defence lawyer **Kathy Bueti** told court. The man struck out at the victim who suffered defensive wounds to his hand. The altercation ended with the arrival of police, responding to a 911 call. It was only after the man was arrested that he filed a report with police complaining he had been sexually abused by the victims and two other priests as a child. Three of the priests have since been arrested and are scheduled to begin a preliminary hearing in the fall. They face charges including sexual assault, sexual interference and sexual exploitation. Two of them were also charged with non-consensual anal intercourse. A fourth suspect has not been arrested and is believed to be living in British Columbia. The suspects have not entered pleas and remain innocent until proven guilty. According to a pre-sentence report, the man claims that between the ages of eight and 14 he was sexually assaulted 'at least 100 times' by the priests during temple visits, 'sometimes all four of them at once.' The allegations have divided the city's Sikh community, whose culture does not endorse open discussion of sexual matters, said Crown attorney **Melinda Murray**. [Clearly, his motivation seemed to be to convince his own sceptical family] 'It was clear to me in discussions with the victim and other members of the temple and community that this was a big issue and a big concern in the community,' Murray said. 'There has been a division within the Sikh temple and the community ... There are sides being taken and it is quite difficult for people on both sides of the fence.'" (**Winnipeg Sun**, August 28, 2008) Pretty serious charges, yet no names published, not even that of the man presumably being sought in **BC**.

Truth Is No Defence

Not in the human rights star chamber. Not in the public sphere. It's a gloomy outlook when every week brings new howls for some politician's head because he or she failed to perform like a trained seal where Canada's privileged minorities are concerned. "In light of recent shootings in Calgary, **Fast Forward** contacted [Calgary Centre incumbent **Lee**] **Richardson** September 18 to ask how the **Conservative** approach to crime compares to other parties' approaches. In reply, Richardson said Canada has been too 'soft on crime' by showing too much sympathy towards offenders and their civil rights. 'Particularly in big cities, we've got people that have grown up in a different culture,' said Richardson, 60. 'And they don't have the same background in terms of the stable communities we had 20, 30 years ago in our cities... and don't have the same respect for authority or people's person or property.' Later in the same interview, Richardson brought up the increase of immigrants coming to Canada. 'Canada accepts so many refugees, for example,' he said. 'These are people that have had a very difficult life from whence they came. If you've been in a refugee camp, then you live day-to-day. And those are troubled people. They

come here and, well, it's easy to take advantage of people that are trying to help.' Richardson added: 'Talk to the police. Look at who's committing these crimes. They're not the kid that grew up next door.'" (**Fast Forward**, September 25, 2008) There was a prompt baying for blood, but then on October 2, the **Calgary Sun** reported: "Cops have made a massive bust in a gang network connected to four shootings in Calgary. [And the names of those arrested? **Abdirahman Hussein, Jibril Adam, Abdulaziz Abdullah, Ahmed Zalal, Hassan Nur, Hassan Hassan, Feyesel Mussa, Egal Adam, Liban Bakal, Yasin Ahmed Mohamed, Mustafa Ahmed, Devron Brown.**] Police are still searching for **Mahad Dirir** [and the ever popular] **Mubarak Farah**. ... Organized crime **Insp. Shaun Gissing** [says] it's troubling that dozens of the accused, including one charged with attempted murder, are already back on the street." And presumably he doesn't mean Mogadishu. So, Richardson wasn't really wrong, just wrong to mention the elephant. Contacted after the outbreak of mass hysteria, the poor man insisted that "he stood by his retraction." How principled.

Compassion For The Baby Murderer

"A Toronto man who brutally shook to death his six-month-old son has won a new hearing after a five-year battle to block his deportation to Guyana. **Ramnaresh Katwaru**, 33, of Tuxedo Crt., was jailed for 50 months in August 2002 for the death of his son **Darshand**, who died in February 1996 of a swollen brain. The 10-pound preemie struggled for life before passing away. Katwaru, who has undergone two manslaughter trials for the crime, has been fighting deportation from Canada since 2003. He has filed *two successful appeals* to the **Federal Court of Canada** that have prevented him from being kicked out. The court two weeks ago stalled another deportation bid after ruling an immigration enforcement officer didn't consider all the evidence in Katwaru's deportation, or if there was a threat against him when he's returned to Guyana. 'The enforcement officer failed to fully consider all the evidence ... including the applicant's fear of being at risk if returned to Guyana,' **Madame Justice Elizabeth Heneghan** said in her Sept. 17 decision. She ordered another pre-removal hearing to determine if the killer will be at risk if deported. Court heard Katwaru came to Canada as a landed immigrant in 1992 and never took out citizenship. Katwaru was twice sentenced in Darshand's death. He was jailed for 10 years in 1998 after a jury convicted him of manslaughter in the death. But in 2001, the **Court of Appeal** ordered a new trial after quashing the first conviction due to legal errors. Court heard that in February 1996, Katwaru slammed the back of Darshand's head into a sofa. He choked him, threw him into the crib and tossed him onto the bed before his mother caught the boy as he bounced. [Nor is Dad much of a candidate for rehabilitation, give that he] had recently undergone counselling when the child was killed." (**Toronto Sun**, October 5, 2008)

HEALTH WATCH

"Race Is Just A Social Construct"

"Couples in which one of the partners is Asian and the other is White have distinct pregnancy-related outcomes when compared with White couples, according to a study published in the October issue of the **American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology**. ... The study, by researchers from **Stanford University's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital** and the university's **School of Medicine**, looked at 3,226 Asian couples, 5,575 White couples and 868 couples with a partner of each race who delivered at the hospital from 2000 to 2005. Among couples with a partner of each race, 4% of the women developed gestational diabetes, compared with 1.6% of women in White couples and 5.7% of Asian couples. Gestational diabetes is a 'known risk factor' for Asian couples and 'thought to be linked to a genetic predisposition.' ... Researchers

found that couples with one Asian partner and one White partner had an increased risk for the disease regardless of which partner was Asian. Researchers also found that 33% of Asian women who had a White partner had a caesarean, compared with 23% of couples where the woman was White and the man was Asian. ... Researchers said: 'Our study demonstrates that interracial Asian-Caucasian couples represent a population with distinct perinatal risks.'" (**Medical News Today**, October 3, 2008) The **American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology** is on a roll. The October issue carried another item, **A population-based study of race-specific risk for preterm premature rupture of membranes**, which found the phenomenon occurred much more frequently in black women. Premature rupture of membranes (**PROM**) is the rupture of the foetal membranes before the onset of labour. In most cases, this occurs near term, but when membrane rupture occurs before 37 weeks' gestation, it is known as preterm **PROM** and is the cause of approximately one third of preterm deliveries. It can lead to significant perinatal morbidity, respiratory distress syndrome, neonatal sepsis, umbilical cord prolapse, placental abruption, and foetal death. According to the **AJOG**, 644,462 live births were studied, "101,315 (15.7%) births to Black mothers and 540,679 (83.9%) births to White mothers [and] Black women had a 2.44-fold increase in risk of **PPROM** compared to White women, [a risk that persists over subsequent pregnancies] Preterm infants constitute approximately 12.7% of live births in the United States, which represents a 13.6% increase in the previous 10 years. There are significant racial disparities in the incidence of prematurity, with preterm birth rates for Black and White infants at 17.6% and 11.4%, respectively (2002-2004 average) This disparity exists even after adjusting for markers of socio-economic status or access to health, and has been validated consistently across different geographic regions in the United States."

Mixed Emotions

More bad news for the offspring of Caucasian-Asian marriages: "A new study of Chinese-Caucasian, Filipino-Caucasian, Japanese-Caucasian and Vietnamese-Caucasian individuals concludes that biracial Asian Americans are twice as likely as monoracial Asian Americans to be diagnosed with a psychological disorder. The study by researchers at the **Asian American Centre on Disparities Research** at the **University of California, Davis**, was reported in a poster session, 'Clinical, Counselling, and Consulting,' on Sunday, Aug. 17, at the annual meeting of the **American Psychological Association** in Boston. [There's another conference you wouldn't want to hold in Canada.] 'Up to 2.4 percent of the **U.S.** population self-identifies as mixed race, and most of these individuals describe themselves as biracial,' said **Nolan Zane**, a professor of psychology and Asian American studies at **UC Davis**. 'We cannot underestimate the importance of understanding the social, psychological and experiential differences that may increase the likelihood of psychological disorders among this fast-growing segment of the population.' Zane and his co-investigator, **UC Davis** psychology graduate student **Lauren Berger**, found that 34 percent of biracial individuals in a national survey had been diagnosed with a psychological disorder, such as anxiety, depression or substance abuse, versus 17 percent of monoracial individuals. The higher rate held up even after the researchers controlled for differences between the groups in age, gender and life stress, among other factors. ... The information was obtained from the 2002-2003 **National Latino and Asian American Study**, the largest nationally representative survey ever conducted of Asian Americans. Funded by the **National Institute of Mental Health** the landmark survey involved in-person interviews with more than 2,000 Asian Americans nationwide." (**Medical News Today**, August 18, 2008)