

Robinson, "I took advantage of the chance that he gave me."

Tragedy struck Robinson's family when his nineteen day-old son, Ria, died of a fatal aneurysm. Robinson moved to Canada with just thirty-five dollars, leaving New York for good because he could not take the pressure of living in the city anymore. He had traveled to Canada before as the road manager for a group and fell in love with the country.

He made a fresh start in Montreal and started an acting

career performing the lead role in a production about the life of Marvin Gaye. Despite being his first major acting role, Dutch did not find his experience in theatre much different from growing up in the streets of New York.

Marvin anymore," said Robinson, "That was hard for me having his spirit inside me. It seemed like i took on his persona." People would mistake him for the legendary artist, and he felt like he was becoming Marvin Gaye, so he decided to stop. He said, "I found myself sitting down and crying on a yacht and not wanting to do that play anymore."

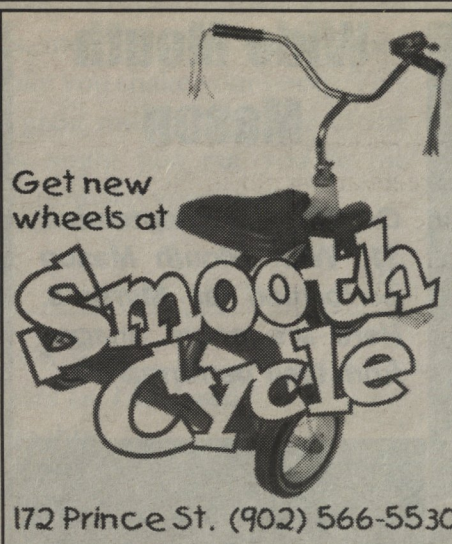
After his experience in theatre, Dutch started acting professionally on television shows like *Black Harbour* and *Due South*. While taking an extra role in *Due South*, he noticed that they had Canadian actors on a show that was supposed to come from Chicago. He pointed out to the producers that the actors would say their lines like, 'You're under

arrest, eh.'" When he told them a genuine, street-smart American (Dutch Robinson) was available, they began offering him roles.

Beginning another chapter of his life with his family in Amherst, Dutch is taking things a bit slower while already enjoying success in the Maritimes. Young people are discovering the soul singer for the first time, and he's performed to many standing ovations at major shows like the East Coast Music Award Showcase in Sydney last year, and he has also signed an international record deal which allows him to produce other artists.

Dutch Robinson is still optimistic about his future. He said, "I'm fifty-four and just starting over."

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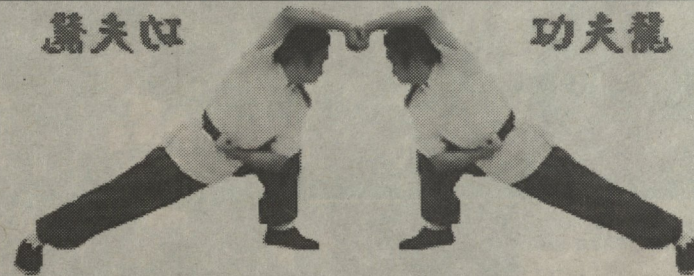
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Dutch testifies during his recent PEI performance