

**Telling my life story:
from the wrong side of the tracks
to the Senate of Canada**

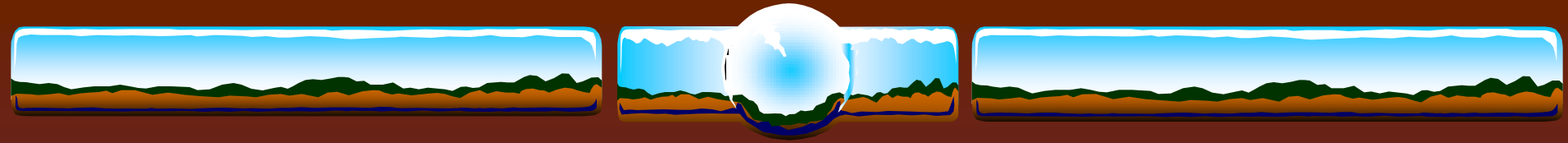
Lillian Eva [Quan] Dyck, PhD

Senator

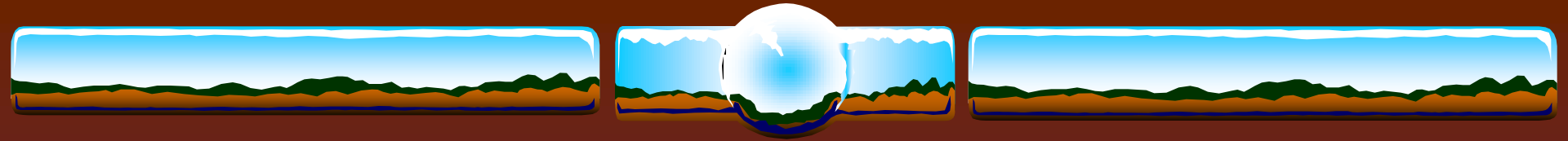
and Professor emerita

University of Saskatchewan

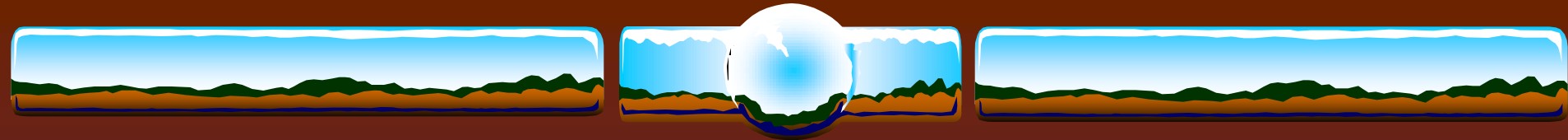
Coquitlam high school, April 2009



My family of origin

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We lived in many small towns
in Saskatchewan and Alberta,
where my dad ran a Chinese café.



**Growing up WAITRESSING and doing other jobs:
the Regal café, Killam, Alberta**

A decorative header at the top of the slide. It features a central white globe with a blue and white pattern, set within a horizontal frame. The frame is divided into three sections: the left and right sections show a landscape with green hills and brown ground under a blue sky, while the middle section contains the globe. The entire header is set against a dark red background.

Mom's Tombstone in Killam, Alberta



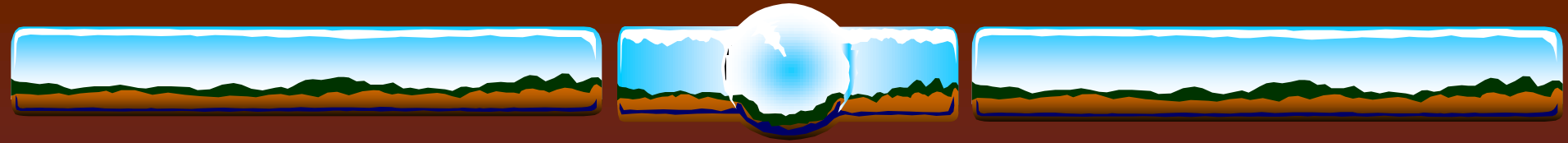
Mom's message to Winston and me:

Pretend you're just Chinese.

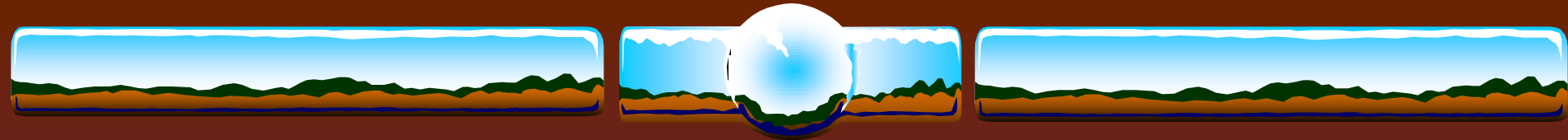
Don't go back to the reserve.

A decorative header consisting of three rounded rectangular panels. The left and right panels show a landscape with green hills and brown ground under a blue sky. The middle panel features a white globe with blue oceans and green continents, set against a similar landscape background.

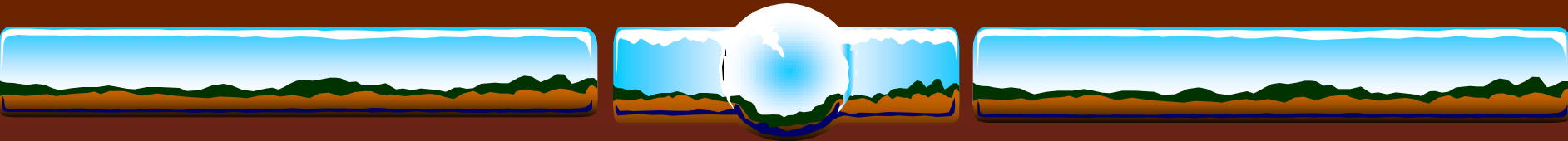
Dad's Tombstone in Swift Current



This 'young' man was our dad!



Dad had a wife in China too!



My dad had a wife and family in China.



S.C.C.I.

Swift Current Collegiate Institute



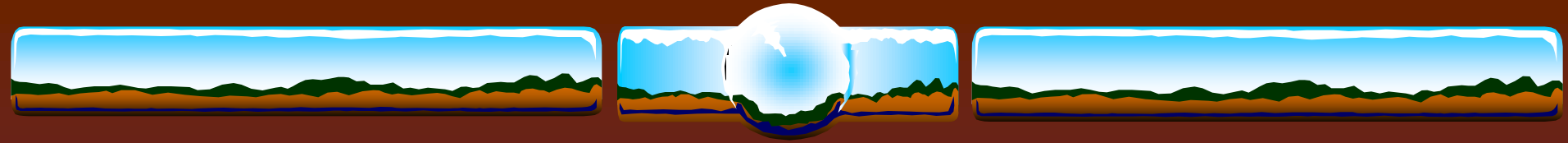
My high school teachers were excellent

- ❖ I got a solid foundation in a wide range of subjects
- ❖ I was actively encouraged to go to University
- ❖ Scholarships

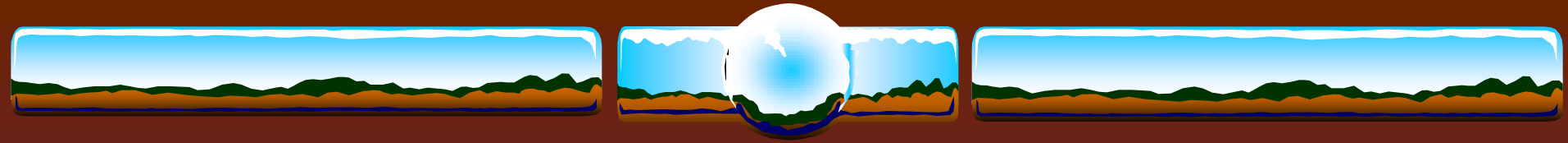


Grade 12 Graduation, S.C.C.I., 1963

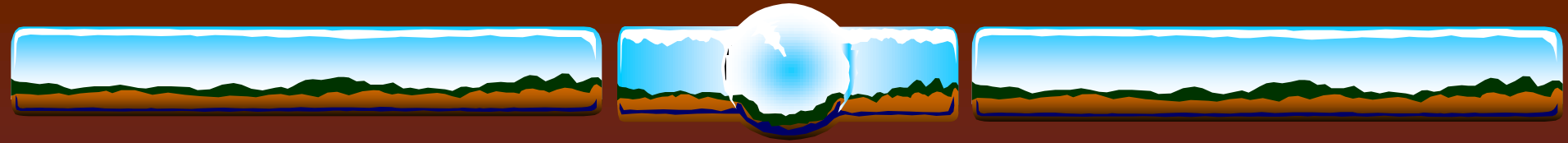
Clever & bright is Lillian Quan
In Biochemistry, she'll never go wrong



My chemistry teacher



Convocation, 1966, B.A., Chemistry



Convocation, 1981, PhD, Biol Psychiatry, U of S



I was ashamed of who I was

Until 1981, I pretended that I was only Chinese.

I was ashamed to admit that I was an Indian!



The beginning: 36 yr old Dr. Dyck came out as an
Indian

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The message from my dream:

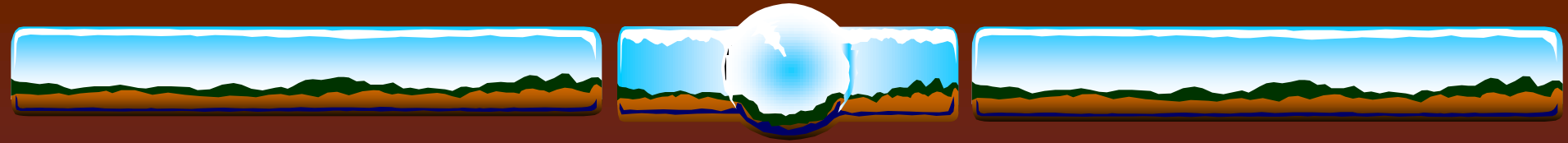
Napekaso kasispowata

The header features three horizontal panels. The left and right panels show a landscape with a blue sky, green hills, and brown ground. The middle panel is a circular globe with a white and blue pattern, set against a similar landscape background.

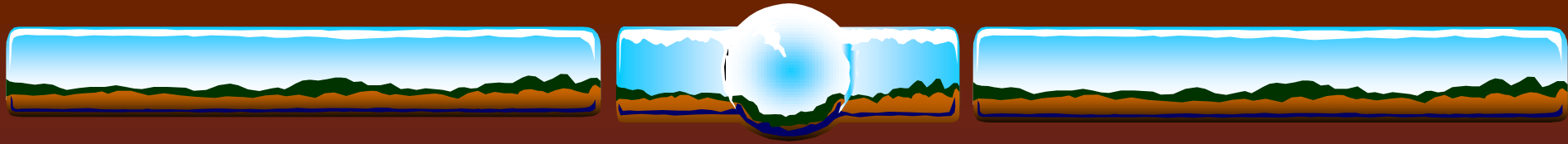
Keepers of the Dream Lodge

Painting by Patricia Wyatt

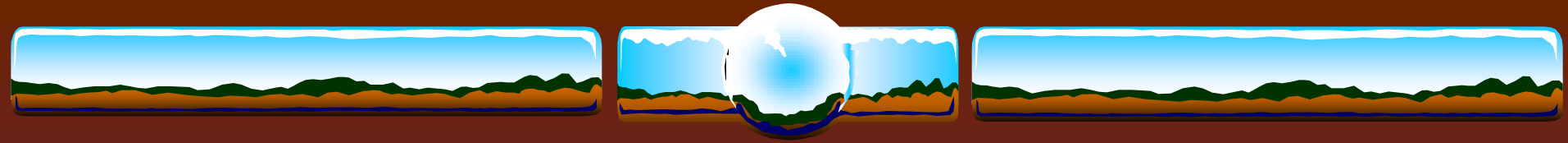
*“By the fullness of the moon, they hold their vigil,
Protecting the Medicine of Dreams” (Susan Freilicher)*



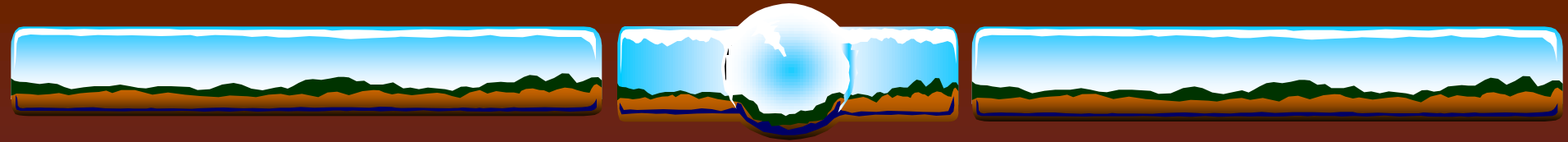
Who I am is fine



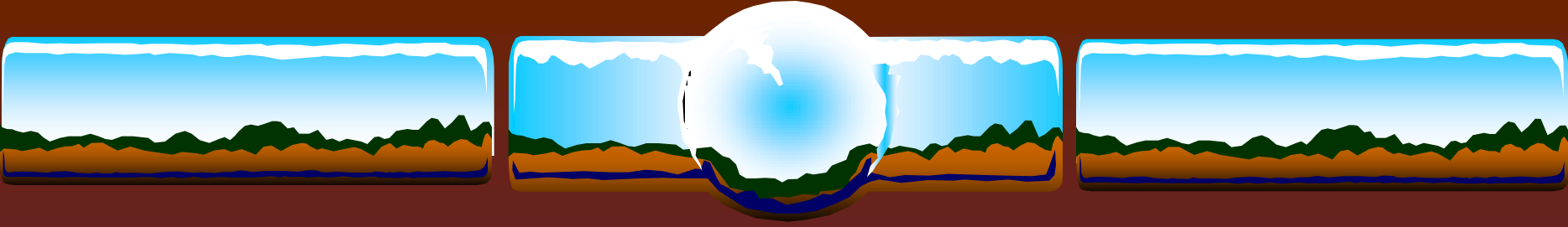
Good things began to happen! NAAF award 1999



**YWCA Woman of Distinction,
Science & Technology Award, 2003**

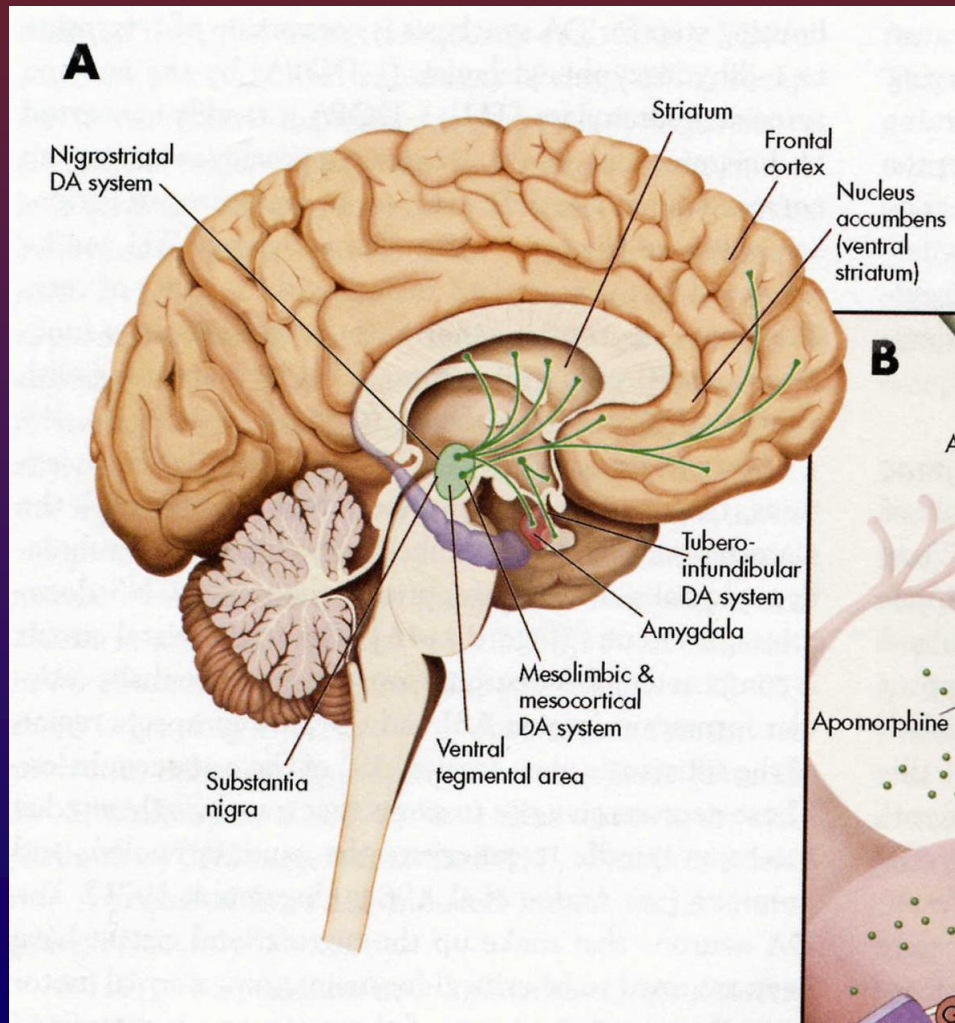


Selected highlights
from my career as a neurochemist

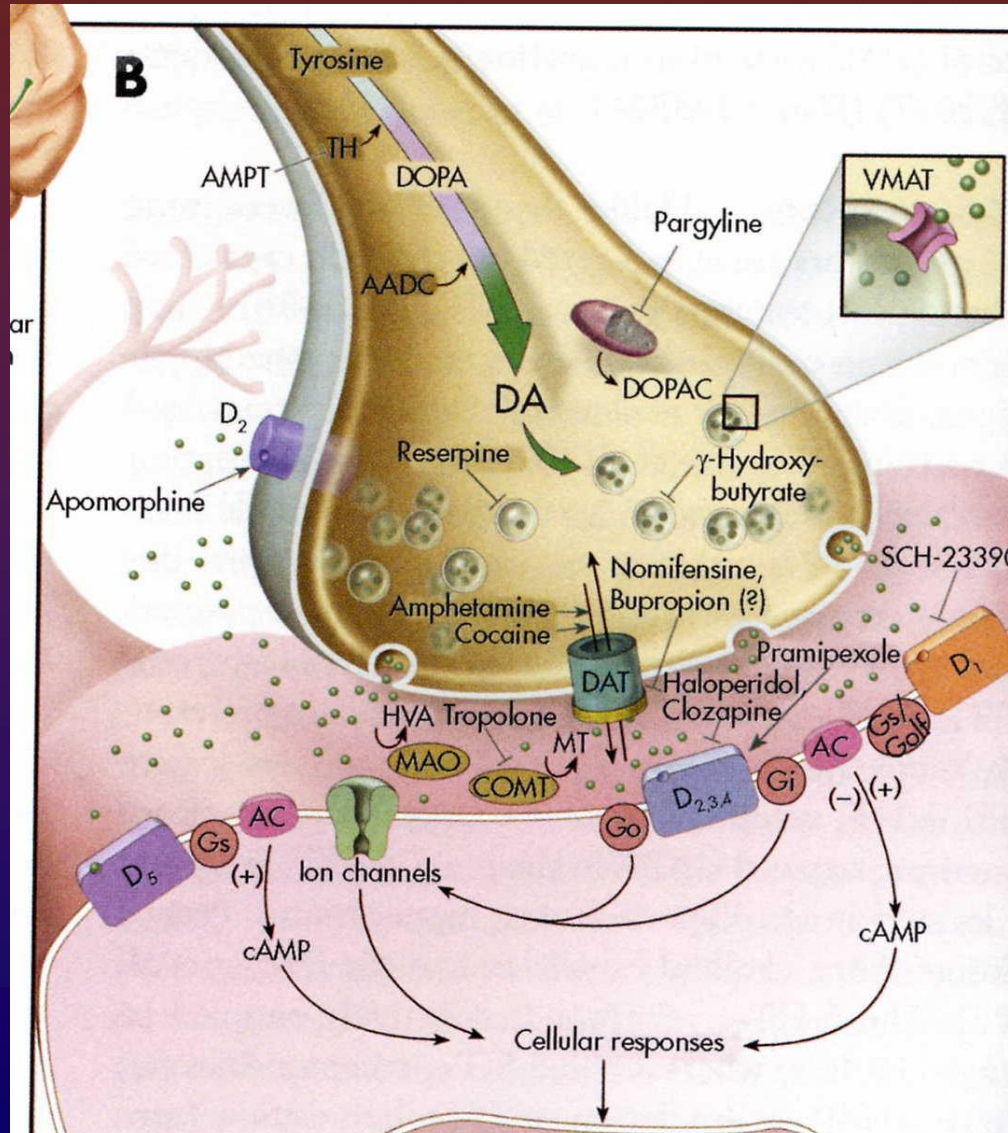


DA is implicated in “reward”
in addiction to drugs of abuse

Dopamine neurotransmission



DA biochemical neuropharmacology



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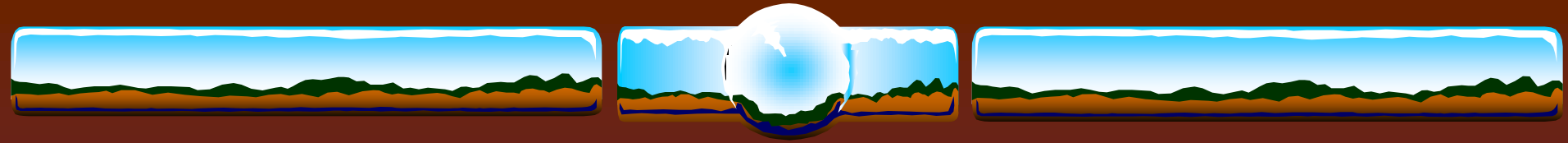
**The phone call
from
Prime Minister Paul Martin.**



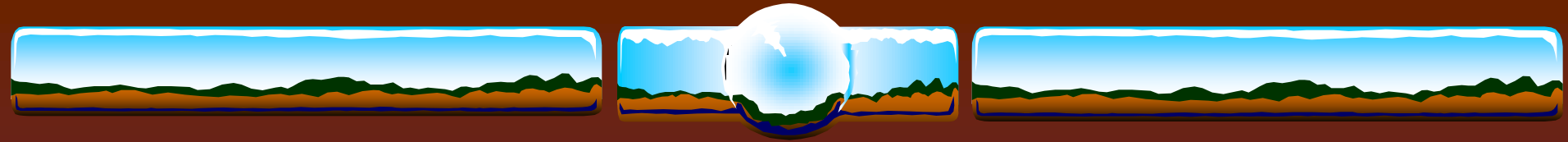
Being sworn in as a Senator, April 2005

Speaker Hays, me, Clerk Belisle

Nathan, me, Winston



Being honored with an Eagle Feather,
U of S, June 2005



The creator has given each of us unique gifts.

*Like being good at science
or being good at sports.*

What are your special gifts?