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Children victimized in residential schools

By Debora Lockyer
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MONTREAL

Ed Yorke has something to celebrate. The former residential school student has found great relief in a report which describes the abuses Native children endured while attending government sanctioned boarding schools.

The 200-page report by psychologist Wilma Spearchief and Louise Million is further proof he is not alone in his fight to see the federal government acknowledge its role in the systematic mistreatment of Indian children in its care, he said. It was mistreatment Yorke believes ruined his life.

Breaking the Silence tells the personal stories of victims of the Residential School Program

which operated from the mid 1800s into the 1970s. The tales told include dark memories of sexual abuses, severe beatings, and other mistreatment at the hands of the religious and lay staff at the schools.

But Yorke doesn't have to read the report to understand its contents. He's been there.

Yorke was born in 1941 in British Columbia, and lived in a discordant family. His father was abusive and his mother seemed powerless against his assaults, Yorke claims in a law suit brought against the Ministry of Social Services and Housing in B.C. and various individuals, including former premier William Van der Zalm.

In an effort to protect her son, Yorke's mother surrendered him to B.C.'s social services and Yorke was made a ward of the Superintendent of Child Welfare in 1953. Little did his mother know what

abuses would be in store for her son in the 'care and protection' of the province.

Yorke was 'institutionalized', deemed "too damaged to be recoverable", and was placed into the Boy's Industrial School of Coquitlam, B.C. He was later transferred to the Brannon Lake School for Boys where, he said, the children were "preyed upon by pedophiles masquerading as provincial civil servants."

Yorke began his stay at Brannon Lake when he was 13 years old and stayed until he was 18. He said he witnessed small boys coerced into sex by adults and was sexually abused himself by supervisors at the school.

The sexual abuse at the hands of a married couple of civil servants began when he was 17. Yorke said the husband watched while he was forced to have sex with the wife. The couple threatened to have him charged with rape if

he were to disclose any of their activities, Yorke said.

He feared being sent to a B.C. penitentiary if any staff complained he was not being cooperative. He was told "all the inmates would take turns bugging him."

Yorke was a troubled child at best and did gravitate toward lawlessness. His first arrest came for stealing half-rotten food out of garbage cans at a retailer's in Vancouver, B.C. Next arrest was for running away from foster homes and joy-riding. He has since received pardons for these youthful crimes, he said.

But in 1956, when Yorke was 14, he was involved in what he describes as an accidental death. A judge found him not guilty of any criminal offence, but he claims he was labeled a murderer from that point on in his life.

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Tobacco retailers stall province

By Debora Lockyer
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CHASE, B.C.

The Intertribal Retailers Association of British Columbia has dealt another blow to the province's planned Tobacco Marking Program, resulting in an indefinite postponement of the program's effective date.

The association has been fighting the marking program since April because it is considered racist. The province intended to mark all tobacco pack-

ages with the province's unique marks except those sold tax-exempt to status Indians.

The retailers believed the plan would further segregate Indians and non-Indians. It would also create an inventory nightmare for those retailers who would have to carry two different sets of each kind of tobacco product.

The program was to begin May 1, but the retailers' association persuaded Elizabeth Cull, Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations, to place a three-month moratorium on the program. August 1 then became the effective date.

Arthur Manuel, a negotiator for the association, said the retailers met with Greg Reimer of the Consumer Taxation Branch July 11.

The retailers encouraged Reimer to view reserves as legal and geographically distinct marketplaces with unique legal status. To regard reserves as such then leads to the recognition that special business problems arise for reserve retailers in regard to provincial taxation.

Negotiations were not limited to jurisdiction. Also discussed was the exempt-tobacco quota program, staff safety and

security, and inventory.

The association believes this is the first time the Consumer Taxation Branch is considering its impact on the reserves of B.C. over taxing tobacco products, said Manuel. Education is the key to further successful negotiations.

First Nations businesses will no longer be silent while the Consumer Taxation Branch imposes taxation policies designed to protect provincial tax revenue, Manuel said. It's important the province take into consideration the economic interests of First Nations when making taxation policy.

Metis suing Alberta society, executives

By Debora Lockyer
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CALGARY

A civil suit claiming damages of \$350,000 has been launched against the Metis Nation of Alberta Association, senate of the MNAA and numerous individuals associated with the MNAA.

Member James Penton, along with eight MNAA societies, began the suit by filing a statement of claim in Court of Queen's Bench July 29.

Penton and his fellow plaintiffs want the defendants to pay damages for what they say was a conspiracy to injure, interfere

with contractual relations and cause mental distress for their role in a year-long squabble.

Penton's lawyer Catherine McCreary said the conspiracy charge is not often used in civil law because it's not commonly the way people treat other people. In this case however, the conspiracy to injure claim fits the circumstances, she said.

The circumstances are the result of a 12-month feud between Penton and other MNAA executives, said Penton, who was elected as vice president of Zone 3 of the MNAA in September 1993.

Penton alleges the defendants have gone out of their way to discredit him and undermine his authority in the association.

He said there have been threats of violence which prevented business being done at association meetings.

In early 1994 a vote was held at a meeting of the Zone 3 regional council and the defendants removed Penton from office. Penton launched a court action, and by June of this year, the court ruled that Penton was not removed from his position in MNAA by lawful means as set out in the association's by-laws. While awaiting the court decision, business of the regional council was conducted by the defendants without authority, Penton said.

In October 1993 the MNAA senate attempted to suspend Penton's membership without

notice or hearing, he said. Another court ruling in favor of Penton saw his membership reinstated.

The senate then attempted to suspend Penton's membership a second time, and scheduled a hearing for Penton's defence on Aug. 3.

At this meeting a scuffle broke out when the media was asked to leave. A skirmish began when a photographer started taking pictures and his camera was broken.

Penton claims he is weary of the fight, but doesn't like the corruption that he says powers the organization.

MNAA president Gerald Thom could not be reached for comment.

Metis trying to save traditional language

By Debora Lockyer
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

The traditional Metis language of Michif is on the verge of extinction.

This unique and little known language is now under study by the Metis National Council which wants to reverse the pattern of assimilation by developing an action plan for Michif's survival.

Guy Freedman, director of special projects for the MNC, heads the study with the help of Canada's foremost expert on Michif,

Audreen Hourie, the provincial education co-ordinator for the Manitoba Metis Federation.

The word Michif comes from an Indian pronunciation of the French word *métis* which means half-breed, said Freedman, a Metis from Northern Manitoba.

"Michif is essentially a mixture of French and Cree," he said. It is considered a rare phenomenon because the people that developed this language would have been completely bilingual.

The language is still used quite commonly in the U.S., primarily in North Dakota, said Freedman. But its usage is limited in Canada. In northern Alberta the language

is called Metis Cree. In the east, Ojibwa is incorporated into Michif.

In Canada, however, there are only a relative few who still speak the language, a fact Freedman finds discouraging.

"If you don't speak it, if you don't know about it, if you don't understand it and you can't find people who are able to talk it, it's not going to be around."

Freedman said he would like to see Native groups take a page from the notebook of the Inuit who are very successful in passing down their language to their children.

"By and large, they rely on Inuit specific programming. They

get everything translated into Inuktitut. The parents still speak it to their kids. The kids, if they want to speak to their grandparents, have to speak it. A lot of Aboriginal groups could learn from that. Otherwise they are only going to be reading about it in history."

To further complicate matters for the study, Michif is not a written language. It causes problems for the whole Metis movement, Freedman said.

The report is to be done and submitted to the government by the end of the month. The report will be a combination of historical and practical information that may halt Michif's decline into oblivion.

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It's coming — North America's biggest Aboriginal film festival. Windspeaker takes a look at this year's film lineup, what's changed from last year and other festivities film fans can look forward to.

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SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

The suicide-plagued community of Pikangikum, in northern Ontario, is asking for the prayers and support of First Nations across Canada to help deal with the on-going crisis affecting their youths.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Micmacs want share of profits

Chief Lawrence Paul of the Millbrook reserve in Nova Scotia said the province should share profits from both its planned casinos with Micmacs, not just the one in Cape Breton. The government predicts the Cape Breton casino won't generate as many profits as the casino in Halifax, so Paul wants a share from both. Nova Scotia Premier John Savage has offered to put a share of the money from the casinos into a Micmac gaming authority which would be used for economic development on reserves. This would require that Native groups refrain from starting their own casinos.

Gaming in Alberta

Deputy premier Ken Kowalski will soon meet with Native leaders to discuss setting up casinos on Alberta reserves. The province has, until recently, rejected for-profit gaming on reserves. Alberta's gaming laws require casino profits to go to charitable or religious organizations, but some Native leaders believe profits from gaming could help economic development on reserves.

Appeal denied

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear an appeal by a Winnipeg police officer who shot and killed 36-year-old

Manitoba Native leader J.J. Harper in 1988. Harper was shot in a struggle with Robert Cross in Winnipeg while the police officer was looking for a car thief. Cross stopped Harper, who was executive director of the Island Lake Tribal Council. The Manitoba Law Enforcement Review Agency found Cross guilty of using excessive force and demoted him to the equivalent of a police cadet. Cross had earlier been cleared of any charges by an internal police investigation and argued the review was unconstitutional. As is its custom, the Supreme Court gave no reason for its decision.

Treaty entitlement signed

Compensation in the amount of \$16.5 million will be given to the Long Plain First Nation in Manitoba for the 11,000 hectares of land the band should have received under the treaty it signed in 1871. Chief Peter YellowQuill said the band plans to buy farmland with the money. YellowQuill said the band is now negotiating for compensation for the 123 years the band went without owning the land.

Mohawks thumb their noses at election

Kahnawake and Akwesasne officials will not allow enumerators for the Quebec provincial election onto their land. The Native officials have also said there will be no polling stations

allowed on the reserves near Montreal. Former chief Richard White said the Mohawks feel they are not well represented by elected representatives in the Quebec legislature. The Mohawks are not prohibiting their people from participating in the Sept. 12 election. Anyone who wants to vote, however, will do so off-reserve. The Mohawks of Kanesatake are also expected to join in the boycott. The Innu near Sept-Îles have told provincial officials they don't want to be enumerated either. Aboriginal participation in the 1989 Quebec election was only 29 per cent.

Apologize or be sued

The Kenora, Ont. police are more than a little angry over accusations made by a Winnipeg lawyer who has accused the force of racism. Lawyer Vic Savino said he will launch a civil suit against the police department of Kenora for routinely rounding up Native people, whether they are intoxicated or not. The suit will be drafted on the behalf of Joseph Pahpasay, a Grassy Narrows First Nation resident who died July 1 in Kenora police custody. He was arrested for being intoxicated in public. Police services board vice-chairman Chuck Tyrrell said the lawyer must apologize for his statements or a civil suit will be launched against him.

Inuvialuit cleaning up DEW line sites

By Debora Lockyer
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HORTON RIVER, N.W.T.

Canada's north is now a little cleaner. The environmental reclamation of a Defense Early Warning Line site at Horton River, between Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk on the Arctic Ocean, will wind down this month.

The clean-up project was awarded to the Inuvialuit Development Corporation at Inuvik, N.W.T. The corporation received more than \$1 million from Indian and Northern Affairs for the environmental service.

There are approximately 40 DEW Line sites that dot the remote regions of northern Canada and Alaska. While originally devised as protection against Russian interlopers during the Cold War, they've become obsolete since the chill was taken off relations between North America and Communist Russia.

The work at Horton River included the disposal of buildings and the removal of PCB's, asbestos, heavy metals,



Graham Brink/IDC

Such environmentally damaged Arctic sites in the N.W.T. are the focus of the IDC's reclamation business.

petroleum, oil and lubricants from the 400-hectare site, said David Connelly, president and chief executive officer of IDC.

Abandoned oil drums, approximately 5,000 that have been strewn about by Arctic winds, were collected from an area 10 times that size, he said. IDC also had to stabilize the land-fill sites.

In the 1950s, people were not as conscious as they are today of the effects of refuse on the environment, said Connelly. Some thought just pushing garbage over the side of a cliff and covering it with gravel was sufficient and effective waste management.

To stabilize the land-fill means workers had to level off

and reinforce the site, plus do appropriate tests to ensure materials aren't leaching into the eco-system.

The contaminants from the DEW Line site are beginning to affect the food chain, said Connelly, although he added no one should be alarmed. They initially affect plant-life, and while absorbed only in small

amounts, are bio-magnified each time they move up the food chain.

If a lemming eats a contaminated plant, the contaminant is magnified 10 times in the lemming. Then if the contaminated lemming is eaten by a fox, the contaminant is magnified another 10 times in the fox, and soon, said Connelly.

The clean-up includes ridding the environment of the contaminated soil and plants, so this bio-magnification can't continue.

The contract will train and employ more than 30 Northerners, many of them Inuvialuit. The work is being carried out by 10 subcontractors from Paulatuk, Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and Aklavik.

It is IDC's plan to develop expertise in cold temperature environmental work and export that knowledge to other circumpolar communities, said Connelly.

"The withdrawal of spending in the DEW Line, North Warning System, and oil and gas exploration in the Western Arctic require IDC to develop new business opportunities," said Dennie Lennie, IDC chairman.

Innu find 130 deficiencies in government environmental study

By Debora Lockyer
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DAVIS INLET, Labrador

A total of 130 deficiencies have been identified in a review of a Department of National Defence study on military flight training in eastern Quebec and Labrador.

The technical review, commissioned by the Innu Nation, Conseil Des Atikamekw et des Montagnais, and Naskapi Band of Quebec was released July 28. It critiques the Department of National Defence's environmental impact statement of April 21.

Many aspects of the environmental impact statement are not just bad science but deceitful, said Daniel Ashini, an Innu Nation representative. He said the government purposefully deleted certain military practices because they would delay the public hearing process.

He cites the military's use of chaff as an example of these omissions. Chaff consists of thin, metal strips that are released into the air from the aircraft to confuse enemy radar systems.

Farmers in the United Kingdom have concerns about the use of chaff because some livestock have died or suffered illness from eating the substance, said Ashini. The DND purposefully deleted the use of chaff from the project description, he said.

Other concerns include the DND's proposal to create one giant flying zone for its low level flight training. The review shows a lack of adequate time to integrate the 130,000 sq. km. into DND's research analyses.

This flight zone is part of the DND's avoidance program where military flight training is limited to less noise-sensitive areas. It requires Allied air force pilots to avoid wildlife, Innu and Inuit camps and sports fishing camps.

The Allies have complained the avoidance restrictions have reduced the airspace needed for training. They have threatened to leave Goose Bay unless the avoidance program is significantly reduced, reads the review.

New areas in the flying zone have not been properly studied for wildlife and human land use, the review states. A comprehensive program is incompatible with the needs of the air forces training at Goose Bay, it concludes.

This is the eighth year of an environmental assessment process and the 14th year of modern low level flight training. Only one research project has been funded to study the impact of military flying on wildlife, specifically the Red Wine Caribou herd.

While the DND has conducted surveys to identify concentrations of wildlife, no research has been conducted to explain how black ducks, peregrine falcons and Harlequin ducks or other wildlife may be affected, the review reports.

Aboriginal groups are also concerned the DND analysis has not included an assessment of the impact of military training in regard to the economic options of the Innu.

The Innu would like to pursue the area of outfitting and adventure tourism, but the DND and the Newfoundland government actively discourage these activities because they eliminate airspace for training, the report accuses.

Native cultures have nothing worth sharing, says PQ candidate

MONTREAL

A Parti Quebecois candidate believes Native cultures have nothing to teach modern society.

In a film documentary to be seen this fall, PQ hopeful Richard Le Hir, former president of the Quebec Manufacturers Association, said if it could be demonstrated to him Native culture is superior in any way, then there would be something to learn from Aboriginal society.

"I would have something to learn from them if it could be shown that their culture demonstrated its superiority in one form or another. . . . when you look at what heritage has been left by Native civilizations — if you could call them civilizations — there is very little," he said in 1992 in an interview for the film *Power of the North*.

Le Hir said non-Natives should take a hard line with Native opposition to northern

Quebec energy development.

"We happen to need (the power) for our own development. Who is going to tell us that we can't do it?" he said in the film.

Le Hir is one of the stars in the PQ line-up for the Sept. 12 election. It was believed the economics portfolio would be handed to him in the event of a PQ victory.

In an interview with Canadian Press reporter Daniel Sanger, Bill Namagoose of the Grand Council of Crees said he was not surprised by the man's comments.

"I remember him once trying to tell a room full of university educated people that the 10,000 caribou who drowned back in the 1980s had committed suicide. He said they were like lemmings from a Walt Disney movie."

Controversy is not new for Le Hir and he's getting used to making headlines for off-the-wall comments which cast a pall over the PQ party.

Schools rife with abuse, claims former student

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Yorke alleges many children at the school, including himself, were drugged by workers to obtain information and confessions for a variety of crimes.

Yorke also complains school authorities conducted experimental psychiatric treatment on him and other

children in order to obtain specific government funding.

He accuses government officials and RCMP of knowing about the abuses and turning their backs on it. Yorke said they knew at least as early as 1978 when, while working at the Caribou Student Residential School at Vanderhoof, B.C., he

reported the sexual assault of two girls at the hands of a fellow worker.

Yorke maintains the police and government officials failed to take action against the offender and chose to censure the whistle-blower.

Yorke said the province fired him for breach of his oath

of office taken by all civil servants in B.C. to prevent the disclosure of the magnitude of the abuse of children in the schools.

The case is currently before the courts, and Van der Zalm has recently filed a statement of defense saying he has no knowledge of the events in the

suit brought against him.

With the release of *Breaking the Silence*, Yorke believes more fuel has been added to the fire that drives Yorke's fight for acknowledgment and compensation.

"They can't look at me now like I just stepped out of a spaceship," Yorke said.

Our Opinion

Ignoring abuses makes villains of those who knew

To review the stacks of case histories Windspeaker has acquired, documenting the stories of men and women who endured the abuse and despair offered up by residential schools across the nation, is a mind-numbing experience.

The reasonable person cannot fully comprehend the depth of mankind's penchant for perversion, because it knows no bounds.

The question is not 'Did the atrocities which Native people claim took place, actually happen?' but 'What so compelled a nation to turn a blind eye to the plight of these Indian children in its care?'

Although it is unfair to view these events, which occurred from the mid-1800s to the late 1970s, with the 20/20 vision of the enlightened eyes of the 1990s. It's important to understand the motivation of those who set up these children, some unwittingly, to be victimized by white society and so damaged an entire people.

In one account from our files, circa 1957, a principal is asked for his overall perception of residential school policy in the education of Indians.

"The present aim was to give such an education as would enable children to get off the reserves into gainful employment and inculcate a desire to stay off the reserves for good," he said.

Further, "Our long-term 'cultural' aim must be to change the philosophy of the Indian child. In other words since they must work and live with whites, then they must begin to think as whites".

How did he make Indian children think white? Through humiliation, denigration and strict control of his students.

In several cases students' heads were shaved as punishment for truancy, bullying by the principal was prevalent, and marks on report cards that would have promoted students to the next grade were erased and replaced with failing grades, reads a DIAND manager's report.

"Had (the school superintendent) access to all the past history of immorality within this school, pregnant pupils and pregnant teachers and teachers sleeping with pupils, he would surely agree that strictness was necessary," the principal defends himself in a letter to DIAND.

The principal soon resigned from the position, but not before this statement from the DIAND manager was written in the report.

"... I will pursue the details further and have left off at the present time only because I had felt that, to some degree, the Church may be smeared by pursuing the matter, and I seek to avoid this if you feel (the principal's) resignation removed the need for your investigation."

Never mind the complaints, never mind the assaults on children in care, never mind the blatant admission of sexual abuses of students at the school, a church's reputation was at stake and that was reason enough for Indian Affairs to tip-toe around the allegations.

This is not an isolated incident. Cruelty to children went on year after year with little or no intervention from the powers that be.

Bare-bottom strappings of female students, aged 14 and 15, by the male principal is cited in one case. Strapping for talking at meal time or unauthorized conversation between sister and brother were cited in others. Children were strapped for being hungry and looking through the garbage for food. Shoes were not provided. They were put to work scrubbing and sewing and knitting for the profit of the schools, and often lived in slum-like conditions while the staff lived in relative luxury.

Who were the villains? Without a doubt those that perpetrated the crimes against these youthful victims are to blame, but also those who turned away, allowing the crimes to be perpetuated, also must share the guilt.



Illustration by Don Kew

Attending Sun Dances maintains cultural connection

This week as I prepared myself for the Sun Dance, I had mixed emotions about going. On one hand, I was so excited — as I usually am — to participate, to join with the Elders and other dancers to celebrate, honor, and pay respect to the Creator, Mother Earth, and all our relations.

On the other hand, I was saddened because I know there are many less fortunate individuals who have never participated or who have never attended one.

The Sun Dance is a sacred vision-seeking ceremony practiced by members of many Plains Indian nations. To induce pain in order to obtain a vision, participants often pierce their chests with bone thongs tied to a sacred stick and stand by the sacred centre pole for several days and nights.

In 1895, the Sun Dance (or thirst dance, as they were once called,) was in effect prohibited because of the banning of the ceremonial endurance features authorities did not consider acceptable. These were essential elements of the rituals, and the effect of the banning was to drive the dances underground, which



JANICE ACOOSE

insured their survival.

I understand that many individuals just like myself were taught to give up our so-called old "pagan" ways. Back when I was a child, federal policies of assimilation dictated that we were to become Christians. Unfortunately, many of our peoples bought into Christianity and therefore abandoned wonderful ceremonies like the Sun Dance.

As a child, I was introduced to the Sun Dance very early by my Mooshum. He took great pride in maintaining a cultural connection through the Sun Dance, even at the risk of alienating some of his own family who embraced Christianity.

As an adult, I began attending Sun Dances about seven years ago. That first ceremony I attended with both my children

in tow. I remember standing at the door of the lodge watching my two boys proudly smoking the pipe, dancing, and praying with the Elders and the other participants. Tears came to my eyes as I rejoiced with them. With an enormous lump in my throat and overwhelming happiness, I thought to myself, "Janice, you've finally come home." Immediately, I felt re-rooted to the Earth and my history. I felt so strong, so empowered, and I wanted desperately for others to feel that same empowerment.

Each year since then, I've noticed that more and more people are coming out to the Sun Dances. It's wonderful to witness our people reclaiming that ceremony, celebrating our traditions, and living our cultures.

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Your Opinion

Availability will increase alcohol problems

Dear Editor,

I am very upset.

A few days ago I received a message from a father which read, "We lost our son due to alcohol." He was 35. I wrote that man a note of condolence, but I know notes of sympathy, no matter how sincere; or how much they may be appreciated, don't bring back a boy.

I am next to furious with Alberta's Premier Ralph Klein and Hon. Stephen West, and the government they represent, for making liquor more and more available. We have protested loud and long, but to no avail. Their stock answer is that they have been making alcohol more available for years, but people are drinking less, as if to say, "What are you kicking about?"

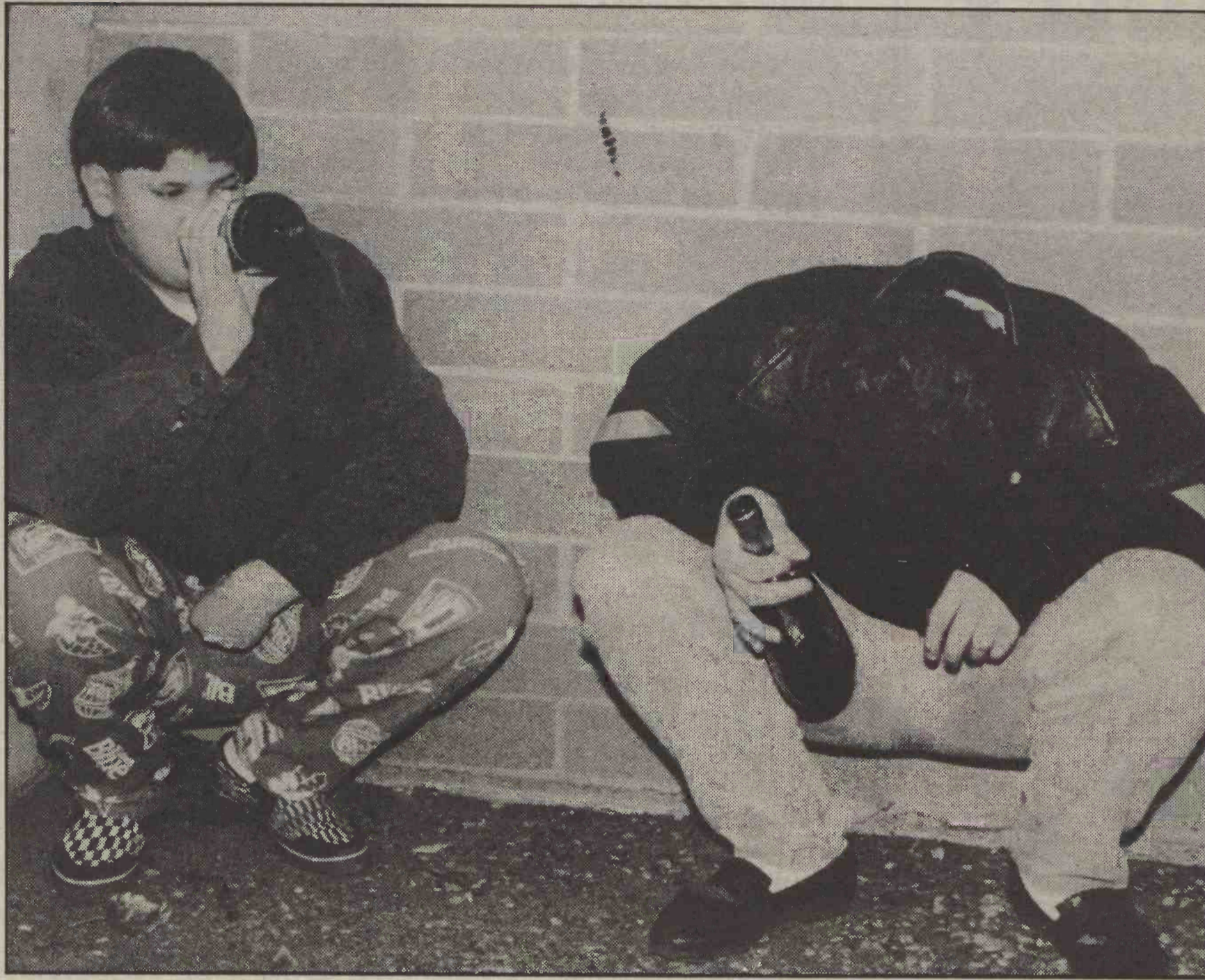
The government's policy on liquor is contrary to the best research we can find in Canada. Apart from research everybody knows that if you want to sell anything you have to make it visible and available. That is what the present government is doing with liquor.

I am nearly as furious with the liquor industry as I am with the government. Booze merchants have a voracious appetite.

It reminds me of what Winston Churchill said about Hitler: "You can't appease an alligator."

Liquor sellers always want more, and they never sleep. It's longer hours, Sunday sales, cold beer stores, liquor by the bottle, and now they want to get into the grocery stores where we buy our food.

The Klein government is the most liberal on liquor of any government in Canada. If you are in the booze business, and want more territory, ask



File photo

Making liquor easier to get will mean more alcoholism, more health problems because of drinking and more young people drinking.

the government. Your chances of getting what you want are pretty good. There is nothing like asking when you can get a sympathetic ear.

Now I have a word for the media. We haven't seen or heard much about what it is costing us to pick up the pieces, nor what will happen if booze gets into the hands of the grocers.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, our own government agency. They have given us, the Alcohol-Drug Education Association of Alberta some good, factual, information on alcohol health risks, and the dollar loss to the people.

But the Klein government won't listen to them either.

My last word is to the people of Alberta, you who work hard to make a living and support your families and pay out half of it in taxes.

Do you know that a total of approximately \$1 billion a year of your hard-earned money is going to pay for alcohol-related health care, law enforcement, social services and lost production?

If the government lets the grocers put liquor in present stores, or separate buildings, they will focus all their marketing expertise on selling it. Everybody has to buy groceries, so it is easy to see visibility and availability will increase. If the experts are right, consumption will increase too, at least more than it would have had alcohol

not been so available.

We are calling on you, the people, to let the government know that we are hostile about them drowning this province with liquor, and that we want it to stop. Tell them we don't believe this phony notion that the more booze there is around, the less will be consumed.

And tell them we love our children and young people, and want them protected, not destroyed with alcohol.

Remember, sympathy cards don't bring back boys or girls.

Douglas H. Russell, president Alcohol-Drug Education Association of Alberta

Abstinence deserves support

Dear Editor,

Years have passed since the First Nations people were first discovered.

As First Nations people, our lifestyles were different compared to how we live now. We never smoked cigarettes as an everyday luxury, and we never had any intoxicating substances within our body systems.

What we have now is alcohol ripping up our bodies, homes, and communities. Our children are suffering from all the abuses. When one person wants to clean up his act, some of his relatives are supportive and some are not.

Years of living sober have opened my eyes and I support any person who wants to be an abstainer. What has happened a few times is I have been labelled as trying to be a "white person," because I don't drink. We all need to backtrack on this type of labelling. What we should be asking ourselves is: "Who was it that brought the alcohol and implemented the different lifestyles to our forefathers?"

My complaint is I am not trying to be a "white person," what I want is to bring back an Aboriginal person who believes that there is a better way of life. Each day brings on new joys and hardships — it's tough, but we all must remember that we come from strong spiritual beliefs.

This letter is not to make myself look better than those who do drink. I just want people to be aware that Aboriginal people that don't drink are not trying to be non-Aboriginal — they want to make our heritage and what our grandfathers fought for mean something.

*Louise Hall
Portage La Prairie, Man.*

Liberal's first year a poor showing

Dear Editor,

If the Liberal Party of Canada had been paying any attention to Native affairs, indeed national issues like Oka, during the 10 years it was in opposition, it would have realized it had to move quickly when it formed the majority government in Ottawa.

As quickly as it has moved on the Quebec front, it also had to resolve decades-long outstanding First Nations grievances with the federal crown.

It looks right now, however, that its first year back in power will soon pass without any appreciable effort to address the most fundamental issues of colonialism and social justice in this country (the new, and old, South Africa).

The Liberals could have announced within days of its re-election last fall, that it agreed in principle with the findings of the recent Lubicon

Review Commission or with the 1993 Indian Claims Commission report on Primrose Lake.

It could have declared its absolute commitment to definitive, and just, resolutions of the Oka and Davis Inlet crises.

This would have shown all First Nations people in Canada that the federal government was serious about decolonization.

This would have helped it to gain time for itself to address probably scores of similar issues across the country.

What right does any settler government in Ottawa have to say to First Nations people: just wait one more generation?

But apart from setting up a nebulous 'self-government' process in Manitoba, new Liberal Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin has either not substantially addressed burning issues that are 40 and 50 years and more old now, or is still

quibbling about details of settlements that should have been easily worked out many years ago.

Irwin attempts to defend himself by saying he is on the road too much, that he's still trying to gain control over his own bureaucrats, that he has a long-term plan, and so on and so forth.

But the fact is, he has failed — and needs to be quickly replaced!

Prime Minister Chretien should put Ethel Blondin in charge of at least the Indian Affairs portion of DIAND.

Give her the mandate, funds and people to do what must be done (and what most Canadians probably want anyway!) and announce that she will be the last Indian Affairs Minister.

After her, there will be self-government, according to a democratically arrived at, mutually agreed upon plan.

I think Irwin's presence in

Geneva, ostensibly to defend his department's record on the Lubicon before the U.N., is the last nail in his political coffin.

As the Lubicon's representatives say, he should be in Canada, resolving the appalling issue which has dragged on now for more than half a century. He should be resolving something!

But he seems to regard the Lubicon's insistence — reminiscent of Big Bear's, on Treaty 6 — on essentially re-negotiating Treaty 8, as a major threat.

This may indicate that what the Liberals are interested in (like the Tories) is municipal-style 'self-government' only for First Nations, and not in the creation of a true tri-national decolonized country.

After all, that might represent a challenge to provincial settler governments in particular.

*Randy Lawrence
Edmonton, Alta.*

Sing a song for Rwanda

Dear Editor:

Re: Rwanda Relief Rally

World Vision Canada in conjunction with the Step-brothers Karaoke will be holding the "Sing-a-song for Rwanda" Relief Rally at Hawrelak Park in Edmonton from noon to 10 p.m. Aug. 20.

With each donation you will receive the opportunity to sing with the Step-brothers Karaoke because *you can do something*. The success of this benefit is greatly dependent on getting people out to "Sing-a-song for Rwanda".

If you're unable to participate in the Rwanda Relief Rally, but would still like to make a donation, you may contact 468-2038 (Chris) or 471-4913 (Doug).

Thank you for the courtesy of your time.

Doug Morrow

Indian Country

Community Events

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August 19 - 21, 1994, Long Lake, Alberta

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August 20, 1994, Edmonton, Alberta

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August 20, 1994, Calgary, Alberta

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August 24 - 27, 1994, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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August 24 - 27, 1994, Edmonton, Alberta

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September 22 - 25, 1994, Edmonton, Alberta

BOARD OF EDUCATION POWWOW

September 24 & 25, 1994, Siksika Nation, Alberta

WAWASKINAGA 1ST ANNUAL POWWOW (see ad)

September 24 & 25, 1994, Birch Island, Ontario

I-WA-SIL POWWOW

September 30 - October 2, 1994, Seattle, Washington

13TH ANNUAL NATIVE CULTURAL FESTIVAL (see ad)

October 1 - 2, 1994, Montreal, Quebec

Oki. Well, well, you people of the great Peigan nation know how to put on a great powwow! I think it was the best I have been to this year. The only thing I have to complain about is the heat: You should have had air conditioning in your arbor!

Did you ever leave a powwow and still hear all the bells and drums? I always thought to myself that if that happens that means it was so-ka-bi (good in Blackfoot).

An elevating joke

An old gent, whose wife was anything but pretty, was waiting for his first ride on an elevator in a public building.

He watched a wizened little lady get on one of the elevators and go up. Then he watched another elevator come down and when the door opened, a very beautiful blond stepped off.

"My," said the old gent. "I sure wish I could put my Mabel through that machine."

Twice as nice

Dawson City, Yukon - The Dawson First Nation put on their second annual Moosehide gathering. They had everything a gathering should have, good good fun. I was talking to the gathering's co-ordinator, Natasha Lena of Dawson First Nation. She was explaining to me all the events.

In Indian country, you can find all different kinds of songs that represent that particular nation. The Dawson First Nation was giving back their song for the nation. The ceremony was done by Titus David, an Elder from Alaska who taught the people their



PEOPLE & PLACES

by Ethel Winnipeg

song.

Natasha was telling me there were many visitors from the northern region, especially from Alaska. She was most impressed with the cultural events, because it gave all the people a chance to hear stories and legends from respected Elders: Brett Dillingham-Juno and Louise Prophet LaBlanc from Whitehorse. Also, I would like to tell you something I just learned. I know when a person goes onto the next world, in some tribes they keep a fire burning until after the funeral. Up north, they keep a fire burning for all the four days of the gathering.

Gathering of talent

Blood Reserve, Alta. - Brent Scout of the Elketric Ceremonii, a rock band from the Blood reserve, called me to tell me about this music festival they are hosting. It is called the Last Blast of the Summer; Indian Summer Music Festival. It is featuring all different sorts of music from different bands from the south. The bands are Elketric Ceremonii, Stone Age Romeos, Oly Rose and Red Crow College Drummers. It is a one-day thing that will be happening on Sept. 4 on the Blood Reserve. It is a great way to support the up-and-coming bands. Admission is \$5 and for more information call Brent Scout

at (403)521-6264 or William Singer at (403)653-1944.

Showing the Metis pride Saskatchewan - The Back To Batoche Days held last month went without a hitch. Back to Batoche Days is a century-old celebration of Metis culture and heritage. It is a time and place to remember and pay homage to national heroes such as Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont. Because this year is the Year of the Family they emphasized the importance of families. They had all different activities throughout the weekend. Of course, the Metis are big fans of jigging, so they had contests for fiddling and jigging, a slow-pitch tournament, pony chuckwagon and chariot races, square dancing contests and the King and Queen Trapper contest. The gathering was at the Batoche National Historic Site, so the people had a chance to visit the site. It ended off with the 'procession' to the mass gravesite of the fallen Metis fighters from the Riel Resistance.

I have to share this little piece of Moving Cloud's philosophy. It goes...

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Arts & Entertainment

Dreamspeakers changes venue Maori series featured

By Josie C. Auger
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The 3rd Annual Dreamspeakers Festival will see a shift to more traditional ways when it opens in Edmonton on Aug. 24.

There will be no alcohol at the cultural events, organizers announced, because of social pressure within the Aboriginal community.

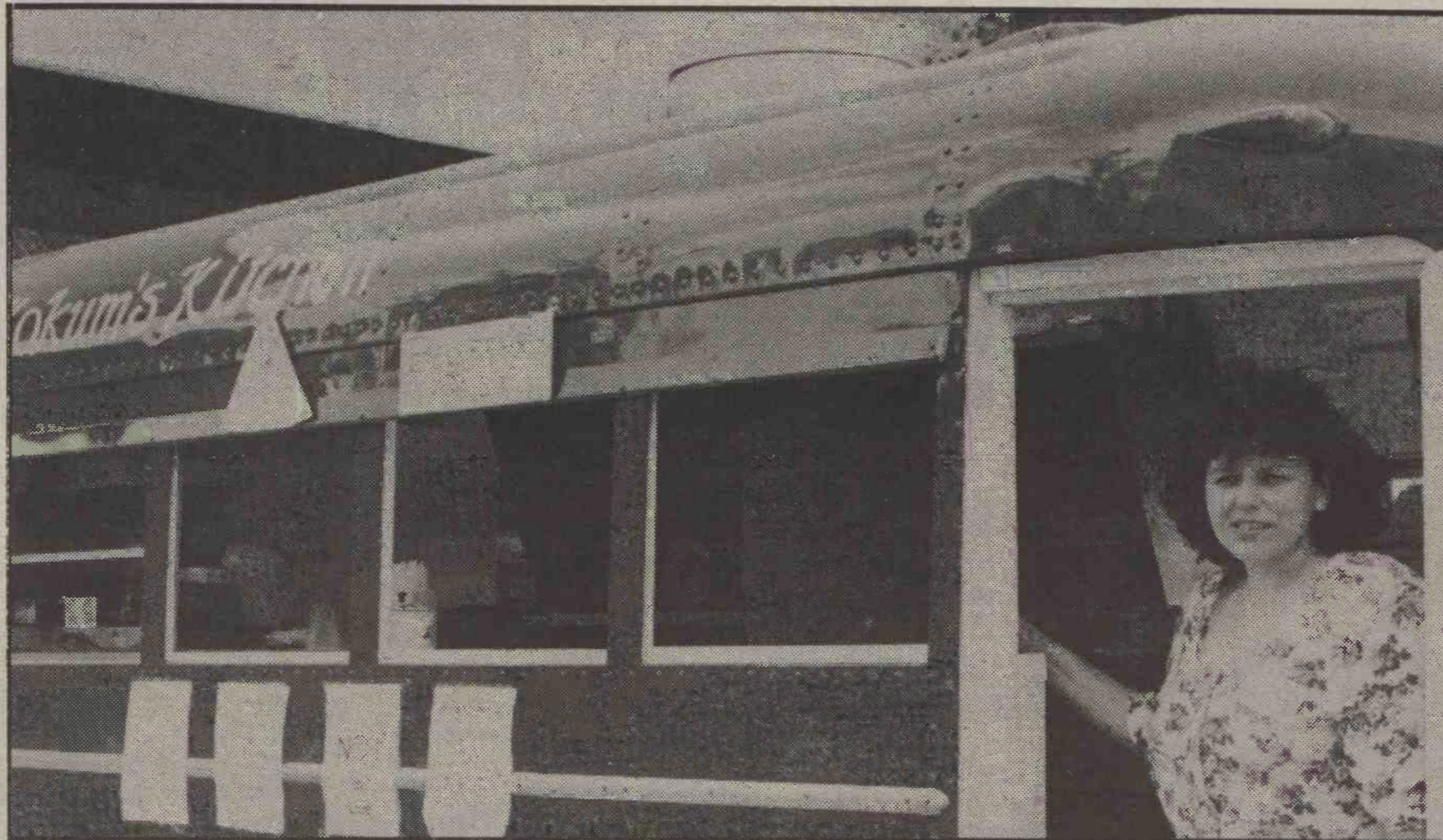
The other change is an economic one, because this year the funding was cut back drastically. During previous festivals the Aboriginal singers and musicians would perform on stage in Churchill Square. During breaks people could browse or purchase beaded earrings or moccasins from the Native arts and crafts booths. For hungry customers there was stew, bannock burgers, and other food products.

This year, instead of putting on a free show in Churchill Square, the organizers have decided to move this segment of the festival to Centennial Park Plaza, behind the main library, just across the street from downtown's Churchill Square. It is a smaller, more affordable location.

"It would have cost \$50,000 to produce in the park," explained Loro Carmen, the festival's executive director. Live entertainment now will be provided in Centennial Park Plaza, while the arts and crafts booths, film industry trade fair and clothing showcase will be located on the second floor of the Westin Hotel.

Festival events will be held in different venues throughout the downtown core.

Funding cuts this year include a complete withdrawal by Canada Multiculturalism, which for the last two years has provided \$15,000 per



Josie Auger

Loro Carmen, Dreamspeakers executive director, shows off Kokum's Kitchen, a converted bus set up behind the Centennial Library, which serves up bannock and buffalo burgers.

year. The Secretary of State reduced funding from \$25,000 to \$20,000, while the Wild Rose Foundation rejected the festival's first-time request for a \$27,000 grant. The City of Edmonton rejected the request for \$50,000 and granted \$30,000 instead, the same amount Dreamspeakers got last year.

In the meantime the festival organizers have had to generate a stronger cash flow. Carmen remodeled a bus and set it up as a food outlet downtown. At Kokum's Kitchen customers can order bannock, buffalo burgers, buffalo smokies, and other contemporary Native foods. The remodeled food bus will be located at Centennial Park Plaza until the end of September.

The Dreamspeakers Festival will kick off at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, with the opening ceremonies and a round

dance. It is the only event taking place in the park and it will be over at 1:30 p.m.

All other movies and live entertainment at the Westin will require the purchase of a \$6 admission button. This button entitles the person to attend everything except the film symposium and banquet.

This year's film offerings include four from New Zealand, one American film and four from Canada.

This year there will be no small workshops on writing, directing, acting or producing. In accordance with suggestions made by the delegates, organizers decided to conduct plenary sessions to include everybody. Topics include Producing Aboriginal Television Into The 21st Century, Case Study: NGA PUNA, Aboriginal Women In Film, Central and South America Perspective On Film, Indigenous Im-

ages In Film, Retrospect: Alanis Obomsawin.

Last year the issue of alcohol was raised. People discussed whether it was appropriate to have alcohol accessible when traditional dancers or drummers were performing.

As a result the organizers decided to separate the events. Each night from 7 p.m. until midnight, there will be cultural activities in the Marlborough Room at the Westin Hotel. For people who want to attend the performances and traditional activities, the \$6 button is still required.

To close the festival there will be a Gala on Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Convention Centre. Greg Coyes, president of the Aboriginal Filmmakers Association of Alberta, urged people to buy their \$25 tickets early.

For information, call 439-3456.

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Women's strengths highlighted

By Josie C. Auger
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Two good film/video selections to watch for at this year's Dreamspeakers Festival are Christine Welsh's *Keepers of the Fire* and *Sleeping Children Awake*, by Magic Arrow Productions.

Keepers of the Fire is a documentary that focuses attention on the diversity and strength of Aboriginal women. The film features interviews with a cross-section of militant Aboriginal women. Some were involved in barricades at Oka or the Haida blockade at Lyell Island.

Canadian producer Welsh gave these women the opportunity to voice why they decided to stand for the land. She also interviewed some Aboriginal women who fought for Bill C-31 status and talked to Aboriginal women from Toronto who work at saving other Aboriginals from a destitute lifestyle.

"It's another strong piece. It shows the strength of Aboriginal women in times of crisis," said

The Maori people of New Zealand have produced, directed, written and acted in their own drama productions. By controlling all aspects of creativity and production, they have managed to tell their own stories as they see fit.

This year at the 1994 Dreamspeakers Festival, the Nga Puna Maori Drama Series, produced for He Taonga Films by Don C. Selwyn and Ross Jennings, will be screened.

"By presenting their drama series, the Maori have shown that they are more advanced than their Canadian and American counterparts," said Sharon Shirt, a film curator for the Dreamspeakers Festival.

One of the Maori dramas is entitled *Koro's Hat*. The drama was produced and directed by Don C. Selwyn and written by Debra Reweti. It is about the love reciprocated between an old man and his granddaughter. *Koro*, the grandfather, is a strict father but when his unmarried daughter comes home from the hospital with a newborn girl, his tough demeanor melts. A strong relationship grows between the grandfather and granddaughter. Then at the old man's funeral, Babe puts *Koro's* favorite hat on the coffin to pay final respect to him.

Koro's Hat is a story of how a little girl deals with death. The movie is insightful because it shows how the Maori people bury their loved ones.

Death may be universal, but funeral customs differ from culture to culture.

Sharon Shirt, Dreamspeakers' film curator.

Keepers of the Fire contains a lot of footage from the Oka crisis. It presents a different picture of those women who were involved in the 78-day blockade. One of the interviews in the film was with Ellen Gabriel, Welsh's hero, who is a spokesperson for the Mohawk community and a radio broadcaster.

Through her work, Welsh attempts to shatter the stereotypical image of Indian women as silent figures, instead portraying the women as strong warriors and healers who are the mothers of the future generations.

Sleeping Children Awake combines the documentary format with theatre. Actress/Playwright Shirley Cheechoo performed her autobiographical play *Path With No Moccasins* in this documentary about the residential school system.

Produced by Magic Arrow Productions, this 50-minute film highlights interviews with Elijah Harper and Art Solomon and includes interviews with a number of people who suffer from the residential school syndrome.

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Group aims to advance businesswomen

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The first of many strategies of EDCAW includes laying a solid foundation in order to be a continuing service to Canadian Aboriginal

women. EDCAW organizers believe the key to sustainable development is women working together to help each other succeed and to restore the quality of life of Aboriginal people.

In order to do this, Economic Development for Canadian Aboriginal Women proposes to create a database with up-to-date detailed profiles of Canadian Aboriginal women currently in business. The database will be maintained on a permanent basis by EDCAW and will be a valuable tool to networking, allowing immediate access to other Aboriginal women.

Approximately 600 survey questionnaires will be sent out to Aboriginal businesswomen as well

as 300 non-government assisted businesses. There will also be a sampling of at least 300 Aboriginal business women who have not been successful, to help EDCAW better understand the economic development environment as it pertains to Aboriginal women.

As well, telephone interviews will be conducted in August and September. If you would like to be a part of this database project, fax, mail or call EDCAW with your name, telephone number, and mailing address at:

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Ottawa, ON K2P 2H7
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Business Briefs

Wearable art

Haida artist and fashion designer Dorothy Grant has opened her own store in Vancouver. Her retail outlet will employ up to six Aboriginal people full-time and up to 15 part-time. Grant's Feastwear collection, a high-fashion interpretation of traditional Haida ceremonial dress, has received international

acclaim and was featured at a special showing in Paris last fall. At the Winds of Change fashion show in Toronto last year, she was named Best Professional Aboriginal Designer in Canada. A \$39,000 investment from Aboriginal Business Canada, part of the federal Industry Canada department, will help Grant market and promote her venture.

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Women & Wellness

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- to reinforce the knowledge, that abuse in any form is not acceptable

- to explain ways and means for healing to begin and lead to the healing of the mind, body and spirit.
- to provide a safe place for sharing and discussion about family crisis situations.

Sunday, October 2, 1994

7:30 am Pipe ceremony
9:00 - 9:15 Opening Prayer
9:15 - 9:30 Welcoming address (*Jean Bellegarde*)
9:30 - 10:30 Let the Healing Continue (*Billy Rogers*)
10:30 - 11:00 Coffee - Door Prize Draw
11:00 - 12:00 The Native Woman - Traditional & Modern (*Joyce Paul*)
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - Door Prize Draw
1:00 - 2:00 After the Tears - Abuse (*Jane Middleton Mox*)
2:00 - 2:30 Coffee - Door Prize Draw
2:30 - 3:30 Kings, Queens & Haunted Castles - Shame (*Jane*)
3:30 - 4:00 Question & Answer Time with Jane
4:00 Closing Prayer
7:00 Play and Laughter

Monday, October 3, 1994

9:00 am Opening Prayer
9:15 - 10:15 Surviving the Boarding School Experience (*Merle Beedie*)
10:15 - 10:45 Coffee - Door Prize Draw

10:45 - 12:00 Addictions As a Symptom (*Marlene McNab*)
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - Door Prize Draw
1:00 - 2:15 Abuse & Relationships (*Lenore Stiffarm*)
2:15 - 2:45 Coffee - Door Prize Draw
2:45 - 4:00 Writing Circle (*Lenore*)
4:00 Closing Prayer
6:00 Banquet

Tuesday, October 4, 1994

9:00 am Opening Prayer
9:00 - 10:15 "New Voices Woman" (*De-Ba-Jeh-Mu-Jig Theatre Group*)
10:15 - 10:45 Coffee - Door Prize Draw
10:45 - 12:00 "New Voices Woman" continued
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch - Door Prize Draw
1:00 - 2:15 Life After Breast Cancer (*Rita McComber & Brenda Fragnito*)
2:15 - 2:45 Coffee - Door Prize Draw
2:45 - 4:00 The Healing Circle (*Cecilia Firethunder*)
4:00 Closing Remarks & Prayer, Celebration in Song

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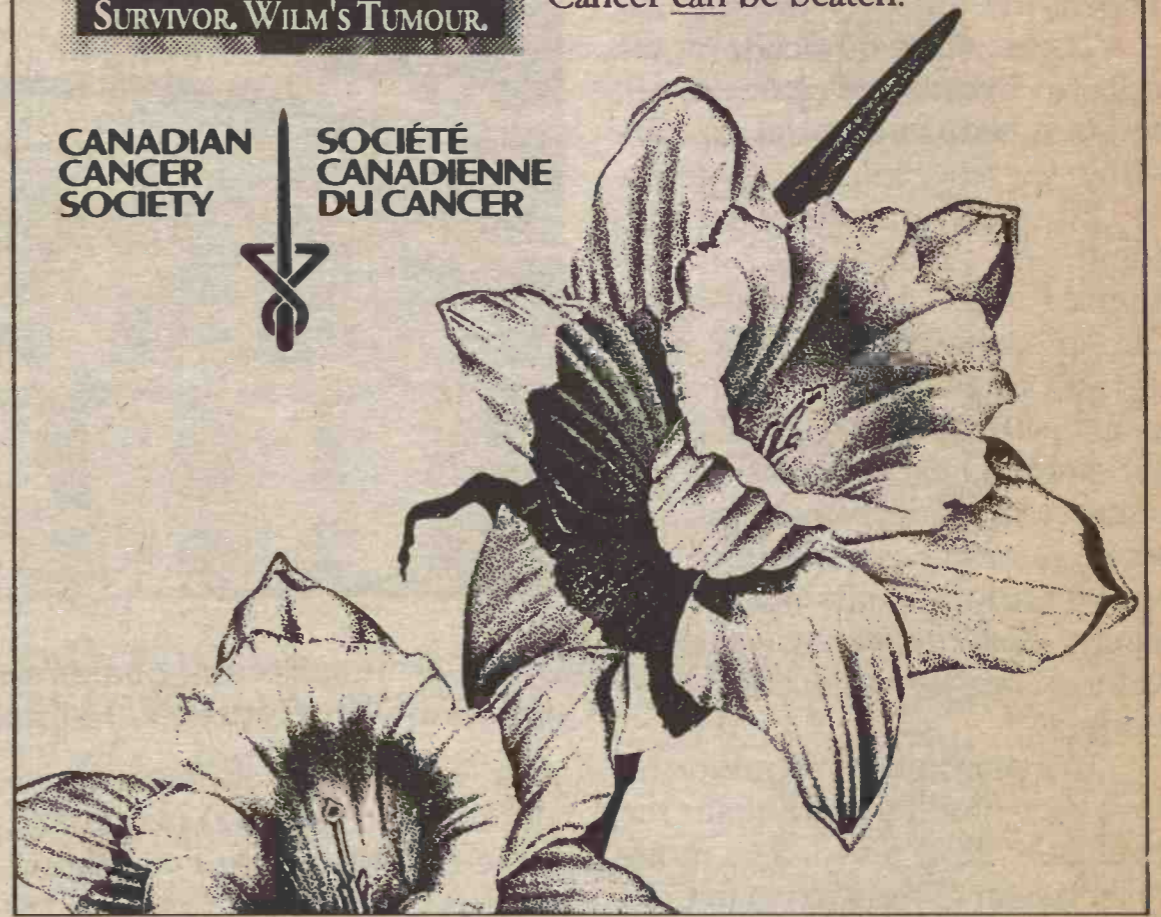
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Spirit of Nations

Heinz Ruckemann

Tsimshian Nation carver Bill Helin takes a long walk as he blesses the world's tallest totem pole, Spirit of Nations. The commemorative totem was created by 10 Native carvers of the Coast Salish, Tsimshian, Kwagwiltz and Nuu-chah-nulth nations from a 108-foot cedar. It was raised on Aug. 4 to kick off celebrations in preparation for the XV Commonwealth Games, Aug. 18-28 in Victoria, B.C.

Sechelt joins the B.C. Treaty Commission

By Darah Hansen
Windspeaker Contributor

SECHELT, B.C.

Legal action mounted by the Sechelt Indian Band against the provincial and federal governments has been postponed in light of the band's recent acceptance under the B.C. Treaty Commission to have its land claims heard.

In a meeting Aug. 9, Sechelt Chief Garry Feschuk said the band had withdrawn a writ of summons, filed against both levels of government in June, after agreeing to negotiate its claims under the provin-

cial treaty commission.

"We said before we weren't going to file (if we could find) the fastest way to get to the negotiation table," Feschuk said.

This is a turn-about from the Sechelts previous rejection of the treaty process, which the band claimed would slow down land claim negotiations.

Under the conditions of the writ, the band was seeking title to its traditional territory as defined under its land claims document as well as title to the resources "thereon and therein." The band's claim covers an area 4,900 square miles on the Sunshine Coast of British Columbia.

Sechelt was also seeking the

creation of a neutral party trust fund into which all rents, royalties and profits currently reaped by the provincial and federal governments off land under the unresolved land claim would go until a settlement is reached.

The writ is still before the lawyers, Feschuk said, adding the band will not initiate legal action unless the treaty negotiation process is stalled.

Chief commissioner with the Treaty Commission, Chuck Connaghan, said the threat of the legal suit had nothing to do with the band's acceptance into the provincially-orchestrated negotiation process.

Sechelt band council will meet

with representatives of the federal and provincial governments Aug. 15 to set a time frame for when treaty negotiations with the band will officially open.

The meeting will be mediated by officials with the commission whose primary function is to ensure the process, once begun is kept moving.

Reacting with some caution to the government process, Feschuk called the meeting "an historic day" for the band. The Sechelts say they have been promised negotiations on their land claim for the past four years but have been delayed, caught up in the wheels of bureaucracy.

Earlier this month, Connaghan

confirmed the band has been accepted into stage one of a six-stage treaty negotiation process. The mid-August meeting will represent stage two.

To move to the third stage, the band must prove its readiness to the commission to negotiate its claims, he said. The government body must also conduct a full study of the area under claim and have profiled the non-Natives in the area whose land or business might be affected.

The commission is overseeing more than 40 Native land claims in the province since December 1993. None of the bands have moved beyond the second stage of negotiations as of yet.

Maritimes

Development threatening sacred petroglyphs

By Paul Doucette
Windspeaker Contributor

HALIFAX

A set of 500-year-old stone drawings outside Halifax Nova Scotia Micmacs say should be a treasured piece of Aboriginal history will have to wait at least a few months longer to gain recognition as a national historic site.

At their meeting in June, the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board decided that although the drawings, called petroglyphs, were "of obvious importance to the Mi'kmaq people," the board needed "more contextual information" before deciding to protect the area and develop it as an historical resource.

The board won't meet again until November.

"It's a little worrying," said Dwight Dorey, president of the Native Council of Nova Scotia. "The board seems to be talking more about the petroglyphs themselves, not the land surrounding them. This site has had major significance in our culture, our history, our spiritual values."

The petroglyphs, covering about 90 acres of rocky, marshy woods called the Barrens just in-

side the town limits of Bedford, were discovered in 1983, hidden under layers of moss and bush. Archeologists and Micmac historians say they are likely the work of the Micmacs who lived in the area from before the arrival of the European explorers. Micmac peoples of the time kept record of their history and culture through stone drawings, and the sites where the drawings were made probably had spiritual significance. Archeologists believe Micmacs used the Barrens for religious ceremonies.

"When I first visited the site, I was quite taken," said Dorey. "I had this feeling that I'd never had before. It was like I was there all by myself, even though a couple of other people were with me. There seemed to be no sounds, no modern atmosphere. It was like I was transported back in time."

But more recently, the Barrens have been targeted to be wiped out. A Bedford company, Redden Brothers Development, has asked the town to approve its developing the land for residential use. Bedford, a prosperous suburb of Halifax, is expanding rapidly, and Redden Brothers would put more than 150 single family homes and townhouses, along with 8 apartment buildings, on 13.2 hectares of the Barrens.

When Micmacs pointed out the history of the Barrens, the town of Bedford put the development on hold and studied the area, analysing the petroglyphs archeologically and tracing the legal background of the land.

A Bedford advisory committee recommended in the summer of 1992 the Barrens be recognized as a spiritual site the municipal, provincial and federal governments should protect as an historical resource. That would permanently stop any development of the Barrens.

Since then, the federal National Historic Sites and Monuments Board agreed to look at the case, and the provincial government arranged to swap land with the owners of the land directly around the petroglyphs, protecting 14.8 hectares. Micmacs leaders say that's not enough - another 21 hectares, including the land drawn out in the development proposal,

should also be protected.

But Bedford town council still hasn't officially stopped the development. A preliminary public information meeting was held in early July, and the town's planning committee is considering the Redden Brothers proposal. A formal public hearing will probably happen in mid-August.

"It's confusing to me," said Dorey. "Even though Peter Kelly (mayor of Bedford) has been supportive in town meetings, Bedford hasn't taken any initiative to stop development aside from watching the provincial and federal governments."

But Kelly says he's not the bad guy.

"I'm in support of protecting the Barrens," said Kelly. "But the current land owners also have intrinsic rights under the Municipal Planning Strategy. Even though we're hoping to secure the historic site status, (Redden Brothers) is entitled to the process regarding

their development proposal. We're trying to respect both sides, and it's not easy.

The latest ruling from the Historic Sites Board is an optimistic sign, said Kelly.

"They haven't said no, and I think once they realize the context of the site when compared with similar sites in the province, they'll agree the site should be preserved."

The Grand Chief of Grand Council, all 13 Nova Scotia band chiefs and Dorey held a ceremony on the Barrens in June, declaring them "our responsibility to protect and nurture." They claimed the site to be traditional Micmac land, with inalienable historical and spiritual significance.

"Any development just flies right in the face of the Micmac people," said Dorey. "It totally rejects our legitimate concerns. And I think the responsibility for that lies squarely on the shoulders of (Bedford) town council."

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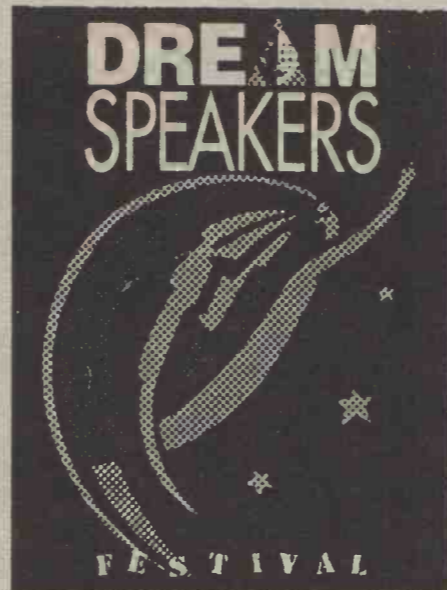
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Suicides continue to plague reserve

By Dina O'Meara
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PIKANGIKUM, ONT.

The casualties in this northern community are mounting, as the people of Pikangikum battle a continuing wave of suicides without the powerful weapon of Native spirituality.

"None of that exists in this community," said an exhausted Chief Gordon Peters. "The majority of people and Elders are hardcore Christians. I would like to see very much the traditional teaching and spirituality that was taught to our fathers by their fathers taught to our children."

Peters has been calling for a healing centre to be established in his beleaguered community, which has seen daily suicide attempts among its youths and five deaths since February, the most recent a 29-year-old male who hanged himself Aug. 4.

Teams of crisis intervention workers from neighboring communities have been called to Pikangikum, while resident constables and health care workers are on 24-hour-a-day alert, monitoring the 1,600-member community.

A rash of suicide attempts - 13 in 11 days - brought the community national media coverage in April, culminating with Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin pledging \$3.8 million to upgrade the Ojibway community's sewer system to increase the standard of living there.

But the pledge isn't enough, says Peters.

"The issues placed with the minister at that time have yet to be discussed, issues of land use, housing or that a healing centre is urgently needed," he said.

The band's land base has shrunk to 9.5 square kilometres from 64 square km. Peters wants to exercise jurisdiction of their traditional territory, and be a part of the decision-making process affecting the harvesting of natural resources in the area. In terms of housing, Peters said 210 new units are being built with funds being available to retrofit approximately 130 houses. But many of those houses are dilapidated, housing three or more families, and there is an 80-family waiting list for new homes.

Peters called on Native communities to support the community by lobbying the government, both provincial and federal, on their behalf. And for open-hearted people to aid his community by teaching them traditional ways.

"We welcome any First Nation to come and teach us what we have lost, the doors are open to their help."

Approximately 60 per cent of Pikangikum is under the age of 20, and the tiny reserve has the highest birth rate in northern Ontario. Traditional lifestyles demanding time on and knowledge of the land have been lost with development of the reserve's traditional territories, Peters said.

Council member Joe Suggashie has felt the devastation first-hand. Earlier this year his 13-year-old daughter survived a suicide attempt after overdosing on prescription drugs. After family counselling, he feels they have resolved the problem and is since on the alert for signs of depression among any of his five children. Keeping in touch with the community youth boils down to a one-on-one situation, Suggashie believes.

"It's individuals that have to work with kids. If I had my daughter look like that again, we would do something right away. I think it worked out for us when we talked as a family. We don't do much parenting here, it's a problem."

"We have to get our own community to get started moving, to talk to our own people openly."

The regional mental health consultant with Health Canada, Frank McNaulty, agrees the residents of Pikangikum must be the ones to decide how to help themselves.

"The process that has to help communities heal inevitably takes time. We're on two modes - the emergency response mode and the healing mode," said McNaulty. "We're best at the first, and the community is best at the second."

Currently Health Canada has funded a full-time, one-year position for a community crisis coordinator in Pikangikum for \$72,000. But it has remained open since June.

"I could find 10 people in Toronto to fill the job, but they wouldn't speak the language or be culturally sensitive. And that would not do the community much good," he said.

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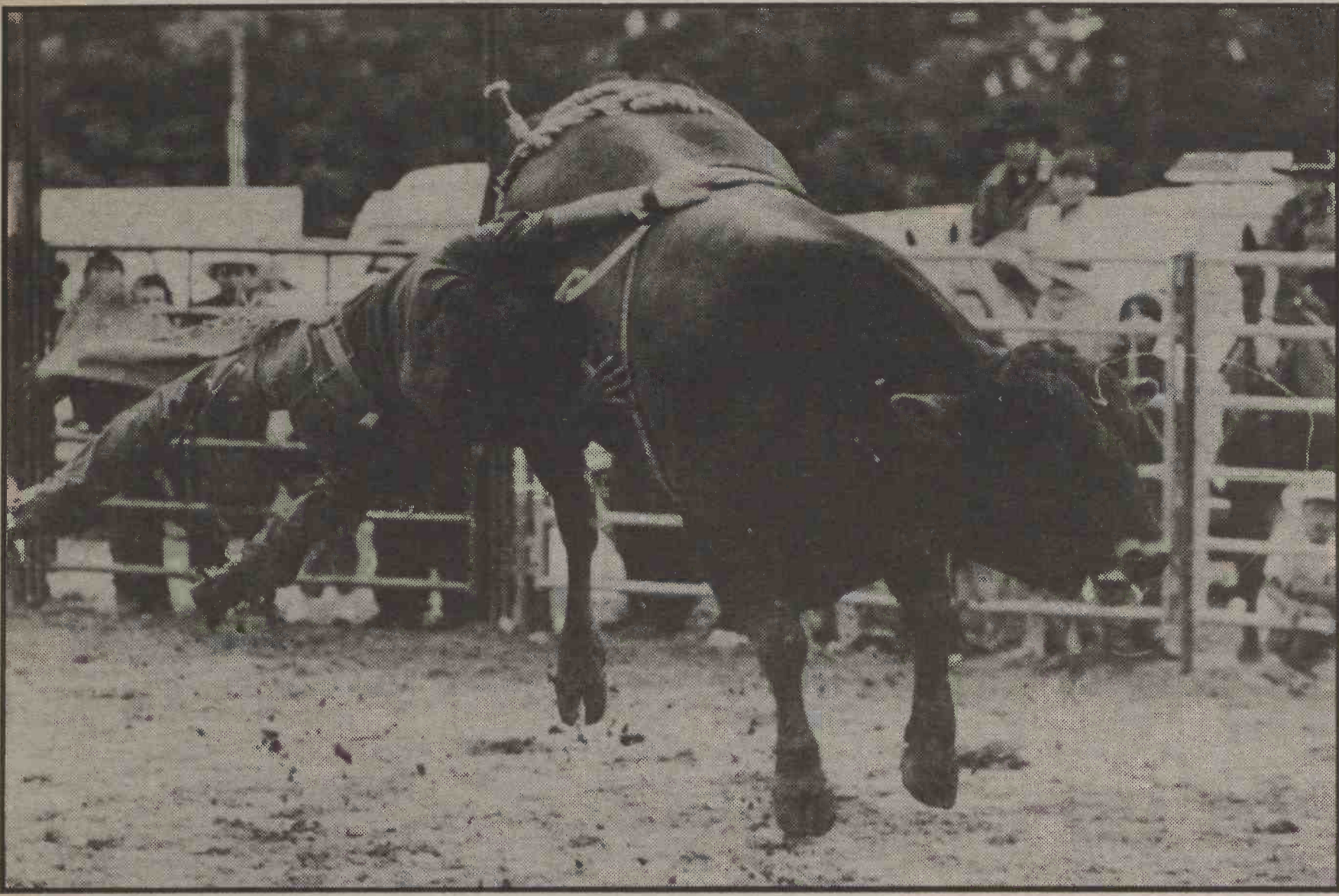
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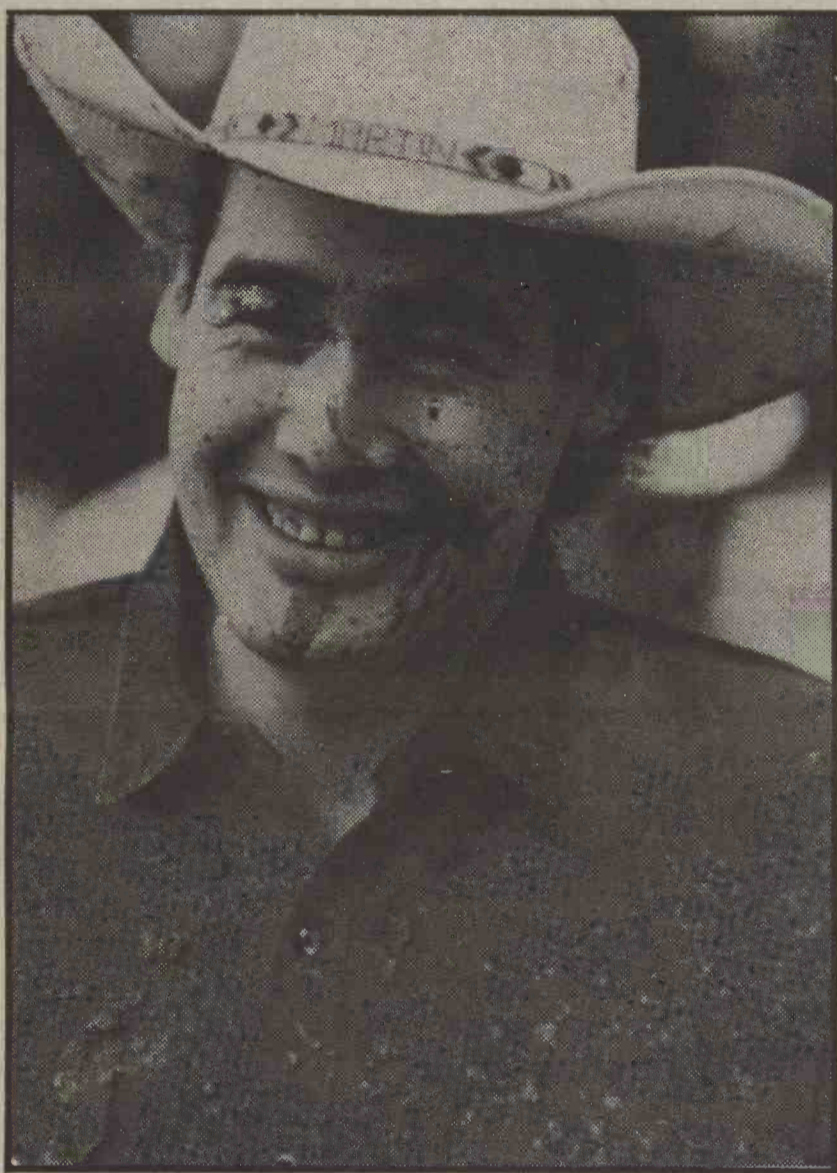


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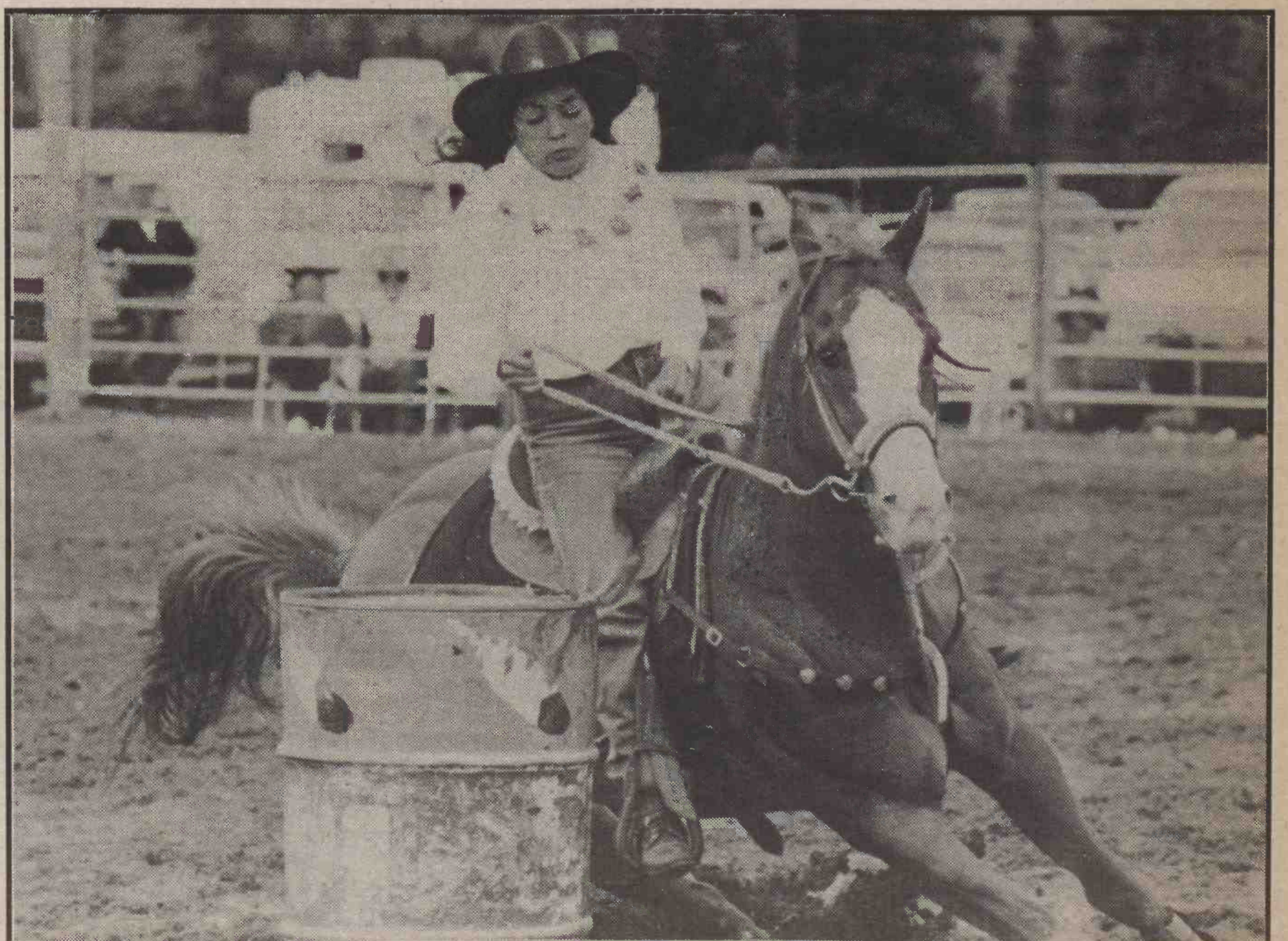


What's a little mud? Just some more color to Martin Holoway.



The first aide team checks over a prone Lorne Belle after the prize-winning rider was bruised by the bull Magnum.

Hundreds of spectators and participants from Canada and the U.S. joined the Nakota Nation Taotha Celebration at Big-horn Reserve, Alta. the first weekend in August to reel 'em, ride 'em and roll em'. Cowboys and cowgirls, active and re-tired, had a grand time, despite the rain and mud. And for those who could limp along, there was a competition pow-wow, baseball and volleyball tournament to watch during the same celebration.



Barrel racer Patti Johnson of Hobbema takes a slippery turn just a tad too tight.

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Sports

Dreamers scoop fastball championship

By Gordon Hoekstra
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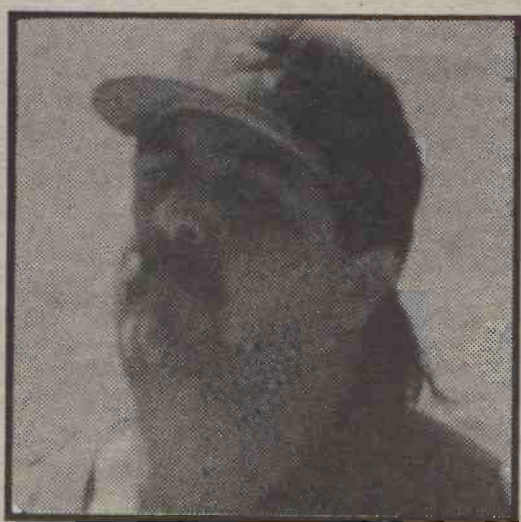
The baseball players chanted a victory song as they lined up for their group picture after capturing the 1994 All-Native Canadian Fastball Championship.

"Is the dream still alive? Is the dream still alive?"

No doubt about it. The Dream Team from British Columbia won the title with a mix of veterans from the B.C. Arrows - which captured six Canadian all-Native titles in the past two decades - some fresh blood and the best pitcher in the world.

The Invermere-based team edged Ochapowace from Broadview, Sask. 1-0 in an extra inning at Spruce City Stadium in Prince George, B.C. late Sunday night, July 31.

The Dream Team's Darren Zack - considered the best fastball pitcher in the league -



Darren Zack

and Joey Basaraba from Ochapowace both pitched seven innings of one-hit ball, setting up the extra inning with a base runner on second on the international run rule.

The Dream Team got their break when a pickoff throw to second hit base-runner Merv Fontaine's foot in the bottom of the eighth and careened off into centre field allowing him to sprint home.

"It's terrific," said 46-year-old Oogie Jack, over the roar of his celebrating teammates.

The last time Jack and many of the veterans on the team won

a Canadian all-Native title was in 1987 as the Arrows.

"Everybody likes to plan something and hope it turns out," he added. "Well, you know, it's like making a cake, you put the ingredients in and hope it turns out. That's the way it turned out, and it turned out beautiful.

"I mean, it's an ugly way to win it. It's not so beautiful, but hey, a win's a win."

"It's a great feeling that's for sure," said 20-year-old Randy Martin, who's father coached the Arrows for many years. "Especially coming back and winning a championship after the old man retired.

"He thought it was over, and I think that's why he retired to begin with," said Martin.

The Dream Team had swept through to the final undefeated, dispatching Flying Dust from Meadow Lake, Sask. 7-0, Amik from Winnipeg, Man. 5-0, Pelican Rapids from west-central Manitoba 2-1, the defending champion Prince George Lum-

ber Kings 6-1 and Lasso from Lac La Biche, Alta. 3-0.

They marched to the title behind the pitching prowess of Zack and some timely longball hitting. The International Softball Congress North American champion Toronto Gators pitcher won four games. Zack struck out 67 over 33 innings and allowed only one run on seven hits. Not surprisingly, he was named the top-pitcher of the tournament.

"It was a lot tougher than I thought, man, I'll tell you," said a tired Zack. "They got a heck of a team over here (Ochapowace), who lost on a fluky play."

And Zack had nothing but praise for Basaraba.

"He threw the ball. He threw it really, really good. He's an excellent thrower. All the best to Joe Basaraba and this team, I'll tell you."

And despite Zack's world-class pitching, it was the incredible performance of Basaraba that wowed the 1,000-plus crowd at the final.

Basaraba pitched five back-to-back games on Monday as Ochapowace came through the loser's bracket of the 32-team, four-day, double-knockout tournament.

Ochapowace's 4-2 loss to Lasso from Lac La Biche, Alta. on Sunday dropped them to the B-side where they downed the Prince George Native Friendship Flyers 4-3, the Alexander Tee Pee Crawlers from Alberta 3-0, the Prince George Lumber Kings 6-1, Pelican Rapids from Manitoba 7-2 and Lasso 1-0 to advance to the final.

Basaraba struck out 87 over 47 1/3 innings and was named the tournament's MVP.

Even in the eighth inning of the final, after more than 10 hours of pitching, he showed little sign of slowing down.

And the show-stopping pitcher was clearly disappointed with the way the game ended.

"I would have been happy with a hit - let them get a hit," Basaraba said quietly after the game. "(But) we never thought we were going to come this far. We've got nothing to be ashamed of. They got the best pitcher. Darren Zack, he's number one."

The Dream Team picked up \$7,000 and the right to host next year's tournament as the first-place finishers. Runners-up Ochapowace took home \$4,000, third-place Lasso \$2,000 and fourth-place Pelican Rapids \$1,000.

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Sports

Prince Albert teams dominate games

By Dave Leaderhouse
Windspeaker Contributor

MONTREAL LAKE, Sask.

The setting couldn't have been any better. With the heavy rains from early summer a distant memory, the 1994 Saskatchewan Indian Summer Games opened under clear skies, intense heat and more than 800 enthusiastic athletes from across the province.

"These games are a very important part of our history," said Federation of Saskatchewan Indians vice-chief Eugene Arcand at the opening ceremonies here on July 25. "They were originally put together to promote alternative lifestyles and 20 years later they are still doing that."

The games featured activities ranging from athletics to cultural components. The athletic portion had participants competing in track and field, soccer and softball in peewee, bantam, midget and juvenile age divisions for boys and girls. The week-long extravaganza ran in conjunction with an archery camp held to determine Saskatchewan's representatives at the 1995 North American Indigenous Games in Bemidji,

Minn.

"Team Saskatchewan is being built right now," said Arcand. "This year you are competing against each other. Next year you will be teammates."

The cultural activities of the games provided visitors with traditional skills of First Nations people. Included in the demonstrations were bannock making, birchbark biting, fish smoking, beaver and muskrat skinning, shawl making, beading and story telling.

"The cultural component to the games is very educational for the First Nations and non-Aboriginal people," commented Prince Albert Churchill MP Gordon Kirkby at the opening ceremonies. "Hopefully (the games) help build bridges between First Nations and non-Aboriginal communities."

The events also opened inter-tribal doors, said one organizer.

"There are Indian people from other tribes and nations," noted games' manager Lorna Arcand. "So we will have the opportunity to learn about each other - our differences and our similarities."

Eight provincial tribal councils each brought a contingent of athletes to the Games in an attempt to win the over-



Dave Leaderhouse

Ryan Cyr of the Touchwood-File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council displays his form in the juvenile boy's long jump at the 1994 Saskatchewan Indian Summer Games held in Montreal Lake.

all points title.

The host team from the Prince Albert Tribal Council took the lead at the half-way point and never looked back as they accumulated 313.5 points to cruise to a first-place finish.

Saskatoon Tribal Council was second with 284 points followed closely by Touchwood-File Hills - Qu'Appelle Tribal Council at 281.5. Meadow Lake Tribal Council was fourth with 257 points while Yorkton Tribal Council was next at 155. North Battleford Tribal Council amassed 134 points for sixth place followed by Shellbrook Agency Chiefs Tribal Council with 74 points and South East Treaty 4 Tribal Council with 15 points.

The medal race had Saskatoon winning the most gold medals with 30, but Prince Albert once again took home the most medals overall accumulating 18 gold, 27 silver and 19 bronze.

The divisional categories were interesting in that only one of the four age classes was won by the two overall leaders.

Saskatoon accumulated 76 points in the peewee division to walk away from the rest of the competition. Prince Albert was a distant second with 49 points followed by Yorkton with 36.

The bantam and midget age classes were won by Meadow Lake while Touchwood-File Hills - Qu'Appelle dominated the juvenile events.

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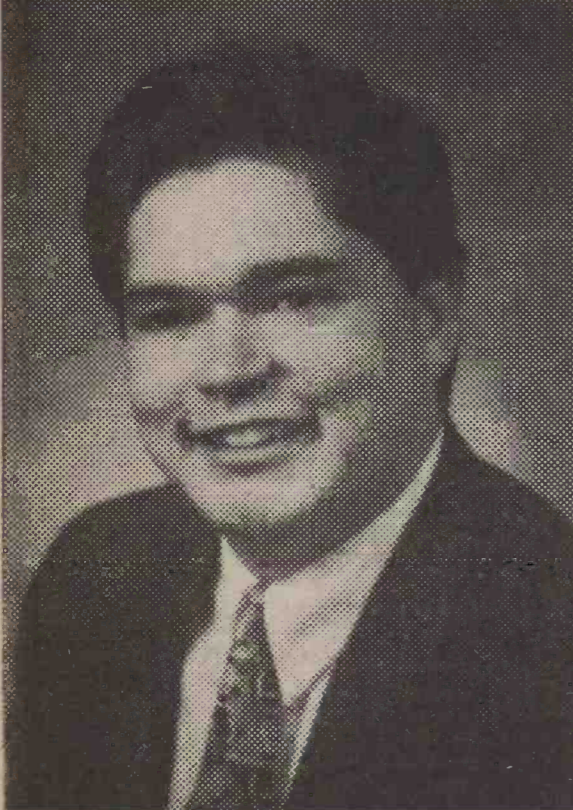
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REGINA



Theresa Stevenson

When Theresa Stevenson receives the Order of Canada medal in October she will receive it with the thought in mind that these are the best years of her life.

The 67-year-old wife and mother of three had to overcome many hardships to achieve the recognition she received nationally with the medal.

This October, Stevenson will travel to Rideau Hall in Ottawa to be presented with the Order of Canada by Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn. She receives the honor for her outstanding work in the Indian community and especially for her role in starting the first school hot lunch program in Canada.

"The best years of my life are now," Stevenson said. "I feel that I have accomplished something and when it comes to helping needy children, I know that I'm offering a much needed service."

In 1955, Stevenson and her husband Robert, who are from Cowessess Reserve in Saskatchewan, moved to Montana because of the poor living conditions on their reserve.

"At the time, the hardest thing for Robert and me was leaving our three children behind," she said.

Stevenson and her husband returned to Cowessess six months later to pick up their children and return to Montana. The family stayed in Montana for 16 years.

"When we had difficult times in Montana, we were very fortunate because there was an organization that fed children on their lunch breaks from school," said Stevenson. "This is where I first got the idea of starting a program of this kind in Regina."

The Chili For Children program started nine years ago with Stevenson being the guiding force. Since then, similar programs have sprung up across the country.

"People from across the country have followed suit and now hot lunch programs can be found from Halifax to Vancouver," she added.

Stevenson is the executive director at Regina Indian Community Awareness Inc. and oversees various services the organization provides, including the Chili For Children program. She has a personal conviction to improve the condi-

tions of life in her community by helping members receive basic necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and education.

Stevenson credits having experienced poverty and hunger in her youth with helping her be understanding and compassionate to others today.

And the gentle Cree woman's generosity is limitless.

"God has made me color blind," she said. "A person is a person and I will never close my door or my heart to anyone in need."

Stevenson said her staff of eight and two summer students have been "brainwashed" by her to keep in mind their most important clients are the children of the community.

Stevenson feels that some people who have followed her lead in feeding hungry children have done it for all the wrong reasons.

"After I started feeding the children, people in certain positions could not accept the fact that an Indian person could manage such a large task.

"I became fed up with these people and joined the Indian Community Awareness organization," she said. "Some organizations will get the funding for a program such as this but they are more interested in filling their own pockets than the children's stomachs."

Stevenson is involved in all aspects of community life. If she's not serving hot meals to children, she can be found working as a literacy volunteer or helping patrons find low-cost housing.

The October event won't be the first to recognize Stevenson's humanitarian efforts.

In 1992 she received the Commemorative Medal of Canada and in 1988 she was presented with the Citizen of the Year award by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

"I think it's a very good appointment," said Saskatchewan's chief of Protocol, Michael Jackson. "She certainly deserves it with her background in feeding children and helping the community."



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By Nelson Bird
Windspeaker Contributor

REGINA

Saskatchewan is about to become the Hollywood of the north and Aboriginal people are playing major roles.

Lloyd Martel, associate producer of the action-adventure movie, *Decoy*, being filmed in Regina and LaRonge, thinks that a trend may be developing where Saskatchewan will become a prime place to produce movies.

Martel, originally from Waterhen First Nation, became affiliated with the movie through Mind's Eye Productions.

Decoy stars Peter Weller (RobCop) Robert Patrick (Terminator 2: Judgement Day) and Charlotte Lewis (The Golden Child). The movie also employs local talent as actors and crew.

"Approximately seven out of ten trainees are Indian people" says Martel. "They are mostly being trained in the technical area. A number of residents of LaRonge will be utilized in the making of the film," says Martel.

Tom Mackenzie, an employee and spokesperson with the Kitskan Development Corporation in LaRonge says the company has invested almost a quarter of a million dollars into the project.

"This movie not only gener-

ates excitement in our community, it also injects money into our local economy," he said.

At a press conference held on July 25, Kevin DeWalt, president of Mind's Eye Pictures and Gary Kaufman of Buffalo Films of Los Angeles announced that a \$20 million, six-picture co-production deal was signed and will result in a tremendous boost to the Saskatchewan film industry.

"The support and flexibility we have received during the filming of *Decoy* from our Regina and LaRonge locations has shown that Saskatchewan is a great place to shoot a movie," said DeWalt. "Entertainment and communications will be the fastest growing sectors of this decade," he added.

Robert Patrick, who plays Jack Travis in the movie, said he's never been to Saskatchewan before and thinks it's a very nice place and that the people are great.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting and working with the Indian people in LaRonge," said Patrick. "Through my ancestry I have Cherokee blood in me and this makes me all the more interested in being here."

The film is laced with unique special designs by "Hollywood's superstar of special effects", three time academy award winner Carlo Rambaldi, creator of characters and special effects in *E.T.*, *Alien* and *King Kong*.

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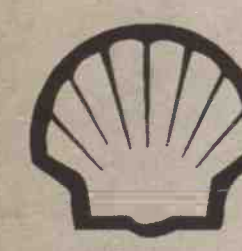
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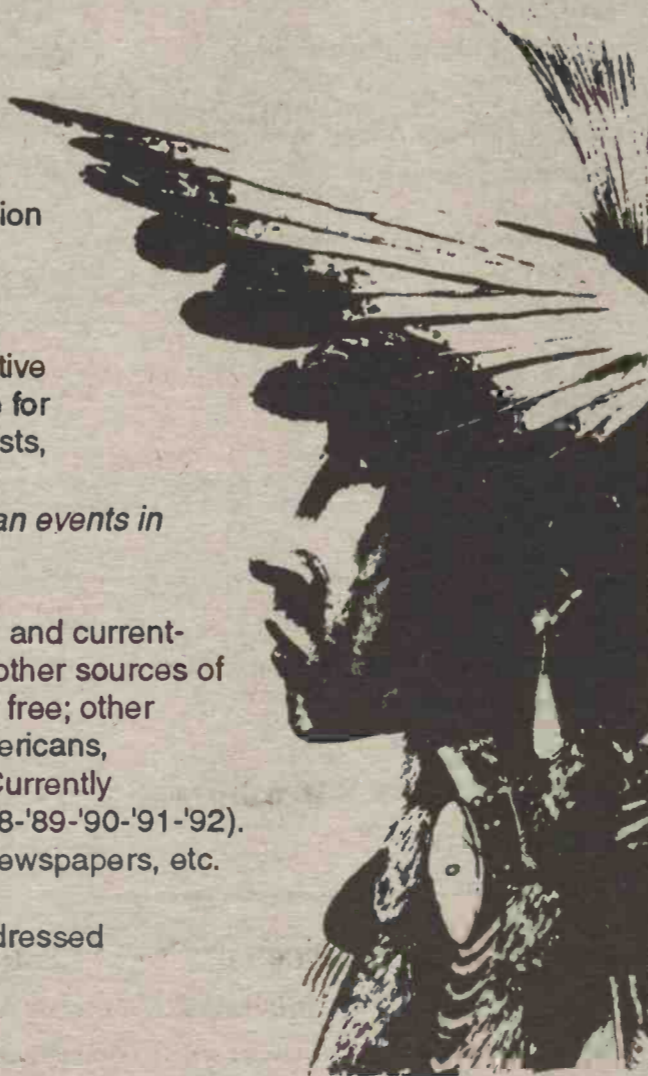
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Back to School

Sandy Lake brings university home

By Dina O'Meara
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SANDY LAKE, Ont.

For reserve dwellers, going back to school usually means leaving the family behind to study in the city — a daunting thought for many, particularly for adults with small children.

So, when faced with tight resources and a growing number of members who wanted to complete their teaching degrees, residents at a remote fly-in community in Ontario decided to put a twist on going back to school — they brought the school to the community.

For two years, the small northern community hosted instructors from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay for four weeks at a time while 17 students worked toward their Ontario teacher certifications. The university profs brought along knowledge and lap-top computers while the Sandy Bay students brought determination.

"We told (Lakehead University) it's time for them to come to the people," said Ralph Bekintis, vice-principal of Thomas Fidler Memorial School in Sandy Lake.

"We found the social problems often sent students back to the community — problems of feeling isolated and homesick."

— Ralph Bekintis, vice-principal, Thomas Fidler Memorial School

Affectionately known as "the man who talks too much," Bekintis helped spearhead the innovative program by lobbying Lakehead officials and prompting councillors to be creative in delegating funding towards the program.

There were experienced teacher's aids in the community who wanted to upgrade their educations to obtain teaching certificates, but didn't want to leave their families in Sandy Lake, Bekintis said.

"We found the social problems often sent students back to the community — problems of feeling isolated and homesick," he said. "I saw that they had gone from a two-year program in teaching to four years — they lost the north, here," Bekintis remembered. "It was devastating enough to go away for two years."

"No one was looking after the people up here and something had to be done. Then we thought 'why send 17 individuals down to

the university, when we can send one person up?"

A team of Sandy Lake representatives descended on the university in the spring of 1992 and by August the program was on a roll.

Course work took place on the reserve and Thunder Bay, with practice teaching locations in Kenora, Big Trout Lake and Deer Lake. Sandy Lake is located approximately 650 km northwest of the Thunder Bay institution, from which both Bekintis and principal Sarah Sawanas graduated.

"There is no doubt in my mind that there are people in this course who would not have found their way into university without this opportunity," said Professor David Bates, director of the School of Education at Lakehead. "It is the education authority of Sandy Lake who selected and recommended the students. It is the community, including the Elders, that saw the need to get local

Native peoples qualified to teach in their own schools."

Having people from the community interested in obtaining teaching certificates is a tremendous bonus for isolated communities like Sandy Lake, added Bekintis.

"We were losing our teachers because they were from the outside. How can you build on that?"

The 17 students first went to Lakehead University for a month, then three professors flew in during the winter, said Sawanas. In the spring they took student teaching practices in Thunder Bay and on different reserves, and courses again with the flying profs.

The entire community was involved in the process because it took all the community's teacher aids away, she said.

"There were 12 on staff. All our T.A.s were gone and we had to juggle our staff for two years. But we managed," Sawanas said, with a laugh.

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November 3, 4 & 5, 1994

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252 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, Ontario

PLANNING TEAM
Joanna Bedard, Director, Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford • Bryan LaForme, Director, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
• Randy Sault, Executive Director, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

The conference is administered by the Ontario Council for Leadership in Educational Administration (OCLEA).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3.....
Optional Pre-Conference (included in conference registration fee).
Visit to the Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford.
Includes transportation, luncheon, museum tour and student performance.
• KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Elijah Harper
• PLENARY SPEAKER: Dr. Ouida Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Anti Racism, Access and Equity, Ontario Ministry of Education and Training

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4.....
• PLENARY SPEAKER: Joanna Bedard
-Philosophy of the Conference
CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS
• Use of Computer Technology in the Development of First Nations Curriculum on CD ROM.
• Teacher Training in First Nations Languages and Cultures
• Acceptance of Aboriginal Languages into Schools and Integrating Aboriginal Language Teachers into the School System.
• Standardization of First Nations Languages
• Issues in Adult Education and First Nations Languages
• Curriculum Development, Resource Development and Integrating Culture and Heritage into Language.
PLENARY SPEAKER: Mike Mitchell, Director, North American Indian Travelling College, Political Support for Aboriginal Languages

FRIDAY EVENING.....
All Friday evening activities take place at the Ramada Hotel, Downtown Toronto.
Banquet Tickets: \$40 per person
Ticket cost is NOT included in the conference registration fee.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5.....
• PLENARY SPEAKER: Endangered Languages (speaker to be announced)
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School Briefs

Bank aids college

Saskatchewan Indian Federated College is one step closer to a permanent facility with the receipt of a \$275,000 donation from the Royal Bank. The pledge, to be paid over the next six years, will help the SIFC build on the campus of the University of Regina. Douglas Cardinal, architect of Ottawa's Museum of Civilization, designed the building, which will be the focal point for the College's operations. Long-range plans include building residences, administrative offices, classrooms and a library, at an overall project cost of more than \$41 million. The SIFC is the only university level college in Canada operated by First Nations people. It has grown from seven students at its inception in 1976 to more than 1,200 students and has produced almost 1,000 graduates.

Ahtahkakoop opens school

The Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation is opening a new high school on Sept. 15, 1994 on the reserve at Shell Lake, Sask. The school marks another step in the historic fulfilment of a treaty promise made at the signing of Treaty Six at Fort Carlton in 1876.

New business program offered

The University of Saskatchewan College of Commerce is offering a certificate in Indian Business Administration beginning in September, 1994. The program was developed to prepare Aboriginal students to work as professional managers in both Native and non-Native sectors. The certificate, offered in partnership with the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College School of Business and Public Administration, requires two years of full-time study and is centered at SIFC's Saskatoon campus. Those who complete the program can go on to get a Bachelor of Commerce degree with an additional two years of study. SIFC professor Bob Anderson says there is a definite need for the program. "First Nations people do business differently. Consultation and giving everyone a chance to express their opinion is key and this is in direct contrast to the top-down hierarchies in most mainstream corporations and in government," he says. For more information, call Anderson at (306)931-1807.

Tsuu T'ina builds school

An official sod-turning ceremony for a junior/senior high school at the Tsuu T'ina First Nation, near Calgary, was held Aug. 9. The new school, which will cost \$6.5 million to build, follows last year's opening of the Chula Elementary School. It will allow more community participation in educational programming, including cultural and language training, and it will eliminate the need for students to travel outside the community to attend school.

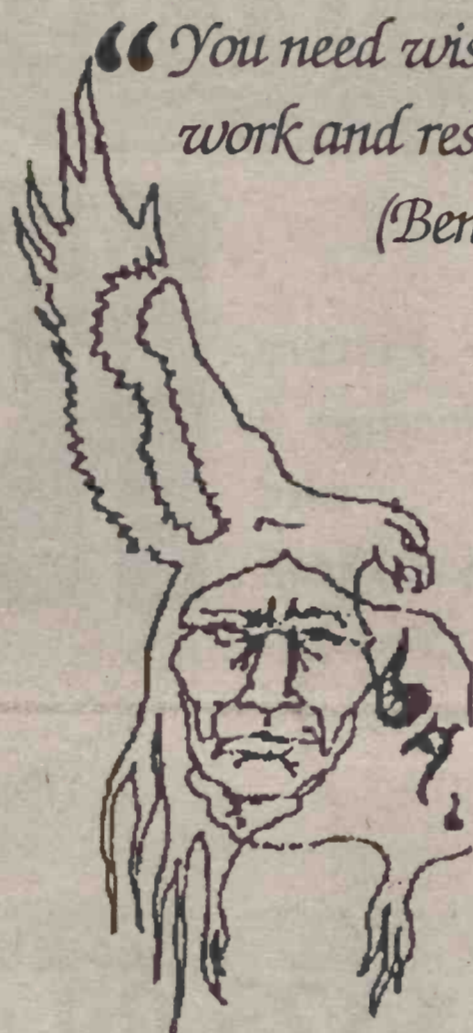
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Michele Decottignies, Research Assistant
Students' Association of Mount Royal College
4825 Richard Road SW
Calgary, AB T3E 6K6
(403) 240-6671

Back to School

Clunky shoes, denim top back-to-school trends

(NC)-Sears Canada fashion director Rick Stefiszyn makes regular trips to Europe and the U.S. to adapt the latest trends and colors to Sears own lines. Here are some of the key trends he feels kids will be looking for this fall:

The 'jeanius' wins

Stefiszyn predicts that this season, kids should have no problems warming up to the newest easy-to-wear casual trends. "Denim is still a hot commodity for both boys and girls of all ages. The silhouettes range from baggy, loose-fitting denim jeans to the hot item, the overall," he says.

"Labels, patches and embroideries individualize the desired fashion statement. Stone-washed blue denim jeans con-

tinue to be the leader," he stresses, "but look for forest green, brown and cranberry-colored denim to gain in strength."

He suggests teaming denim up with a plaid flannel top or the essential favorite, a denim shirt.

"Layering items like thermal knit henley tops under the all-important vest is a fashion must for both boys and girls. The newest way to create your own look? Tie a sweater around your waist," he adds.

Arctic fleece

Any key fabrics this season? "Definitely, Arctic fleece (brushed polyester) in solid, print or pattern is the fashion fabric of the season for both boys and girls," he says.

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ric. You'll find it used for vests, overshirts, popovers and even skirts. Navaho, nordic and blanket stripe patterns are colorful and add a new dimension to fashion this fall.

Licensed apparel

Will licensed clothes continue to dominate the kids' fashion scene?

"You bet. This year's favorites will include The Lion King, Power Rangers, the new NBA Toronto team, The Raptors and of course, all other sport licenses. Although this continuing trend is usually worn by boys, girls of all ages will get in on the act, wearing their favorite licensed fleece or knit top with the ever popular legging," Stefiszyn adds.

Return to feminine mode

"There is a return to a more feminine mode of dressing. From the junior market comes broomstick skirts, slip dresses, wide pants and baby doll tops. Rayon is the key fabric in this trend and florals the key print direction. Autumnal colors like plum, navy, rust, and olive mix with naturals, creating stark contrasts.

As well, gaining in strength in the girls' wear market are bodysuits, usually worn under a vest. Crocheted vests, collars and even hats add a country, feminine touch to complete the look," he states.

Footwear: Clunky to rugged

"The clunky shoe is in, giving sneakers a run for their money. Boots are gaining in popularity and add pizzazz to

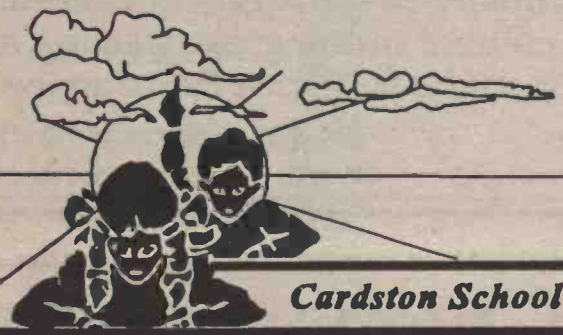
any outfit. One of the biggest rages for boys and girls are 'Doc Marten' styled shoes. These chunky, big-toed, thick-soled tie-up shoes are originally from England, but are now part of the all-Canadian look. Rugged hiking type boots in suede or nubuck are gaining in favor with baggy jeans and flannels, creating an outdoorsy rugged fashion statement, great for fall."

Hottest fall accessory

"Definitely backpacks," stresses Stefiszyn. "Backpacks, an extension of the basic school bag, are practical and create an image. This hot accessory comes in all sizes, styles, fabrics and colors, and is used by kids of all ages to carry books and everything from video games to make-up."

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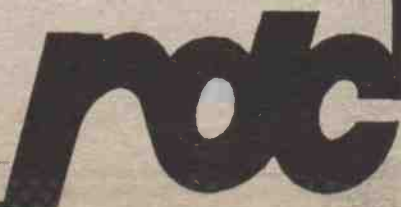
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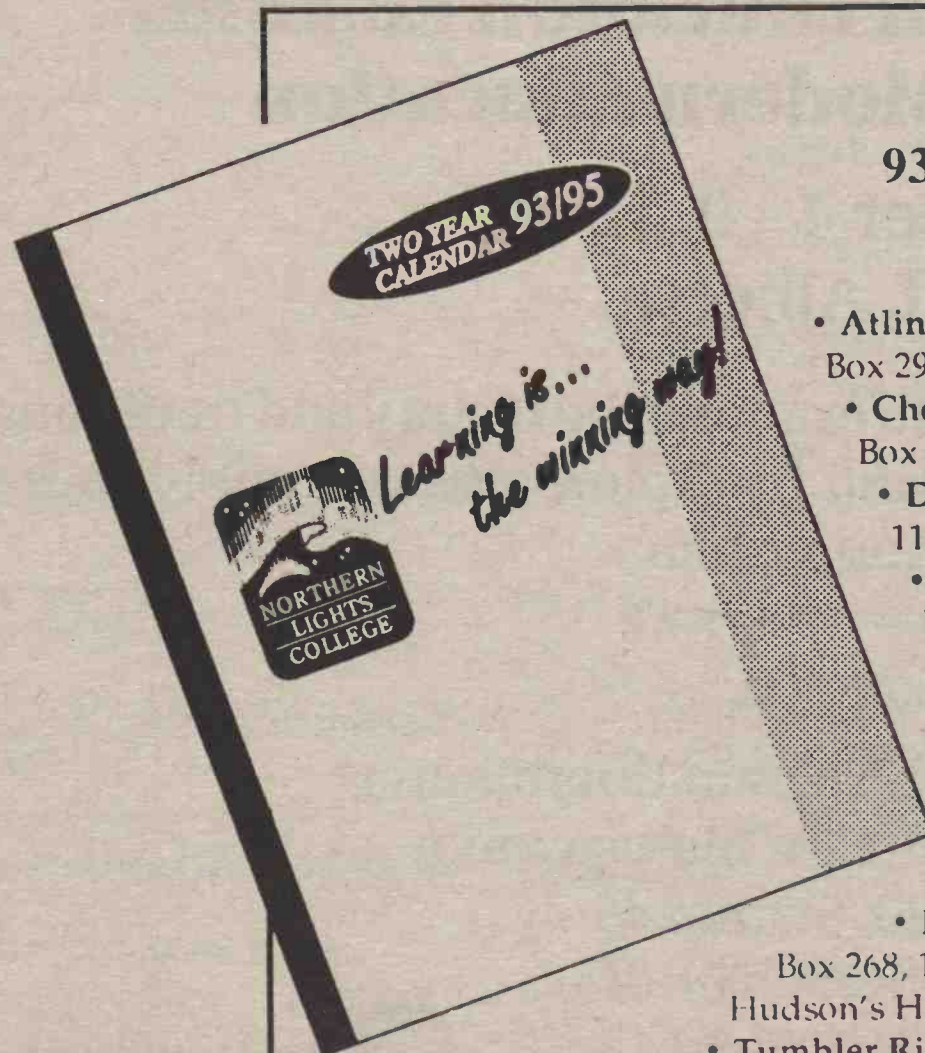
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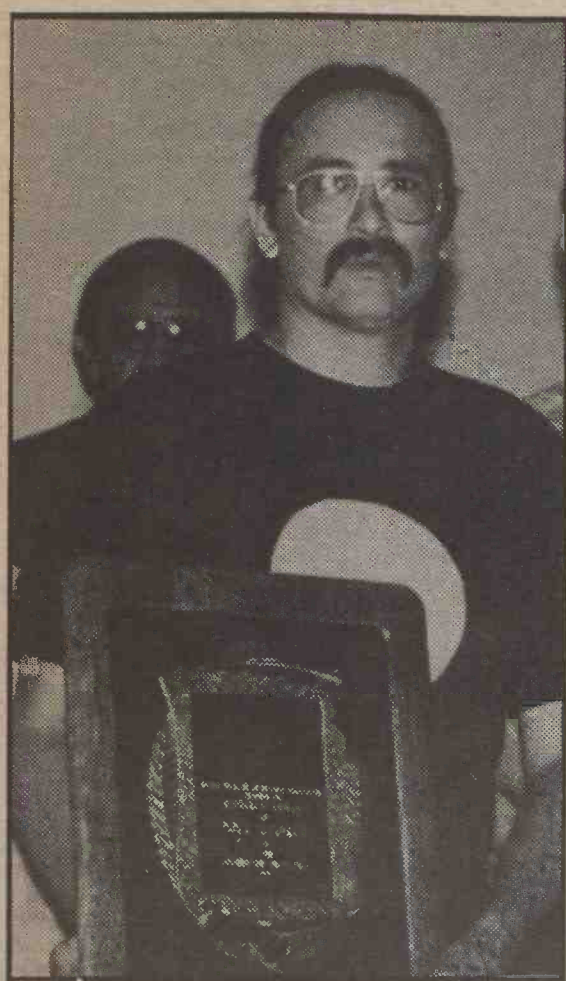
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Paul DeMain, NAJA president and Editor of News From Indian Country, accepts the award for general excellence for a bi-weekly newspaper.

Windspeaker a winner

ATLANTA, Georgia

Windspeaker walked away from this year's Native American Journalists Association awards ceremony with five awards, including two for best sports photo.

Jim Goodstriker won first place for his photo of Doug Singer, from the southern Alberta Blood reserve, wrestling a 700-pound steer at the Kanai rodeo. It appeared on the front page on Aug. 16, 1993.

Bert Crowfoot, Windspeaker's publisher, won honorable mention for his photo of Keisha McMaster of the Siksika Juvenile Girls team getting the basketball past a guard at the North American Indigenous Games in Prince Albert, Sask. That picture graced the cover of Windspeaker on Aug. 2, 1993.

Crowfoot also won honorable mention for best photo spread for his games photos which appeared inside the Aug. 2, 1993 issue.

Columnist Drew Hayden Taylor won an honorable mention for his columns, which appear regularly in Windspeaker.

Windspeaker also won honorable mention for general excellence for a newspaper published twice a month.

The NAJA convention and awards ceremony was held in Atlanta this year and brought together the National Association of Black Journalists, the Asian American Journalists Association and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

NAJA's tenth anniversary conference brought together 6,000 journalists of color July 26-29.



Bert Crowfoot

Jeff Stancil, Georgia Park Ranger, demonstrates the now-restored original press of the Cherokee Phoenix.

Phoenix first Native paper

The first Native American newspaper, The Cherokee Phoenix, began publishing in New Echota, Ga., in 1828. It was produced in both English and Cherokee, using the 86-character Cherokee alphabet developed by Sequoyah, a Cherokee silversmith.

The first issue included parts of the tribal constitution, verses from the Gospel of Matthew and detailed essays on the Cherokee language. It also covered events about neighboring tribes, national issues and the U.S. Congress.

Simultaneous with the birth of the paper were discussions in Congress about moving the Cherokees west. Editor Elias Boudinot initially editorialized avidly against the move.

But two major events led to the move west, which became known as the Trail of Tears. Georgia state government ruled the laws within the Cherokee Nation

void and it was given no legal protection from aggressive gold miners within its homeland.

Conflicts over gold fever escalated and in February 1831, Boudinot declared the laws of the state oppressive for the Cherokees. Printer John F. Wheeler was arrested shortly after that and imprisoned for aiding the Cherokees.

Boudinot and many other Cherokees concluded their cause was lost and he changed his editorial position to support the move west. But Cherokee Chief John Ross forbid him to write articles supporting the move and Boudinot resigned in 1832. The paper fell into debt and the last issue was published in 1834.

During the recent NAJA convention, a plaque was presented to the Georgia State Historical Society to commemorate the establishment of the Cherokee Phoenix.



The Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay, Quebec is responsible for the administration of a hospital in Chisasibi (32 beds) as well as Community clinics (9) and one social service centre. The board is presently looking for two individuals to fill the positions of...

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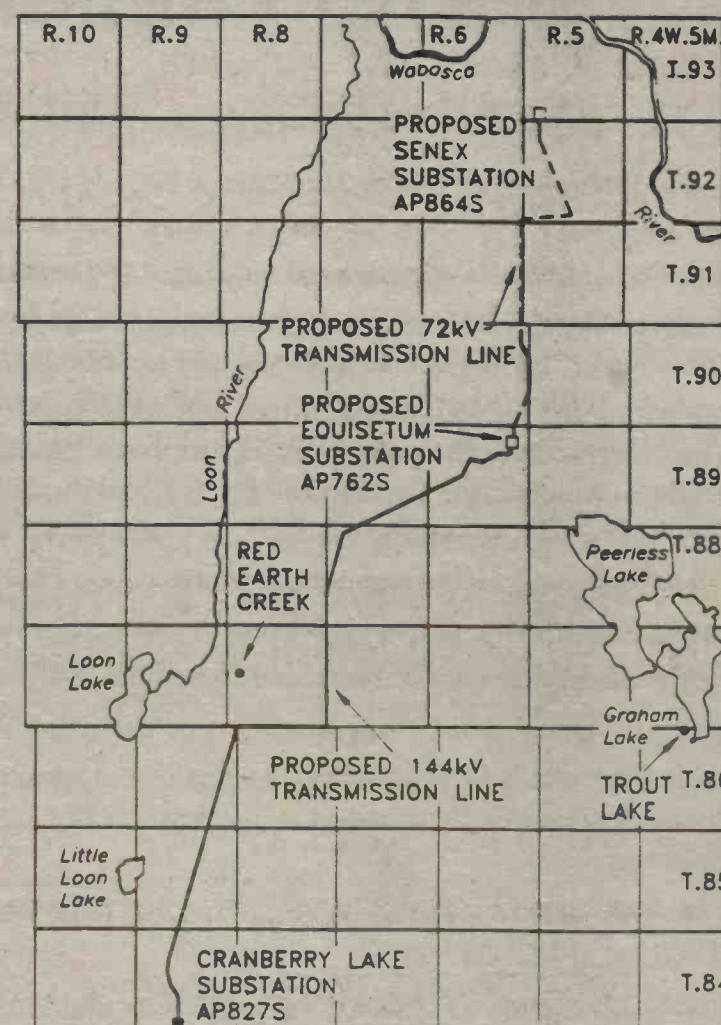
Interested candidates are invited to send a resumé before September 2, 1994 to the following address:

Francine Mainville
Department Head - Personnel
Personnel Department
C.B.H.S.S.J.B.
Chisasibi, Quebec J0M 1E0



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205 - 103B Packham Avenue
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Career Section



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Assistant Executive Director - Health & Social Services

Using your proven dynamic leadership and administrative skills, you will lead a team of seven key managers responsible for the wide range of community-based services that we provide: nine primary care community clinics, a regional social services centre, two group homes, a 32 bed hospital and a number of multidisciplinary programs.

Reporting to the Executive Director and in partnership with the Assistant Executive Director of Administrative Services, you will be highly involved in our organizational restructuring and renewal, as well as development of new programs.

Ideally, the breadth of your background includes a results oriented senior management experience of 5 - 7 years in the public sector, a degree or post-graduate degree in public administration or equivalent and, knowledge of health and social programming. Fluency in both official languages is essential. Additional assets you may bring are experience in First Nations organizations and knowledge of First Nations health or social issues.

The environment requires an executive with superior interpersonal, communication, planning and implementation skills. Past success in human resources management and development is a must.

A competitive salary (currently under review) and northern benefits consisting of northern allowance, housing, moving and storage are offered to the successful candidate, who will be based in Chisasibi.

To pursue this challenge of contributing to the development of the board, forward your resume by September 9, 1994 to:

James Bobbish
Executive Director
Cree Board of Health and Social Services
Box 420
Chisasibi, Quebec J0M 1E0



The University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work

FACULTY POSITIONS

The Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba invites applications for two tenure track positions at the Assistant Professor level effective JULY 1, 1995 subject to the availability of funding. The Faculty is committed to broadening the accessibility of its programs and to addressing social issues such as poverty, family violence, racism, sexism and ageism. It offers two accredited degree programs: the MSW degree has specializations in social clinical and social policy and administration areas of practice. The BSW degree is a generalist program with special emphasis on feminist practice and practice in Aboriginal cultures. A doctoral program is being considered. This employment is driven by Employment Equity Principles. Among demonstrably equally qualified applicants preference will be given to women and Canadian Aboriginal applicants.

DUTIES: (1) one position to include teaching social work practice and other related courses, supervising BSW and MSW social work and clinical psychology student practitioners in their practice preparation. Assisting in the provision of direct treatment services at the Psychological Services Centre and the Community Resources Clinic; (2) one position to include teaching and supervising BSW and MSW students in the area of gerontological social work practice, social policy and aging, cross-cultural issues and aging.

QUALIFICATIONS: (1) D.S.W./Ph.D. in social work or cognate discipline is preferred, M.S.W. degree is required. Prior experience in teaching and research is important. Extensive experience as a clinical practitioner and supervisor of clinical services is desired. Demonstrated knowledge experience with Aboriginal cultures and ability to work with Aboriginal students and organizations are essential; (2) D.S.W./Ph.D. in social work or cognate discipline is preferred, M.S.W. degree is required. Prior experience in teaching, research and practice experience in the area of gerontological social work is important. Knowledge of cross-cultural aspects of aging would be an asset.

The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal people and persons with disabilities. The University offers a smoke-free environment, save for specially designated areas. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Applications (including curriculum vitae and the names of three references) will be received until OCTOBER 31, 1994 and should be sent to; **DR. JOE KUYPERS, CHAIR, RECRUITMENT AND HIRING COMMITTEE, FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R3T 2N2.**

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This is a one year contractually limited position with a possible renewal. Applicants should have an academic background in counselling, university experience, experience working with Indigenous students and communities, and be familiar with Indigenous peoples' history and culture.

Please apply, in writing, by **August 26, 1994**, quoting reference #94/1052, to: **Human Resources Administrator, McMaster University, 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L8** or Fax (905) 528-6132.

We thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted by telephone.

McMaster University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, visible minorities and women.



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GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

SOUTHERN ALBERTA DIRECTOR

Competition No: SS94EM342-001-WDSP

CALGARY - The Children's Advocate is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and reports to the Minister of Family and Social Services. The office has a legislated mandate to safeguard the rights, interests and viewpoints of children receiving child welfare services. The Children's Advocate can also investigate complaints and concerns about individual children or the child welfare system as a whole and is expected to provide advice and recommendations on such matters to the Minister, and by annual report, to the Legislature. In this senior, high profile position, you will report to the Children's Advocate for Alberta. Located in Calgary, you will lead a team of specialists serving the southern half of the province. You will direct and manage the provision of statutorily defined advocacy services to children who receive child protection services pursuant to the Child Welfare Act. You will provide advice, direction and consultation to Children's Advocates in the development of case advocacy strategies. An in-depth knowledge of the Child Welfare system, legislation and resources, and an understanding of advocacy are essential. You must have excellent management, negotiation, organizational, problem solving, analytical, interpersonal and verbal and written communication skills. A good understanding of native culture and sensitivity to native issues is required. This position will be particularly attractive to individuals who have demonstrated an ability to develop innovative approaches in a rapidly changing environment. **QUALIFICATIONS:** University degree in a human services discipline plus extensive directly related experience. Experience working with Aboriginal groups is essential. Supervisory, management and advocacy experience preferred. Equivalencies considered. Travel is required. Transportation arrangements must meet operational requirements of this office.

Salary: \$ 42,144 - \$ 63,564

Closing Date: August 26, 1994

Family & Social Services

Please send an application form or resume quoting competition number to:

Alberta Government Employment Office
4th Floor, Peace Hills Trust Tower
10011 - 109 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3S8

Facsimile No: (403) 422-0468

3rd ANNUAL DREAMSPEAKERS FESTIVAL

THE WORLD'S ONLY ABORIGINAL ARTISTIC, CULTURAL & FILM FESTIVAL
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA, AUGUST 24-27, 1994

Wednesday, August 24, 1994
Grand Opening & Round Dance, Churchill Square: 11:30 a.m.
Westin Hotel Ballroom: 7:00 p.m.

A Cultural Evening Showcasing Canada's finest traditional Aboriginal performers and international Aboriginal performers - Nga Whetu (Aotearoa, New Zealand), Frances Williams and Robert McLeod (Australia), Maria Yatar & The Tuba Rose String Band (Guam) and Allpa Kallpa (South America).

Thursday, August 25	Friday, August 26	Saturday, August 27
<p>11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. CENTENNIAL PLAZA</p> <p>The Dene Tha' Drummers Nga Whetu Laura Langstaff Robert McLeod Frances Williams Clyde Roulette Band Lomy Metchooyeah Allpa Kallpa Mishi Donovan Bow Valley Raiders The V.I.C.I.L.M.Z. Ted Ross & Sturred Country</p>	<p>Allpa Kallpa Nga Whetu Lomy Metchooyeah The Dene Tha' Drummers The Tree of Peace Dene Drummers Clyde Roulette Band Mishi Donovan Rocky Woodward</p>	<p>The Dene Tha' Drummers Clyde Roulette Band Laura Langstaff Nga Whetu Wendy Walker (OTI) & Crystal Raven Frances Williams Robert McLeod Allpa Kallpa Winston Wuttunee Mishi Donovan T.A.C.O.S. Rocky Woodward Evolution Band Ted Ross & Sturred Country</p>
<p>7:00 p.m. - Midnight WESTIN HOTEL</p> <p>Laura Langstaff Evolution Band Mishi Donovan Terry Lusty Wendy Walker (OTI) & Crystal Raven Nga Whetu Bow Valley Raiders Clyde Roulette Band</p>	<p>The V.I.C.I.L.M.Z Mishi Donovan Winston Wuttunee Laura Langstaff Ted Ross & Sturred Country Rocky Woodward Bow Valley Raiders Nga Whetu Clyde Roulette Band</p>	<p>Saturday, August 27 Banquet Gala & Dance Convention Centre Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., Dinner, 7:00 p.m., Dance, 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Alanis Obomomawin Nga Whetu Frances Williams Robert McLeod Allpa Kallpa Maria Yatar & The Tuba Rose String Band Laura Vinson & Free Spirit Clyde Roulette Band George Tuccaro Winston Wuttunee Dale Auger</p> <p>Purchase Your Tickets Early To Avoid Disappointment</p>
<p>7:00 p.m. - Midnight Marlborough Room</p> <p>The Dene Tha' Drummers The Tree of Peace Dene Drummers White Braid Society Dancers Louis Soop "Spotted Eagle" Alvin Manitopyes Winston Wuttunee Allpa Kallpa Frances Williams Robert McLeod Maria Yatar & Tuba Rose String Band</p>	<p>The Tree of Peace Dene Drummers White Braid Society Dancers Louis Soop "Spotted Eagle" Alvin Manitopyes Maria Yatar & Tuba Rose String Band</p>	<p>Saturday Night Banquet Gala & Dance August 27, 1994, Convention Centre, 9797 - Jasper Avenue Banquet Tickets: @ \$25.00 Dance Only: @ \$10.00 Mail Cheque or Money Order to: Dreamspeakers Festival 9914-76 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 1K7 Phone: (403) 439-3513/3456 Fax: (403) 439-2066</p>



Film Symposium Schedule

Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 a.m.		Registration-Westin Hotel	Christine Welsh, Canada Maria Yatar, Guam Karen Sidney, New Zealand	Sonny Skyhawk, USA Fedel Moreno, USA
9:00 a.m.		Brenda Chambers, Joanne Henry, Brian Quock (Northern Native Broadcasters), Yukon, Canada PRODUCING ABORIGINAL TELEVISION INTO THE 21st CENTURY Moderator: Loretta Todd	ABORIGINAL WOMEN IN FILM Moderator: Annie Frazier-Henry	INDIGENOUS IMAGES IN FILM Moderator: Gary Farmer
Noon		Noon Hour Shorts Don Selwyn, Waihoroi Shortland, Karen Sidney, New Zealand	Noon Hour Shorts	Noon Hour Shorts
1:30 p.m.	ADVANCED REGISTRATION International Co-Production	REGISTRATION Maori 4 one hour drama series Moderator: Greg Coyces	SCREENING PERSPECTIVE ON FILM: MEXICO Moderator: TBA	SCREENING ALANIS OBOMSAWIN Moderator: Gary Farmer
5:30 p.m.	Cultural Evening	Public Screening *Edmonton Art Gallery *Edmonton Public Library *Colin Low Theatre	Public Screening *Edmonton Art Gallery *Edmonton Public Library *Colin Low Theatre	Public Screening *Edmonton Art Gallery *Edmonton Public Library *Colin Low Theatre
7:00 p.m.				

Note: International Delegates Tour Schedule Sunday, August 21 to Tuesday, August 23

Film Schedule - Evening Screening

DATE	COLIN LOW THEATRE Main Floor, Canada Place 9797 - Jasper Avenue	EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY #7 Sir Winston Churchill Square 100th Street & 102 Avenue	EDMONTON ART GALLERY #2 Sir Winston Churchill Square 100th Street & 102 Avenue
Thursday, August 25	<p>MC: Kelly George Storyteller: Lomy Metchooyeah Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video For Angela North American Indigenous Games* A Whale's Tale Let's Dance</p>	<p>MC: Nola Wuttunee Poet(s): Gerry Bostock/Molly Chisakay Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video The Vision* Mete We Tan* The Visitation* Kahu and Maia*</p>	<p>MC: Greg Coyces Poet: Lois Edge Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video Covvopping: The Miihant Indian Water* Riel Indians Blockade*</p>
Friday, August 26	<p>MC: Alvin Manitopyes Storyteller: Leonnie Iron Self-Government PSAs Women & Men Are Good Dancers Getting Out Meeting Ancestors Healing Journey*</p>	<p>MC: Louis Soop Storyteller: Annie Frazier-Henry Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video I Turn My Head Forgotten Soldier ITFM* Koro's Hat</p>	<p>MC: Josie Auger Storyteller: Terry Lusty Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video Keepers of the Fire* Sleeping Children Awake*</p>
Saturday, August 27	<p>MC: Olive Dickason Storyteller: Peter Deranger Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video Lighting the Seventh Fire Potlatch* Maori Justice*</p>	<p>MC: Thelma Chalifoux Poet: Lomy Metchooyeah Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video Silent Tongue (Tentative)</p>	<p>MC: Muriel Stanley-Yenne Storyteller: Leonnie Iron Self-Government PSAs Stumbling Bear: The Video Exile and the Kingdom</p>

Theatres open at 6:30 p.m. A poet/storyteller will precede each film screening. A synopsis of each film mentioned above will be given in the Dreamspeakers Program Book. *Denotes a representative in the audience. Films in bold type indicate a Premier Showing.

FILM SYMPOSIUM DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM
Mail Registration to: Dreamspeakers Festival, 9914-76 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 1K7

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