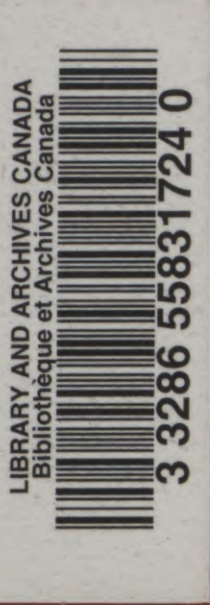


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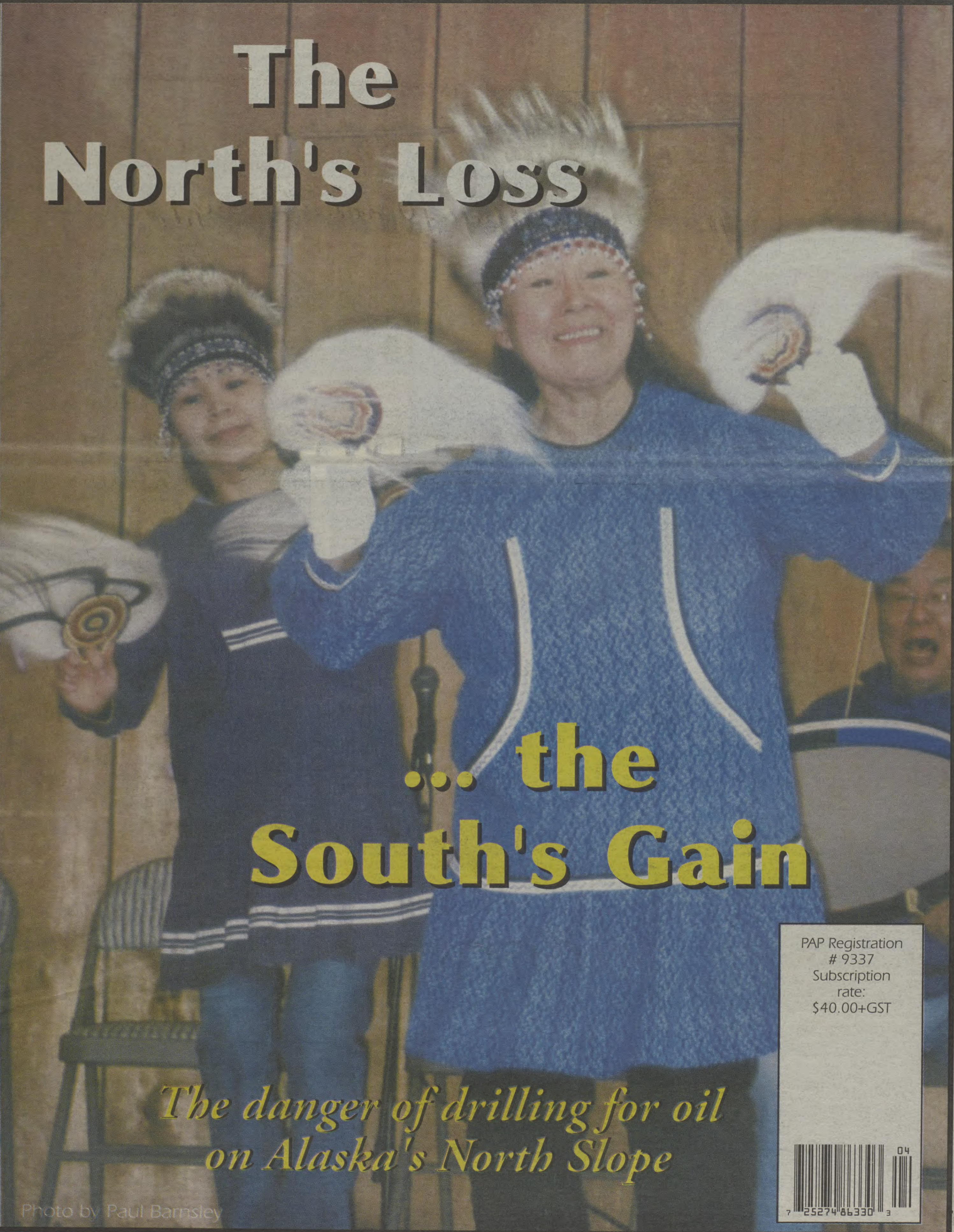
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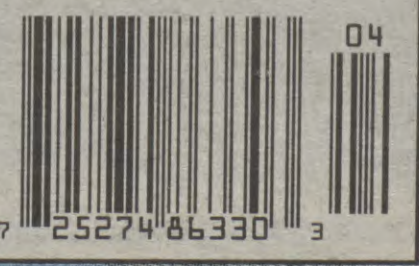


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MNC denies Saskatchewan Metis funding 9

The Metis National Council held its general assembly in Calgary in March, and on the agenda were resolutions to give the embattled Metis Nation—Saskatchewan funding. The group first wanted \$1.7 million, which was denied, and then \$30,000 was requested. Bad news for the group on that front as well.

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When Will Goodon walked into a Manitoba conservation office his goal was to discuss the province's position on Metis harvesting rights. He soon determined it was time to test the hunting rights of Metis in Manitoba, so he produced a duck he shot without a license and a lawyer with Powley in her pocket.

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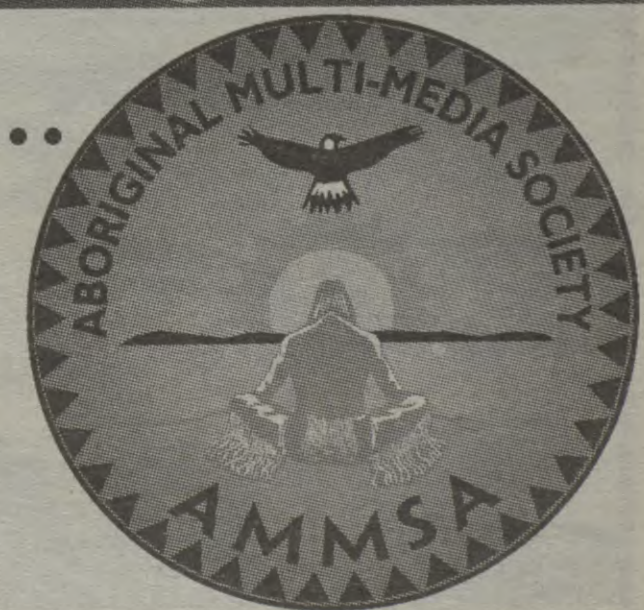
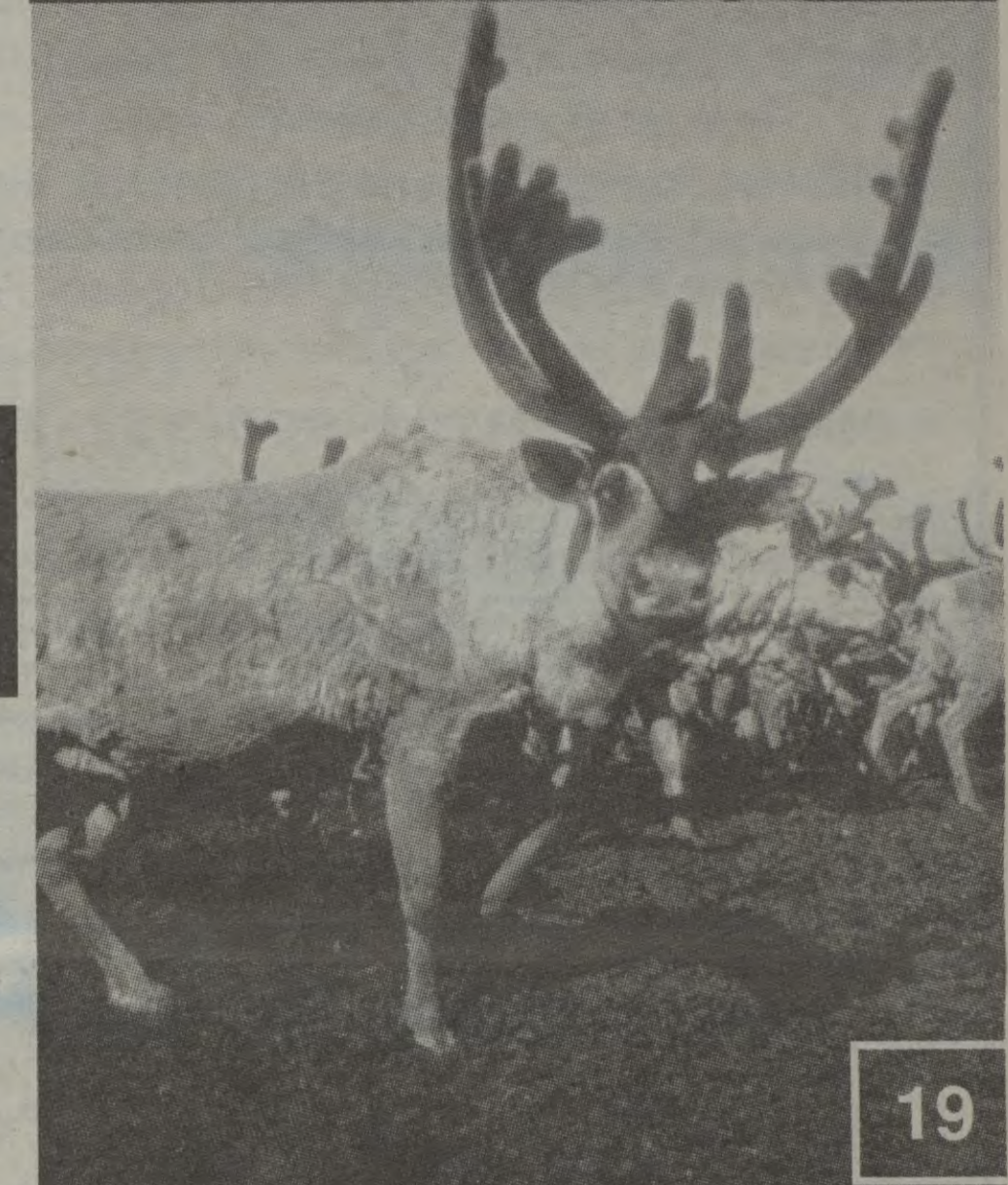
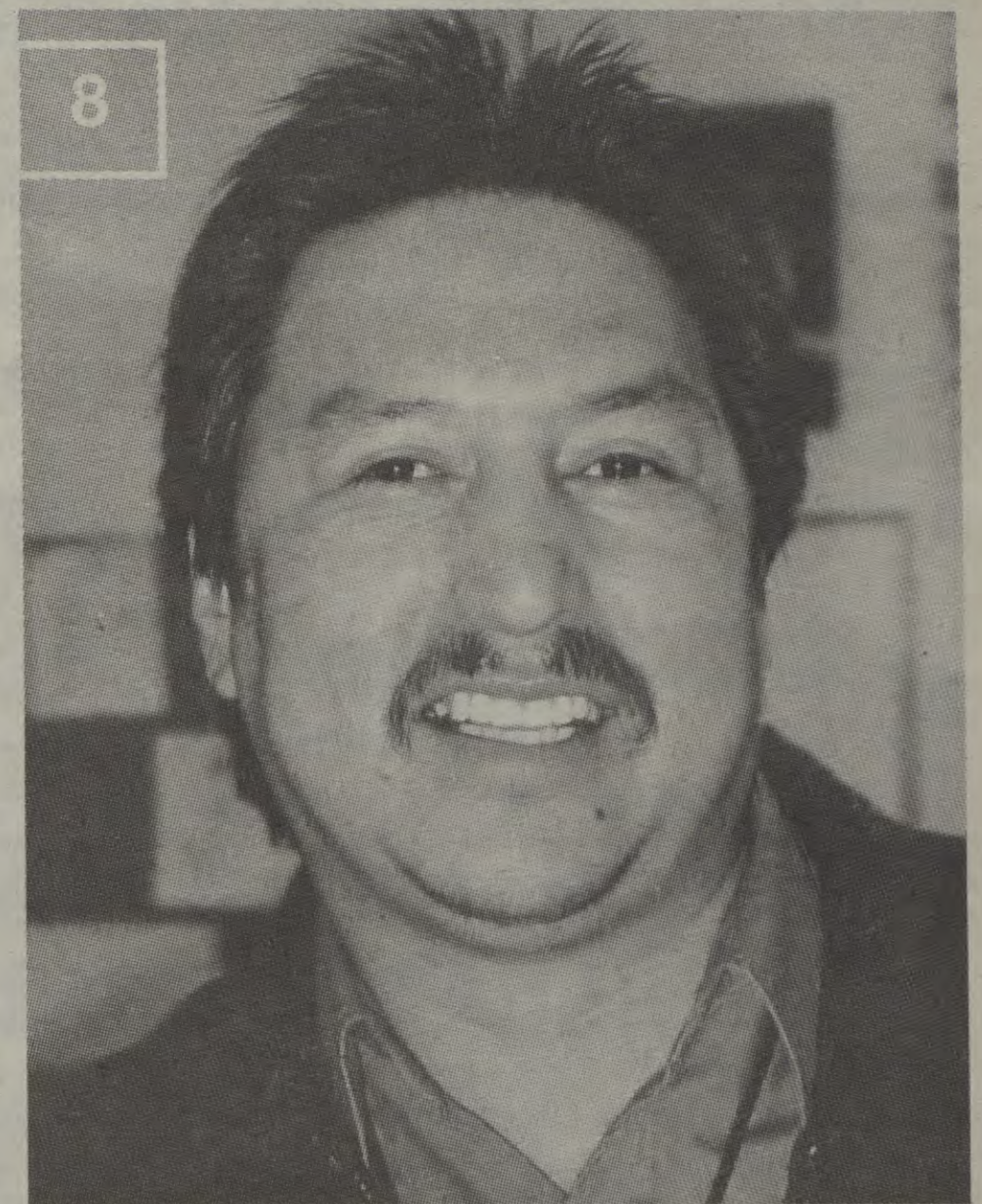
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Chief Shingwaukose was a champion of Aboriginal rights to land and mineral resources in traditional territories long before the Robinson treaties of Ontario were struck. His persistent pursuit of the dream to build businesses surrounding fishing, hunting and forestry for his people were never realized and the challenge passed to his sons after the great man's death.



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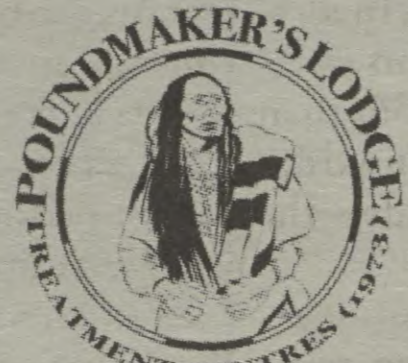
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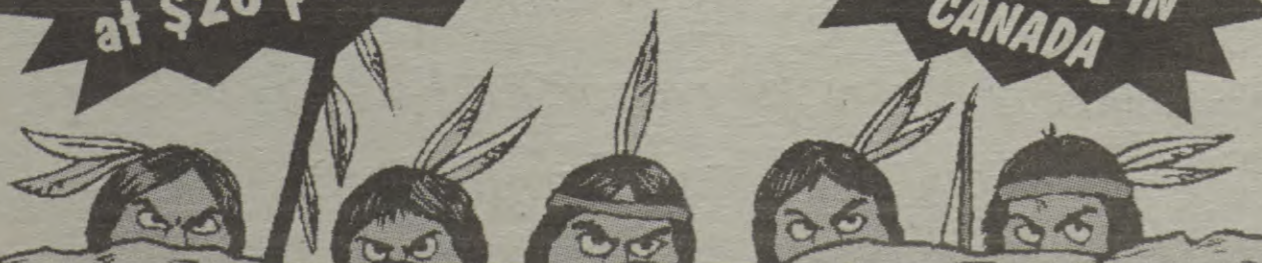
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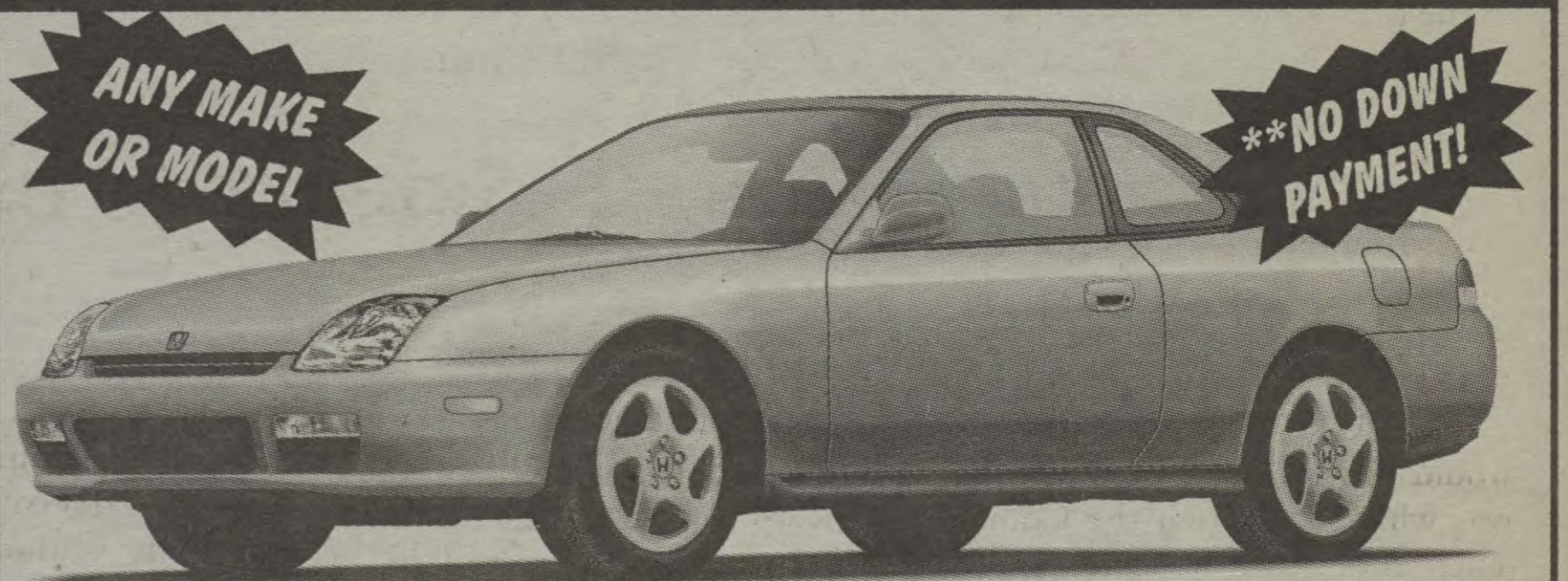
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Transformative change?

The grumbling is getting louder across the country. It started with the throne speech. It got louder and more noticeable after the federal budget was revealed last month. And it's gaining strength. We're hearing it from most corners of the country and we're pretty sure a lot of people in Ottawa are hearing it too.

Prime Minister Paul Martin raised expectations last April at the Canada/ Aboriginal roundtable. A year later and people are tired of holding their breath, waiting for the "transformative change" that the prime minister said was coming. Unless the transformative change that Martin was talking about meant that things were going to get worse.

Let's tally up:

After program review, the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada budget was cut by more than \$200 million. Not a huge chunk in the world of federal departmental funding, we'll give you, but certainly not a step in a direction we'd call progressive.

And residential school survivors will tell you that they don't see things getting any better. Take one look at the money being chewed up by bureaucrats who seem to be under orders to waste more time and money and frustrate the Elders in their search for justice and closure.

And remember that \$700 million that was promised to improve health conditions for First Nations during the first minister's meeting last fall? Not a penny has moved down the line and out of Ottawa yet, the Canadian Press reported on March 22.

And the chiefs tell us they're involved in battles on every front at the ground level: fights about health dollars, employment and training funds, education, membership. And now First Nation governments are the only governments in the Canadian constitutional family that are subject to garnishment.

That's a matter we've got to weigh in on. We question chiefs who run up big debts and then hide behind the Indian Act when the time comes to pay. That's corrupt and unethical and it damages the reputation of all chiefs who do pay their bills and follow through on their promises and obligations. We don't know how the case we reported on on page 8 will play out when the big brains get involved at the Supreme Court of Canada level. Maybe the decision is wrong legally; maybe it doesn't show a proper respect for the spirit and intent of the treaties; maybe the chiefs are right who say they have no choice but to run up deficits as they seek to provide basic services to their community members due to stingy government funding formulae.

But spending somebody else's money and then hiding behind the Indian Act is not the answer either. That much we're sure of.

There's lots of grumbling about the surprisingly quick passage of Bill C-20 through Parliament. The senators sure made the appropriate noises that indicated they would provide sober second thought to the bill that was whizzed through the Commons at warp speed. Then, suddenly it was law.

It's strange though that the only transformation that's occurred so far is a leftover from the Chretien era. Somewhere right now, former Indian Affairs minister Bob Nault is smiling. How comfortable are you with that thought?

Shortly after we go press, the chiefs will gather in Vancouver to go over the national chief's plan to work with the federal government and move towards First Nations self government. We're hearing a lot of the grumbling will surface there. Phil Fontaine is going to have to explain why we've all been running so hard all year just to end up in the same place. He staked his political reputation on working closely with the Paul Martin government and he's exposed right now.

There's a lot on the go over the next few months: a couple of special assemblies, the tabling of the AFN renewal report, a cabinet retreat, a first ministers' meeting on Aboriginal issues. If the national chief doesn't bring home something worthwhile at the end of that, he'd better start looking for another job.

And if the prime minister can't deliver something that resembles the vision he put in our heads with all that talk about transformation, he better get ready for serious troubles in Indian Country. You can't raise the hopes of marginalized people then fail to deliver and not expect some kind of repercussions. That's just the way it is.

—Windspeaker

Minister steps up

Dear Editor:

Re: *Sweetgrass burning ban*

The ban on smoking tobacco products in Alberta's jails is a commendable policy from a public health point of view. It recognizes the well-documented dangers of second-hand cigarette smoke on all concerned—inmates, correctional officers and administrators.

Second-hand cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals, including carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, benzene and hydrogen cyanide—the same toxic soup inhaled by the smoker.

However, Sweetgrass is different.

Sweetgrass—which can include sweet grass, sage, cedar and fungus from diamond willow is considered sacred to Aboriginal people and burned to send prayers to the Creator on the smoke. It also purifies the surroundings, minds and bodies of those participating in the ritual.

Unlike direct consumption of cigarette smoke, the exposure is extremely limited. There is no scientific basis for claiming that coumarin, the primary chemical released by burning sweetgrass, is as dangerous as those released in second-hand cigarette smoke.

Banning sweetgrass in provincial correctional facilities also presents a significant restriction on an Aboriginal inmate's freedom to practice his or her religion, at a time when they may be most in need of spiritual support, guidance and healing.

It's not good enough to tell Aboriginal inmates they must go outside, even in freezing or wet weather, to burn sweetgrass when they pray. Nor is it acceptable to ban sweetgrass while permitting the practices of other religions, such as burning incense during Catholic services in the jail chapel. That is disrespectful of Aboriginal spirituality.

My department has worked with the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission in developing a Guiding Circle with respect to ceremonial uses of tobacco and sweetgrass. I will continue to work with my colleagues within the Alberta government to ensure that the freedom of religion guaranteed by the Constitution to all Canadians is recognized and respected in our correctional facilities.

I urge everyone involved—inmates, guards and administrators—to take all steps necessary to ensure that burning sweetgrass is embraced as an acceptable form of spiritual expression and that any obstacles to this ancient ceremony are dismantled as quickly as possible.

—Minister Pearl Calahasen

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development

Science to ban bad

Dear Editor:

Re: *Sweetgrass burning ban*

I was interested to read in your publication that the authorities in charge of Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Institution have apparently banned sweetgrass burning in smudging ceremonies, but continue to allow incense burning during Roman Catholic ceremonies in the correctional facility's chapel.

An article entitled "Particles in church air bad for lungs, study says" appeared in the Toronto Star on Nov. 23, 2004. This article refers to a study conducted by scientists from Maastricht University and published in the European Respiratory Journal.

According to the article: "The air at a Maastricht basilica contained 20 times the European Union limit of PM10 (Particulate Matter) particles after a simulated mass ceremony. Tiny PM10 particles can be inhaled and are a potential hazard. The scientists also found high levels of carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons as well as some unknown types of free radicals released from burning candles and incense. Free radical atoms act as starters and promoters of cancer tumors."

It seems that the distinction between candle or incense burning during Roman Catholic ceremonies and sweetgrass burning during smudging ceremonies is not based on science. If correctional staff or inmates are concerned about potential health effects from the inhalation of burning sweetgrass, they should also be concerned about candle or incense burning.

Providing separate areas ventilated to the outside where anyone might practice their religious beliefs without affecting the air in the rest of the facility might be a compromise that could meet everyone's requirements.

—Bill Boles

Partner, IAQ Resources Canada

[rants and raves]

Racism at the heart

Dear Editor:

Re: *Sweetgrass burning ban*

I am outraged by the comment made by Mike Rennick of the Alberta Union of Public Employees. I am a white Canadian woman with no Aboriginal heritage, but I can plainly see racism when it is manifested so blatantly.

Even though your editorial on page 5 graciously gives Mr. Rennick the benefit of the doubt regarding the racist origin of the decision, the quotations that you cite leave little ambiguity. With regard to his comments about the appropriateness of the Roman Catholic church burning incense, there needs to be a brush up in the study of history.

The rationale that this rite is 'ancient history and can't be interfered with,' well, Aboriginal people have been burning sweetgrass and smudging for millennia, long before anyone had even thought of establishing the Roman Catholic church.

This contention just doesn't fly. In fact, it defies any logic, but racism is not confined by logic. What a pity.

Windspeaker has presented a well-researched article that clearly presents the arguments of both sides. After careful reading, it is evident that the guards' union has initiated this ban because of racist attitudes that determine policy.

—Esther Fyke

Go big or go home

Dear Editor:

Re: *Windspeaker* article titled "AFN plan before standing committee."

Although I believe that the Assembly of First Nations is trying to act for the best interests of the people they represent, its plan is a bit too ridiculous and I do not agree. I sincerely believe that we, the Indian residential school surviving victims, are in the process of once again being sold down river at a very cheap price in the name of politics.

For many people, a lump sum compensation payment of \$10,000, plus three thousand for every year a person spent inside these cold institutions, may sound like a lot, but one has to take into consideration that 20 per cent of a person's gross compensation would go to administration.

I have a better plan than the AFN's. Let's file one huge lawsuit for \$500 billion. This should get the attention of those political characters in Ottawa. I always say, if a person is going to file a lawsuit, do so in a very big way. Never mind settling for small amounts.

—Victor Mispounas

Beauval, Sask.

Story best on the net

Dear Editor:

I have to say your article on Will Sampson (September 2004 seen at www.ammsa.com) is the best, most informative one I have seen. It is truly wonderful. I am a huge fan of Mr. Sampson, with his acting career being a small part of my admiration for him. It is what he stood for, his people, his spirituality and the man he was outside the movies that I want to know more about.

I searched to find out more about him. I was so surprised and very disappointed to find so little information on him. A few brief articles here and there. Yours is by far the best.

—Denise Fowler

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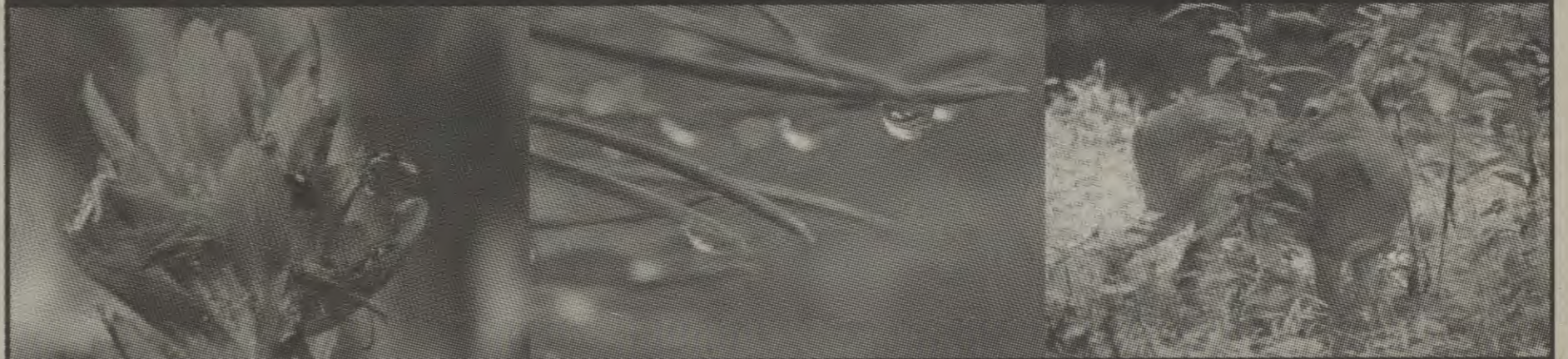
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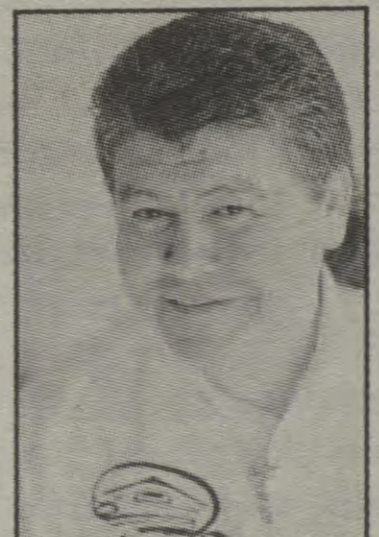
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Creditors can seize band funds—court

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

The Manitoba Court of Appeals has thrown a huge monkey wrench into the First Nation governance machinery.

Some say it's a decision that must be overturned by the Supreme Court of Canada immediately; others say it's the greatest breakthrough in the history of Canada/First Nations' relations.

On Feb. 14, the Manitoba Court of Appeals issued a 59-page decision that opened the door for a company owed money by a First Nation to slap a garnishment on the nation's off-reserve bank account.

McDiarmid Lumber, a long-established Winnipeg-based firm, had appealed to the courts for a decision that would allow it to seize money in the God's Lake First Nation's account at the Winnipeg branch of Peace Hills Trust.

In a complex judgement that cited more than a dozen Supreme Court of Canada decisions, the appeal judges ruled that \$550,000 that had been transferred to the band's off-reserve bank account by the department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

could be seized by the lumber company.

The company had successfully sued the band in 2003 for payment of an outstanding debt. After attempts to work out a payment plan failed, the company took steps to garnish the money in January 2004. The band went to court where a motion's judge granted the band's request to stop the garnishment based on Sections 89 and 90 of the Indian Act. That judge ruled the Indian Act protected against the seizure of on-reserve assets.

But the appellate court ruled that the assets were not on a reserve and therefore not subject to Indian Act protection against seizure. The court also ruled that the monies were not protected by Section 90-1-A of the Indian Act that states that property "given to Indians or to a band under a treaty or agreement between a band and her majesty shall be deemed always to be situated on a reserve."

Manitoba chiefs are now scrambling to come to terms with the decision.

Windspeaker obtained a copy of a memorandum to the chiefs signed by Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) Grand Chief Dennis Whitebird on March 17 which reveals that its executive council passed a resolution supporting an appeal of the

decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. The resolution, moved by Chief Jerry Primrose of the Nisichawayasihk First Nation and seconded by Rolling River First Nation Chief Morris Shannacappo, also directed the grand chief to solicit donations for the legal challenge.

In a separate memo, AMC legal counsel Louis Harper advised the chiefs that the law firm Orle, Davidson, Giesbrecht, Borgen will require a retainer of \$10,000 by April 2 if the appeal is to proceed.

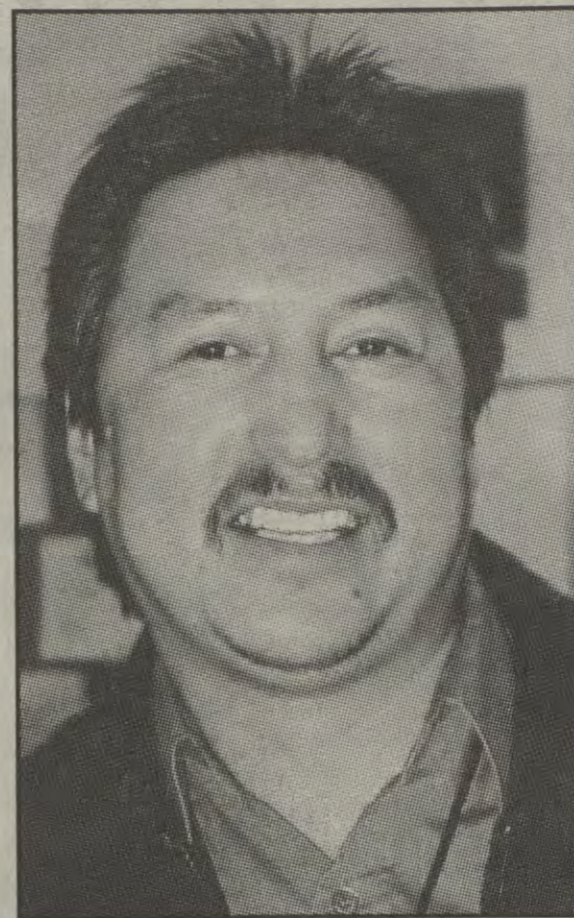
Sandy Bay First Nation Chief Irvin McIvor is a member of the AMC executive.

"I don't like the decision that the courts made because it's slowly, slowly chipping away at our treaty rights. I support that resolution. We're losing too many rights piece by piece. After this, when are we actually tax exempt?"

Some say the AMC resolution calls for First Nations to spend money to protect bands that don't pay their bills and wonder if that's the responsible or ethical thing to do.

"It's not just the case of God's Lake. It's the precedent," he said.

McIvor, who moved his band out of third party management with unprecedented quickness after he was elected in September 2003, admitted he found ways to avoid the trouble God's Lake First Nation now finds itself in. But he



Irvin McIvor

refused to criticize his counterparts in that community, saying he didn't know the history of the situation.

"No First Nation speaks for another First Nation. It's supposed to be nation-to-nation. What happens over there shouldn't affect what happens in my community and vice-versa," he said.

McIvor said under-funding by the federal government forces First Nations into debt. Now that they can be subjected to garnishment orders, it will be that much harder for band councils to cope.

It all comes down to the federal government trying to get

the chiefs and councils to say "no" when grassroots people ask for basic services, he said.

At least one Manitoba First Nation member was delighted with the court's decision. Alan Isfeld, a Waywayseecappo First Nation member, has been fighting against the growing problem of First Nations in the province not paying their bills. He welcomed the development.

"The judge that wrote the decision needs to be commended. He's done a great service for our people. I believe that fair is fair and this is going to bring about many opportunities for First Nations people. It's going to bring about the transparency and accountability that grassroots people have always been crying for. It's going to bring about the level playing field that chiefs have always wanted. Businesses will no longer have an excuse, will no longer be afraid to do business with our communities," he said.

The section of the decision where the court ruled that First Nations who enter the "commercial mainstream" must be bound by the mainstream rules was especially significant, he added.

"That's fair. There can't be two sets of rules," Isfeld said. "If the bands are going to enter into these corporate contracts they have to be bound by corporate law."

Head of pipeline group slams feds

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

The spokesman for a powerful industry group says the federal government is responsible for disputes between First Nations and resource companies.

David MacInnis, president of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA), says First Nations are often at odds with resource companies not because they have problems with the projects industry is proposing, but because Native leaders need leverage to get governments to the table to negotiate land claim and self-government agreements.

MacInnis said resource companies understand that it's a smart business tactic to hold up projects if the government is not at the land claim or self-government tables.

"First Nations, no one can fault them and no one does fault them for trying to use the opportunity when a project is being built on their land to try and get some attention paid to their land claim issues. The problem comes because too many First Nations in this country don't have a good enough reason, quite frankly, to trust the federal government, [trust] that the feds are going to deal with their land claim issues in a timely manner," he told Windspeaker March 22.

CEPA is the voice of Canada's

major transmission pipeline companies. Its member companies transport more than 95 per cent of the crude oil and natural gas produced in Canada.

Its president claims First Nations and industry have much in common in their frustration with Ottawa over these matters. His members, like First Nations, he said, often see government regulators as a common enemy.

MacInnis hoped that the new Smart Regulation implementation plan, (launched by Treasury Board March 24, after Windspeaker's deadline) would help smooth the way for projects involving First Nations' land, and in particular, one of the largest projects ever proposed involving First Nations' land, the Mackenzie Valley pipeline.

"Quite frankly, we hope that what they do is say, 'We need to get First Nations and industry at the table and figure out who should be responsible for what and then work on developing some of these solutions.'"

The resource industry, said MacInnis, thinks government should "de-couple land claims from self-government negotiations."

"Governments, specifically the federal government, need to give First Nations a reason to come to the table and sit down and get involved in land claim talks. Because, quite bluntly, governments haven't always seemed to be willing to get right into negotiations and don't seem

to be looking for a timely settlement," he said. "Our point is that when development projects are proceeding, what we find, for example, when our member companies are negotiating benefit agreements with First Nations, First Nations will be saying, 'We like this but we really need the feds to start moving on our land claim issues.' Our point is that land claim and benefit agreements are two separate things. Negotiate one with us and one with the feds."

He put the responsibility for moving these matters forward solely on federal politicians.

"It's time for politicians to just say, 'Look, it's an issue, it's real, First Nations have waited long enough. Let's get on and settle this.' And quite frankly, in this day and age, of all the reasons that are put forward, money or cost of settlement, is the worst one. We've seen record surpluses. Let's put some of that money to good use," he said.

"It doesn't matter whether it's Liberal or Conservative governments. There's been a lot of talk on First Nation issues. It's time for some action. I'm tired of the foot-dragging. But I'm also being quite selfish because the slow action on the part of political leaders, federally, provincially and territorially, on the various aspects of First Nation issues is causing problems for companies who are looking to work on First Nation lands and whose projects are getting held up."

Recent court decisions have

stated that effective consultation with First Nations must come before resources are harvested from their lands. MacInnis said government officials have tried to hand that responsibility to companies.

"The government of Canada right now, via the National Energy Board, has come out and told industries regulated by the National Energy Board that the responsibility for proving that the federal government has consulted effectively with First Nations on projects, that responsibility lies with the companies," he said. "What's supposed to happen is there's supposed to be government-First Nation consultation and then an industry-First Nations consultation. So therefore the government says, 'One thing you guys have to do is make sure the First Nations are happy with the consultation undertaken by the feds.' Our point is—you've got the fiduciary responsibility. It's not up to us to prove that First Nations think that you've done your job."

First Nation leaders frequently complain that bureaucrats do not rush to embrace the spirit of court decisions that go in their favor, as so many have. The leaders complain that federal officials instead come up with overly complex processes that will allow the status quo to remain despite the court rulings. MacInnis said he's seen that happening and he thinks it has a

negative influence on the business community.

"If there's a degree of uncertainty caused for First Nations it trickles down and industry notices. To get certainty you need decisions that are reached using clear principles which are clearly communicated, enforceable, have timelines attached so that you know that if it's a regulatory process you can move through it within a certain period of time," he said.

"The chiefs, the band councillors, First Nation people and our companies are all on the same page. There's a high level of frustration with the process. Things have got to be improved. We're just missing opportunities as a country. Too often, especially when the focus is so narrow on something like land claims, it's seen as a First Nations' issue and non-First Nation Canada doesn't have to worry about it. Well, you know what? That's not true. It's all of our problem. It impacts all of us."

The highest court in the land has ruled that the federal government has a trust-like responsibility to protect the interests of First Nations, MacInnis said, and it's time for the government to live up to that responsibility.

"Everybody knows what the fiduciary responsibilities are, including the federal government," he said. "The point is to start following through on those responsibilities."

Metis National Council President Clem Chartier warns delegates

National spotlight will soon fade

By George Young
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

In his state of the nation address to delegates gathered for the Metis National Council (MNC) general assembly held in Calgary March 19 and 20, council President Clem Chartier had high praise for Canada's Prime Minister Paul Martin.

"This PM has demonstrated a willingness to put Metis issues on the federal agenda in contrast with the willful blindness we faced from Ottawa throughout the mid- to late 1990s," he said.

In his address, Chartier described the Canada-Aboriginal peoples' roundtable held last April in Ottawa as highly successful and recounted the inroads Metis made when the prime minister recognized the existence of the Metis as a nation in Canada.

Chartier quoted the prime minister as saying "[t]here is also no question that we need to strengthen our relationship with the Metis community in Canada. It is time to recognize the contributions the Metis nation has made, and continues to make, to this country."

Chartier said it was the first time in Metis contemporary history that a Canadian prime

minister specifically identified the Metis as a nation.

Chartier also praised Martin for his initiative to learn about Metis people and their issues. He told delegates that he and members of the board of governors had been given direct access to Martin, a situation unique in the Metis experience and one that Chartier

credits as helping to further Martin's understanding and appreciation of the Metis people and their issues.

Chartier warned delegates, however, not to take for granted the current positive climate experienced between Metis and the federal government. He advised Metis leaders to act now on issues of importance, because



GEORGE YOUNG

An opening day procession of delegates led by a Metis fiddler kicked off proceedings at the Metis National Council general assembly held in Calgary March 19 and 20.

the attention the Metis nation is receiving now may only last a couple of years. He said there will come a time in short order when some other issue will bump Metis concerns to the sidelines.

The Supreme Court Powley decision was front and centre as one such issue of importance on which to act.

"On Sept. 19, 2003, the

highest court in the land affirmed the Metis are a full-fledged, rights-bearing people," said Chartier. "The Supreme Court affirmed our distinct rights flow from our unique existence and identity as an Aboriginal people. Our rights are equal to that of other Aboriginal peoples. And most importantly, our rights must be recognized and accommodated by all governments in the country."

Chartier spoke about the \$20.5 million allocated by the federal government after the court decision to advance Powley rights, and praised the additional two-year commitment of \$15 million annually announced in the most recent federal budget.

"The only reason the federal government is moving now is because of the Powley decision. We can't deny that," said Chartier.

Chartier said the Metis Nation Research Committee is in the process of designing an online genealogical research tool that will allow Metis people to trace their family trees or view historical documents posted to the site.

"This work will be invaluable to our people and to our rights-based agenda," he said.

Chartier also commented on the need for a Metis Nation Constitution, which has been proposed at previous assemblies.

"To date, we have received

minimal resources for cursory discussions on this important topic. What has become clear is that significant resources need to be devoted to effectively engage our people across the homeland if we hope to move forward."

Day two of the assembly was taken up with financial reports and resolutions put forward by delegates from across the nation. Only one resolution failed to pass, one that called for the national office's sponsorship of a post-Powley work plan for the Metis Nation-Saskatchewan (MNS).

The MNS has had Powley funding withheld by the federal government. Allegations of election irregularities caused the government of Saskatchewan to freeze funding to the MNS, and the federal government followed suit soon after.

President David Chartrand of the Manitoba Metis Federation said that the vote against the resolution was not a result of a lack of support for the governing officials from MNS, but of the MNC's reluctance to be financially responsible for the plan.

A resolution was later passed that called for Chartier and MNS President Dwayne Roth to meet with officials from the federal government to discuss reinstating a working relationship between the government and the MNS.

MNC denies Saskatchewan funding plea

By George Young
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

The 20th general assembly of the Metis National Council (MNC) was a relatively straightforward affair until it came time for the resolutions from the Metis Nation

Saskatchewan (MNS).

In resolution five, the MNS tried to get financial support from the national organization for its post-Powley work plan. (The Supreme Court of Canada Powley decision recognized the right

of Metis to hunt and fish.) This funding would replace money suspended by the federal government after a provincial government probe found that the MNS election of its current slate of leaders was fraught with irregularities. Those irregularities had also prompted the Saskatchewan government to withhold its funding of the MNS.

Resolution five read:

"Whereas the 2004/2005 federal post-Powley resources promised to the Metis Nation-Saskatchewan is \$1.175 million; Whereas MNS has not received any post-Powley funding

allocation for this current fiscal year; Be it resolved that the MNC assembly support the MNS to implement our 2004/2005, 2005/2006 MNS post-Powley work plan through MNC sponsorship. Be it further resolved that the MNC continue a lobby process to assist MNS to achieve this important matter."

The resolution was defeated with delegates from Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia Metis organizations voting against it. Ontario, as a block, abstained from voting.

As a lead up to the resolution, day one of the assembly saw MNS president Dwayne Roth asking for time from the assembly to address the election concerns levied by the government. Roth assured the delegates the accusations against MNS are groundless. Roth said the allegation that voters' lists were padded with the names of dead and out-of-province voters was untrue. He asked for the support and understanding of the assembly in this time of trouble for the MNS leadership.

Support for the MNS leadership seemed implied by its very participation as voting members at the general assembly. Roth was not in attendance on

Day two when the resolution for financial support for the MNS was presented.

Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) President David Chartrand said the assembly did not vote against financial help for Saskatchewan based on a lack of support for the leaders. The assembly's problems came with the wording of the resolution, which he described as confusing, and the fact that the resolution was amended too often for it to be passed. Chartrand did say, however, that the MNS was asking for money the MNC does not have.

The Saskatchewan delegation was upset by the defeat of their resolution and voiced their displeasure after the vote.

Phillip Chartier, an MNS area director from northwest Saskatchewan, spoke in the absence of Roth, and called the vote against Saskatchewan a legal maneuver that demonstrated no real interest in building a true national governing body for the Metis.

The MNS position was simple, delegates stated—the national organization was denying the MNS its help.

Audrey Poitras, president of the Metis Nation of Alberta, took exception to the MNS putting the situation in those basic terms.

Poitras said the MNC had tried to help and had given the MNS other options.

"It's not about whether we want to help or not," she said.

Chartrand also took exception to the comments from MNS delegates.

"To make accusations that we have somehow as provinces stolen or taken Saskatchewan's money is a great insult to my province," he said.

The second resolution from the MNS also caused considerable debate on the assembly floor. It called for a meeting between MNC President Clem Chartier, Roth and the Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians, Minister Andy Scott.

Resolution 11 was designed to reinstate a working relationship between the government of Canada and the MNS.

Prior to the vote, the MNS asked permission to have a non-delegate speak in favor of the resolution.

The request was allowed and Elder Nora Cummings spoke and admitted there were problems with the election. She said the problems, however, had to be fixed from within the provincial organization.

As with the previous MNS resolution, number 11 was amended as well. It called for the MNC to allocate \$30,000 to the MNS to initiate a judicial review against the government of Saskatchewan over its refusal to recognize the election and the decision to withhold provincial funding.

The MNC president spoke

against the resolution and the amendment, saying that a court challenge would take too long.

A number of MNS delegates made emotional pleas for help from the assembly, to no avail. Metis Nation of Ontario president Tony Belcourt asked the mover of the resolution, provincial secretary of the MNS, Ralph Kennedy, to remove the amendment, which he did.

Once the request for funding was removed, the resolution was voted on and passed unanimously.

After the meeting, Phillip Chartier spoke of the problems the MNS is having with the government of Saskatchewan.

"We are being challenged by governments strictly because of political reasons," he said. "They don't want the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan to be strong politically because of the demographics in Saskatchewan," he said.

"They are realizing how powerful Aboriginal people are becoming in terms of population. Right now we are at about 15 per cent, so we could swing government either way. Within 20 years we could be up to 25 per cent.

"It's a serious concern of the province that if we ever became organized, they are afraid of that; we may become involved with their politics and we could decide who the government of the day would be."



Dwayne Roth

[legal issues]

One dead duck leads to test case

By George Young
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

In October 2004, Will Goodon, a Manitoba Metis, walked into a provincial conservation office to discuss Metis hunting rights, produced a duck that he admitted to shooting, and was promptly charged with possession of a migratory bird without a provincial license.

The event was part of a plan to bring to a head the issue of Metis hunting or harvesting rights in Manitoba, and to challenge the Manitoba government's authority to determine who is Metis.

Goodon's test case will rely heavily on the Supreme Court of Canada Powley decision, in which the court recognized the right of Metis to hunt and fish. Goodon's lawyer is Jean Teillet, who was instrumental in putting the Powley case before the court.

Teillet said the government of Manitoba respects the Powley decision, but takes issue with how Metis are defined or identified by it. "The Manitoba government takes the position that only specific settlements, like a little town, or a village, or a city that are historic Metis communities, can have the right to harvest," she said. "If you have moved anywhere, theoretically even 10 miles away, then you would no longer have the right."

She said the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) takes issue with that very strongly.

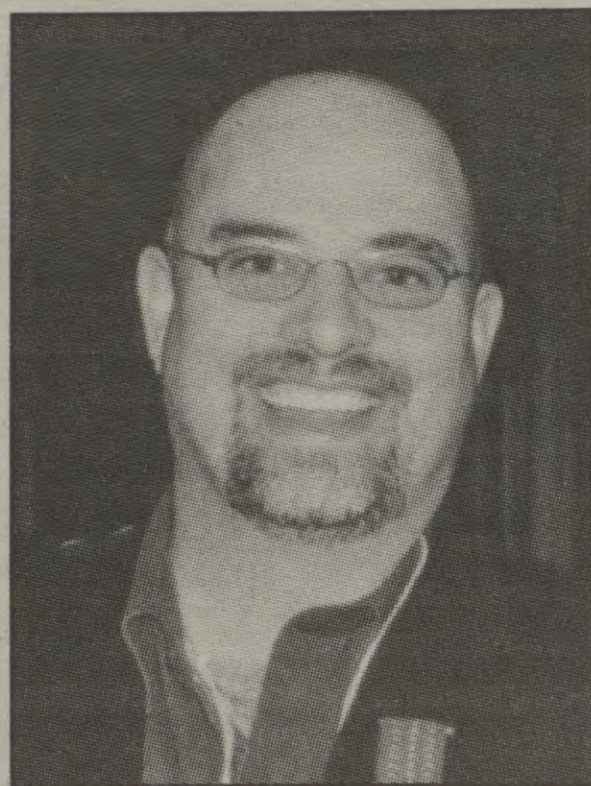
"Metis have always been very mobile. The idea that their rights only exist in certain settlements, some of which have changed or moved, that cannot be right."

Teillet said the Manitoba government also insists Metis rights were extinguished by the Manitoba Act of 1870, and the Dominion Lands Act that came in 1885.

"Essentially, the Manitoba government is taking the position that not all Metis in Manitoba have harvesting rights because of basic extinguishment. This to me flies in the face of the existing law."

The lawyer said the Manitoba government is taking a very 'unhelpful' position as far as Aboriginal people are concerned.

Goodon, who works for the MMF, described the disconnect between what the provincial government is saying and what conservation officers are doing to Metis harvesters. Goodon said Premier Gary Doer attended a MMF assembly last year and said he recognized and supported Metis rights. Goodon said a letter sent to MMF President David Chartrand from Manitoba Minister of Conservation Stan Struthers states the government would work towards recognizing



Will Goodon

Metis rights.

Goodon says that the MMF has done its part by developing the Metis harvester card system, which identifies Metis rights holders for harvesting or hunting purposes on government land. The process for getting a harvester card is based on genealogy and community acceptance of the applicant. Goodon was in possession of a harvester card at the time he was charged, but the Manitoba government has not recognized the card system.

When Goodon went into the conversation office, he said he was intending to discuss the discrepancy between what's being said and what being done by conservation officers, which is to charge Metis who had a harvester's card but no provincial license.

"I went into the office and after our discussion I asked 'What if I had a duck in the back of my truck, would I be charged?'" said Goodon.

The conservation officer told Goodon he would be charged, so he said, 'Let's get this over with,' and went to the truck and got his duck.

Goodon then called MMF President David Chartrand, who had pledged to help any Metis charged with illegal hunting while in possession of a harvester card.

Chartrand said that Manitoba is trying to set a dangerous precedent with their narrow definition of who is entitled to exercise Metis rights, because Metis people will never allow anyone but themselves to decide who they are.

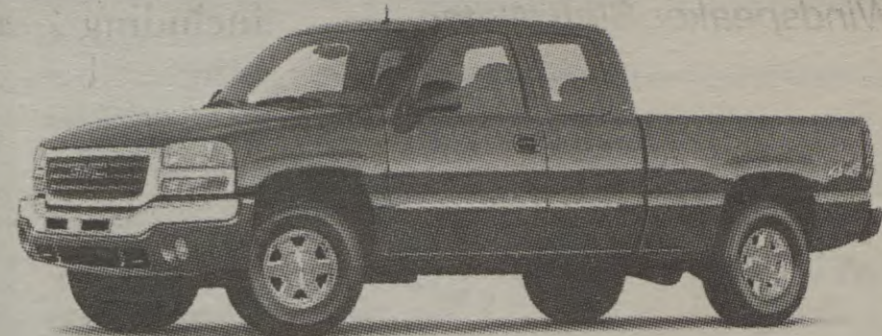
"One thing that I am so appreciative of is the recognition from the First Nations that we as a people have always owned ourselves and always controlled our destiny. It is paramount that it stays that way, and we never give up on that," he said.

"What is interesting about this whole issue and the fight that is taking place in Manitoba [is] we have a government, an NDP government who claim to always be fighting for minorities, and having social conscience, and social groups, and people who are in need," he said. "Yet they are the first government to come and oppose the essence of the highest court in the land."

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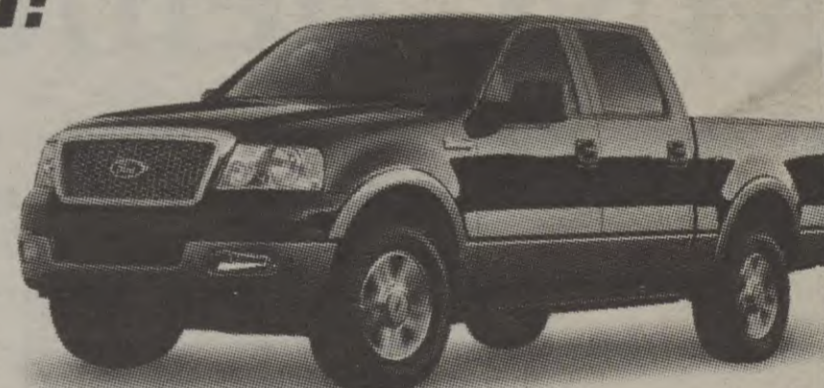


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Inuit film-maker blasts APTN language policy

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

A new language policy introduced by the Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network (APTN) has Inuktitut speakers steaming mad.

The policy would have films shown on APTN dubbed into English, French and one or more Aboriginal language other than the Aboriginal language used to produce the work.

Many prominent Inuit have voiced strong criticism of the policy in recent weeks, including Louis Tapardjuk, Nunavut's minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, and Inuit director Zacharias Kunuk, president of Igloodik Isuma Productions Inc., the company that produced the internationally-acclaimed film *Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner*.

Norman Cohn, secretary-treasurer of Igloodik Isuma, was also harshly critical of the idea of

having his company's work, including *Atanarjuat*, dubbed into another language.

"Everybody in the world accepts our programs in Inuktitut with subtitles, in Japan and in Toronto. So what are they saying? They're the only people on earth who are saying we need to put it in a dubbed language or else no one will understand it? People understand it all over the world. So they're not in a position to tell that their policy is good for our films. We know it's not."

Jean LaRose, APTN's chief executive officer, stands by the new policy.

With new technology emerging in television broadcasting, it will soon be possible for viewers to select from several different soundtracks for shows they want to view at home. The technology is called "versioning" and it's at the root of the disagreement between the Inuit and APTN.

The APTN CEO said there's nothing in the policy that would prevent a film-maker from making the case that subtitling might be appropriate for some

projects for artistic reasons. But versioning has one big advantage over subtitling, he added.

"*The Fast Runner* was subtitled in English. When [Cohn] raised that with me, I said sometimes subtitling is not always something that we find very useful. That's why we want language versions...When you look at the dropout rate of our population. A lot of our kids, 70 per cent of them, drop out before finishing school. A high proportion of them are illiterate. So when you give them a subtitled film, they can't understand the language and they can't read the words. You're still not telling them their story," he said.

"What we're seeking to do here is, in fact, live up to our full mandate by having more Aboriginal languages and more other versions to make our stories available to everybody—first of all among ourselves, let alone the rest of Canada and the world."

LaRose said versioning will allow more programming to be broadcast in Native languages. A

show could have versions of its soundtrack available in Cree or Mohawk, for example.

Cohn said that having another language dubbed over the original vision would make his company's multiple award-winning masterpiece look "like a bad kung fu movie."

LaRose said the policy was not so inflexible as to lead to that situation. And if people are worried that Inuit language programming won't be seen on APTN as a result of this new policy, LaRose called that "a fallacy."

"We never said that and that's why we have a north feed on which we put some Inuktitut-only language programming," he said.

LaRose believes people who speak only Aboriginal languages other than Inuktitut would not be able to appreciate a film like *Atanarjuat*.

"They can't. And secondly, when the question was thrown at me by Norm Cohn, who was very aggressive in his initial e-mail to me, 'Are you trying to tell me that

our masterpiece wouldn't be licensed today by APTN?' I said that under the current direction we're taking, we would ask possibly for an English version and other languages. And he just fixated on English. Then he said that we're trying to diminish the language and it's going to sound like a bad kung fu movie," LaRose said.

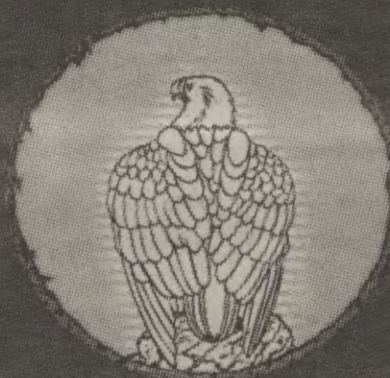
"Now, first of all, we're not talking—mostly—about full-length movies. We're talking about our documentary series or comedies or whatever. We're looking to get the producers to thinking to give language versions because part of where we want to go over the next few years as the technology expands is to give our viewers the chance to choose the language in which they listen to the show."

LaRose believes versioning will help attract more viewers and allow the shows to be marketed to other networks, something that would rarely happen with Inuktitut-language-only productions.

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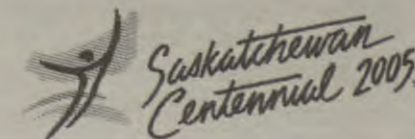
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B.C. government attempts to abandon court fights

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

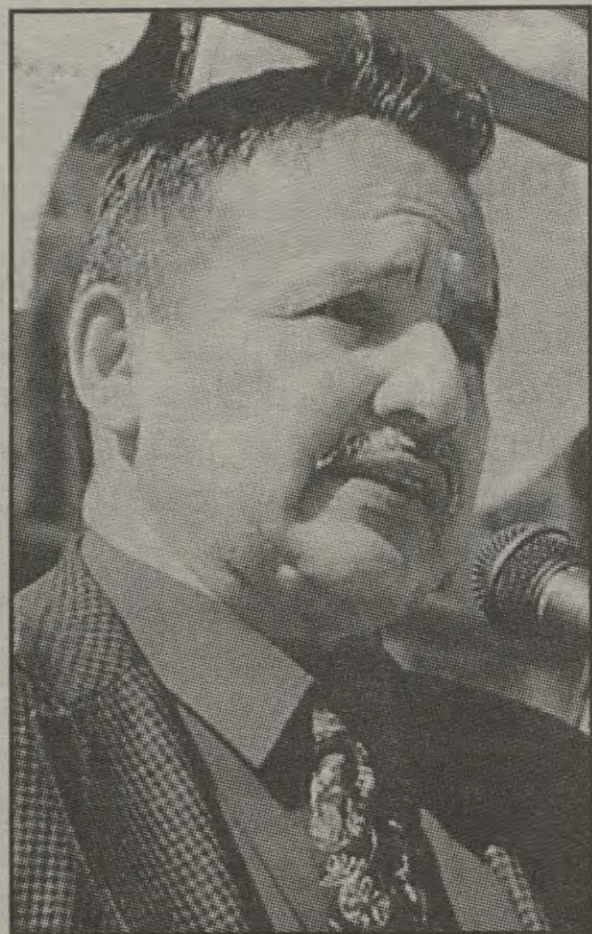
The British Columbia government's request that it be allowed to discontinue its court fight against an assertion of Aboriginal rights and title has been denied by the province's Supreme Court.

First Nation leaders see the court's decision as a sign the province knows it can't defend the position it has taken on resource harvesting on traditional Aboriginal lands.

In cases involving several First Nations, the province had attempted to secure stop work orders on logging operations authorized by First Nation governments. The cases, Jules, Wilson, and Harper Lake were similar in that the province first tried to stop the band or tribal council from logging and then tried to walk away from the court proceedings.

In 1999, the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council issued logging permits to members so they could cut timber for housing purposes on reserve. The provincial government went to court to get an injunction to stop the logging, asserting that only it alone had the authority to issue such permits. The case has been going through the courts in British Columbia since then.

Tribal council sources say the province announced it was dropping the charges just before Christmas. But the First Nations and tribal councils involved, encouraged by Supreme Court of Canada rulings that strengthened the First Nation position that effective consultation must be done with them by government



Stewart Phillip

and industry before resource development can be commenced on land under claim, refused to let the province back out.

On March 15, Shuswap Tribal Council Chairman Nathan Matthew announced that British Columbia Supreme Court Justice Jon S. Sigurdson had ruled in favor of his tribal council and had refused to allow the province to back out of the cases.

"The issue at stake in the Harper Lake litigation is the recognition of our Aboriginal rights and title, a right that was exercised by the issuance of timber cutting permits by the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council in 1999," Matthew said.

Not too far away from Shuswap territory, in Okanagan territory, a similar case produced an identical result.

"I am astonished that the province would rather 'weasel out' of a fair fight in court when in the past the province used every lame excuse to legally attack our judicially recognized Aboriginal title and rights," said Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs President Stewart Phillip. "It is a

clear and undeniable admission that the bands involved in Jules and Wilson have cases of substantial merit; in other words strong legal arguments that cannot be overcome."

Phillip accused the province of "deliberately obstructing First Nations in their efforts to achieve the outcome of the Supreme Court of Canada's Haida decision in terms of reconciliation, consultation and accommodation."

"Reconciliation can only occur when First Nations are recognized to have true and meaningful involvement in land and resource use decisions, allowing us to both benefit economically, but also to make the decisions necessary to protect our lands for future generations," he added. "Anything else is completely unacceptable."

Justice Sigurdson ruled that the case was of national interest and that it would proceed to trial. Shuswap sources say they felt they couldn't lose going to court: if BC was allowed to drop the cases, it would mean that their logging permits were legal. The same sources say it's possible, with a provincial election scheduled for May 17, that the government didn't want the negative publicity of trying to justify their failure to modify their resource licensing policies in light of the recent Taku and Haida decisions handed down by the Supreme Court of Canada.

First Nation sources across the province believe this matter will be decided eventually at the Supreme Court of Canada level many years from now. But thanks to another top court ruling, since the manner is of compelling public interest, the government will pay the legal bills for the First Nations as well as its own.

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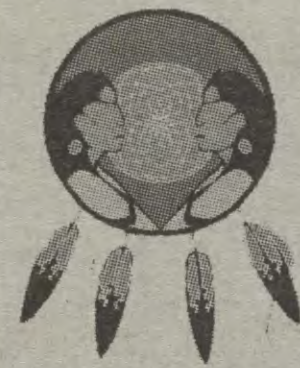
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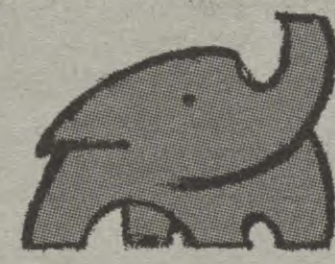
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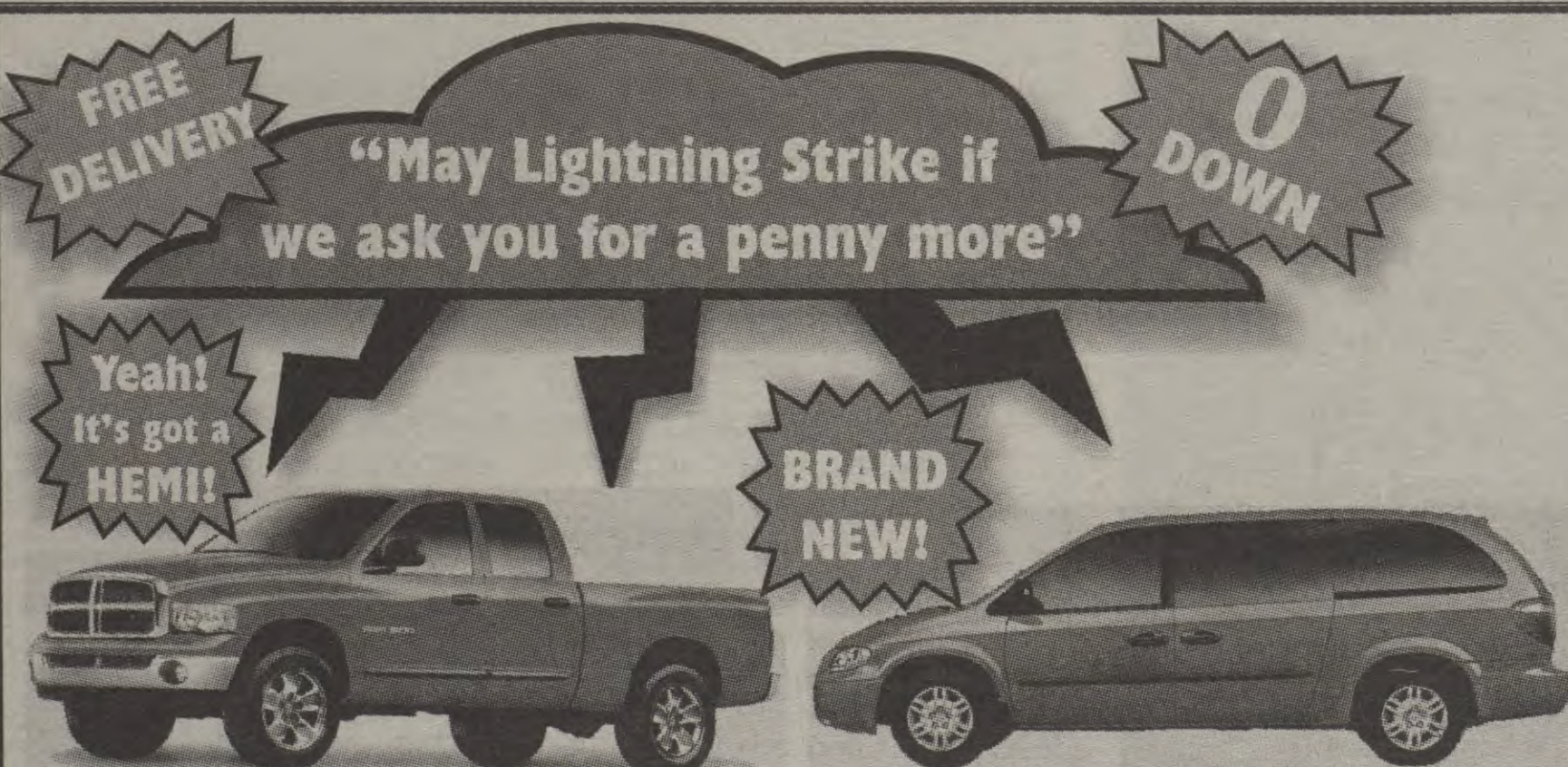
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Improve your chances of getting that scholarship

By Cheryl Petten
Windspeaker Staff Writer
TORONTO

There are hundreds of scholarships and bursaries available for Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education, and the secret to putting together a successful application is really no secret at all.

There are a few simple things you can do to improve your chances of getting the scholarships you apply for, explained Sky Bridges, vice-president of business development with the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business, which operates the Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY). Over the past decade, more than 1,000 students from across the country have received scholarships and bursaries from the corporations that have partnered with FAAY to help the next generation of Aboriginal leaders further their education.

The first thing you have to do, Bridges said, is make sure you're providing all of the information the scholarship application asks for.

"Quite often, I don't know if people are lazy or they don't read things through, but they don't give us all the information that we're asking for. That's one thing I can't stress enough is reading the checklist. I would say about half of our applications are sent back because they weren't completely filled out properly."

You can also improve your chances of success by including some information about yourself, talking about your current situation and why you want to pursue your education.

"And maybe even a little bit about how this scholarship will allow them to go. I want to hear that without it maybe they can't, or what some of the difficult hurdles are," he said. You should also provide information about community activities you've been involved in.

Presentation is also important when completing your scholarship application. If the application calls for an essay that is no more than two pages long, provide two pages and don't try to cram in as much information as you can by decreasing the font size or using single-spacing, Bridges said. By doing that you're not only making the submission difficult to read, you're providing much more information than is being asked for.

Once you've completed your application, there is still one more step to take. Get someone else to check it over for you.

"The editing is extremely important," Bridges said. "When you're sitting there writing it and you're the only one looking at it,

it's good to get an outside impression on what it is you have written. So get somebody else to read it over and get that opinion." Some students might be worried that their marks in high school weren't good enough for them to qualify for scholarships, but that just isn't the case.

"We are aware that sometimes the home situation is such that they haven't the energy or the ability to get high grades," Bridges said.

"Our program is not based on just high scholastic achievements in high school. We take a balance of the need versus the marks that they received."

This year about 110 scholarships and bursaries will be given out through the FAAY program to Aboriginal students—status, non-status, Métis and Inuit—of all ages and from all parts of the country. In addition to scholarships to help students in their post-secondary studies, the program offer bursaries to high school students to encourage them to stay in high school.

Although the program is called the Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth, when it comes to awarding scholarships, FAAY utilizes a "very elastic definition of youth," Bridges said.

"We've sponsored, you know, single mothers who are in their forties who want to go back to better their lives through education. So it's a very large, encompassing program."

Applying for scholarships through FAAY simplifies the process for students, Bridges explained, because each student only has to complete one application to be considered for all the scholarships managed by FAAY.

Even those students who don't receive scholarships can still benefit from the program, as some of the companies involved in FAAY will offer summer employment or co-op employment to unsuccessful applicants.

The program is benefiting the corporations that have signed on to FAAY by helping them link to the Aboriginal community. It also gives them a clearer picture of the challenges that exist for Aboriginal people wanting to further their education and of how important it is that they get involved to help reduce those challenges, Bridges said.

"You know, outside of the Aboriginal communities, there's a mindset out there that if an Aboriginal person wants to go to school it'll automatically get paid for, and that's not the case."

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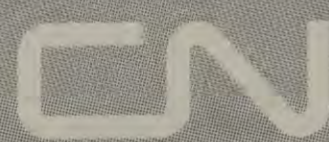
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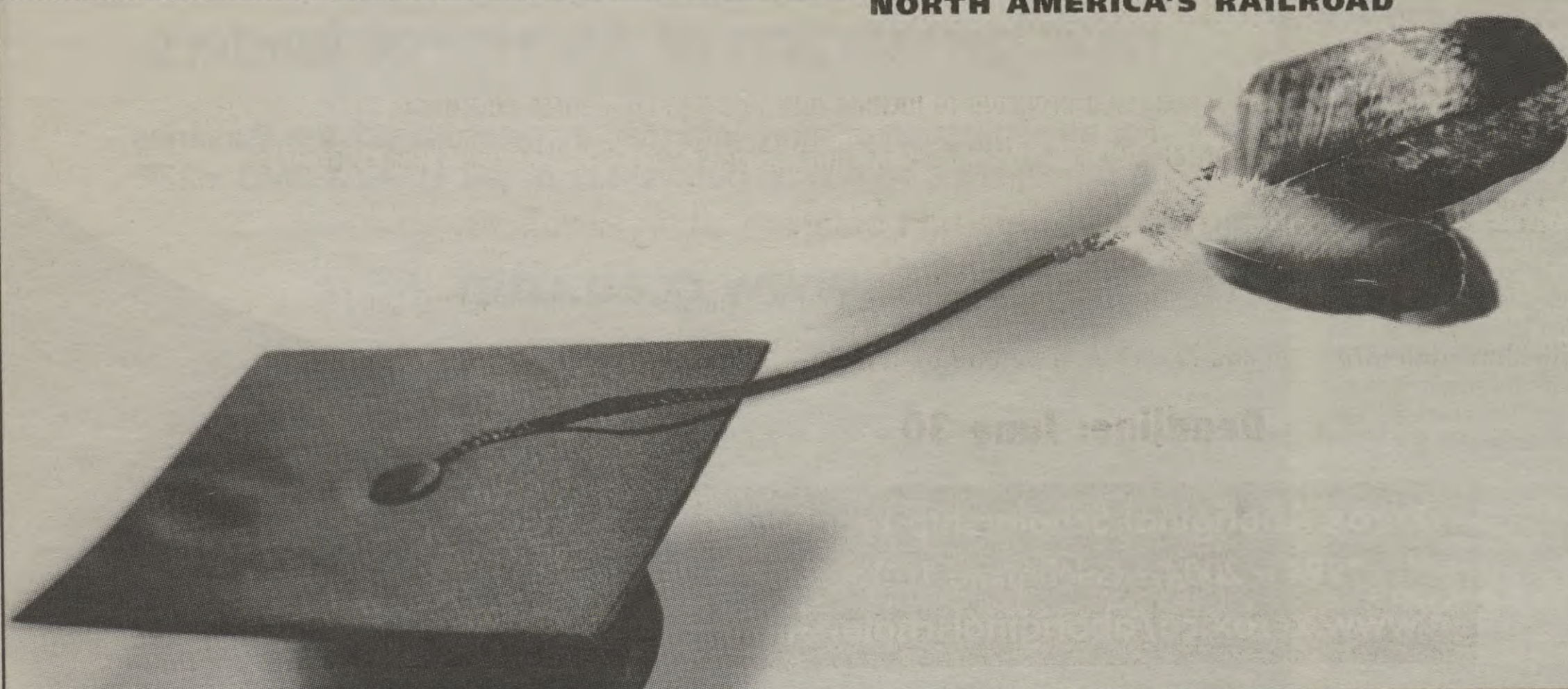
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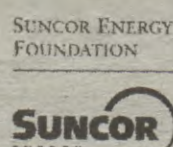
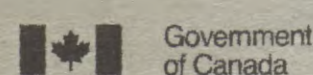
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The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation
70 Yorkville Avenue, Suite 33A, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 1B9
phone: 416-926-0775 fax: 416-926-7554 website: www.naaf.ca

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least a year. Successful candidates will participate in a ten month program which includes a workplace assignment with an experience provider in a province other than their home provinces. For more information contact:
Experience Canada
116 Albert Street, Suite 500
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1C9

Canadian Research Aboriginal Studies

Since its inception in 1978, the Council has supported various research projects which examine various issues of relevance to Aboriginal people including culture, self government, demography, and sociology among others. For more information contact:

Communication Division, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
PO Box 1610
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6G4

Sir John A. MacDonald graduate fellowship in Canadian History

This scholarship is awarded to a student enrolling in a doctoral program in Canadian history at an Ontario university. The value of award is \$8,500.00 and can be renewed for three consecutive years to a maximum of \$25,500.00.

For more information contact:
The Graduate Studies Office at Ontario Universities or
The Ministry of Education and Training Student Affairs
PO Box 4500189
Red River Road, 4th Floor
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 6G9
Phone: (807) 343-7257
or 1-800-465-3957

Environmental Innovation Program

For groups and individuals 18 years of age and older interested in research and development in the environmental field. Offers Canadian industry, universities, Native groups, non-governmental organizations and interested individuals the opportunity to meet the GreenPlan's objectives. For more information contact:
Program Directorate Public Works and Government Services Canada
Place du Portage, Phase III,
12C111 Laurier Street
Hull, Quebec K1A 0S5
Phone: 1-800-563-3518

Women in Engineering and Sciences Program

For women undergraduates who are interested in a career in physics, engineering or mathematics. To qualify you must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada attending a Canadian University or CEGEP and enrolled full-time in an undergraduate physics, engineering or mathematics program. You must also have completed your first undergraduate year of university or your second year of pre-university CEGEP before September 1.
For more information contact:
Human Resources
Branch Recruitment Office
National Research Council of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6
Phone: (613) 993-9134
Fax: (613) 990-7669

Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Endowment Fund Award Program

If you have successfully completed at least one year of an undergraduate university program. You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. It provides non-renewable scholarships of \$5,000.00 for one academic year, and transportation expense for one return trip for students to pursue their undergraduate studies in their second official language. For more information contact:
Canadian Awards Program Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada
350 Albert Street, Suite 600
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1B1
Phone: (613) 563-1236
Fax: (613) 563-9745

The Ross Charles Award

Deadline: March 15
Dedicated to providing six weeks of specialized training to young professional Aboriginal men and women from Northern Canada who are interested in furthering their knowledge in the fields of broadcasting and telecommunications
Send to: Attn.: Angele Gelineau
Cancom 155 Queen Street, Suite 1204
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6L1
Phone: (613) 232-4814

Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Award - The Canadian Press

To a Native person studying journalism.

Value: One scholarship of \$4,000

Eligibility: Native ancestry.
Studying journalism at a Canadian university or community college.
Deadline: December 31 of each year.
Information: Manager of Human Resources
Canadian Press
36 King Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 2L9
Phone: (416) 594-2179
Fax: (416) 364-9283

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)

Please see our ad on page 5.

Shell Aboriginal Awards - NAAF

Several awards presented yearly through the scholarship program of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation. The value of the award varies by student request.

Indian & Inuit Health Careers Program Scholarship - NAAF

Deadline: May 1
Several \$1,000 scholarships are available to Canadian citizens of Aboriginal ancestry who have resided in Canada for the last 12 months. Individuals must meet the minimum enrollment requirements in a professional health career program. Applications are available at local schools and must be postmarked by May 15

Indian & Inuit Health Careers Program Bursary - NAAF

Deadline: May 1
Bursaries are available to Canadian citizens of Aboriginal ancestry who have resided in Canada for the last 12 months. Individuals must meet the minimum enrollment requirements in a professional health career program and have not received financial assistance related to their education from any other source.

Aboriginal Veterans' Scholarship Trust - Canada - NAAF

For students engaged in fields of study that support and contribute to Aboriginal self-governance and economic self-reliance. For more information check out the web site Aboriginal Veterans Scholarship Trust.

Business, Sciences and General Education Program - NAAF

Value: Varies from \$1,000 to \$8,000
Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Métis, Inuit) attending a Canadian Community College (CEGEP) or university (first year or returning students); registered in programs such as business, health sciences, new and advanced technologies (not limited to these). Priority is given to students enrolled in business and sciences.

Diane Fowler Leblanc Aboriginal Social Work Scholarship - NAAF

Value: The amount of each scholarship is based on the individual needs of each candidate (tuition, course materials, living expenses, daycare, travel) up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year for three or four years, depending on the institution's course requirements.

The Alberta Museology Internship - NAAF

Value: Varies.
Two four month internships at the Provincial Museum of Alberta for Aboriginal students pursuing a career in ethnology, natural history or Canadian history.

Arts Scholarship Program - NAAF

Deadline: March 31.
Value: Based on Budget needs. All areas related to the visual, performing, media, graphic and literary arts. Award decision based on merit of project, quality of raining and financial need. Art work samples will need to be sent with application.

Petro Canada Education Awards for Native Students - NAAF

Deadline June 15
Five education awards of up to \$5,000 are available to native students of Canadian or Inuit ancestry entering or enrolled in post-secondary programs where studies can be applied in an industrial setting in the oil and gas industry.

Trans Canada Pipelines Leadership Awards - NAAF

With these awards, TransCanada Pipelines is helping Aboriginal students prepare themselves to play leading roles in the fields of engineering, business and commerce, law, science and technology, environment and communications.

Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

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Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) "Northern Lights" Bursary Program - FAAY

Please see our ad on page 4. In appreciation of the role Premier Paul Okalik played in making CCAB's first Circle for 2015 annual gala dinner such a success, we committed a portion of the proceed of the dinner to help Nunavut students. The recipients are chosen in cooperation with the Nunavut Department of Education. Five (5) bursaries of \$1000 each

Closing date for submitting applications is mid October. Results and awards are given mid-December.

For further information contact:
FAAY c/o Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
204A St. George Street
Coach House, Main Floor
Toronto, ON M5R 2N5
Phone: 416-961-8663 ext. 227
Fax: 416-961-3995
Applications are at www.ccab.com

The Canadian Aboriginal Science and Technology Society (CASTS) Scholarship Programs

Deadline June 15
CASTS scholarships are awarded to post-secondary graduate and undergraduate students for leadership and academic achievement. Awards are made possible by individuals who wish to support the advancement of Canadian Aboriginal people. Recipients cannot receive more

than one scholarship per year. Students who are members of CASTS will be given first priority, however, all students are encouraged to apply and submit application by June 15 of each year.

Currently, CASTS administers 4 unique scholarship programs:

*** CASTS Scholarship**
This scholarship is made available to students pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, health-related fields, natural resources and math and science secondary education. Programs of study may be two to four years or longer.

* Chief Crowfoot Professional Health Careers Scholarship

Administered for the Deb C. Crowfoot Professional Corporation, this scholarship is made available to four students pursuing professional health careers. The four scholarships are to be awarded in the following manner:

1. must be a member of the Siksika Nation or one of parents must be a Siksika Nation member;
2. must be a member of Saddle Lake First Nation or one of parents must be a Saddle Lake First Nation member;
3. must be a member of the Ermineskin, Samson, Louis Bull or Montana First Nations or one of parents must be a member of the four bands;
4. must be a professional Health Careers student of Canadian Aboriginal Descent. Note: Professional health career programs

are those that require four or more years of university training.

* Duval House Communication Careers Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to students entering fields related to communications such as journalism, graphic design, television and radio arts.

* Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Scholarship

Students pursuing academic programs in the earth sciences are eligible for this scholarship. The program of study must be at least two years in length and the student must have completed the first year of their studies.

CASTS Scholarship Committee
Treaty 7 Tribal Council
310-6940 Fisher Road, S.E.,
Calgary, Alberta T2H 0W3
Phone: (403) 258-1775
Fax: (403) 258-1811

BC

Ēāni Etië Tahltan Scholarship

Value: \$300.00
The Ēāni Etië Tahltan Scholarship was established by Louise Framst Books as a 'keel' for those who contributed to the Tahltan Cookbook series and to acknowledge the collective knowledge of the Tahltan people (which makes up the heart of this cookbook series). The scholarship is to go to a student of

Tahltan descent who has demonstrated achievement in all areas: academics, athletics, art and citizenship in home and community. Note: More than one scholarship may be given out in a year.

To qualify, a student must be of Tahltan descent and enrol in a post-secondary program. Fill out the Stikine Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Form and attach a document which: a) Traces Tahltan ancestry b) Includes an essay of 500 words or less, discussing the meaning of Ēāni Etië and how it applies to themselves, stressing all-round personal development.

Considerations:
The successful candidate(s) writes a letter of appreciation, indicating personal achievement and a photograph, which will become part of a permanent record. Send to: Louise Framst, Box 52, Cecil Lake, BC VOC 1G0.

The successful candidate(s) sends a copy of registration in courses or institution

to: Stikine Scholarship Committee, School District #87 (Stikine), Box 190, Dease Lake, BC VOC 1L0
Phone: (250) 771-4440

Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship
Eligible applicants are members of a BC First Nation who are in financial need and demonstrate merit with respect to accessing post-secondary education including:

- * Courses of study towards a degree, or a certificate or diploma, at an eligible post-secondary educational institution; or
 - * Post-graduate studies in an eligible post-secondary educational institution.
- Information: Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship
c/o Deloitte & Touche
P.O. Box 49279, Four Bentall Centre
2100 - 1055 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, BC V7X 1P4

Coast Ferries (1937 - 1997) Scholarship -

Royal Alexandra Hospital

is inviting applications to its

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION PROGRAM



"Learning About the Role of a Hospital Aboriginal Cultural Helper"

The program offers a one-year training program from September, 2005 to August, 2006, in which the successful applicant will learn about providing care and cultural support to Aboriginal patients and their families in the hospital.

Applicants must have:

- Minimum Grade 12 education
- Ability to work in a multicultural hospital environment
- Openness to Aboriginal cultural ceremonies
- Ability to form caring relationships

To apply for this position, please complete an application form and provide a Current Criminal record check.

Closing date for application is May 19, 2005.

A Stipend is provided during the training program.

For more information or to request an application form, contact:



Capital Health

Bob Cardinal
Aboriginal Cultural Helper
Royal Alexandra Hospital
10240 Kingsway
Edmonton, AB T5H 3V9

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The award will consist of:

- \$1,000
- Consideration for summer or post graduate employment if opportunities are available

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an Alberta resident
- Have grade 12 or GED equivalent
- Have proof of acceptance into post secondary education program leading to a career in the petroleum industry
- Be a member of one of the listed First Nations or Métis communities

LISTED COMMUNITIES ARE:

- Beaver Lake First Nation
- Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement
- Cold Lake First Nations
- Elizabeth Métis Settlement
- Fishing Lake Métis Settlement
- Frog Lake First Nation
- Heart Lake First Nation
- Kikino Métis Settlement
- Kehewin Cree Nation
- Saddle Lake First Nation
- Whitefish Lake First Nation
- Zone 1 & 2 Métis Association

Application Deadline is June 30, 2005.

Brochures and application forms may be obtained from:

- The Education Coordinators at the listed communities or,
- Imperial Oil Resources, P.O. Box 1020, Bonnyville, Alberta T9N 2J7
Phone: (780) 639-5194 Fax: (780) 639-5853

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www.commerce.usask.ca/programs/mba/

Vancouver Community College.

Value: One award \$1,500 annually credit toward tuition fees.

Eligibility: Available to students in the outer Mid-Coast communities of Bella Bella (Waglisia), Klemtu, Shearwater, Ocean Falls, Rivers Inlet/Oweekeno, Dawson's Landing (Rivers Inlet) and Kingcome Inlet. Not available to students who permanently reside in Bella Coola. Must have supporting letter from their local First Nations Council and/or School District #49. Selection to be made by VCC Application:

To the Dean of Student Service
Vancouver Community College
250 West Pender Street
Vancouver, BC V6B 1S9

Information:
Rebecca Dave, Development Officer
Vancouver Community College
Foundation
1155 East Broadway
PO Box 24620 Stn. "F"
Vancouver, BC V5N 5T9
Phone: (604)871-7148

BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarship Program

To encourage and financially assist Aboriginal people to pursue post-secondary education in disciplines relevant to BC Hydro and, where possible, to provide recipients with work experience. Value: Eight scholarships of \$1,000 each. Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Métis. Has successfully completed the first year of a full time post-secondary program in a discipline relevant to a broad range of BC Hydro careers. Good academic standing (preferably 75% grade point average) in addition to good written communications skills. Balanced lifestyle (i.e., fitness, community involvement, hobbies and interests). Supported by a British Columbia First Nation or Native organization.

Information: Outreach Programs
BC Hydro
16th Floor, 333 Dunsmuir St.
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3
Phone: (604) 623-3994
Fax: (604) 623-3614

Mungo Martin Memorial Awards - British Columbia

To assist people of Native descent to further their education, vocational training, skills and competence. These awards are not only open to those who wish to further their general education and skills, but are available to those who seek to do creative work to further the artistic heritage of the Native peoples in their paintings, carving, music, dance, folklore or language. Value: Normally from \$100 to \$500.

Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. Living in British Columbia at the time of application. Preference will be given to young people. Must be a student at an accredited university or college. Must complete application form, provide two references and supply an official copy of transcripts.

Duration: Recipients may apply for further award in a subsequent year.
Deadline: May be received at any time for consideration at periodic meetings of the Board.

Information: Lucy Galloway
P.O. Box 883
Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1T2
Phone: (250) 752-8785
Fax: (250) 752-3076

Weyerhaeuser Canada BC Division Education Awards

Value: Two awards valued at \$2000 each. Eligibility: Aboriginals, women, visible minorities persons with disabilities. Enrolled in University program relevant to a career at Weyerhaeuser.

Deadline: June 30
Diversity Education Awards Program
Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd.
P.O. Box 800
Kamloops, BC V2C 5M7

ALBERTA**Alberta Apprenticeship Scholarship Program**

Number: 165
Value: \$1000
Alberta industry is in desperate need of skilled tradespeople. Funding for the Scholarship program was raised through an industry and government fund-matching campaign. Industry, with support from the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AAIT) Board, raised a grand total of \$1.3 million and Alberta Learning committed to match the double of industry's contributions up to \$1 million. Complete criteria and applications

available at local Alberta Apprenticeship Industry Training offices.

Information:
Fairview College
Financial Services Department
Toll free 1-888-999-7882, ext.654
www.tradesecrets.org

The Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards

If you are a Métis residing in Alberta and need financial help to pursue your education or upgrade your skills, a Belcourt Brosseau Métis Award can help you take the next step. It will give you the opportunity to continue your education by covering a portion of your tuition costs.

Deadline: May 15 of each year
For more information:
Toll Free: 1-866-626-0015
Web site: www.DollarsForLearners.com

TransAlta Aboriginal Awards Program

Please see our ad on page 8.

In keeping with our commitment to provide educational support to the Aboriginal community, TransAlta will present four educational awards (two college and two university) in 2002 to Aboriginal (status, non-status, Métis and Inuit) students who meet the necessary qualifications.

Eligibility: You must meet the following criteria: You must be of Aboriginal ancestry; You must have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award; You need financial support to pursue your education; You possess promising academic qualifications (record of academic excellence); You must provide proof of enrollment to one of the ten colleges or four universities listed; You maintain the required course load in your chosen program.

Your transcripts, which include all diploma exams written in June, must be received by July 15, 2005.

A letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment from the educational institution is also required to complete the application.

Information and application forms, please contact:
Human Resources
TransAlta
110-12 Avenue, SW, Box 1900
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2M1
Phone: (403) 267-3702

Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society Community Scholarships - High School

To encourage Aboriginal students in Alberta to pursue Studies at recognized High School. Value: Two \$500.00 scholarships one to a female and one to a male.

Eligibility: An Aboriginal youth in an Alberta high school. Must live in the province of Alberta, have a lot of community involvement, is helping to preserve the Aboriginal culture in their community.

Scholarships, will be given out at the Annual Louis Riel Gala during Métis Week in Edmonton. All recipients must be in attendance and available for the award.

Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society Community Scholarships - Post Secondary

To encourage Aboriginal single parents, and children of single parent families, to further their education at the post-secondary level.

Amount: Two \$500.00 scholarships one to a female and one to a male.

Eligibility: An Aboriginal Person in a recognized post-secondary institution located in Alberta. Must live in the province of Alberta, have a lot of community involvement, is helping to preserve the Aboriginal culture in their community.


Scholarships, will be given out at the Annual Louis Riel Gala during Métis Week in Edmonton. All recipients must be in attendance and available for the award.

Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society
10104 - 121 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5N 1K4
Phone: (780) 451-1072
Fax: (780) 451-1137
www.metisdance.com

Athabasca University - School of Business, Indigenous Bursary

Value: 100% tuition, reimbursed upon successful course completion.

Eligibility: Any student of Indigenous ancestry enrolled in business courses at Athabasca University
Information:
Pauline Windsor
Indigenous Student Advisor
School of Business
1-800-788-9041 ext. 6149



Husky Energy

Aboriginal Education Awards Program

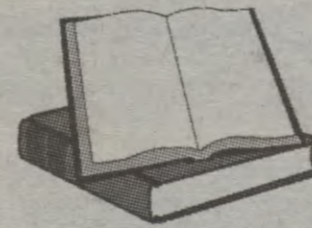
Husky Energy's Education Awards are available to anyone of Aboriginal ancestry in Canada, who possesses suitable academic qualifications, is in need of financial assistance and demonstrates a career interest in the oil and gas industry. Individuals pursuing academic upgrading at a secondary institute or post-secondary studies at a community college, technical institute or university are eligible to apply.

One of Husky Energy's Workforce Diversity mandates is the development of Aboriginal business opportunities and employment of Aboriginal people. To support this mandate, the Education Awards Program is tailored to assist Aboriginal people in achieving success by pursuing advanced education.

Bursaries will be awarded in the following categories:

Institution	Award Level
University (maximum four years of funding)	\$3,000
Community or Technical College (maximum two years of funding)	\$2,500
Secondary School (maximum one year of funding)	\$1,000

Applications for the 2005/06 education year must be completed and returned to Husky Energy by May 31, 2005. To apply for an Education Award, or receive more information, email aboriginal.affairs@huskyenergy.ca, or contact Josie Pearce at (403) 750-1427, or write to:



Aboriginal Affairs Department
Husky Energy Inc.
P.O. Box 6525, Station D
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2C7

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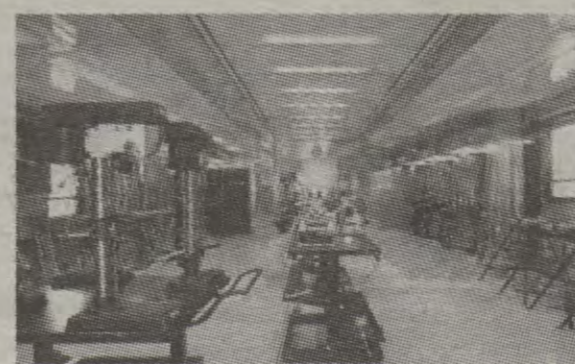
Our two new mobile education units - called NAIT in Motion - are capable of bringing NAIT training to communities anywhere in western and northern Canada where there is a demand for education in skilled trades. These two self-contained mobile shops hook up to heavy duty trucks for transport to remote areas, and can be set up in about an hour. These units are fully equipped for training in:



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- machining
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- pipefitting/steamfitting
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To discuss customized programming or delivery of a program in your community, please call:
Stephen Crocker, Manager
Aboriginal Training Programs
Phone: (780) 378-5035
Fax: (780) 471-8993
E-mail: scrocker@nait.ca

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Aboriginal Liaison Services
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Faculty of Management
University of Lethbridge
Phone: (403) 329-2369
Fax: (403) 329-2038
E-mail: fng@uleth.ca

www.uleth.ca/man/first-nations/

Calgary Stampede Foundation Indian Events Committee and Paul Van Ginkel Native Arts Scholarship

Value: Varies. Eligibility: Applicants must be Treaty 7 members who are entering or are currently enrolled in a recognized post-secondary art program. The applicant must include with the application a professional portfolio of six to ten pieces. If the original is not available, a high quality photograph will be accepted. (No slides). The winner is notified by telephone and must be available to receive the award at the Calgary Stampede Auction. Information: Calgary Exhibition and Stampede
1410 Olympic Way S.E.
Calgary, Alberta T2G 2W1
Phone: (403) 261-0137

Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership

Eligibility: Applicants must be Alberta residents who are currently enrolled in a minimum of three full courses at a designated Alberta post-secondary institution. Applicants must also be involved in either student government or student societies, clubs, or organizations. Additionally, candidates may be involved in student organizations at the provincial or national level or in non-profit community organizations.

Selection: Applicants must be nominated by fellow students from their institution. Each institution is responsible for the formation of a Selection Committee to review nominations and recommend recipients.

Award: A total of 100 awards are divided among eligible Alberta post-secondary institutions.

Awards are valued at \$500 each. Nominations must be submitted to the institutions by March 1. Some institutions may impose an earlier deadline. Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund (AHSF)
9th Floor - 9940 106 Street
Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4
Phone (780) 427-8640 (In Alberta, but outside Edmonton dial 310-0000)

Theodore R. Campbell Scholarship

Deadline is June 1. This scholarship was created to reward the accomplishments of an aboriginal student from Blue Quills First Nations College. The scholarship was established by the family of Ted R. Campbell through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund Endowment Program.

Eligibility: Applicants must be Alberta residents who have completed the first year of an Education degree (university transfer) at Blue Quills First Nations College. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 credits with passing marks in all courses. The applicant must be continuing in the Education program.

Selection: Blue Quills will determine the qualifying applicant based on their 1st year grade point average.

Award: Each year 1 scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded.

Application forms are available from the Research and Planning Office at Blue Quills College
OR
Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund (AHSF)
9th Floor - 9940 106 Street
Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4
Phone (780) 427-8640 (In Alberta, but outside Edmonton dial 310-0000)

Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary

Deadline: Students should contact the financial aid office of their institution.

Value: \$500
Number Available: Five
Eligibility: Awarded to Aboriginal students without sponsorship enrolled full-time in their second year of the Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Diploma or Faculty of Law programs at Lethbridge Community College, Mount Royal College, Grant MacEwan Community College, University of Calgary or University of Alberta. Applicants must have been a resident of Alberta for a minimum for three years prior to applying.

Application forms are available from the institution's Student Awards Office.

Sylvia Schulze Memorial Bursary for Alex Taylor School

Offered through Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton to female student who attended Alex Taylor School in central Edmonton, with priority given to an Aboriginal student. For more information contact:

Executive Director
Grant MacEwan Community College
Foundation
Edmonton, Alberta
Phone: (780) 497-5545

TransCanada Aboriginal Awards Program (Formerly Nova Corporation Awards - Nova Corporation has merged with TransCanada)

TransCanada's Aboriginal Awards Program is designed to encourage and assist Aboriginal people (status and non-status Indians, Métis and Inuit) to obtain undergraduate post-secondary education. Closing Date: May 15

Value: Annually, seven (7) college awards of \$3,500 each per year for students attending certain Alberta colleges.

Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry; provide proof of acceptance into one of seven colleges listed; maintain full course load in chosen program; possess promising academic qualifications; require financial support.

Eligible Schools: Grande Prairie Regional College; Grant MacEwan Community College; Lakeland College; Mount Royal College; Northern Alberta Institute of Technology; Olds College; Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

For more information contact:
College Awards: Human Resources
TransCanada

450 - 1st Street, S.W.
Box 1000, Station 'M'
Calgary, Alberta T2P 5H1
Phone: (403) 920-2894
Fax: (403) 920-2370

NAIT Aboriginal Student Club

Please see our ad on page 8.

Value: \$800
Number: 1
Eligibility: Available to students of Aboriginal Heritage who are enrolled in the second year of the Forest Technology program. Conditions: Awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

Deadline: September 30th
Office of the Registrar
Student Awards and Financial Aid
The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Suite 1000 11762-106 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 3H1

Syncrude Aboriginal and Women Education Awards Program

Deadline: June 30
Two awards of \$2000.00 each for Aboriginal people attending post secondary educational institutions in programs related to the oil sands industry (i.e. engineering, computer science, technologists etc.)

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Eligibility: Aboriginal peoples (Indian, Inuit & Metis) Women pursuing studies in science & technology

You must: have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award, or formerly long-term residents; meet the academic requirements for the program of study; maintain a full course work load leading to a recognized degree or diploma; provide proof of acceptance into accredited colleges or universities within Canada (must be provided before awards are received)

How to apply: Application forms are available from the address listed below. Please send your completed application form along with the required transcripts and proof of acceptance to the address outlined below. Please note that if proof of acceptance and/or transcripts are not available at that time, then it must be produced prior to receiving the award. For further information regarding this award program contact:

Nora Flett
Phone: (780) 790-6442
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Application deadline: May 15
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To receive an application, please contact your local Alberta high school, post-secondary institute, or

MacEwan Foundation
P.O. Box 1796
Edmonton, AB T5J 2P2

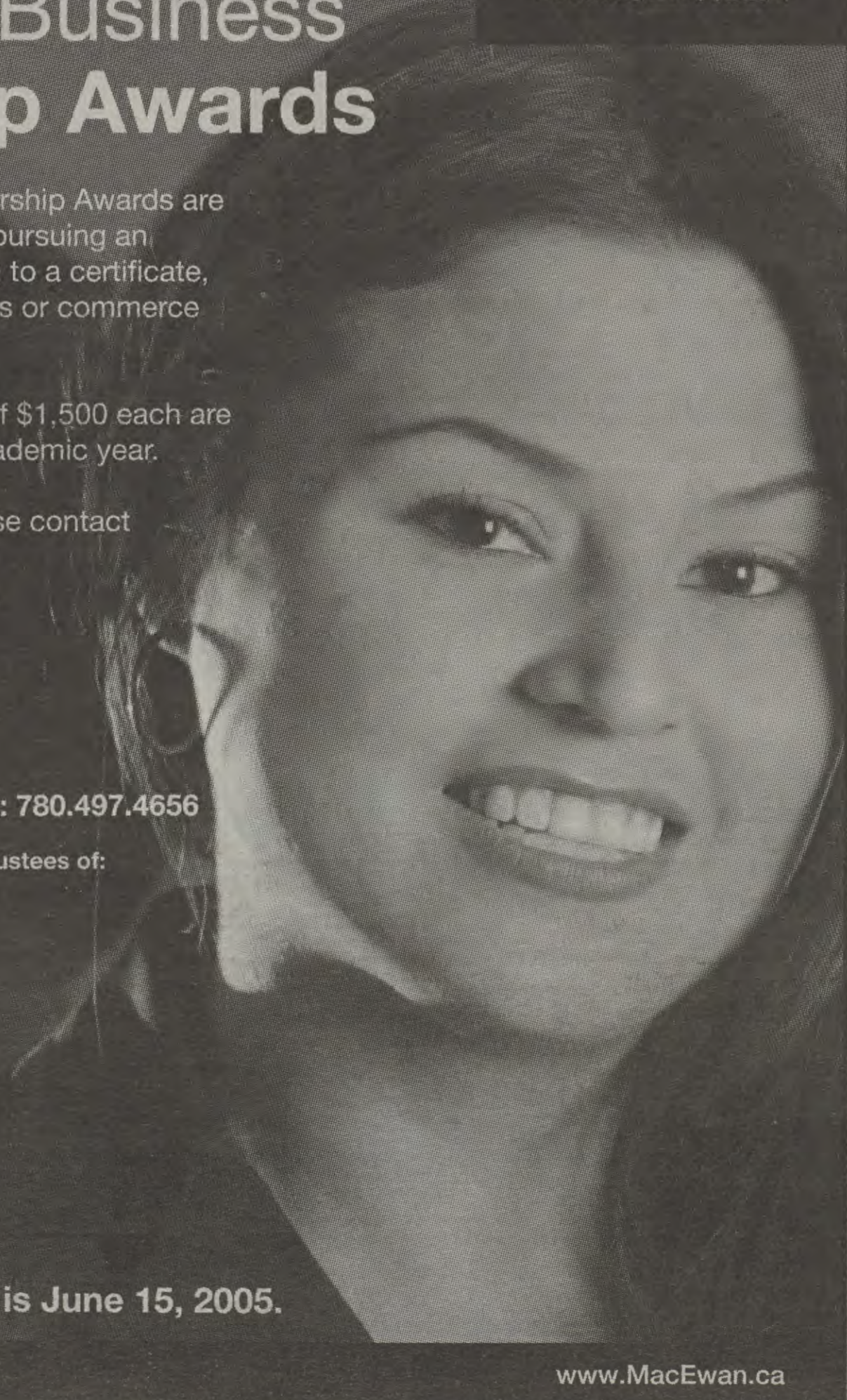
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Applications are available online: click here
OR:

Northern Alberta Development Council
Postal Bag 900-14
Peace River, Alberta T8S 1T4
780-624-6545
(toll-free first dial 310-0000)

Alberta Scholarship Programs
9th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4
(780) 427-8640
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Grant MacEwan College Foundation - Alberta
Deadline for application June 15 for following academic year
Aboriginal business Leadership Award
Four (4) awards of \$1,500 each
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Grant MacEwan Community College
Foundation
Edmonton, Alberta
Phone: (780) 497-5545

Imperial Oil Cold Lake Aboriginal Education Awards Program - Alberta
Deadline: June 30 of each year.
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Approved programs range from business studies to technical fields and applicants must be a registered member of a qualifying Treaty, Métis Settlement or Association within the Cold Lake area. Application form, full program guidelines and eligibility details can be obtained by calling Imperial Oil Community and Aboriginal Affairs at 780-639-5194.

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation - Alberta's Future Leaders Program

For young people of Alberta's indigenous communities
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Contact: Karla Moir
(780) 422-7110

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation,
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Apply by May 15

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Applicants must be Indian, Inuit or Métis and have been a resident of Alberta for 3 years.
Must be enrolled or will be enrolled in a health field at the college, technical institute or university level and demonstrate financial need.

Have maintained full-time enrollment (60% of a full course load) and passing marks in all courses in their previous year of study if they are entering their second or subsequent year

Contact:
Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund,
6th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1
Phone: (780) 427-8640

Alberta Energy Company Limited

Native Scholarship Award
Value: Five (5) \$3,500 scholarships each year. Must be accepted into the oil and gas industry at an accredited technical school, college or university. Candidates must have resided in Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta or other areas where AEC has an operation interest.
Applications are available by contacting:
Alberta Energy Company Ltd.
3900 - 421 - 7 Ave S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 4K9
Fax: (403) 266-8212

Weyerhaeuser Canada Scholarships - Alberta
Each year, Weyerhaeuser Canada offers scholarships to young men and women from the Peace Country and Grande Cache, Alberta who are furthering their education in Commerce, Engineering, and Forestry.

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High School Awards: Deadline July 15
Peace Wapiti School Board #33,
8611A-103 Street
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4C5
College Awards: Deadline April 15
Awards Advisory Committee,
Grande Prairie Regional College
10726-106 Avenue
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4C4

Alberta Law Foundation Scholarship - University of Lethbridge:

Deadline May 31
One annual award of \$5,000 is available to an Aboriginal student entering first year at the Faculty of Law on the basis of academic standing. The award is renewable in the sum of \$3,500 per year for a further two years subject to the recipient maintaining a satisfactory academic standing.

No additional documentation is required to apply. Your application to the Faculty automatically is considered as an application for the Law Foundation Scholarship.

Undergraduate Awards for Native American Students

Bobby-Jo Stannard stanrj@hg.uleth.ca
There are several Undergraduate scholarship opportunities for students of Native American descent at the University of Lethbridge (for example; Peigan Nation Scholarship, Lubov Alexandra de Grandmaison Scholarship - Native American Studies, Lubov Alexandra de Grandmaison Scholarship - Fine Arts). The terms of reference for these scholarships can be found in the back of the UofL Calendar.

Applications for the UofL Undergraduate Awards are available at the Financial Aid and Student Awards Office (SU047).

Native Foundation Trust Bursary - Grande Prairie Native Friendship Centre

For high school students entering an arts, science or business program at a recognized educational institute. Amount: The number and amount of bursaries vary from year to year. Eligibility: Must have attended a recognized educational facility within Grande Prairie and area. Academic standing. Financial need. Duration: N/A. Deadline: October of each year.
Information: Executive Director
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre
10507 98th Avenue
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 4L1
Phone: (780) 532-5722
Fax: (780) 539-5121

Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship - Alberta Indian Investment Corp.

To recognize excellence and achievement by a Treaty Indian and to encourage and assist Treaty Indians in the pursuit of post-secondary education in the area of business, finance or economics.

Amount: Maximum of \$750 for students enrolled in colleges and technical institutions. Maximum of \$1,000 for students enrolled in universities.

Eligibility: Treaty Indian and resident of Alberta.

Enrolled full time at a college, university or technical school in one of the following programs:

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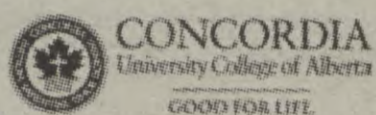
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Winterburn, Alberta T0E 2N0
Phone: (780) 470-3600
Fax: (780) 470-3605

Aboriginal Business Leadership Awards
Amount: Minimum of 4 @ \$1,500 each annually
Deadline: June 15
Conditions: Self-employed Aboriginal students and 2nd or mature Aboriginal students who are attending a public post-secondary educational institution in Alberta and enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree in a business or commerce.

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FSIN Senator Hilliard McNab CM Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund

Application deadline: Postmarked no later than July 31.
The Senator Hilliard McNab Foundation and Scholarship Fund was established after the death of Senator McNab, in commemoration in education and in young people.
If you are entering third year or higher in University or comparable post-secondary program, and are registered as a treaty Indian with a Saskatchewan First Nation you may be eligible. You are eligible to win only once in undergraduate years; only twice in post-secondary studies.
Deadline is July 31 of each year.
Complete transcript of post-secondary marks must accompany the letter of application.

Letter of application should include the name of your band, your number, a brief biography and some of your interests and activities.

A list of the subjects you are registering for in your next semester and confirmation of your intention to continue should be included. Mail your completed application to:

FSIN Senator Hilliard McNab CM Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund
c/o Mrs. Irene Walter
Box 385
Punnichy, SK S0A 3C01
Ph: (306) 835-2770 or (306) 835-2285

SaskPower Diversity Awards Program

Award description: There are two award categories:

Entrance: up to seven awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering first-year studies. Continuing: up to eight awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering second-year studies and beyond. Award value is \$1,500.
Deadline: No later than September 30. Although students are eligible to apply for the SaskPower Diversity Awards Program and the SaskPower Scholarship Program, the same student cannot receive both awards.

Application forms are available on-line at www.saskpower.com/awards

Weyerhaeuser Canada, Saskatchewan Division - Educational Awards Program

Number: Four, annually
Value: \$2,500 for University, \$1,200 for Technical
Deadline: June 30
Eligibility: Applicant must be enrolled in a university or technical institute program that is relevant to Weyerhaeuser's Saskatchewan businesses, including but not limited to: Forestry, Engineering, Accounting, Computer Science
Preference is given to individuals of Aboriginal ancestry, women in non-traditional roles, disabled persons and members of visible minorities.
Education Awards Program, Weyerhaeuser Canada
Saskatchewan Division
P.O. Box 1900
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 6J9
Fax: (306) 922-1371

SaskEnergy Aboriginal Scholarships

In support of Saskatchewan Aboriginal youth, SaskEnergy provides 14 post-secondary scholarships each year. Students must attend Saskatchewan Indian federated College (SIFC), Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Gabriel Dumont Institute and Dumont Technical Institute.
Value: Varies from \$1000 to \$5,000
Eligibility: Aboriginal; Saskatchewan resident; Saskatchewan high school graduate; achieve 80% average in grades 11 and 12; demonstrate financial need; register full-time for the fall or winter semesters.
Phone: (306) 777-9079
Contact each institution for application forms.

City of Regina - Henry Baker Scholarships

Please see our ad on page 14.
The City of Regina offers six scholarships to students at the University of Regina including one at SIFC in Regina

Value: 2 @ \$1000 and 4 @ \$2,000
Deadline: August 1st
Information: Phone: (306) 777-7800
Application form: www.cityregina.com
Return completed application to:
City of Regina Public Affairs Division
City Hall, 14th Floor
P. O. Box 1790
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3C8

Fraser Scholarship - Moose Jaw School Division

To encourage an Aboriginal student from Moose Jaw Public School Division to pursue studies at a recognized post-secondary institution.
Value: Approximately \$400
Eligibility: Native ancestry Graduated from Moose Jaw Public School Division. Entering first year at a recognized post-secondary institution.
Duration: Annual
Deadline: June 1 each year
Information: Moose Jaw Public School Division
1075 9th Avenue NW
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan S6H 4J6
Phone: (306) 693-4631
Fax: (306) 694-4686

Eugene Lavallee Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: June 15
One valued at \$500 Awarded in preference to First Nations students whose home community is in the Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle area. Subsequent preference will be given to First Nations students from Saskatchewan.

Award based on highest average marks and then based on experience in the field of additions. In the event of two or more students having similar marks the scholarship will be awarded based on experience.

No student may receive this scholarship two years consecutively.
Apply to: Judie J. Birns, Executive Director
New Dawn Valley Centre
Box 400
Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan S0G 1S0

Cameco Northern Scholarship:

Deadline: June 30
Scholarships of up to \$4,000 for university degree programs, up to \$3,600 for technical training at a recognized technical institute is available.
Eligible individuals must have resided in the Northern Administration District of Saskatchewan for five (5) years immediately prior to application. Special consideration will be given to applicants pursuing careers related to some aspect of the mining industry. Application forms are available from individual schools or Cameco's Northern Affairs office:
Cameco Northern Affairs
P.O. Box 1049,
LaRonge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0

Cameco Scholarship:

Deadline: June 30
Several scholarships of \$1,000 are provided annually to selected dependent children of regular Cameco employees, in recognition of the superior academic performance.
Manager, Compensation and Benefits, Human Resources and Administration Division,
Cameco Corporation
2121 11th Street West,
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7M 1J3.

SIIT and SaskTel Scholarships:

Deadline for applications is September 1. SaskTel awards eleven scholarships annually, at a value of \$3,000 each. Our scholarship program focuses on two primary areas:
1. We require a student to be enrolled in a discipline related to the telecommunications industry - primarily engineering, computer science, accounting, marketing and administration.
2. We encourage students in designated groups within employment equity to pursue post-secondary education in fields related to our business; however, our awards are not limited to equity candidates.
SaskTel accepts applicants enrolled in relevant degree, diploma or certificate programs in all Saskatchewan post-secondary education institutes.
Further it is also now possible to apply on-line by visiting:

Cogema Resources Inc. Scholarships:

Deadline: June 28
Eight (8) \$3,500 University and Four (4) \$3,000 Technical
Available annually to Northern Saskatchewan residents for courses of study of future benefit to the north.
Information and application forms: Manager, Northern Affairs
Cogema Resources Inc.
P.O. Box 900,
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Fax: (306) 425-6886

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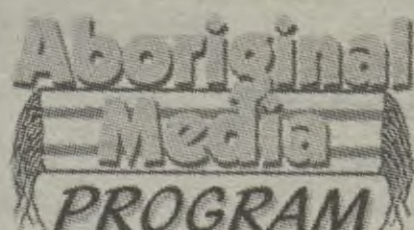
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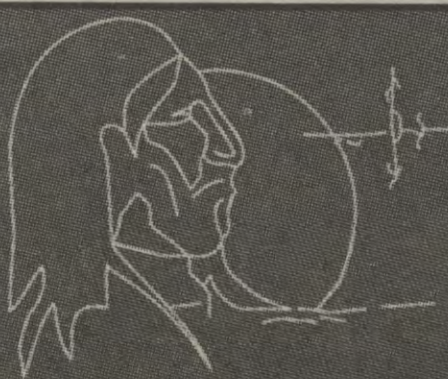
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Canada Post congratulates the recipients of the 2004 Aboriginal Education Incentive Award

Canada Post Corporation congratulates the 2004 recipients of the Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award, launched in April 2004. The Aboriginal Education Incentive Award focuses on Aboriginal people who have overcome adversity in order to return to school.

Twenty-one recipients received the Aboriginal Education Incentive Award throughout the eight Canada Post regions. The recipients were:

Atlantic Region

Patrick Augustine, Summerside PEI
James Robinson, Halifax NS

Quebec Region

Kim Martin, Kahnawake QC
Rosalie Anderson, Montreal QC

Greater Toronto Area

Tobi Jeans, Conception Bay
South NL

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Tami Snache, Rama ON
Donald McLeod, Blind River ON
Brenda Young, London ON

Prairie East

Olive Wreggitt, Winnipeg MB
Ingrid Green, Thunder Bay ON
Valerie Lynn Head, The Pas MB

Prairie West

Michelle Supple, Fort McMurray AB
Lisa Dawn Richards, Edmonton AB
Delilah Crane, Edmonton AB

Pacific

Davida Sole, Richmond BC
Troy McLeod, Victoria BC
Desiree Stevens, Victoria BC

Northern

Nadine Couillonneur, Cole Bay SK
Doreen Apples, Rae Lakes NWT
Christle Wiebe, Carcross YK

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Kim Martin, from the Kahnawake Mohawk Reservation near Montreal, says the \$1,000 Aboriginal Education Incentive Award means a lot to her after she turned her life around to study nursing.

Carcross/Tagish First Nation member Christle Wiebe, here with daughter Rae-Anne, says graduating from the Justice and Criminology program at Yukon College has given her "a world of choices."

Our congratulations and future success to the 2004 Aboriginal Education Incentive Award recipients. Canada Post is extremely proud of this and many other programs and activities since adopting the Progressive Aboriginal Relations program developed by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business and the National Quality Institute.

Submissions for the 2005 Aboriginal Education Incentive Award will be accepted beginning May 1st and must be received on or before July 31st.

Are you eligible for the Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award?

Are you

- a First Nations (status or non-status), Metis or Inuit person with a treaty or membership number?
- a Canadian citizen?

Have you

- returned to school after a prolonged absence?
- completed one full year of educational/vocational or trade skills training?

Then you are eligible for the Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award, which includes:

- two \$1,000 scholarships for the return to and successful completion of one full year of high school
- a \$1,000 scholarship for the return to and successful completion of one full year of post-secondary education, including vocational or trade skills training

The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award celebrates your motivation, determination and courage in overcoming personal, economic or social adversity in the pursuit of learning. Each of Canada Post's eight regions across the country will grant these three awards annually.

How to apply

Applicants are required to submit:

- an essay of up to five pages in length (typed and double-spaced) on letter-sized stationery
- a letter of support from a community member, such as a band counsellor, priest or minister or supervisor (excluding family members)
- a letter of reference from an academic supporter, such as a principal, guidance counsellor or teacher (excluding family members)
- the Applicant Submission Form in this ad

Submissions will be accepted between May 1st and no later than July 31st of the current year.

Winners of the Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award will be notified the third week of October. Award presentations will be held in each of the Canada Post regions during Louis Riel Week in November.

Mail your submission to:
Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award
2701 RIVERSIDE DR SUITE E0070
OTTAWA ON K1A 0B1

For more information, contact us:
by phone: (613) 734-6442
by e-mail: dwight.powless@canadapost.ca

Essay Submission Criteria:

The essay outlining your personal success story should include information about:

- the challenges you faced in school
- why you decided to leave
- how quitting school affected your life
- why you decided to go back to school
- how your life has changed since you returned
- any hardships or difficulties since returning
- your next steps and how you plan to accomplish them

Award Rules

- The selection jury will evaluate all submissions that meet the requirements outlined in the award description.
- Decisions of the selection jury are final.
- Canada Post reserves the right to use photographs or other such material in the award presentation for communication purposes.
- Winners agree to accept the award as presented and must sign an Award Acknowledgement and Release Form. By signing this form, the applicant agrees to these rules.
- All submissions, including support materials, become the property of the Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award Committee and will not be returned.
- The Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award Committee may publish or publicize information from any submission without compensation to the applicant.

APPLICANT SUBMISSION FORM

Complete and attach this Applicant Submission Form to your entry.

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Treaty or Membership Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

AWARD CATEGORY:

Secondary Education

School Name: _____

Location: _____ Year Completed: _____

Post-Secondary/Vocational or Trade Skills Training

School Name: _____

Location: _____ Year Completed: _____

ACADEMIC CONTACT (from your letter of reference)

Name: _____

Telephone (Day): _____

E-mail Address: _____

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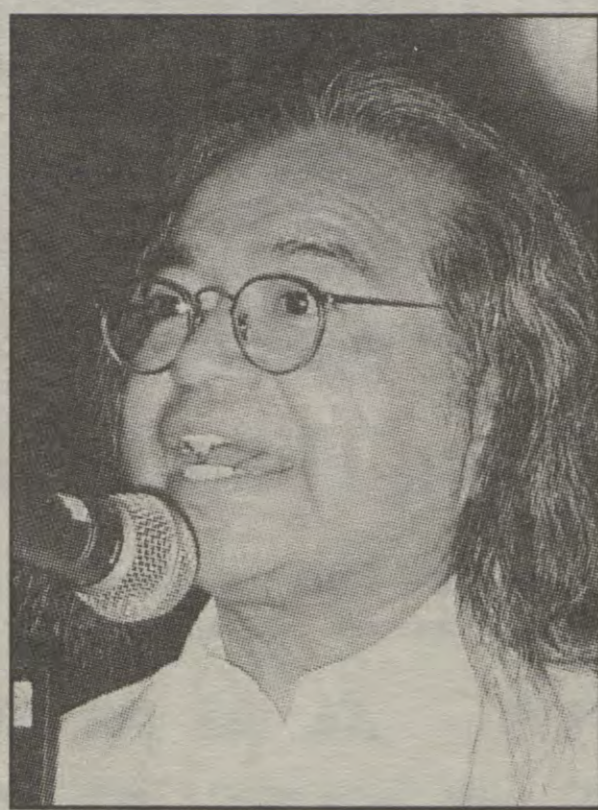
The First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act (Bill C-20) received royal assent on March 23 with all-party support in the House of Commons and the Senate.

C.T. (Manny) Jules, who led the development of the act, said the formal adoption of C-20 is "a triumph for First Nations and Canada. This bill was conceived and developed by First Nations and is about building infrastructure, attracting investment and creating jobs on reserve. Today's royal assent signals a new beginning."

The legislation creates four institutions: a finance authority, a tax commission, a financial management board and a statistical institute.

"All parties in the House of Commons and the Senate supported this legislation and they should be commended for recognizing the critical role Bill C-20 will play in promoting economic growth in First Nation communities," said Jules.

But not everybody is happy



Manny Jules

with the news. Two weeks before the Senate consented to the bill, First Nation leaders who oppose C-20 were allowed to speak to the Senate's standing committee on Aboriginal affairs. That came after the House of Commons' standing committee on Aboriginal affairs refused to hear them in December.

Five First Nation leaders told the senators they didn't want the bill. Eric Large, representing the Saddle Lake First Nation (Alberta), said the institutions will become "another multi-layered, costly bureaucracy, ostensibly created for First Nations."

By creating the financial management board, Large said,

"the federal Crown is cunningly divesting itself of its treaty and constitutional obligations to treaty First Nations to provide adequate capital and fiscal resources to ensure the renewal or replacement of public works infrastructure and other social and economic services on reserve."

David General, chief of Six Nations (Ontario), said the government spent a lot of money pushing the bill through the legislative process and that said a lot about who was really driving it.

"The proponents of Bill C-20 are very well funded. They are able to maintain a constant lobby and when you combine the efforts of their principle lobbyists, the chairs of the four fiscal institutions and such federal officials who want Bill C-20 passed, that, senators, is a considerable lobby force."

He told the committee that the "estimated costs for the four institutions ranges from \$25- to 30-million annually. One only needs to check the public records and do the math."

Windspeaker did the math.

Information provided by Indian and Northern Affairs shows a total of \$15.5 million

had been budgeted from 2000 up to the end of the current fiscal year. That may or may not include the salaries and expenses of departmental officials who participated in the process of developing the legislation and shepherding it through the legislative process.

During a phone interview on March 22, General said a consultant provided the numbers he used.

"The difference that I see would be that these [numbers released by INAC] are for the advisory panels, getting the thing started. The numbers we're quoting are the numbers of how these things would operate, the budgets they'd be getting once they're operational," General said.

General also told the Senate committee that a conversation he had with a senior INAC official has convinced him that participation in the institutions would not be optional, even though it is portrayed as such.

"I have had the opportunity to talk to a senior government official on the following: Would there be any resources for infrastructure projects for First Nations who do not opt into Bill C-20? And the answer was no," he said.

The chiefs said the bill could eventually be deemed to be unconstitutional for a couple of reasons.

"As the bill is currently read, the First Nation leadership could forever wrap their membership in a web of fiscal institutions with the mere vote of a single council. Most alarming, there is no requirement for community consultation. On the other hand, it is virtually impossible to get out of the proposed arrangements once established," General told the senators. "We would respectfully suggest that this proposed bill be reviewed by the Senate committee on legal and constitutional affairs to address this very question. This would save both Canada and Six Nations, all First Nations, valuable time, energy and resources that would most certainly be consumed by the courts."

But that didn't happen. Instead, all parties represented in the Senate rubber stamped the bill and sent it back to the House.

Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (Ontario) Grand Chief Chris McCormick said the consultation that was conducted before the bill was introduced was "very suspect" and raised the distinct possibility that the bill will be declared constitutionally invalid.

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Adrian Lachance has come a long way since he first began his healing journey in 1991. With the help of his Elders he overcame his addiction to drugs and alcohol and now shares his experiences as a motivational speaker. Lachance is originally from Flying Dust First Nation in Saskatchewan but now calls Edmonton home. He works as a holistic education instructor for Edmonton Catholic Schools, holds workshops on cultural teachings and is a men's traditional powwow dancer. He is also a proud new father to a son.

Windspeaker: What one quality do you most value in a friend?
Adrian Lachance: Honesty.

W: What is it that really makes you mad?
A.L.: Being lied to.

W: When are you at your happiest?
A.L.: When I'm dancing powwow or sharing my story with young people.

W: What one word best describes you when you are at your worst?
A.L.: Hopeless.

W: What one person do you most admire and why?
A.L.: My son, because he's so innocent and pure.

W: What is the most difficult thing you've ever had to do?
A.L.: Coming back into society from an incarceration.

W: What is your greatest accomplishment?
A.L.: Succeeding, staying clean and sober and becoming a drum keeper and a powwow dancer.

W: What one goal remains out of reach?
A.L.: Addictions counsellor.

W: If you couldn't do what you're doing today, what would you be doing?
A.L.: I think general labor ... actually, I've got many trades. I've got a bricklaying apprenticeship, carpentry, roofing. Those are the three major things that I could possibly fall back on if this doesn't work out.

W: What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?
A.L.: The best piece of advice? Trust those who seek knowledge. Doubt those who say they know it.

W: Did you take it?
A.L.: Yes.

W: How do you hope to be remembered?
A.L.: As a true urban warrior.

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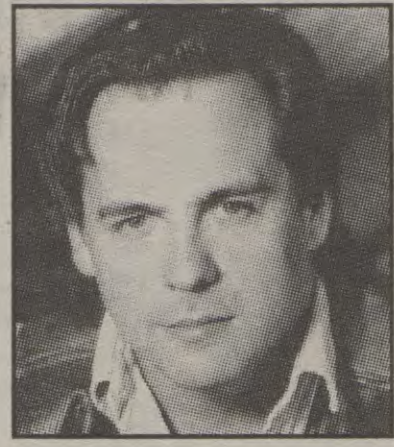
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Talk about the horse of a different color

One of the questions I get asked frequently by non-Natives when I'm off travelling the world, spreading the gospel of Native literature and humor, is in reference to what Canada's original inhabitants are called. We've heard the terms Aboriginal, Native, First Nations and Indigenous tossed about a lot; even the term Indian sometimes. It's so complicated in these politically correct times... but what is the technically accurate term one should use when talking about our people? My first response is usually "tolerant," but then I start to seriously ponder the issue.

This is a good question because, granted, it can get quite complicated for those inside and outside our communities. As



THE URBANE INDIAN

Drew Hayden Taylor

William Shakespeare wrote (or as we like to call him in the Native theatre community, Billy Shaking Spear), "A rose, by any other name, would smell as sweet." Same with Natives/First Nations/Aboriginals ... "an Ojibway, by any other name—Saulteaux, Chippewa, Algonquin etc.—would still smell as sweet." That is so true. Feel free to test the hypothesis. I'd like to see that phrase on a powwow T-shirt

someday.

My point here is that, sometimes, even within our community, there tends to be a little difficulty making such a decision on coming up with that all-inclusive, one-size-fits-all term. Most people would say First Nations is a safe bet, but a lot of people are more comfortable with Native or Aboriginal. And if you are part of that same Native community, and frequently of an

older generation, the term Indian can indeed still be heard quite often.

I, myself, in order to live a more politically correct life (not really but it sounds good), sometimes urge people to adopt a term I came up with several years ago: NAFNIP. We are Nafnips! Stand proud and tall. In case you're curious it stands for Native, Aboriginal, First Nations, Indigenous People—NAFNIP. It's one word that covers basically just about everything. Again I see a world covered in T-shirts baring this name.

However, I recently came across another single word that also stands by itself in describing who we are in a new and original way. I was unfamiliar with this word. It was in a newspaper

article about a spelling bee, of all things. It was the final award winning word so I knew it had good karma attached. It is a new word I believe; one born in English, yet all encompassing and accurate. So, for those out there who happen to care, I would like to suggest to the Assembly of First Nations that we consider adopting a homogeneous name that will bond us all together. I humbly submit that we call ourselves "autochthonous." It's a word, I've read, that means Native or Indigenous. Hey, that's us. Autochthonous. Nobody else out there seems to use it. I think we should adopt it. Technically I do believe it is a correct term for our dilemma. "Hey dude, I'm Autochthonous. Pass the lard." (see Name change page 20.)

Round two in the courts if more than ego bruised

Dear Tuma:

I had a fight with someone and wondered about how to charge her with assault. I spoke to the police and they told me that no charges would be laid. Why is this? She is the one who assaulted me and now she is going to get away with it. What can I do?

Beaten Black and Blue



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Tuma Young

provide the evidence necessary for a charge to be laid. In other words, the police investigate the assault and determine whether or not charges should be laid. In your case, the police decided, for whatever reason, that a charge should not be laid.

The reason for this could have been because the fight was consensual or that there was no sufficient harm done (i.e. hurt

feelings only, or that you were the attacker rather than the victim). Often the police will consult with the Crown prosecutor's office to see if there is enough evidence to support a conviction. If not, then no charge is laid. The primary consideration for the Crown prosecutor's office is that a charge must have a reasonable likelihood of conviction in order for it to proceed.

What can you do if the police refuse to lay the charge? The first thing is to speak or write to the supervising police office in your detachment. Ask for written reasons as to why the charge will not be laid and what amount of evidence they consider sufficient for a charge to be laid. If the answer is still no and you think that they are not doing their job, you can complain to the local police commission.

You can also go to the courthouse and swear out a private prosecution. This means you are laying the charge yourself and that you have enough evidence for it to go to trial. You will appear in court and present the case without the Crown. (I would suggest hiring a lawyer to

present your case.) I have heard the chances of success for a private prosecution is slim, but if you get your day in court, you just may win your case.

Finally, another way is to sue the other party for personal injuries incurred in the fight. This is a civil action and you will need to hire a lawyer for this. Some folks are not afraid of criminal sanctions, but if they have to pay for every slap, scratch, kick and punch they will think twice about fighting you again.

Tuma
This column is not intended to provide legal advice, but rather highlight situations where you should consult with a lawyer. Questions can be sent to Tuma Young at tumayoung@yahoo.ca

Dear Beaten:

Sorry to hear about your fight and all else that you have gone through. There are a couple of things you can pursue, but there is no guarantee of the outcome.

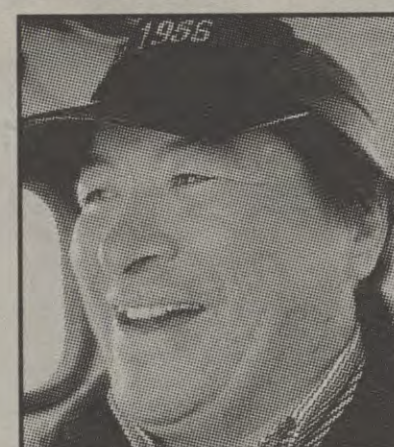
First of all, the police have a tremendous amount of discretion and authority in laying charges. It is the police that lay the charge against someone, not you. You

Time long past to dub Inuit out of APTN

The APTN has announced a new policy that would require future film productions shot in Inuktitut to have versions dubbed in English and/or French, as well as one or more other Aboriginal language. As a result, APTN has been subjected to a chorus of strong criticism from many influential Inuit, among them *Atanarjuat* producer Zacharias Kunuk, Nunavut Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Louis Tapardjuk, and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami President Jose Kusugak.

As a long-time critic of Inuit being in APTN at all, I say, "Congratulations, APTN! You have presented one more reason out of many to demonstrate why Inuit should get out of your structure altogether. Thank you for revealing your position on the Inuktitut language. Your dubbing policy may serve a very useful purpose by sparking discussions among Inuit about where they want Inuktitut programs to be embedded. This may just launch a search for alternatives to APTN."

APTN language priorities were further exposed by its CEO, Jean LaRose, who is quoted as saying,



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"Let's face it, there are many Aboriginal people in Canada who have lost their language and need to hear the story in English or French." To which, I say, "Let APTN be the network to bottle-feed English and French to those Aboriginal people who have lost their language, and who are not in much of a position to reclaim it."

Inuit, who are determined to preserve their language, should refuse to be any part of this. They should get busy fast-tracking into existence a new, independent network devoted exclusively to Inuit. Despite its apparent health, the Inuktitut language already has diverse pressures bearing down upon it. We don't need an additional one from APTN, from which we should have expected enhancement, and not dilution, in efforts to maintain Inuktitut as a vibrant, living language.

The conditions of APTN's license from the CRTC give a clear indication of what rules its policy for languages. Sixty per cent of its programming is to be in English, 15 per cent in French, and 25 per cent in Aboriginal languages. In this framework, Canada's official languages, which are in no danger of extinction, hog the lion's share of the language equation in a network supposedly devoted to Aboriginal people! Aboriginal languages here are pre-disposed to being crowded out.

At APTN, Inuktitut is a square peg trying to fit in a round hole. There may well be a fundamental chasm in understanding between APTN as an organization operating within a pre-set formula for language allocations on one hand, and Inuit with a vision of utilizing the medium of television to help maintain the health and viability of

the Inuktitut language.

Inuit desire ownership of Inuktitut language television programming primarily to keep the language and culture alive for its sake; not necessarily to showcase this to others. Inuit communications societies have not defined their primary mission as that of exposing Inuit culture to larger society. My take of Inuit attitudes on this is, "If our fellow countrymen in Canada are curious about who we are, and why we hold our identity, that is very good. But it is for us and our children that Inuit television productions should be working hardest."

This is where APTN's latest policy statement diverges from the interests of Inuit who want television and film to be tools useful primarily to the Inuit people, and the Inuit world. Inuit want these mediums to be working for them, to help keep Inuit-ness alive. Dubbing Inuktitut productions into other languages is not useful to Inuit at all. It does nothing to enhance the preservation of Inuktitut. It is for the benefit of non-Inuit who cannot understand the Inuktitut language.

Inuktitut programming is scarce

enough without having to share versions of itself in other languages, in a framework where Aboriginal languages are already far too junior in the general equation. APTN appears totally indifferent to what practical problems this policy might cause. There will be, say, four versions of the same program being aired at various times. Who will vacate their previous space in the schedule to make this possible?

Many Inuit hold a desire to see a broadcasting network devoted solely to Inuit and the Arctic. They believe that, with several dialects of Inuktitut to maintain, preserve, and develop, Inuktitut merits accommodation in its own exclusive space. Far from any movement in this direction, Inuit have instead been dealt a blow that will dilute, and not enhance, their presence in the broadcasting world.

Inuit leaders should not be merely denouncing a dubbing policy; they should start the process for Inuit to dub out from an entity that is indifferent, if not hostile, to Inuit needs and realities. Inuit communications organizations should immediately consult their grassroots and get a bearing on what their people think about all this.

“Connecting More Employers with More Aboriginal Talent” — The New and Improved Aboriginal Inclusion Network

The Aboriginal Human Resource Development Council of Canada (AHRDCC) is pleased to announce a strategic partnership between the Aboriginal Inclusion Network and Brainhunter Global Talent Network. The new partnership marries Brainhunter's superior IT knowledge, state-of-the-art technology and an impressive network of over 80 partner career websites with the Inclusion Network's niche career website and AHRDCC's specialized knowledge and information about Aboriginal recruitment and retention practices.

In the words of Kelly Lendsay, President & CEO of the Council, “The strategic partnership and merger of Brainhunter's Global Talent Network and the Council's Inclusion Network will offer a specialized national service that will contribute in a very real way to Aboriginal employment and address employers' search for talent and diversity.”

Designed to assist employers with diversity staffing needs and to assist Aboriginal jobseekers in connecting with employers, the redevelopment and improved functions of the Aboriginal Inclusion Network (iN) will provide employers and jobseekers with a new and enhanced electronic recruitment tool for Aboriginal employment.

The iN was launched in January of 2003 emerging as a sophisticated online system that enabled employers to source Aboriginal talent and Aboriginal jobseekers to find employers.

Serving its client base faithfully these past two years the iN has grown a corporate membership of over 60 employers, who have posted more than 2,000 employment opportunities. Its “Talent Database” of Aboriginal résumés and profiles has expanded to more than 3,600 candidates. The system has attracted more than two dozen promising practices. Job postings on the iN have been distributed to over 350 Aboriginal community training centers and more than 150 colleges and universities.

New innovations to the Inclusion Network will be introduced over the coming months with a view to facilitating the relationship between job seekers and employers. In conjunction with being powered by

Brainhunter, the system is being redesigned to address a wider spectrum of Aboriginal and employer needs and is being adapted to address specific needs that emerged over the previous two years. With advanced technology, expanded marketing reach, online and phone-based service backup support and new models of payment, the improved iN offers an impressive array of new features to its clients.

Some of the new features of the improved iN are:

* Access to Brainhunter's

much larger job base with the larger number of jobs attracting larger numbers of Aboriginal jobseekers;

* Better profile options for jobseekers to promote themselves;

* Increased exposure to a larger number of employers for jobseekers;

* A range of tools to assist jobseekers in finding and applying for the jobs they want;

* No more annual fees or “memberships”; postings

are sold singly or in packages;

* Live or online support and training for new users.

* The iN will remain free for all Aboriginal jobseekers and postings will continue to go to Aboriginal employment centers and the Aboriginal student centers at colleges and universities.

Aboriginal people represent an important contribution to addressing Canada's skills shortages. The newly-innovated

Inclusion Network powered by Brainhunter is going to result in increased and accelerated matching of job seekers and employers. “The partnership with Brainhunter opens the Inclusion Network to a new era of growth,” says Crystal Kosa, National Manager Human Resources Strategies. “If you haven't tried the Inclusion Network, now is the time to give it a try.”

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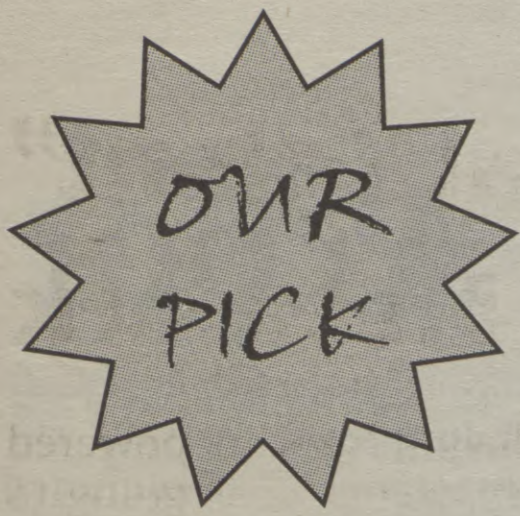
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Artist—Burnt Project 1
 Album—Hometown
 Song—Borderline
 Label—Sunshine Records
 Producer—Danny Schur
 and David Boulanger

Band comes together for CD sequel

The title of the first song on the new CD by Burnt Project 1—“Tutte Insieme” (Italian for “all together”)—is a very fitting one for the group, which takes bits and pieces from different musical styles and merges them into a sound that is uniquely its own.

Hometown is the follow-up CD to *The Avenue*, the highly successful album that garnered the Winnipeg-based band a number of awards and a lot of attention. *The Avenue* was named best rock album at the 2003 Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards. At last year's event, Burnt Project 1 was named a Galaxie Rising Star.

There have been a few changes in membership of the band since *The Avenue*. The band has pared down a bit, dropping from nine members to seven. Lead vocalist David Boulanger, who also plays acoustic guitar on the album, is still with the group, as are Marc

Baureiss on lead guitar, Atik Mason on bass guitar and alto sax and Neewa Mason on keyboard and back-up vocals. New to the mix are Dave Schmidt on tenor saxophone, Anthony Giancola handling percussion and David Cramer on harmonica.

There are also a few changes in the overall flavor of the album. Although the first cut of the album—an all-percussion number written by Giancola—harkens back to the sound of the group's previous album, gone are the strains of sitars and didgeridoos that gave *The Avenue* its world beat designation, replaced by a strong reliance on guitar and saxophone.

The sound of this new album blurs the dividing lines between funk, rock, jazz and blues, with Boulanger and his bandmates putting it all together yet again to provide another enjoyable listening experience.

[radio's most active]

ABORIGINAL RADIO MOST ACTIVE LIST

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Edward Gamblin	Love Is Like A Candle	Survivor's Voice
Rayne Delarond	A Little On The Wild Side	Rayne
Jess Lee	Fly Sparrow Fly	Born In The North
Glenna Harper	Dancing Moon	2004 MB Artists
Shaun Roulette	Here Without You	NCI Jam 2004 Winner
Just The Boyz	Me And The Boyz	Shotgun Rider
Little Hawk	Sand Creek Massacre	1492-1975
Heritage	I Can't Take This Anymore	Evolution
C-Weed	Jack	2004 MB Artists
Delores Sand	All Shook Up	Classics In Cree
Rory Collins	Stay	Single
Lucien Spence	He's An Indian	Indian Man
Ray Villebrun & Red Blaze	I Found Her Tonight	Sound Of Thunder
Ashley Green	Like No Other	My Desire
River Gypsies	Honky Tonkin' Cougar Woman	Single
Wayne Lavallee	Heart Land	Green Dress
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U.S. Senate threatens Indigenous ways

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska

United States President George W. Bush got closer to accomplishing one of his long-standing goals when the U.S. Senate passed a budget bill in March that prevents any effective opposition by Democrats who would speak against allowing oil and gas drilling in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge.

The Senate vote could set in motion a series of events that will have a disastrous effect on an Indigenous people who live on the Canadian side of the Alaska/Yukon border.

As Alaska's crucial oil supply slowly, but surely, decreases and gasoline prices rise across the United States, government and industry look to a huge natural gas deposit under the state's northern coastal plain. The gas deposits under Alaska's North Slope are estimated to be three times as large as the deposits that will feed another oil and gas project, Canada's Mackenzie Valley pipeline.

Plans for a new drilling operation—and a new \$20 billion U.S. pipeline to move the gas to southern

markets—are in the works in Alaska, but there are a few problems. One, the gas lies below the surface of protected U.S. federal lands, the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge. Two, the refuge is on the migration route of the Porcupine Caribou herd. Three, the Gwitch'in people of Northern Yukon and Alaska rely on the caribou to sustain their traditional subsistence lifestyle.

The caribou spend all but two weeks each year in the Yukon. But each June, like salmon returning to the streams where they were spawned, the herd of more than 100,000 migrates westward to the wildlife reserve for the calving season. The planned gas drilling operation and pipeline could interfere with that migration. Environmentalists say the 10,000-year-old migratory pattern is so imprinted in the animals that even a brick wall would not stop them from trying to return to their calving grounds. Any obstruction on the migratory path could prove disastrous for the herd and for the Gwitch'in people.

Esau Schafer, a councillor with the Vuntut Gwitch'in First Nation in Old Crow, Yukon, told *Windspeaker* on March 23 that the community will soon meet to discuss what to

do now that the U.S. government has taken a step towards drilling in the wildlife refuge.

"It's been just about 20 years now. We're in the process of protecting our Arctic lands and it's finally come to something that we don't want to hear. We have to make some changes and those changes have to come from the community on which route do we take now," he said. "We haven't given up any hopes yet, but it's kind of scary for this community."

Development is a very serious issue in Old Crow.

"As soon as you mention development within our

the U.S. has spread out beyond official Washington with the Enhanced Implementation Initiative, a five-year, \$118-million project that has seen the creation of seven new Canadian consulates in the United States in Philadelphia, San Diego, Raleigh-Durham, Phoenix, Denver, Houston and Anchorage. That brings the total number of Canadian consulates in the U.S. to 22.

Fighting against an initiative the oil and gas industry in Alaska wants will not be easy.

"Oil and gas revenues make up 80 per cent of government revenues," said Karen Matthias,

that they plan for, and that they are extremely protective about."

Knowing it will be a tough struggle to keep drilling out of the wildlife reserve, Foreign Affairs Canada has adopted the strategy of helping the Gwitch'in people get to Washington, D.C. to lobby on their own behalf. In consulates outside of Washington, Canadian officials seek to demonstrate to American legislators and business leaders that "Canada matters."

"Alaskans are very knowledgeable about resource issues but probably very few would know that the United States buys more crude oil from Canada than it does from any

representation initiative, the fact of being able to talk to the legislators who come from places like [the state of] Washington, where they tend to be quite focused on conservation issues and Aboriginal issues, that's where you can have an influence and make an impact," said Jeffrey Parker, Canada's consul general to Seattle.

Judy Brady, the executive director of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, leaves no doubt that oil and gas companies have a lot of influence in the state. She said 70 to 90 per cent of Alaska's economy comes from oil and gas. There's no state sales tax and no

personal income tax in Alaska, so royalties and taxes paid by her group's members account for that large number.

Brady said oil and gas has a \$1.4 billion annual payroll and contributes another \$1.8 billion to the economy.

As you might expect, she stated wholeheartedly that the industry will find a way to exploit the gas under the refuge without endangering the caribou herd. Working in Arctic conditions to tap the oil reserves on the North Slope forced the companies to

perfect the art of working in a delicate environment and the lessons learned will be employed to make the gas operation environmentally friendly, she said.

"It was necessary that we be the best in the world and we are," Brady said. "We have done it right and we can do it right."

Environmentalist Scott Brennan is the campaign director for Alaskans for Responsible Mining. He said most Alaskans support the resource sector activities without hesitation.

"You can't be here as an environmentalist and not sense animosity," he said.

Complicating matters further is the fact that the Native peoples of Alaska are divided on the development question. Because of a unique land claim law in the state, 12 per cent of Alaska—44 million acres—is Native land. There are 13 Native regional corporations that have control over resource development on their lands. Many of the corporations and the local communities that they represent are like most Alaskans; they stand to benefit from resource development.

Some support the 300 people in Old Crow who depend on the caribou herd; some don't.



traditional area and with the Arctic refuge, it's a very sensitive issue for this community," he said. "Our community is very dependent on the Porcupine Caribou herd. The First Nation is always looking forward each year to the comeback of the caribou. Our culture here is very strong on that sense."

The community is isolated and very much still in touch with its traditional lifestyle, he added.

"This is really a threat to us," said Schafer. "And we rely so much on the caribou herd, so much because of the high cost of living."

The Elders in the community were "saddened" to hear of the Senate vote.

"Now that we're effected, how are we going to change our life," he said. "We just hope that we can stall them in different ways."

The Gwitch'in will have a lot of questions to ask if the drilling does go ahead.

"If there's a human error within that sensitive area, the calving grounds, who would be responsible for it and how would they treat it? If that area is affected, how would they heal all those species?" he asked.

The Canadian government is on the record against drilling in the refuge. The lobbying effort in

Canada's consul in Anchorage. "The change in the price of oil per barrel has incredible impact on a daily basis."

Every Alaskan has a stake in seeing oil and gas production in the state flourish. Part of the royalties paid by the companies goes into what's known as the Permanent Fund, which was established 30 years ago. Every man, woman and child receives a portion of the proceeds each year. And since the state balances the budget by using some of the Permanent Fund monies when the price per barrel is low, Alaskans want new oil and gas production to continue.

"The Permanent Fund was established as an income investment from the original oil royalties. There's a portion that goes into the fund each year. It's currently at somewhere between \$28- and \$30-billion (US). That's the state of Alaska, not the federal government that has this \$30-billion pot of money," Matthias said. "Anybody who's been a resident here for a year or more can apply to receive their Permanent Fund dividend, which comes out yearly in the fall, about October. Last year it was around \$900. The highest it's ever been is around \$2,000. And it's something that Alaskans expect,

other country and that we're the largest natural gas supplier to the U.S. as well," Matthias said.

American leaders are told that trade between Canada and United States amounted to \$440 billion U.S. in 2003 and, for 37 states, Canada is their largest export market. The implication is that Canada's position on issues such as the refuge should be considered.

Lobbying goes on throughout the U.S. because the decision to drill in the wildlife reserve will not be made in Alaska.

"While people in Alaska have very strong views on [the refuge], it's not a decision the state can make because it's on federal land," Matthias said. "So the Canadian government's lobbying efforts have been most concentrated in Washington and at the grassroots level and at the congressional delegation level in the states in the lower 48 to try to raise awareness about the issue of the Porcupine Caribou and the importance of them to the sustainable lifestyle of the Gwitch'in people."

The governor of Alaska and all three of the state's congressmen have come out in favor of drilling, so influence is being exerted elsewhere.

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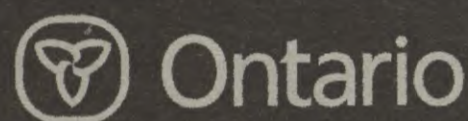
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Name change for AFN?

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Of course the Assembly of First Nations would have to change their name to the Assembly of the Autochthonous. Then instead of being the AFN, it would simply be A.A. Now how's that for irony? Their meetings would take on a whole new context. But hey, I'm sure they would never consider themselves autochthonous givers.

Think of the Canadian national anthem ... "Our home and autochthonous land." Or a community of people walking into a lawyer's office, wanting to establish their autochthonous land claim. Doesn't that sound so natural, almost rolling off the tongue? You can picture yourself waiting

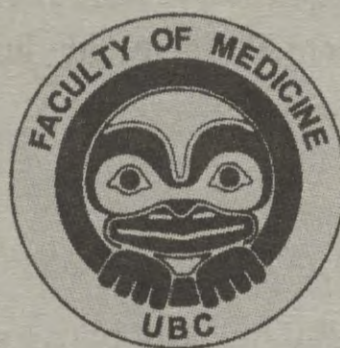
around to fill out all those damn forms at the government's department of Autochthonous Affairs, after seeing your local autochthonous agent. See, it gets easy after a while. Try it.

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The brand new First Nations University in Saskatchewan, whose initials always make me laugh (FNU, or more graphically put, effin' you!),

would now be known as Autochthonous University, or AU (hey you!) People would be telling autochthonous jokes, eating autochthonous tacos, spending all their money at the autochthonous casinos, driving their autochthonous cars, filling up on their cheap autochthonous gas and smoking their discount autochthonous cigarettes ... well, you get the point. No point in beating a dead horse. Too late, right?

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James Andrew

Aboriginal Programs Coordinator

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APTN defends policy

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Norman Cohn believes there's more to APTN's language policy than its CEO is prepared to admit.

"They do support the idea that there should be films in Aboriginal languages ... they accept that the Inuit language deserves to have films made in the Inuit language. I assume the same thing is true for Cree and Dene and anything else. Their CRTC license obligates them to provide film-making in Aboriginal languages or else why would they even exist? So they're not challenging the obligation. They're trying to sell people on a

shortcut for them to meet their obligation. And the shortcut is buy one film and put it in 10 languages instead of buying 10 films, each in their own language." Cohn said the APTN shortcut is going to hurt Aboriginal film-makers.

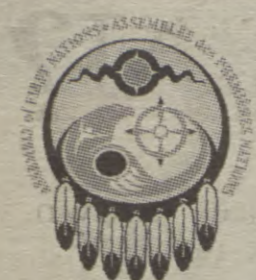
"We're a successful film company. So every time they put our film in Cree, that's one more Cree film they are not buying and one more Cree film-maker who's not getting financed. Our complaint is that they're using our work as a shortcut to shortchange all the other aspiring film-makers who are trying to get on the air,"

he said.

Windspeaker reported previously that APTN came perilously close to going off the air because of financial problems, but Jean LaRose denied there was a financial shortcut at the heart of the language policy.

LaRose said the network has turned the corner financially and is now looking to make the best use of emerging technology.

"As a network, we have to be representative of all Aboriginal languages. Not just a select few. Our mandate is to enhance, protect and preserve all of our languages, or at least as many as we can."



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Assembly of First Nations
Human Resources
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Email: humanresources1@afn.ca

Closing Date: April 8, 2005 at 05:00 p.m. EST

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- Experience in administrative and financial management, including budget preparation, expenditure and analysis.
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Please submit your resume by April 15, 2005 to:

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leader wanted more for his people than the government wanted to give

By Cheryl Petten

It was the early 1800s and the traditional territory of the Ojibway had been dissected by the border between American and Canadian territories. When the War of 1812 began, the Ojibway, living on the northern side of this dividing line, sided with the British forces. They had enjoyed a good relationship with the British administrators and feared the repercussions of further American expansion into their territories.

Chief Shingwaukonse (also known as Little Pine, The Pine and Shingwauk) fought in the war and received a medal in recognition of his loyalty to Queen and Crown. He had demonstrated his dedication and bravery during the battle between British and American forces, his demeanor and political skill making an impression.

After the war, Shingwaukonse took on the role of peacemaker and diplomat, urging peaceful co-existence with the American presence in Ojibway territory. This was not done out of any newfound loyalty to the Americans—his allegiance to the British Crown remained steadfast throughout his life—but because he recognized that the political landscape was changing and that in order to survive the Ojibway would have to change as well.

By the time Shingwaukonse had risen to the position of head chief, the British policy of dealing with Native people involved settling them in small communities, encouraging them to give up their traditional ways in favor of farming.

While Shingwaukonse was anxious to have his people learn what the British could teach them, he wasn't willing to trade their independence and a traditional way of life. What he sought instead was support to build on the skills the

Ojibway already possessed, allowing them to develop businesses built around hunting, fishing and forestry. He also sought guarantees from both American and British officials that Native access to the resources within their territories would be protected.

Shingwaukonse and other members of his band had once divided their time between the American and Canadian parts of Ojibway territory, but by 1820 the chief and his followers decided to reside permanently north of the border. They chose Garden River, located just east of Sault Ste. Marie, as their permanent home and remained there despite constant attempts to relocate the band to a settlement on Manitoulin Island.

When the Anglican church chose to set up a mission in Sault Ste. Marie, Shingwaukonse hoped the new missionary, William McMurray, would help him make his case for Aboriginal rights to both the British and American governments. McMurray did his part, arranging an interview between Shingwaukonse and Sir John Colbourne, the lieutenant governor of Upper Canada. Colbourne gave the chief authority to protect timber and fisheries near Sault Ste. Marie.

Soon, however, the way the British viewed the Native population of the Canadas went through a transformation, making the task Shingwaukonse had set for himself even more difficult.

Whereas during the War of 1812 Native people were viewed as an important ally in the fight against American expansion, the government of the day now saw them as an obstacle or liability. Shingwaukonse and his calls for recognition of Aboriginal rights to land and resources only helped to reinforce those views. His

requests for assistance to set up a sawmill to process the timber being harvested on Ojibway lands fell on deaf ears. Soon he would experience an even greater setback when government representatives chose to reverse their previous policy, declaring that the lands he and his people lived on in Garden River, and the resources upon them, belonged not to his band, but to the government.

In the fall of 1847, the government authorized the sale of a number of mining sites on the northern shores of Lakes Superior and Huron. One of the sites took in the entire Garden River community.

When the Ojibway and their supporters argued that Native people in area had never ceded ownership of their land, the government countered, alleging that because many Ojibway had at one time spent their summers in American territory, their status in Canada was that of immigrant rather than Indigenous people. The Ojibway repudiated the government claim, saying they had occupied their territory "from time immemorial."

The following spring a change in government for Canada brought with it a change in the way the Native claims were to be handled. The sale of the mining site that encompassed Garden River was put on hold so the Ojibway protests could be fully heard. Thomas G. Anderson, a superintendent of Indian Affairs, was asked to investigate. He reported that the right to the lands and resources within their traditional lands lay with the Native people. Those assertions, plus a successful campaign by Shingwaukonse and his supporters within the Canadian press, began to garner public sympathy and support for the Ojibway cause and helped pave the way for a treaty between the Ojibway and the Crown.

William B. Robinson, a former fur-trader who had strong familial connections with the ruling Tory party, was chosen to negotiate on behalf of the Canadian government. The treaty he proposed promised money in exchange for land, but made no mention of the guarantees Shingwaukonse sought for his people. Under the treaty, Ojibway people would be able to continue to hunt and fish on any ceded lands not sold or leased by the Crown, but they would have no right to share in profits from minerals or other resource within these lands. There would also be no government support to help the chief and his people establish businesses in any resource sectors.

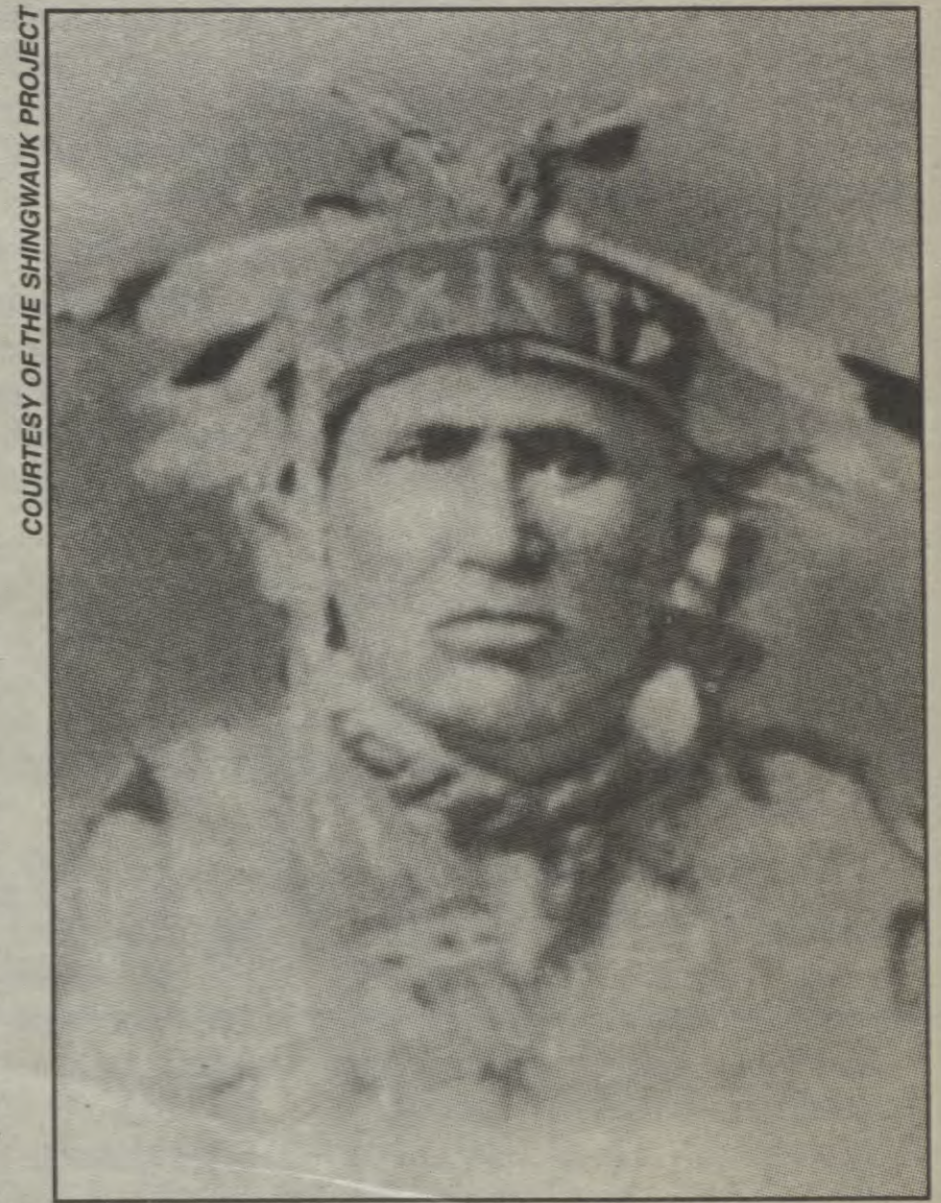
Robinson suspected that the biggest obstacle to be overcome in the treaty process would be Shingwaukonse and his demands for guarantees of Aboriginal rights. With this in mind, he employed a divide-and-conquer tactic. Other chiefs in the area were told that continued support of Shingwaukonse would call into question their loyalty to the Crown. He also used treaty payments as a bargaining tool, saying only the chiefs that signed the treaty would receive payment for their followers.

Shingwaukonse still held out,

wanting more from the treaty process for his people. But, when Robinson told him the majority of the chiefs in the area had already signed, he finally acquiesced.

Despite signing the treaty, Shingwaukonse wasn't ready to end his fight to have the rights of his people recognized, but his attempts were thwarted again by a law enacted by the Canadian government in 1853. That law made it a crime to be involved in the campaign for Aboriginal rights, and tied the hands of those who had supported Shingwaukonse.

By 1853 Shingwaukonse had developed gangrene in his back and his health began to fail. Realizing he didn't have long to live and that much more had to be done if his vision for his people was to be realized, he passed the challenge of continuing his work on to his sons. Shingwaukonse died in March 1854.



Chief Shingwaukonse was a champion of Aboriginal rights to land and resources, but was thwarted by government at every turn.



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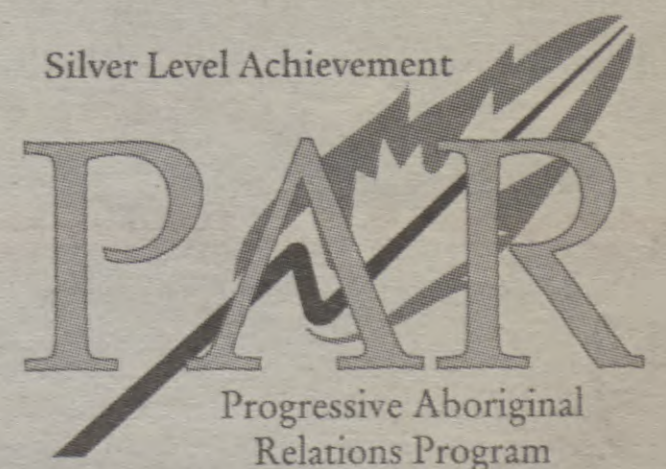
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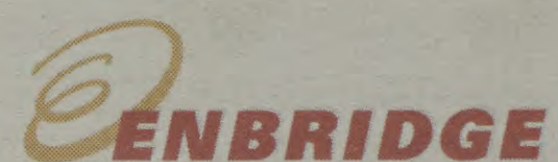
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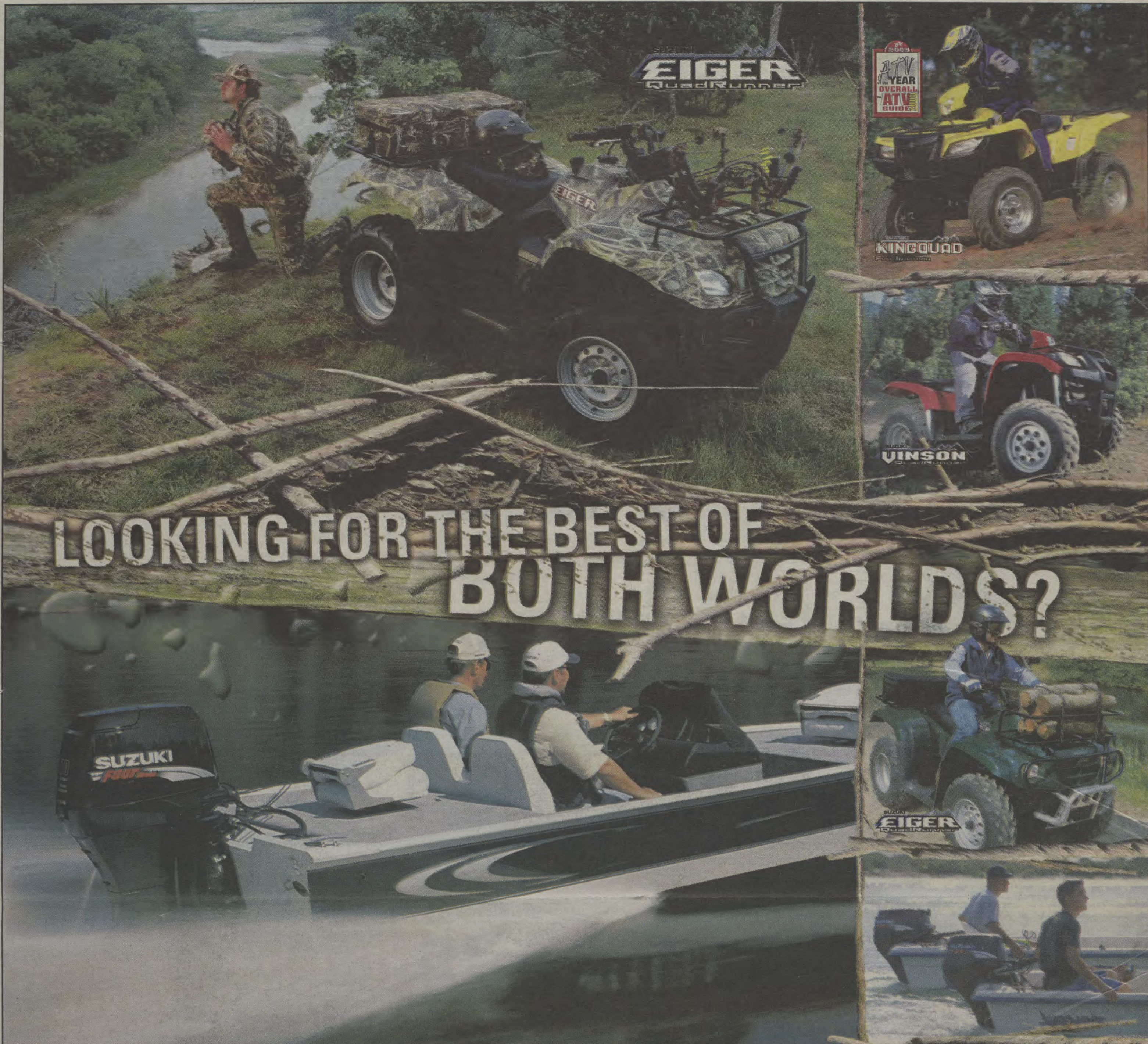


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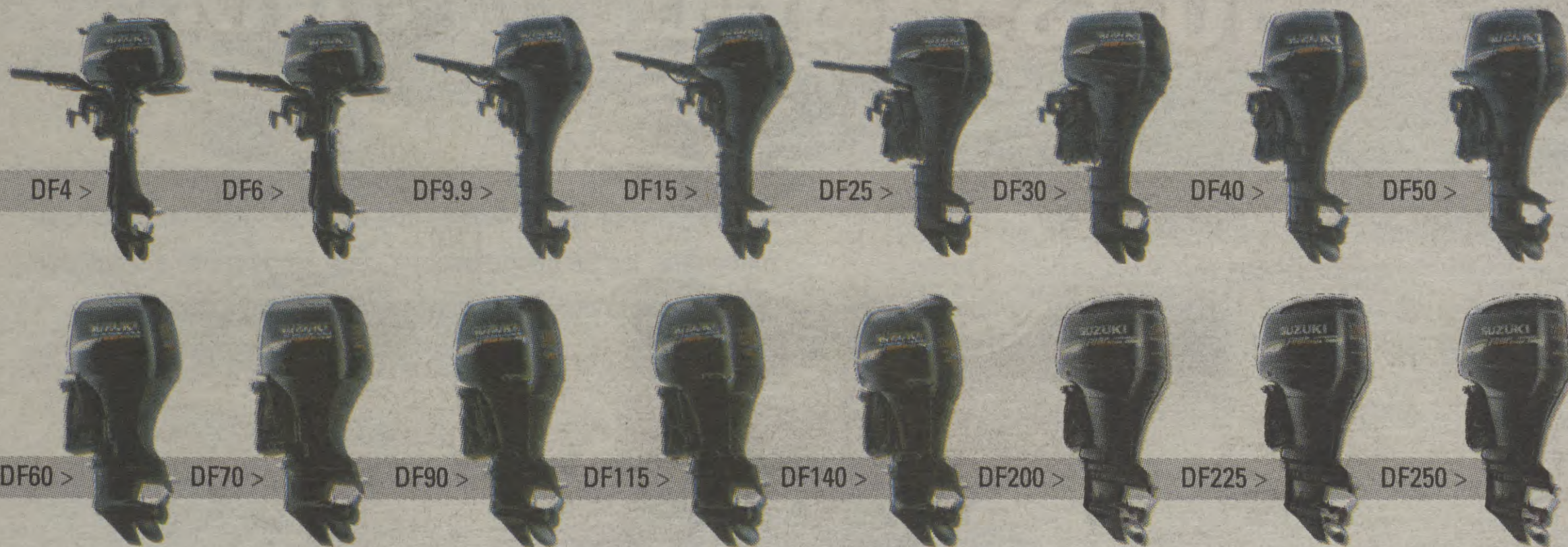
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