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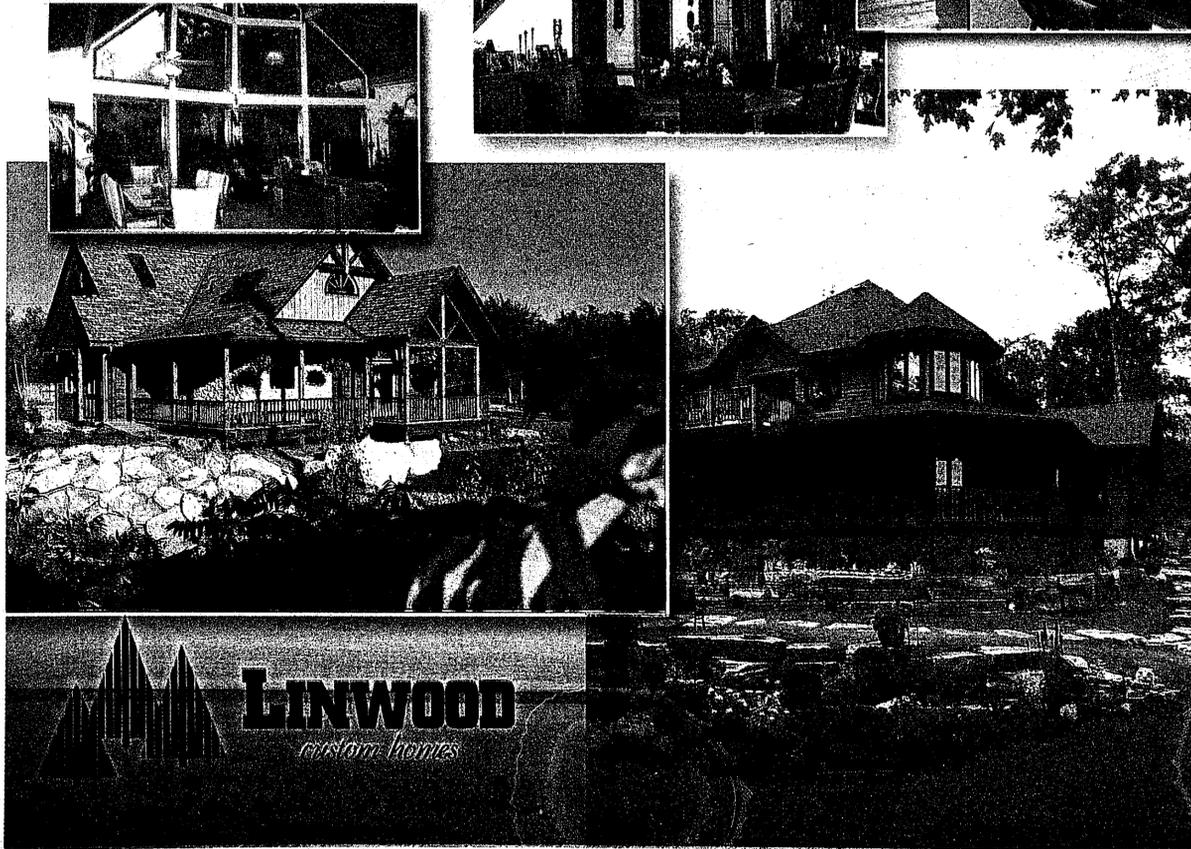
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Free Press writer a 'reviewer', not a 'critic'

Morley Walker spells out his approach in lecture at Asper Campus

By ARNOLD ROSS

Morley Walker is a Winnipeg Free Press arts "reviewer". But don't call him a "critic".

Walker explained his approach to his job at Winnipeg's biggest daily February 15 to a crowd at the Asper Jewish Community Campus.

Walker's lecture on "Critics and Reviewers: the role of arts journalists in the community" was part of the Music and Maven's series jointly sponsored by the University of Winnipeg and the Rady Jewish Community Centre.

"Some people rate journalists just below used car salesmen," Walker says. "We spend an awful lot of

our time being critical of people in our work," he added before going on to explain the difference between critic and reviewer.

"The critic assumes that the audience has in fact read the work or seen the exhibit, and therefore can spend more time discussing and analyzing the plot or painting, rather than pontificating on what's good or bad," he told an audience of artists, students, seniors and other interested people in the lobby of the campus's Berney Theatre.

Walker says the reviewer, on the other hand, assumes the audience has not read the work or seen the play, and therefore can report content, short of giving away the plot.

"The reviewer is a consumer advocate and needs to be accurate, particularly if a show or exhibition will be on for several weeks.

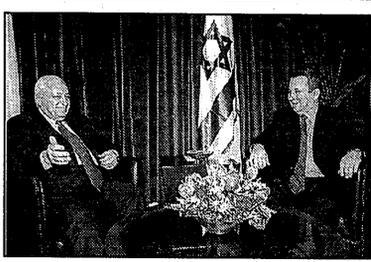
"We almost look at our work as an inverse relationship of what we express, and what patrons pay money to see."

The Free Press as a corporate entity sponsors all kinds of events. But "there is never any pressure from editors to provide coverage or favorable reviews." Walker does admit that the press has enormous influence, and that a reviewer is likely to make more flippant comments about say a U.S.-made film than a local product.

"I honestly cannot recall reading a truly unkind comment at the expense of a local performer. Overall we are pretty generous," he



MORLEY WALKER, Free Press arts reviewer: He sees himself as a "consumer advocate". Photo by Arnold Ross.



Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon, left, and outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Barak share a laugh during a meeting in Jerusalem on February 9. The two last week appeared close to putting together a unity coalition government. Credit: Brian Henderl/JTA.

Barak withdraws agreement to join unity government

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) - A national unity government appeared close to becoming a reality last week after envoys from the Likud and Labor parties worked to overcome some snags in negotiations.

But in another of the abrupt turnarounds that have marked his last few months in public office, outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Barak wrote a letter to Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon last Tuesday night, saying he was resigning from the Lab or Party chairmanship and will not serve as defence minister in Sharon's national unity government.

In the letter, Barak said he could not accept Sharon's demand that he be a "loyal soldier", and serve in a position in which he would have no power.

Sources in Labor said Barak was retiring from all political activity.

His decision followed political infighting in the Labor Party about Barak's continued leadership and whether the party should join a unity government.

A few days earlier, it appeared likely that Sharon and Barak would forge a unity coalition that might remain in power until the end of the Knesset's term in November, 2003.

The Palestinian rejection of President Clinton's peace proposals made it relatively easy for Israel's two major parties to set aside their differences over the shape of a final peace deal, and agree on a platform vague enough for each to accept.

According to leaks from the two parties last week, they had so far agreed to the following guidelines for a unity government: * It will be committed to advancing a peace involving "painful compromises" by both Israel and the Palestinian Authority; * It will be bound by previously signed agreements, but not by proposals considered during negotiations that fell short of an accord; * It will work toward interim peace deals with the Palestinians, rather than the comprehensive agreement sought by Barak and insisted on by the Palestinians; and * It will not build new settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but will allow existing settlements to expand in line with "natural population growth."

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