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Mary Lou Smoke and Jessica Smith go over various conferences and events occurring across Turtle Island.

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DAN SMOKE: Aanii! Boozhoo! Sge:no! Shekoli! Greetings! Koolamasi. And now we are going to share with you some of the announcements of what's happening in and around the London and district area, here on Smoke Signals.

[**MARY LOU SMOKE** and **JESSICA SMITH** continue with community announcements.]

MLS: Here's what's happening later on. Inside in the Globe and Mail presents a two-day conference titled Aboriginal Tax and Finance [to be transcribed] Creative Strategies for Aboriginal Businesses. It is estimated by the year 2000, over 1/3 of the land in Canada will be returned to First Nations control. Resolutions of recent claims has delivered to First Nations approximately \$35,000 per Aboriginal person and it has been estimated that the cost to resolve the land claims in British Columbia loans will exceed 10 billion dollars. It's clear that the First Nations community is becoming a substantial economic force in this country and corporate Canada has moved faster than the government to address this need and foster ties with the Aboriginal groups and businesses. In recent years, the need for financial services for First Nations to meet their expanding resource, business, and community obligations has increased exponentially. Understand the tax issue and financial decisions that must be made in order to develop relationships with First Nations community. This conference is a must for anyone wishing to do business with First Nation communities and for First Nations representatives who are considering new economic and business ventures as well as their own legal and businesses advisors. For more information, call [redacted]. This two-day conference is scheduled to take place on May 15-16 at the Holiday Inn on King Street in Toronto.

DS: Aanii! Boozhoo! Sge:no! Shekoli! And nya:weh, miigwetch to Mary Lou and Jessica. We are going to hear now from **Jody Thomas Gaskin**, who comes from Manitoba, and he has his new CD out called ***Part of Being Anishinaabe***. Anishinaabe in the Ojibway Anishinaabe language means *original human being*. And this is the title song, cover song, of *Part of Being Anishinaabe*, here on Smoke Signals.