

N.J. OR. NA. 40

13103/A/3/10

# Wind speaker

PSB / DSP  
Received / Reçu  
SEP 16 1992

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I was afraid of myself the most; of seeing what was really there inside me."  
- Peter Strikes With a Gun, Director, Peigan Prevention Counselling Services

See Page 11

August 31, 1992

North America's Leading Native Newspaper

Volume 10 No. 11

\$1.00 plus G.S.T. where applicable

## Inquiry appeals to high court

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask

A secret informant on racist activities in Saskatchewan is being investigated by the inquiry into the shooting death of Leo LaChance, the inquiry panel announced in a surprise move. Prince Albert city police made the admission during a closed-door meeting with the three-member commission investigating the slaying of the 48-year-old Cree trapper.

At a brief resumption of the public hearings Aug. 24, the panel also announced it would suspend its work while it asked the Supreme Court of Canada to decide whether the informant should be named.

It is impossible to publicly investigate the justice system's actions if the informant cannot be identified, the panel said.

The inquiry's work could be put on hold for months if the Supreme Court decides to hear the case.

Racist leader Carney Nerland, now serving a four-year manslaughter sentence for shooting LaChance through the door of his gun shop in 1991, is rumored to be the informant.

But the Saskatchewan RCMP is standing by a provincial appeal court ruling that protects them from naming the informant. Inquiry lawyers say the fed-

eral police force is trying to cover up its interference in a local police investigation.

In another development, Nerland has asked for standing at the public investigation after initially refusing to participate. If granted standing, the 27-year-old Saskatchewan head of the Aryan Nations will be allowed to have a lawyer cross-examine inquiry witnesses and defend his interest.

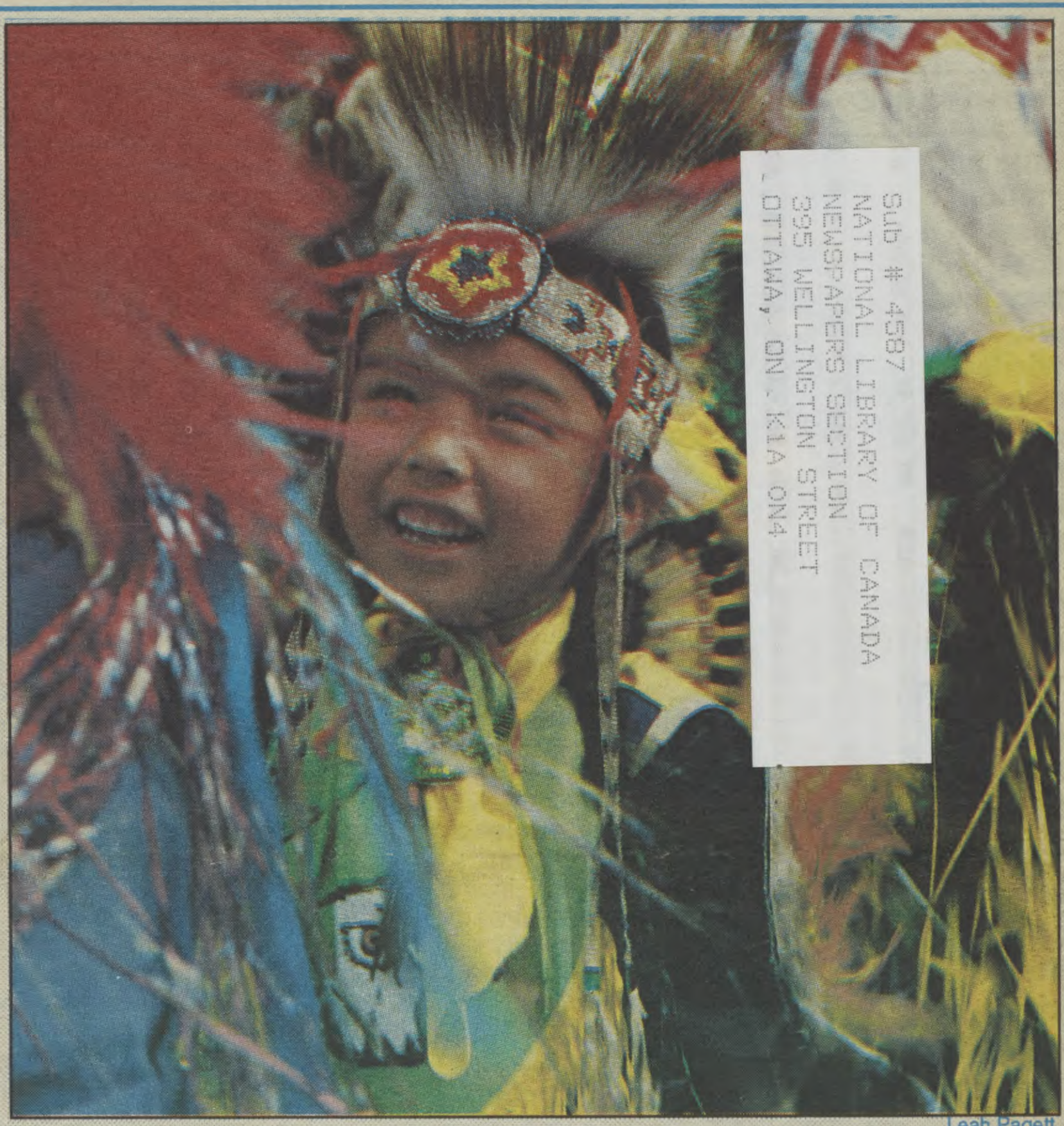
Nerland has refused to testify during the investigation into the justice system's handling of the case. It was settled on a plea bargain without going to trial.

Meanwhile, the LaChance family has called for continued public support as delays and disputes threaten to drag the three-monthold inquiry into the winter months.

"We ask people to continue to support us in their prayers and their faith," said David LaChance, brother of the slain Big River trapper.

The provincial government formed the inquiry panel last spring after a year of public pressure. Members of the Native community have been campaigning against Nerland's four-year sentence, saying he got an easy ride from the justice system because his victim was Native.

See related story, Page 3.



Leah Pagett

## Dazzled and delighted

An appreciative youngster stands amid a swirl of costumed dancers during the Grand Entry at the Driftpile Powwow.

To receive *Windspeaker* in your mailbox every two weeks, just send your cheque or money order in the amount of \$28 (G.S.T. included) to:  
**WINDSPEAKER**  
15001 - 112 AVENUE  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA  
T5M 2V6  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
POSTAL/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$10 charge on all NSF Cheques  
\$40 for all subscriptions outside Canada

## Constitutional agreement reached

OTTAWA

Canada's premiers and Native constitutional negotiators arrived at a final agreement on how self-government will be written into Canada's fundamental law.

But the deal achieved after months of negotiation and consultation is getting mixed reactions - even strong opposition - from some local and provincial Native organizations.

Kahnawake Mohawk chief Billy Two Rivers called the agreement a sell-out because of provisions that say future self-government regimes must conform to provincial laws.

"(Quebec's laws) are not binding on the Mohawk people," said the chief of the Mohawk band that blockaded Montreal's Mercier bridge during the Oka crisis. "Quebec is not a na-

tion. Quebec is not a state. Our relationship is with the Canadian Crown... with Canada."

Alberta chiefs, who had already left the negotiations last May in a dispute with the Assembly of First Nations over the process, were also wary.

Percy Potts, vice-president of the Indian Association of Alberta, described the deal as an "attempt at appeasement."

"How can people come here from Europe, take away our right to govern ourselves and then after they have been totally destroyed and mostly assimilated, give them a right to govern themselves under a European concept?"

The agreement reached during a week of marathon closed-door meetings in Ottawa is based on the July 7 tentative deal, negotiated between aboriginal leaders and the premiers of the

nine English provinces.

Like the July 7 deal, the new agreement enshrines the inherent right in the constitution, guarantees the right of Native governments to develop their own language, culture and economic systems and states Ottawa is responsible for all Native people, including Metis and those living off-reserve.

It also requires the federal and provincial governments to negotiate self-government over a five-year period. Disputes can be taken to court after the negotiating period, but the courts have been empowered to order more negotiations.

The deal also requires Native government to conform to federal and provincial law and prevents the establishment of new land claims. About 500 claims are currently at various stages of negotiation. Ottawa

has promised to resolve all outstanding claims by the year 2,000.

"We're within Canada now - we've negotiated our way into Canada," said Ron George, president of the Native Council of Canada as the deal was struck. "We are going to be partners in history now instead of just adversaries."

Metis leaders also cheered the deal.

Alberta Metis Nation president Larry Desmeules said Metis people "got everything we wanted" with the entrenchment of native rights. He said it will take years for the governments to develop into final forms and get community approval. Desmeules also said Alberta Metis will get \$600,000 from Ottawa and the province to develop Metis self-government models.

SUMMER CONTEST • SEE PAGE 15

## WHERE TO TURN

Arts & Entertainment.....	14
Business.....	13
Careers.....	17-19
First Person.....	18
Our Opinion.....	4
People & Places.....	6
Sports.....	16
Stan Gladstone.....	7
Your Opinion.....	5

## ROAD TO RECOVERY

**Drug and alcohol addiction can lead to years of struggle and cost victims everything, including health and relationships. Windspeaker takes a look at some programs set up by communities and organizations to help people on the road to recovery.**

See Pages 8 -12

## JUGGLING BUSINESSMAN

**Art Shingoose moved to Edmonton to start his juggling business, More Balls Than Most. The Winnipeg Native calls juggling "one of the best pastimes there could be," and he wants to share his enthusiasm.**

See Page 13

## AD DEADLINES

**The advertising deadline for the September 14th issue is Thursday, September 3rd at 2:00 p.m.**

# Protesters winterize blockade

By Cooper Langford  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CANOE LAKE, Sask.

Members of the three-month-old logging blockade in northern Saskatchewan are building cabins and a school so they can continue their protest into the winter.

"They'll probably start up a village," said Bernice Iron, a supporter of the blockade that went up in May to protest clear-cutting around the Meadow Lake Tribal Council's nine member communities.

Protesters are reportedly building cabins from logs already cut by Mistik Manage-

ment, the company harvesting in the area which is part-owned by the Meadow Lake Tribal Council. The school will go up first and will combine education on traditional life with the standard curriculum, Iron said.

As many as 60 demonstrators a day are manning the blockade 65 kilometres north of Meadow Lake on Highway 903. Protesters believe clear-cutting limits local job opportunities and hurts the environment.

Negotiations with the tribal council to end the blockade have been at a standstill since July when council officials announced they would not negotiate with an active protest.

But protesters have formed a new committee with repre-

sentatives from Saskatchewan's Northwest Mayor's Association, the provincial Metis society, the tribal council and the provincial government to negotiate.

"We're going to be sitting down with the government and forest industry so everybody knows how we want to manage our resources," said blockade spokesman Ruth Iron.

The Metis Society of Saskatchewan has thrown its weight behind the protest and has joined the negotiating committee to argue in favor of Metis land rights, said spokesman Bernice Hammersmith.

"The land in question is Crown land which we as Metis people would control under self-government," she said.

Buckley Blanger, head of the mayor's association, said his group joined the negotiations as a non-partisan group interested in seeing an end to the dispute. He declined further comment, saying the negotiations are at a sensitive stage.

Meanwhile, blockade supporters in other parts of the province are raising funds to keep the protest going and raise public awareness.

In Saskatoon, more than 200 people gathered for a four-hour benefit concert in Friendship Park.

"There is a real need to bring the reality of that community to the people of Saskatoon," said Don Kossick, one of the rally organizers.

# Native women need services, panel on violence concludes

OTTAWA

The federal government should fund more shelters and counselling services for abused women and children, especially in Native communities, said a panel investigating violence against women.

An interim report by the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women, issued after a cross-country tour of community meetings, concluded abuse of women is higher than most Canadians realize.

And abuse in the Native community doubles the rates in non-Native society, said a member of the panel's advisory circle on Native issues.

"We are talking about eight

out of 10 aboriginal women being abused compared to four out of 10 in the non-aboriginal population," said Claudette Dumont-Smith, a registered nurse who was raised on the Maniwaki reserve in Quebec.

Dumont-Smith said a lack of transition homes and services for women wanting to end abusive relationships often forces women to leave their communities while the perpetrator stays. Because many communities are isolated or semi-isolated, leaving means moving to urban centres, creating further feelings of isolation.

"When she gets to a shelter in an urban area, there are no brown faces - no aboriginal people - working in the shelter. She

feels doubly victimized and isolated," Dumont-Smith said.

The panel's report recommended "zero tolerance" of violence against women and issued a call to fight the sexual, physical, emotional and ritual abuse of women.

"Only when priorities are rearranged - and the political will is found to adopt a policy of zero tolerance for violence against women - will institutions, health and justice systems provide a service that is adequate, appropriate and effective," the report said.

Ottawa is currently planning a \$1.9 million random survey of 20,000 Canadian women on the violence issues.

Preliminary sampling indi-

cates abuse rates are much higher than the traditional one-in-10 figure, said project manager Holly Johnson.

"I think it is going to be shocking to a lot of people," she said. "It's going to reinstate this issue on the public agenda."

The preliminary tests involved questioning about 1,000 women in Quebec and Ontario during May and June.

Many of the women interviewed for the survey said it was the first time they admitted they had been abused, Johnson said.

Federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell said the government isn't planning to move on any of the recommendations until the panel issues its final report.

# Mohawks face off provincial police

KAHNASATAKE, Que.

Mohawks at Kanasatake set up a four-hour blockade around their reserve after grand chief Jerry Pelletier held a news conference to protest harassment by provincial police.

More than 50 Mohawks - many wielding sticks and clubs - faced a group of at least 25 provincial police officers on a road near the Oka golf course,

the site of the 78-day standoff in 1990, news reports said.

Other Mohawks set up car barricades at the entrance to the pine forest, which stood at the centre of the Oka crisis. No violence was reported at the scene and the barricades came down peacefully after Assembly of First Nations' grand chief Ovide Mercredi appealed to Quebec to call off the police, Pelletier said.

The standoff erupted at 11:15

p.m., three hours after Pelletier's news conference.

"We got a phone call as we were leaving the meeting that 10 or 15 police cars were here," Pelletier said.

Provincial police said a squad car was on patrol through the pine forest when it was confronted by a group of masked individuals in army fatigues.

"As the officer got to this precise spot, there were about 20

guys with four or five cars behind them," said Daniel Morin, a spokesman for Surete du Quebec police force.

Stephen Bonspille, a 26-year-old Mohawk, called the showdown an overflow of tension between Natives and the police.

"They do a lot of flexing their muscles around here," he said following the incident. "There is a lot more harassment than there used to be."

## NATION IN BRIEF

### Mountie goes to trial in Nepoose case

RCMP Sgt. Don Zazulak will go to trial Oct. 19 on charges that he lied while giving testimony at an inquiry into Wilson Nepoose's murder conviction. Zazulak, who headed the investigation into the 1986 death of Marie Rose Desjarlais, chose to forgo a preliminary inquiry during a recent appearance in Edmonton provincial court. Nepoose was freed last winter after serving five years of his life sentence. The 47-year-old Hobbema man has consistently denied he was responsible for Desjarlais's death. Nepoose was freed when Crown lawyers decided they would not pursue charges after a judi-

cial inquiry decided new evidence and bungled police investigations cast doubt on his original conviction.

### New chief elected at Shamattawa reserve

Bennett Redhead, 55, was elected chief of Manitoba's violence-plagued Shamattawa reserve, less than one month after the last chief was stabbed to death. Bennett Redhead won a four-way race to succeed Noah Redhead, who died of stab wounds in July. He said he plans to take tough action against the abuse of drugs, solvents and guns. Noah Redhead's wife has been charged with second-degree murder and is currently free on bail pending her upcoming trial. The Shamattawa reserve has been the site of several violent

incidents in recent months. Officials blame the crime wave on illegal shipments of alcohol to the reserve.

### Cree minister to head United Church

Rev. Stanley J. McKay, a Cree from Beausejour, Man., has been elected to the United Church's top office. McKay, 50, is the first Native person named moderator in the protestant denomination's 67-year history. "The challenges at the present time are very complex," he said at a news conference following the election. "I'm rather naive in terms of how some of these issues are going to be resolved." The United Church is currently embroiled in controversies over its acceptance of homosexual ministers and a pending debate over same-

sex marriages.

### Forced spiritual studies unfair, students say

Two Native journalism students in Winnipeg are filing discrimination complaints after complaining they are forced to study Native spirituality in their college program. The students say administrators at the Red River Community College told them they won't graduate if they don't take a cultural portion of their course. Doug Thomas, one of the students, says the cultural class includes religious ceremonies involving Native customs and artifacts. Thomas said he respects the ceremonies but that being forced to attend violates his rights. The students filed complaints with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission.

### Court rules NWAC should have been at table

In a ruling that can only be described as too little, too late, the Federal Court of Appeal decided that the Native Women's Association of Canada should have been at the constitutional table. The symbolic victory for the group, which claimed women's concerns would not be heard at the male-dominated negotiations, came the day after the final constitutional deal was reached. And while the court said Native woman had a rightful place at the negotiations, it also said it would not interfere with the question of who Prime Minister Brian Mulroney invited to the talks.

# New strains of drug-resistant TB cause for concern in Canada

By Cooper Langford  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Health workers in the United States have detected new strains of tuberculosis that are resistant to many of the popular treatments.

And medical officials in Canada say while similar strains do not appear to have made inroads here, the situation is cause for concern.

"The answer to the question

'Is it alarming?' Yes. 'Is it a huge problem in Canada?' No," said Dr. Anne Fanning, Director of Tuberculosis control for the province of Alberta.

In the last three years, drug-resistant forms of TB have cropped up in 17 states. Disease rates have shot up in some of the poverty-stricken inner cities where unhealthy living conditions have given the bacteria a new public foothold.

One strain, which has appeared mainly in people suffering from AIDS, resists seven of the roughly 12 drugs used to

treat the disease, according to American news reports.

The number of reported TB cases in Canada has remained relatively stable at around 2,000 cases a year since the mid-1980s.

While the majority of new cases are found in recent Asian immigrants, about 20 per cent arise in the Native community. Other high-risk groups include the elderly, the urban poor and HIV/AIDS patients.

Federal officials say evidence suggests an increasing number of Canadian cases are resistant to between one and three of the

conventional anti-TB drugs. Ten years ago, six per cent of all cases were resistant to one drug.

"We haven't seen the rise like the one in the United States. But we would like to see the numbers go down," said Dr. Donna Holton, a senior official with the federal government's Laboratory Centre for Disease Control.

Drug resistant cases in Canada have been able to dodge one to three of the conventional medications, leaving doctors with several treatment avenues.

There were 173 reported cases of tuberculosis in Alberta

last year, Fanning said. Out of that total, 17 cases showed resistance to one of the conventional drugs. A further five were able to fend off two forms of treatment.

The federal government is launching a nationwide survey to see if there are patterns of resistance in Canadian cases and to determine risk factors associated with resistant cases.

A key factors in the development of resistant disease forms is the failure of people to finish the year-long regimen of medication, Fanning and Holton said.

## Nerland's request for parole denied

By Connie Sampson  
Windspeaker Contributor

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.

Carney Nerland, an Aryan Nations leader serving a four-year manslaughter sentence for the shooting death of Cree trapper Leo LaChance, has been denied parole.

Nerland shot LaChance as the 48-year-old man left Nerland's gun shop in Prince Albert Jan. 28, 1991. On April 10 of that year, he was sentenced to the four-year term he is serving at Stoney Mountain federal penitentiary in Manitoba.

Prisoners are eligible to apply for day parole (returning to prison at night) after one-sixth of their sentence has been served. They can apply for full parole after one-third has been served; most are released on mandatory supervision after two-thirds has been served and remission earned.

Nerland appeared before the National Parole Board at the prison in late July, asking for full parole in August. His application was denied.

Norm Fagnou, regional director of the parole board, explained the criteria for release on parole. Because of the Privacy Act, he cannot comment on Nerland's case.

Fagnou said a "snapshot" of each offender is obtained when the prisoner enters the penitentiary system. Violent offenders are given a psychological and psychiatric assessment. The profile built up on each prisoner includes background, criminal record, life-style, attitudes, values, history of incarceration, violence in the background, community status, whether alcohol and/or drug abuse are factors in the crime, temper control and employment history.

On applying for parole, the prisoner submits a plan indicating what he will do on release.

When the parole board considers the case, their concern is how the prisoner has changed since his entry into prison. His current situation is compared to the "snapshot"

compiled at the beginning of his sentence.

The board wants to know what programming the prisoner has taken to deal with the factors that led to the crime and they want to know if the prisoner understands how his behavior led to the crime. Does he understand what has to change so he will not commit another crime?

GAng membership does not help the prisoner's case.

Elders, ministers and priests, prison instructors and police can make submissions if they have something to contribute to the decision-making process.

The parole board decides how great a risk to the community a particular prisoner is. If there is undue risk, the parole is denied. If there has been sufficient change, the prisoner can be released on parole and be supervised by a parole officer while living in the community.

Nerland is eligible for mandatory supervision in December 1993.

Meanwhile, a bill designed to force Nerland to return to Prince Albert to attend the inquiry into the shooting appears to be stuck in the Saskatchewan legislature.

A public outcry forced an inquiry into the circumstances of LaChance's death and the way the police, prosecution and the court handled the case, along with the activities of the Aryan Nations and the Ku Klux Klan in Saskatchewan.

Nerland has refused to return to Saskatchewan voluntarily to testify at the hearings. A change in provincial legislation is necessary to return him to his home province from Manitoba.

Justice Minister Bob Mitchell asked for the bill which has had one reading of the necessary three. However, the committee which should now be studying the bill has never been called by the NDP government, which took power last fall.

All provincial committees have been suspended while the legislature deals with legislation now before it.

## Metis local upset at lack of funding

By Holly Radau  
Windspeaker Contributor

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta.

Grande Prairie's Metis Local 1990's work to improve its people's situation is hamstrung by a lack of support from the Metis Nation of Alberta, its president claims.

The local is relying on donations and bingo fund-raisers to carry out vital projects ranging from job programs to building cultural respect through the schools, Local 1990 president Bruce McMahon said.

The local needs administrative funding to be effective because it is more aware of what the community wants done rather than 'top-down' decision-making from the MNA.

"They're there to service the people they represent and at this point they're not servicing the people in the communities. They're not asking us what we need or want," he charged.

Gary Gaudet, Metis Nation vice-president for Zone 6, said it would be unfair to fund Local 1990 to the exclusion of the other locals in his zone. At present only zone offices are funded.

"If we did that we may as well close the doors. There's not enough to give if all 11 locals in my zone wanted money. You fund one, then you have to fund them all. That's the reality of it all," said Gaudet, a past executive director of the MNA.

"(McMahon) wants to do things overnight. He's got good ideas but things don't happen overnight. Funding for his local

is something that's not there at this time."

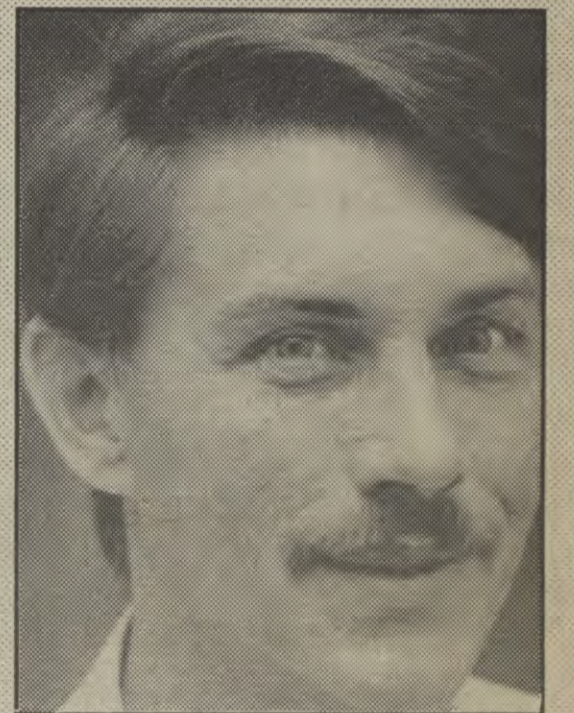
Gaudet said the locals still hold the power because he answers to them. And although constitutional discussions have taken him away from the region, Gaudet maintained Local 1990 "hasn't been neglected."

"Locals are going to have to come up with concrete ideas and then they're going to have to be pursued. That's what has to be done," he stated.

McMahon argued that's exactly what the local is doing - on its own - and points proudly to what's being achieved by volunteer work and fund-raising.

Even without the MNA's support, the local was still able to create 7,120 paid working hours in the past 12 months.

The active local, which was revived two years ago, is a strong advocate for better understanding of Metis culture and for the improved image of the Metis



*"You can't expect volunteers or board members to sit down 40 hours a week to do (program) packages."*

- Bruce McMahon,  
Grande Prairie Metis  
Local 1990 President

population.

Its volunteers provide input to various city groups and committees, on matters from the environment to family services. Two projects it has underway are a Metis history and culture program for schools and a job readiness training program.

"We're making changes, we're making valid opinions but we have to sit here with no valid administration in place," McMahon said.

"You can't expect volunteers or board members to sit down 40 hours a week to do (program) packages."

In frustration over the situation, Local 1990 proposed dividing Zone 6, which is based in Peace River, and creating a new zone that would be based in Grande Prairie. Each zone office receives funding from the MNA.

The motion was resoundingly defeated at the recent provincial assembly of the MNA.

## Metis Nation supports fishermen

By Wally Belcowski  
Windspeaker Contributor

SLAVE LAKE, Alta.

The 64th Metis Nation of Alberta annual general assembly resolved to support Metis freshwater fishermen seeking to escape control of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation.

Members voted unanimously after a presentation from Robert Ross of Hay River, N.W.T. Ross, chairman of the Great Slave

Lake Fish Company L.T.D., is also head of Concerned Fishermen, a group organizing a national drive to get rid of the marketing board. Now, fishermen must by law sell their catch to the F.F.M.C., Ross said.

After initially advocating massive fishing, the board can't handle the catch, Ross claimed. Millions of pounds of fish are thrown back into the waters regularly, while there is easily a market for all caught. The fish the board is able to move is often of reduced quality because of

the time between catching and getting the fish to market.

Ross quoted fisheries minister John Crosbie, who said that \$32 million had been paid out last year to 3,500 fishermen. That works out to just over \$9,000 each, before expenses and before paying two to three helpers.

It costs a fisherman \$1.19 per pound to put fish on the scale and the F.F.M.C. pays them 85 cents per pound. And that's after subsidization by the Territorial government, with subsidy dollars going to the F.F.M.C.

# Deal proof of progress

It's here. After months of consultations, meetings and negotiations, the leaders of four national aboriginal organizations and the provincial premiers have arrived at a self-government deal they are willing to take to the country.

This clearly represents giant strides since the days of the failed Meech Lake accord. Native concerns have moved to the top of the national agenda in the three years since Elijah Harper, the soft-spoken member of the Manitoba legislature, told the country Native constitutional aspirations could no longer be ignored.

It's hard to believe how quickly the legitimacy of Native concerns were recognized and taken up by the Canadian public. The standoff at Oka and Harper's understated role in sinking Meech have shown Canada there is power in the Native community, power that must be recognized as legitimate.

How far the constitutional deal goes in recognizing that legitimate power, however, is a matter of some debate. While national leaders hail this agreement as an historic breakthrough, regional leaders are seeing holes in the fabric.

Kahnawake chief Billy Two Rivers calls this deal a sell-out because the Quebec government will be part of the process as his community negotiates their government. After witnessing the violence of the Oka crisis and daily police harassment on his own reserve, it's easy to understand why he doesn't want to deal with Quebec.

Likewise, Alberta Treaty chiefs want to negotiate their government based on treaties with the Crown, with Ottawa alone. The province of Alberta, they say, has no role in defining their status as a nation. Self-government is implicitly recognized and should flow from the treaties. Bringing the province into negotiations on that original relationship between nations threatens to dilute the original power of the treaties.

It remains to be seen if the current deal will create the problems anticipated by its critics. The emphasis now is on negotiating specific arrangements. If the provinces and the federal government approach the coming talks in good faith and with a desire to genuinely redistribute power, then it is possible to achieve satisfaction.

The constitutional deal as it now stands is vague on specifics. That leaves people with questions and concerns. The real test of the deal's power will come in the next few years of specific negotiations.

But perhaps it is better to be in a situation that will see definitions evolve. It is certainly better than having specific lists of powers written out before negotiations begin, as some premiers had hoped would be the case.

For now, people should take a breather, sit back and digest the end result of what has been a stressful process.

Rest well. There is still much work to do.

## Our logs, our cabins

The folks blockading Highway 903 in northern Saskatchewan are showing their resolve to stop clear-cut timber harvests goes far beyond the summer months.

With the first chills of autumn and winter in the air, the protesters have announced they will build cabins to carry their demonstration through the winter months. One of their first building projects is a school so that their action may remain a family affair.

And it appears Mistik Management's cutting program may have some value to the protesters after all. Spokesman Ruth Iron says the group plan to build their cabins from cut timbers now lying in the forest.

We can't help but wonder if this is what people mean when they talk about co-management agreements.



# Agreement raises queries, concerns

This past week the first ministers and Native leaders finally reached a constitutional agreement.

It doesn't matter that last week the same leaders were espousing negativity and had reached an impasse on several key issues.

I, for one, can't help but feel that we've all been had, just a little.

Time will tell if that same feeling will transpose over to the constitutional agreement, itself.

In Alberta, Premier Getty is pleased. He has his Triple E Senate, though his next task may be to work on the disparity in the House of Commons as a result.

Alberta Native leaders are split on the deal. Larry Desmuelles, President of the Metis Association of Alberta, was elated.

"The Metis received what they wanted and more," he said. In the future, Metis in Alberta will be able to negotiate land and resource rights.

Over all, Indian leaders have not endorsed the agreement. Percy Potts, vice-president of the Indian Association of Alberta,



**Pikiskwe**  
by Connie Buffalo

said the agreement will not apply to them. Northern chiefs have said that they remain suspicious of the process used to reach the constitutional agreement.

It's really difficult to assess what was decided upon because currently there are no written texts.

However, judging from newspaper reports, there seems to be a number of questions that Indian people should be prepared to study.

The first is "inherent right to Native self-government." What does this mean, if all Native laws must conform with federal and provincial law?

And secondly, when they included the clause, Peace, Order and Good Government, are they suggesting the residuary power of the federal government will be given to Indian government?

The legal interpretation of this term may be much different than the literal meaning of the words.

How will the agreement affect current cases now before the courts? If a dispute is not resolved by negotiations, will the five-year wait place the Native litigants at a disadvantage? How will this affect current land claims?

There are many questions that Native leaders will have about the new agreement.

Chief Mercredi would be best advised to begin a national tour to explain the details of the agreement. The agreement still must be ratified, and the provincial and federal governments have yet to agree on the process.

I think this time it is unlikely the powers that be will allow an eagle feather to undermine their will.

# Wind speaker

Windspeaker is published by the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA) every second Monday to provide information to the Native people. Windspeaker was established in 1983 and is politically independent. Indexed in the Canadian Magazine Index and indexed on-line in the Canadian Business & Current Affairs Database and Canadian Periodical Index. 35 mm microfilm: Micromedia, 220 Victoria Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2N8.

15001 - 112 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 2V6

Ph: (403) 455-2700

Fax: (403) 455-7639

Publisher: Bert Crowfoot

## STAFF

- Linda Caldwell • EDITOR •
- Cooper Langford • NEWS REPORTER •
- Ethel Winnipeg • PRODUCTION CO-ORDINATOR •
- Joanne Gallien • ACCOUNTS •
- Paul Macedo • SYSTEMS ANALYST •
- Leah Pagett • RECEPTIONIST •
- Bill MacKay • CARTOONIST •

## SALES CONSULTANTS

- Cliff Stebbings • NE ALBERTA, SASK., MANITOBA •
- Vince Webber • SOUTHERN ALBERTA, NWT, YUKON •
- Alex Shearing • NW ALBERTA, B.C., QUEBEC •

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Noel McNaughton • PRESIDENT •
- Carol Wilson • VICE PRESIDENT •
- Chester Cunningham • TREASURER •
- Rose Marie Willier • SECRETARY •
- Joe P. Cardinal • Harrison Cardinal • Dan McLean

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Native American Journalists Association (NAJA)
- National Aboriginal Communications Society (NACS)

## COPYRIGHT

Advertisements designed, set and produced by Windspeaker as well as pictures, news, cartoons, editorial content and other printed material are the property of Windspeaker and may not be used without the expressed written permission of Windspeaker.

## Your Opinion

# Lubicon women set Siddon straight

An open letter to Tom Siddon, Minister of Indian Affairs

Mr. Siddon,

The Women of the Lubicon Lake Nation invite you to address our people. We would like you to bring your family and stay for a whole week. You can experience firsthand our living conditions, our poverty and our frustration. You can tell us about how "sad" you are about our rejecting the "new offer." You can explain to us how you are giving Lubicon an extra \$10 million to buy our own land.

We would like any opportunity to meet with you so we

could tell you, you are playing around with our money, not the taxpayer's. We know government has investments in Petro-Canada, Husky and so on - you people have made money directly from our land. Tell us the amount of money you people have taken in oil, we want to know is it \$1 billion or \$5 billion?

And you have said this offer is generous to the Lubicon. In this "new offer" your people have brought up the band membership issue, when it was supposed to be resolved three years ago. Why? We will decide the membership, not you or some strangers in Ottawa. This issue

of control over membership is non-negotiable.

We have something to say to you, Mr. Siddon: Lubicon women would like to ask, do you think we are growing stupid? This deal is worse than your take-it-or-leave-it-offer, any fool can see that. You have further insulted our people by stating: "There are other communities in the neighborhood. People may want to choose whether they adhere to Lubicon or some other community." Are you saying that our Nation is like a street in Edmonton, if we don't like this than we are free to move on? Do you know that our grandmothers and grandfa-

thers have fought over 50 years for their rights as Lubicon? Do you know that our people have lived here for many, many years; it is our land and our Nation, not some neighborhood!

No amount of money is going to make us give up being Lubicon or give up our land. And no amount of "government created bands" are going to wipe us out, rather you are forcing the Lubicon to work together as never before. The women will work extra hard at not letting you destroy and tear apart our families.

Everyone knows we do not want to be millionaires. We want decent living conditions

and a future for our children. We want you to settle the land claim and use the proposal the Lubicon people negotiated a long time ago. We want our land and lives to be left alone. Stop playing games with us, and the public. We will fight with whatever means we have available to us to get this land claim settled. We have kept quiet too long. Our voices will be heard. We ask other women to help make our voice stronger.

Maggie Auger  
Louisa Ominayak  
Violet Ominayak  
Spokeswomen, Lubicon Lake  
Nation Women

## Allegations challenged

Dear Editor,

Some months ago you published a letter which stated that in a U.S. Catholic convent there had been found a cemetery for the disposal of aborted fetuses, the fruit of the nuns' frequent abortions. No specific convent, date, or location was mentioned.

This is one of those "urban legends" that have been around for decades. I do not believe the story, particularly when it is offered with no supporting facts.

In your July 20, 1992 issue, Gordon Robert Dumont of Prince Albert alleges the "Catholic Church" is sending its priests charged with sexual abuse to the U.S. for therapy which includes coaching "in seminars on how to act appropriately outraged while testifying in court... so as to trick the judge..." Can he specify where this alleged "therapy" is given, who was sent to such a place, by whom and when? Can he supply any proof at all? If not, his allegations should be retracted.

We in the Catholic Church have enough real scandals to handle without having to put up with fabrications.

Respectfully,  
Barry McGrory

# Hunters urged to shoot bison to halt spread of disease

Dear Editor,

The Department of Renewable Resources in Yellowknife wants experienced hunters to shoot any bison spotted in the bison-free buffer zone between Wood Buffalo National Park and the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary.

The buffer zone was established as a disease control measure to protect healthy wood bison. The healthy wood bison population in the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary is the largest free-roaming herd of this threatened subspecies, and is a cornerstone of Canada's wood bison recovery program.

Meanwhile bison in Wood Buffalo National Park and the Slave River Lowlands are infected with bovine brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis. Separated by only 100 kilometres, the diseased park bison pose a serious threat to the disease-free Mackenzie herd.

This special management provision is an interim measure, and will be in effect until further notice.

Only experienced hunters should attempt to shoot bison



Diseased bison pose a threat to healthy bison.

found in the buffer zone, with a minimum .338 calibre firearm and 200 grain ammunition. All other standard hunting regulations apply and will be strictly enforced.

As soon as possible after shooting a bison in the buffer zone, hunters are required to

report its location to the local Renewable Resources officer so the bison may be tested. Hunters may butcher the animal before reporting the kill.

Once the bison has been examined for disease and samples are taken for further testing, the person who killed the bison may

use the meat. Care should be taken during butchering, and the meat should not be eaten raw, or as dry meat.

Sincerely,  
Bob McLeod  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Department of Renewable  
Resources

## OPEN HOUSE

ALBERTA  
SPECIAL WASTE  
TREATMENT  
CENTRE

Sunday, September 13th, 1992  
Swan Hills, Alberta

Ongoing tours from  
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
Refreshments provided

Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd.  
A member of the BOVAR group

ALBERTA  
SPECIAL WASTE  
MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM  
OPERATED BY CHEM-SECURITY (ALBERTA) LTD.

Transportation available from Town Centre parking lot

## 9TH ANNUAL CULTURAL DAYS



SEPTEMBER 17, 1992 {day 1}

6pm - 7pm  
STEW & BANNOCK  
Adults (\$3.50)  
Children & Seniors (\$1.50)

7pm - 8pm  
PAGEANTS  
Little Maiden & Brave (0 - 4 yrs)  
Little Princess & Chief (5 - 8 yrs)  
Maiden & Brave (9 - 12 yrs)  
Native Princess (13 - 18 yrs)  
Kookum & Mooshum (55 & over)

SEPTEMBER 18, 1992 {day 2}

7pm - 11pm  
FAMILY DANCE  
The Fourth Generation Band  
Adult - \$5  
Children - \$4 (13 - 17 yrs) \$2 (4 - 12 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 19, 1992 {day 3}

8:30 am - 10:30 am  
Pancake Breakfast  
Adults (\$3) Children & Seniors (\$1.50)  
12 noon - 3 pm  
TALENT SHOW  
Registration Fee \$10 per category  
9pm - 1 am  
DANCE (Cabaret)  
The Fourth Generation Band  
Door Admission \$8

SEPTEMBER 20, 1992 {day 4}

12pm - 2pm  
TEAM CHALLENGE  
2pm - 5pm  
BULL & QUEEN OF THE WOODS  
Spike Driving ... Single Crosscut  
Log Toss ... Double Crosscut  
Log Chopping ... Power Saw Cutting

# INDIAN COUNTRY

## Community Events

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE YOUR EVENT IN THIS CALENDAR FOR THE SEPTEMBER 14TH ISSUE, PLEASE CALL ETHEL BEFORE NOON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT (403) 455-2700, FAX 455-7639 OR WRITE TO: 15001 - 112 AVENUE, EDM., AB., T5M 2V6.**

- BINGO; Every Tuesday; doors open 6:30 p.m., calling at 7:15 p.m.; Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre, AB.
- BEING METIS MAKES YOU SPECIAL; every second Wed., 7 p.m.; 7903 - 73 Ave.; Edmonton, AB.
- NATIVE ELDERS SOUP & BANNOCK; noon Wed.; 11821 - 78 St.; Edmonton, AB.
- THE COWBOY/INDIAN SHOW; August 22-October 17, 1992, Glenbow Museum, Calgary, AB
- BIGSTONE CREE NATION TRIBAL CELEBRATION; Sept 11-13, 1992, Desmarais, AB
- AWARENESS ON CANCER CONFERENCE; Sept. 15-17, 1992, Rapid City, South Dakota, U.S.A.
- HIGH LEVEL AND DISTRICT TRADE SHOW; Sept. 18-19, 1992, High Level, AB
- DRUMHELLER NATIVE BROTHERHOOD SOCIETY 24TH ANNUAL POWWOW; September 19, 1992, Drumheller, AB
- DREAMSPEAKERS 1992; Sept. 22-27, 1992, Edmonton, AB
- GREAT LAW RECITATION; Sept. 19 - 27, 1992, Six Nations Reserve, Ontario.
- INDIGENOUS VOICES CONFERENCE: BEYOND 1992; Sept. 23-25, 1992, Chicago, Ill.
- FIRST NATIONS BUSINESS EXPOSITION '92; Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 1992, Edmonton, AB
- SOBER DANCE; Sept. 28, 1992, 13010-129 St. Edmonton, AB
- WOMEN & WELLNESS CONFERENCE '92; October 4 - 6, 1992, Saskatoon, Sask.
- INTERNATIONAL INTERTRIBAL EXPOSITION AND TRADE FAIR; October 4-11, 1992, Calgary, AB
- PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF NATIVE LANGUAGE; October 7-11, 1992, Washington, D.C.

### THE POWWOW CIRCUIT

- 1992 NAKODA LABOUR DAY CLASSIC POWWOW; Sept. 4-6, 1992, Morley, AB
- 13TH ANNUAL UNITED TRIBES CHAMPIONSHIP POWWOW; Sept. 10-13, 1992, Bismarke, N.D.
- ELBOW RIVER INTERTRIBAL DAY POWWOW; Sept. 18-20, 1992, Max Bell Arena, Calgary, AB
- BUFFY ROAN MEMORIAL POWWOW; Sept. 25-17, 1992, Panee Agriplex, Hobbema, AB

# NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW & SALE

**CALGARY SHOW,**  
Big Four Building, Stampede Park  
November 19 to 22, 1992

**EDMONTON SHOW**  
Convention Centre  
November 27 to 29, 1992

**Booth fees prior to September 15, 1992 \$250 (after September 15, 1992 fee is \$300)**

Please make applications to:  
**Aboriginal Artisan Art & Craft Society**  
10715 - 152 Street, Edmonton, AB T5P 1Z2  
or call  
Martha - (403) 486-0069  
Val - (403) 444-4225  
Mary - (403) 476-8895

Oki!!! This issue's events starts with two celebrations, one from the west coast and the other in northern Alberta, and a salute to a respected leader in Manitoba.

**Victoria, British Columbia** - The Victoria Native Friendship Centre hosted their 8th Annual First People's Festival.

There were all different kinds of activities throughout the weekend, from shopping to eating - two of my favorite things. There was canoeing on the traditional Nuu-Chah-Nulth canoes, watching Native dancing and listening to traditional Native music. There were even some events just for children.

The Victoria Native Friendship Centre would like to send a big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of the events.

**Long Lake, Alberta** - When you go on the powwow trail, you don't know what kind of weather to expect from the Creator. This is what the people from Long Lake will always remember. Can



## PEOPLE & PLACES

by Ethel Winnipeg

you believe it - it snowed all over Alberta and the temperatures were almost at the freezing point! But this didn't seem to bother the visitors they had.

I had brought a friend from England to the powwow, and she didn't seem to mind the weather either. I think she was overwhelmed by the beautiful but cold grand entry, and mesmerized by the bluish/brown dancers in their colorful outfits. Especially the men's fancy dancer - Michael Roberts from Oklahoma.

The only downer for me was it started a day later - talk about

Indian time or what!

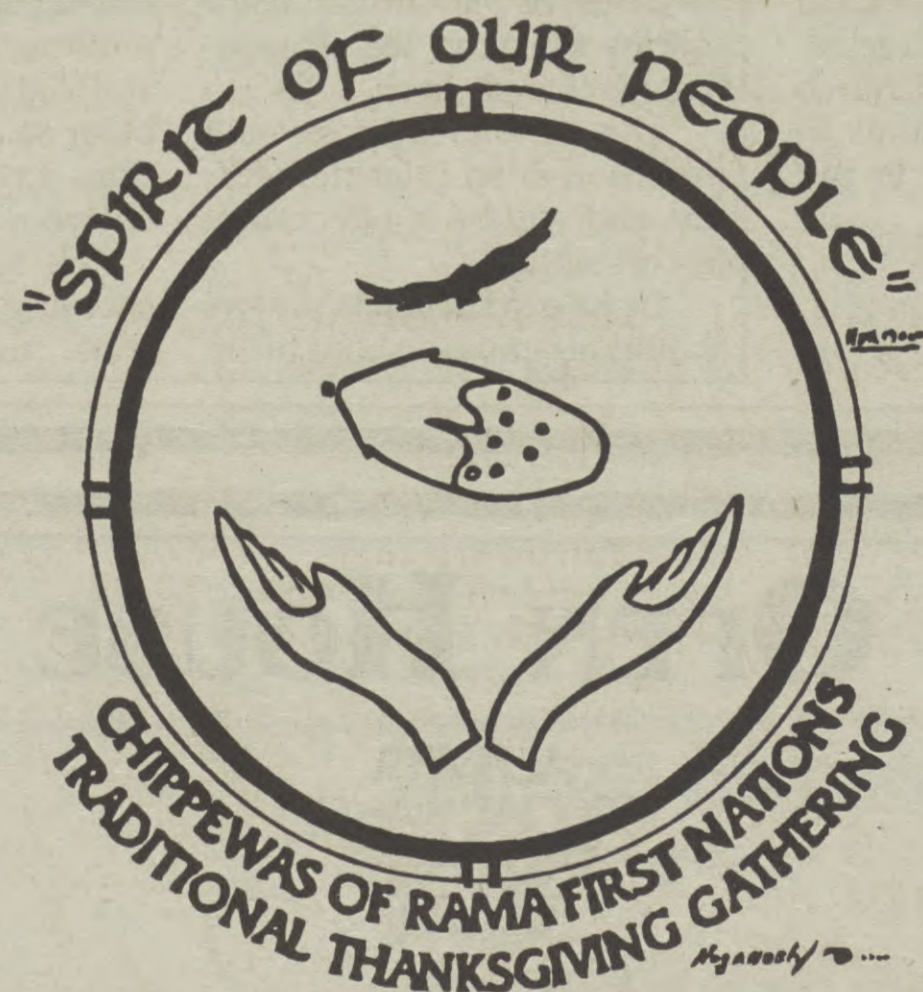
**Manitoba** - The people from Manitoba are grieving for one of their leaders. David Courchene Sr. died from kidney failure. He was elected president of the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood in 1967 and was a forerunner to the Assembly of First Nations.

He was the political voice for 61 reserves in Manitoba. He established the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights and Research Centre and the Manitoba Indian Agriculture Program.

He will be missed. My condolences to the people of Manitoba and to his family.



Rick Patterson, one of the many artists who performed at the Victoria First Peoples Festival



**OCTOBER 10 & 11, 1992**

**LOCATED AT THE RAMA COMMUNITY CENTRE (NEAR BARRIE, ONTARIO)**

HOST DRUM: COUCH-IA-CHING SINGERS  
HEAD DANCERS: SANDY BENSON JR. & MABEL BENSON  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: GILBERT CHEECHOO

Honourium for all registered dancers. Honourium for first 5 registered drums.

Registration: Friday - 8 pm to 12 am • Saturday - 8 am to 12 pm  
Grand Entries: Saturday - 1pm & 7 pm • Sunday - 12 noon

**THANKSGIVING FEAST ON SATURDAY. EVERYONE WELCOME!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DAWN NOGANOSH AT  
**{705} 327-2282**

# Faith in Creator gets people through

I sometimes hear our older people talking about the "good old days." I can't help but agree that the days gone by were better. People learned living skills by practical experience. Everyone had to work for a living. When I say work, I mean sweating and working physically. People these days say that they are working. I do not agree with that. As a result of the easy living, we now have life skill programs, parenting programs, and all kinds of other programs, that to me, are not necessary. This kind of thing was unheard of when I was growing up. I see all of this as a waste of the taxpayers' money. Living skills should be learned at home. With all of this progress, it is no wonder why people need programs. They don't know who they are or what they are about. It seems to

me that the people these days are placing material things and riches before faith. You will see people that believe in having faith, sharing what little they have. These people know that they will be taken care of by our Creator. I was also lost in this way for some time. It is a good thing that I had good parents. I remember most of the things that I was taught. My parents really believed in teaching us children a way to live.

I can remember riding in the back of our old wagon. My mother would sit beside my father in the front seat. We always had a good team of horses. When our neighbours started driving cars instead of horses, I kind of wondered why my father made no attempt at buying a car. I was ashamed to be riding in an old

wagon when our friends were driving by in their cars.

It was the same thing in our log house. There was no fancy furniture. We only had what we needed. We certainly did not go hungry; we always had a lot to eat. That is what I call living. I did not know that my father and mother had the kind of faith that would bring us through anything. That is why my father did not want a car. After all, a team of horses is more dependable than an automobile. My parents did not care what the neighbors thought about my family. My father had his security and confidence in our Creator. He did not try to make a lot of money. He did not have to. As a result of being honest with people, my father and mother had a lot of respect wherever we went. I did not un-



## I Have Spoken by Stan Gladstone

derstand the way my parents were until a few years later.

I believe that not having faith in the Great Spirit is much to blame for all the problems we now have. Fear is a big factor when it comes to living. Fear will keep you from trying to do things that would probably help you. Fear of what other people will say. If a person does not like being like this, then I would suggest that they try to find a God of their understanding. I have found that

this was the only way I could deal with the fear that I once had.

I sometimes wonder where my next dollar is going to come from. I never seem to have money. I spend it as fast as I get it. I am also not afraid to give my last dollar to someone in need. I know that some people would say that I must be kind of stupid. I have no problem with this because I know that the Great Spirit will take care of me.

I have spoken.

**WE SUPPORT ADDICTION FREE LIFESTYLES.**

# Wetaskwin Country Cafe

"Come and see us in our newly renovated premises."

4810 - 49th Avenue  
Wetaskwin, AB  
Ph: (403) 352-9151  
**ARIE BROUWER**  
(across from the grain elevators in the CO-OP building)

**KEN BELCOURT FURS Ltd.**  
"We Buy and Sell Raw Furs"



Indian Tanned Moose Hide  
Dressed Furs  
Great Selection of Beads & Craft Supplies  
Mukluks and Moccasins  
Stripping  
Original Native Art Now Available

"Serving the Native community for over 35 years"

We Take C.O.D. Orders      10416 - 105 Avenue  
(403) 425-6440                  Edmonton, Alberta T5H 0K6

The cycle of abuse stops when the children stop seeing it...

**THREE SISTERS PRODUCTIONS**

Let's make our communities a better place to live.  
We pledge our support and we need your help.

**CREE NATIONS TREATMENT HAVEN**




Box 340  
Canwood, Sask.  
S0J 0K0  
(located on Ahtahkakoop Reserve)

Phone: (306) 468-2072  
Fax: (306) 468-2758

**WINDSPEAKER**  
IS  
AVAILABLE  
AT  
ALL  
MAC'S  
STORES  
THROUGHOUT  
ALBERTA

**WOMEN & WELLNESS CONFERENCE III**

"A Gathering of The Women"  
OCTOBER 4, 5 & 6, 1992  
SASKATOON INN (2002 Airport Drive)  
SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN



Registration: \$100 (at the door) • \$70 (pre-registration)  
(cancellations will be accepted on or before September 18/92. Cancellation fee \$25. Substitutions permitted)

Registration at the Saskatoon Inn on Saturday, October 3, 1992 {4 pm to 9 pm}  
For Hotel reservations, Call 1-800-667-8789  
\*special rates for conference\*

**INCLUDES:**

- opportunities to learn and share, speaking sessions, lunches, banquet, tour of Wanuskewin, theater entertainment, support group activities, topical videos, wellness, fair, arts and crafts, displays and sales.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE THE VERACITY AND REALIZATION FOR WOMEN & WELLNESS CONFERENCE III "GATHERING OF THE WOMEN - MIND, BODY AND SPIRITUAL WELLNESS"**

THE GOAL OF THIS CONFERENCE IS TO ASSIST THE WOMEN TO RECOGNIZE THEIR ABILITY TO EMPOWER THEMSELVES THROUGH MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- to provide the opportunity for women to come together in the spirit of sharing, unity and support
- to provide a safe place for sharing and discussion of crisis situations in family units
- to explain ways and means for the healing to begin and lead to the healing of the mind, body and spirit
- to reinforce the knowledge that abuse in any form is not acceptable in the traditional ways of old.

**REGISTRATION FORM (one per person)**  
I want to register for the WOMEN & WELLNESS CONFERENCE III in Saskatoon on October 4, 5, 6, 1992.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my Certified Cheque  Money Order   
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ for \$70 payable to:  
Women and Wellness Conference, Box 220  
Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, S0G 1S0  
For more information, call (306) 3326377  
or Fax (306) 332-6007 (photocopy as required)



**ABORTION RECOVERY CANADA**  
(604) 640-7171

24 Hour Helpline - Call Collect  
Compassion, Non-judgement Support

**Dr. Joseph J. Starko**  
OPTOMETRIST

For Appointment Phone (403)422-1248  
805 Empire Building  
10080 Jasper Avenue  
EDMONTON, Alberta T5J 1V9

**PRAIRIE LEATHERCRAFT**  
BEADS & LEATHER  
SUEDE OTHER CRAFT FUR  
SUPPLIES

224-2nd Ave. South Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 1K9

Open 9-5 (306) 934-1684 Mail order catalog available  
Mon. to Sat.

DRUG & ALCOHOL

# Inmates trying to break vicious circle

By D. B. Smith  
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Alcoholism and the law are irreversibly linked together for many Native adult offenders.

Problems with one often lead to entanglements with the other until the cycle of addiction and crime seem almost inescapable. But some inmates at the Grierson Centre, a minimum security prison in downtown Edmonton, are uncoiling this vicious circle with the help of a unique program.

The Family Life Improvement Program is designed to teach Native adult offenders about healthier lifestyle, including interpersonal skills, Native cultural awareness, family dynamics and freedom from intoxicants.

Grierson Centre director Carola Cunningham said the seven-week program is designed to give offenders practice in living without drugs and alcohol.

"What it does is ready these guys to go into an on-the-street (detoxification) program," she said. "A lot of guys out of jail have a difficult time going right from a maximum institution to a centre

like the Poundmaker's because they don't function the same way."

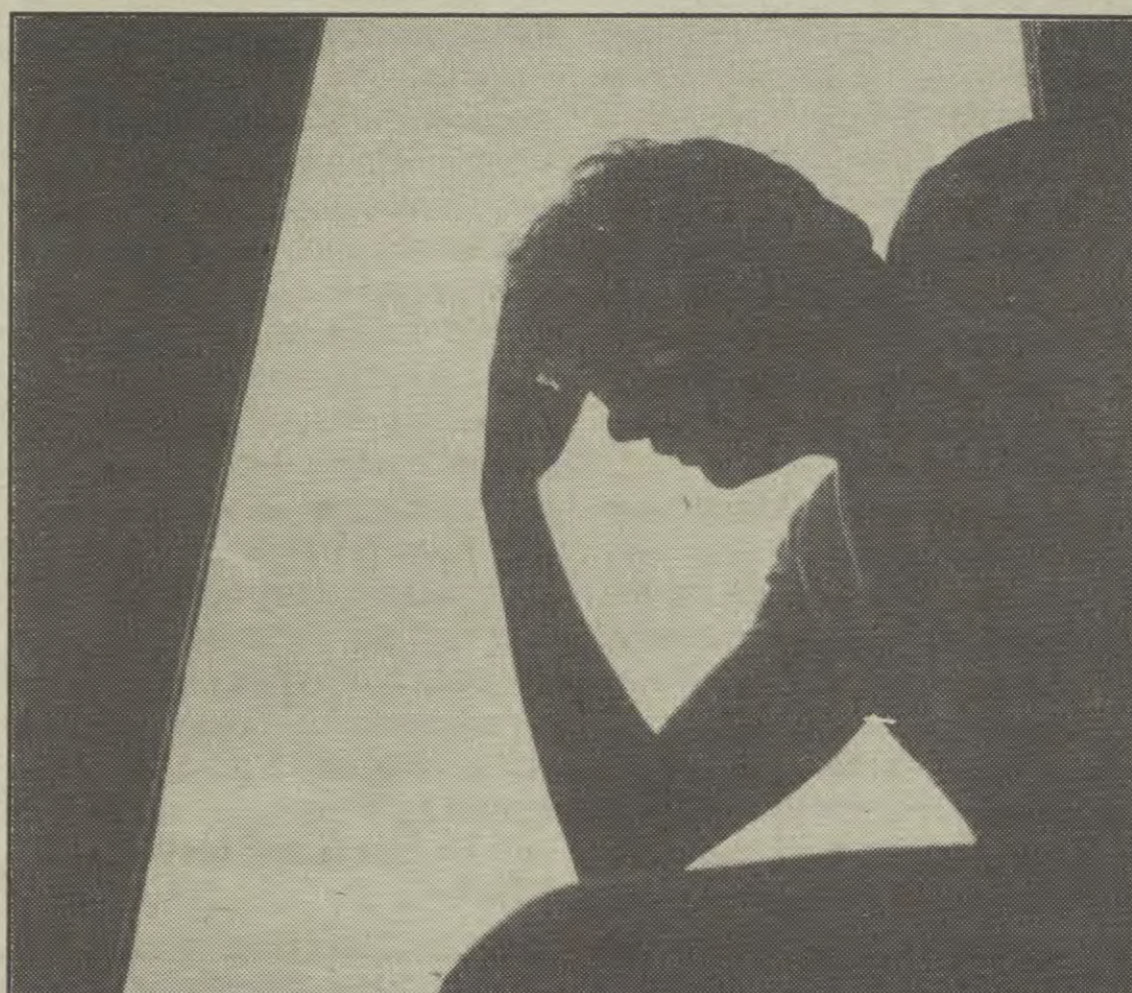
The discussions in the fourth week of FLIP deal exclusively with substance abuse, examining facts on alcoholism, types of addictions and patterns of behavior including denial, admitting, recovery and relapse.

But alcohol and drug abuse are discussed a lot during the whole seven weeks, said program trainer Vicky Whelan.

"Basically, the way that I made the program is really concentrating on emotions and communication because I feel that, a lot of times, it's your emotions that make you sick. Once you start dealing with them, then your whole life starts changing around."

The inmates also play a role in a way the centre handles drug and alcohol abuse. Peer counselling gives them more control with their own addictions by allowing them to counsel the inmates who slip up from time to time.

"If we have a guy who's messed up and maybe fallen off the wagon, if I've chosen to give him another opportunity, I'll bring in our peer counselling group, and they'll deal with him," said Cunningham, who is in her third year as director.



Inmates at the Grierson Centre are trying to break out of the seemingly inescapable circle of addictions and incarceration.

"They'll tell him how they feel about him drinking and how it affects them and what it does to this place when he comes back drunk and how many are trying to get past that."

The centre is located on the edge of the inner city, so the life of addiction is never far away.

"This building right next to us is one of the worst in the city, said Cunningham. "It's very low-in-

come housing - low, low. There's always fights and people drinking. In some ways, it's a good motivator because (the inmates) can see themselves. We do that as part of the program. If we feel someone is getting really edgy and might be ready to run because they want a drink or they want to do drugs, we'll take someone who's fairly strong and we'll say, 'Take him down the drag.

Just take him in. Let him look in the bars. Let him look at those guys laying in their own vomit.' Remember it. It's very effective."

"The idea is it's holistic," said staff member Nancy Davis, a former case worker who is now helping to develop new programs for the centre. "We try to address the spiritual, psychological, emotional needs of the clients to bring in their spouse, or partner, or family. We're also willing to work with the families when the guys are released back into the community."

The program seems to be having a positive effect for some Native adult offenders. The percentage of repeat offenders who have gone through the Grierson program is low - Cunningham estimates it at about seven per cent.

"We know we're doing the right thing because elders are coming from all over to spend time here and talk to us and they tell us this is good, this is right, this is what should happen."

The Grierson Centre, which has a contract with the Solicitor General's office for 40 beds, was taken over by Native Counselling Services of Alberta in 1988. Native adult offenders are transferred there from prisons throughout Canada and Alberta. The centre also takes 10 federal inmates.

Treaty Six 1876

JOSEPH BIGHEAD RESERVE NO. 124

"As long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers flow"



We would like to congratulate all those who have chosen a positive lifestyle free from alcohol and drug abuse.

Chief Ernest Sundown, Council and Band Members  
Box 309  
Pierceland, Sask. S0M 2K0  
Phone (306) 839-2277  
Fax (306) 839-2323

SOBRIETY

The way to healing,  
the way to life.

ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S COUNCIL  
OF SASKATCHEWAN INC.



Suite 206,  
1311 Central Avenue  
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan  
S6V 4W2

Telephone: (306)763-6005  
Fax: (306)922-6034

Sobriety

The way to healing...  
The way to life.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:  
Stuart Prosper  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR:  
Austin Tootosis

GENERAL DELIVERY  
ONION LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN  
S0M 2E0

PH# (306) 344-2094 • FAX# (306) 344-4805

EK WESKEET REHABILITATION CENTRE

Keewatin  
Tribal Council

ROOM 102 - 83 CHURCHILL DRIVE  
THOMPSON, MANITOBA R8N 0L6  
TELEPHONE: (204) 677-2341  
FAX: (204) 677-3963

Abuse of drugs and alcohol is a fundamental social problem that has to be brought under control. Be all that you can be.

Self-confidence means that you can depend on yourself, there is no need for drugs or alcohol. Self-awareness can destroy drug and alcohol dependency.



DRUG & ALCOHOL

# Fishing Lake trains own counsellors

By Diane Parenteau  
Windspeaker Contributor

FISHING LAKE, ALTA.

When Fishing Lake became the first Metis Settlement to hold Nechi Community Addictions Training in October of 1991, it was a giant step on the road to wellness.

Fishing Lake's journey represents just one path Native communities are taking. It began in 1991 when staff from the Settlement Recreation, Community Resource Office, Family and Community Support services, Counselling Services, the Health Unit and other members formed the Human Services Committee to address social and cultural issues, adopting the holistic model to community development.

The holistic model is built on the belief that a person cannot grow as a whole being without emotional, spiritual, mental and physical pieces growing together. The same applies to the community where social, cultural, political and economic

components get equal priority.

The committee's focus on social and cultural aspects complemented the political and economic components being addressed at the administrative level.

With a clear focus on the human side of the circle, the committee addressed barriers identified when trying to develop health, prevention and social programs. Team work, communication and trust were key words and key factors in the framework of any successful project. The Nechi program was a good place to start.

According to the funding proposal for the Nechi program, "the impact of this existing training by the community leaders will be an unmistakable message to the rest of the community that a problem exists that needs to be addressed. It shows the community what direction the leaders hope to take it."

The group that started the eight-month training program consisted of both settlement staff and community members. They were as diverse as the community itself, representing all walks of life and age groups. Twelve women and four men, from 18 to more

than 65 years old, participated in the program.

"It was a good experience for me. I came to respect alcohol through this program," said Nechi participant Charles Daniels. "At times it was rough. Not enough men involved, but if I had to do it over again, I wouldn't do it any other way."

Commissioner Denis Surrendi attended the spring ceremony to honor the 12 grads.

"With the settlements moving into a new era, we must never overlook the humanity of the individual... With all of the other things that accompany economic development and all the massive changes that you will experience over the next decades, it's people and families that will hold it together. You are only as strong as your individual self and we can never lose that. All the culture and all the things that you want to retain will only be retained in the family."

The training program was funded under a joint agreement between the Settlement Council and the Metis Settlement Transition Commission.

# Strong community aids in recovery

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Contributor

PAUL BAND RESERVE, ALTA.

Ten years ago, it was difficult to convince community members that they needed help with their drug and alcohol addictions.

Today, there's a backlog of new clients seeking treatment, said Paul Band counselling services director Marle Bird.

"There certainly is a movement toward community healing. It's the band taking control of itself. People feel good about themselves. And it's working."

When Bird started at the treatment centre in 1982, there were only 10 clients per month coming to the facilities. Many felt a sense of isolation and abandonment.

"They didn't feel like part of the band. They thought that the problems were their's alone."

But Bird has discovered a way to involve the entire band in the treatment process. Now there are 15 to 20 people waiting up to a month to get into the program.

"No one comes here kicking and screaming any more. They're coming on their own, and they're

bringing their families and friends. We knew there had to be an overall community growth. And we've changed our focus."

Treatment is now centred more on community involvement. Over the last few years the Paul Band's services department has been combining its programs to ensure that clients are exposed to band activities and functions.

Bird's three-member staff promotes culture, spirituality and pride, and they encourage victims of substance abuse to recognize they are part of the community.

"We stress volunteerism and recreation. We get them involved in everything we can."

There are 1,100 Paul Band members on the reserve on the shores of Wabamun Lake, west of Edmonton. Bird's drug and alcohol abuse counsellors treat between 30 and 40 clients monthly.

After-care and follow-up programs have become essential.

"We maintain contact. There are some that continue to stop by, and others we just see on the street."

Bird believes Native people are regaining a sense of cultural pride many have lost because of afflictions like alcohol and drugs.

## CHOOSE LIFE

A MESSAGE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE NATION, WHO HAVE CHOSEN A POSITIVE LIFESTYLE, FREE FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE.

a message from...

Chief Victor Buffalo & family, Council, Staff and Band Members of

# SAMSON CREE NATION

P.O. Box 159, Hobbema, Alberta T0C 1N0

Phone: (403) 585-3793

Edmonton Direct: (403) 421-4926

Fax: (403) 585-2226



We salute those who have overcome their addictions. Reach out ... somebody cares

from

## HOLLOW WATER FIRST NATION

Wanipigow P. O., Manitoba R0E 2E0

(204) 363-7278



## BONNYVILLE INDIAN-METIS REHABILITATION CENTRE

Box 8148, Bonnyville, Alberta T9N 2J4 Phone: (403) 826-3328

The Bonnyville Indian-Metis Rehabilitation Centre is located approximately 7 miles from Bonnyville, situated on the banks of Moose Lake. It is open seven days a week and has 24 hour supervision. We have a bed capacity of 25 including male and female. Guests at the Centre are required to attend sessions which run between 9-12 am and 1-4 pm - Monday through Friday.

### PROGRAM

The program is for anyone who is sincere of complete recovery from alcohol or drug dependency. If you are not willing to help yourself, then we cannot help you.

The program introduces the basic principles of AA. Includes lectures and speakers from the community as RCMP, and an elder. There is AA meeting on Wednesday evenings at 8 pm.

The program is simple and personal. Recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another, sharing experience, strength and hope. Willingness, honesty and open mindedness are the essentials of recovery.

### THERAPY CONTENTS

- Accommodation
- Nutrition (meals)
- Physical exercise (gym)
- Security
- One to one counselling
- Group Therapy
- Cultural and Traditional Therapy
- Physical and Personal Hygiene
- Audio and Visual Presentations
- Stress management and other related inter-agency activities.
- Personal Development
- Team building through group sessions, self esteem and trust relationships

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- a) You must have a medical before admission. b) All court dates must be taken care of before admission.
- c) Must be sixteen (16) years of age or over.

## SOBRIETY...

A second chance to live a life without alcohol and drug addiction.

a message from the

## ST. THERESA POINT FIRST NATION

ST. THERESA POINT ● MANITOBA ● R0B 1J0  
Phone: (204) 462-2106 ● Fax: (204) 462-2646

FROM

Chief Jack Flett

Director of Operations, Clarence Mason



Councillors:

Bernard Wood  
Ambrose Wood  
David McDougall  
Jerry McDougall

Elvin Flett  
Abel Taylor  
James Monias  
James Knott

# Drug abuse a community problem

By Barb Grinder  
Windspeaker Contributor

BROCKET, Alta.

The building that houses the Peigan Prevention Counselling Services is a new multi-use facility, built as much as a place for social gatherings as for drug and alcohol treatment.

As such, it reflects the whole philosophy of the program and the people who run it - that drug abuse is a community as well as an individual problem and must be treated jointly by individuals, families, friends and community agencies.

"Our customs are based on very community-minded traditions," said Peter Strikes With a Gun, director of the program.

"Personal and community

development go hand-in-hand toward solving our problems."

The program philosophy suggests that there are four inter-related levels that must be dealt with if the community is to reach its ultimate goal of being alcohol and drug free: the individual, the family, the community and the world.

"Our parents and the community and culture we were raised in are part of what we are," said Strikes With a Gun.

"A person has to come to terms with who they are and the culture they come from if they're to be healed. Otherwise, you just wind up having the problems start all over again."

As part of this approach, the program sponsors regular social and cultural gatherings to further unify and instill co-op-

eration in the community.

Sober Parties, where people can have fun and socialize without alcohol, are a part of the program, helping to bring people together and show that drugs are not necessary to having a good time.

The program also sponsors prevention and healing workshops, using a variety of approaches. Psychological counselling and various referral programs are available to help participants with health and family problems.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly, and there's also gospel singing and spiritual gatherings that combine traditional Native beliefs with Christianity.

Education also plays a vital role in preventing further abuse.

Program directors focus particularly on the youth in the community and talks are given at the schools on personal growth, skills development and community responsibility.

The program also acts as a networking agency, to co-ordinate the activities of other agencies working towards the elimination of drug abuse and its causes. Through its family outreach programs, it established support groups within families and the larger community.

"Our staff has taken a leadership role in the community," said Strikes With a Gun.

"We're all active or supportive of council, the schools and other agencies and this helps us to know people better and to get the kind of inter-related support

we need for the people who come here."

Though the program deals mainly with adult men, Strikes With a Gun said they are also seeing an increasing number of women and teens coming to them for help. He attributes this success to the non-institutional atmosphere of the facility and to the program's willingness to be unconventional and use whatever approach works.

"When I was young the God I was taught about was a frightening God," Strikes With a Gun recalled.

"Now the God I believe in is my own. We use sweats, pipe ceremonies, Sun Dances and church teachings in our program, whatever people are most comfortable with and whatever works for them."



## PEIGAN PREVENTION COUNSELLING SERVICES

BOX 137, BROCKET, AB T0K 0H0  
PHONE: (403) 965-3919

### MISSION OF THE PROGRAM

The abuse of alcohol and drugs continues to be the number one health and social problem affecting the Peigan people and community. In response to this situation, Peigan Prevention Counselling Services has adopted a new wholistic mandate.

Peigan Prevention Counselling Services will incorporate a community-based approach, that focuses on both the causes and effects of alcohol and drug abuse. This approach is built upon the needs, values, customs and unique life-style of the Peigan People.

### PROGRAM PRINCIPLES

From this philosophy a number of operating principles have been developed. Peigan Prevention Counselling Services shall function and adhere to the following principles.

1. The ultimate goal will be the elimination of alcohol and drug abuse;
2. To successfully eliminate alcohol and drug abuse requires a total community healing effort, that involves individuals, families and programs;
3. That the healing process exists, and that people must develop their own paths to healing. The role of the programs is to help and support this process;
4. That both the root causes and the effects of alcohol and drug abuse will be the focus of the program;
5. That both the individuals and families need a long term vision of what a healthy and balanced lifestyle is.

**Congratulations to everyone who has  
chosen a positive lifestyle, free from  
alcohol and drug use.**

## Wahpeton Dakota Nation

Office Phone (306) 764-6649  
Office Fax # (306) 764-6637

Chief Lorne Waditaka  
Council & Band Members

P.O. Box 128  
Prince Albert, Sask.  
S6V 5R4

To all those who have overcome  
addictions to alcohol or drugs — leading  
the way to a better future

## Saskwatamo Lodge



Tel: (306) 864-3632  
or (306) 864-3631  
Fax: (306) 864-2204

Box 3917,  
Melfort, Saskatchewan  
S0E 1A0

PROUD TO BE A PART IN PREVENTION.

To begin an Alcohol & Drug free life  
is the greatest beginning of all.  
Aren't you worth it?

COOL-AID is a drop-in centre designed specifically for the use of Grande Prairie. The programs we offer, both recreational and preventive are all adult supervised. We provide a friendly, caring atmosphere for young people to meet, make friends and have fun. We are also a referral service for those youths who are unsure of which agency can provide assistance for them in a time of need.

For more information call 532-9004.

### COOL-AID SOCIETY

9667 Hillcrest Drive  
GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB

**The freedom found in  
overcoming addictions to alcohol  
and drugs is the freedom  
each of us owes to ourselves.**

from

**Chief Eric Saunders**  
Councillors, Management and staff

Administration Office Hours  
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon • 1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

## Council of York Factory



Councillors:  
Thomas Beardy  
Francis Saunders  
Howard Saunders

York Landing, Manitoba R0B 2B0  
Phone (204) 341-2180 • Fax (204) 341-2322

## DRUG & ALCOHOL

# Counsellor draws on own experiences

By Barb Grinder  
Windspeaker Contributor

BROCKET, ALTA.

"You can't put a bandage on loneliness, fear and anger, but you can sedate the loneliness and fear with drugs, at least for a time. I know, because I've had all those experiences."

So said Peter Strikes With a Gun, Director of the Peigan Prevention Counselling Services at Brocket, Alberta. He spent 20 long years in a drug abuse cycle, destroyed a good marriage and temporarily alienated his two children.

"I was living in Edmonton and I could almost always find work so I'd fool myself by saying, 'You're not so bad. You've got a job. You've got friends.' So I could put sobriety on the back

burner. But then I'd lose the job and that would be an excuse to drink even more."

Strikes With a Gun admits now that it was a fantasy that he could just work through his problems by himself, but he said treatment programs really didn't work for him for a long time.

"I was too afraid to expose myself to other people. I couldn't trust anyone. I didn't feel important enough within myself, so I wound up being defensive and feeling sorry for myself, instead of fighting for myself."

Eventually, even the drinking didn't help any more and he realized everything else had to take a back seat to his recovery.

"I was afraid of myself the most; of seeing what was really there inside me. But I began to realize that I wasn't so bad and that I was destroying the gifts given to me by the Creator. So in



Peter Strikes With a Gun

1979, I surrendered everything - job, relationships, friends - and I devoted myself to staying sober."

It was years before he realized he could at least stay sober for one day at a time. During

that period, his biggest help came from volunteering to work with other people who were going through the same difficulties. So 12 years ago he made another major decision - to come back to Brocket and his people.

"Coming back here was both the hardest and the best part of my recovery. My family were almost all abusers, so I had to detach myself from the people I cared about and loved the most. But I was determined to do this, and I turned my life over to a higher power and to change."

He became almost obsessed with getting well, going to almost any length for sobriety. He attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, hitchhiking to distant places if no meetings were being held locally and organizing meetings himself.

Weekends he spent alone rather than risk getting caught

up in social gatherings where everyone was drinking. In July 1981, after two years of sobriety, he was asked to come work for the Peigan Counselling Services.

Today, as director of the counselling program, he continues to use his own experiences to help others. He now has a family again and is a caring husband, father and foster father.

"I learned that you have to fight for yourself and find your own solution, but it also helps to have someone to talk to who understands what you're going through. . . .

"Treatment helped me see that there were things I wanted to do with my life that alcohol was keeping me from doing. I think one of my greatest strengths here is that I can be a model to show that sobriety is not only possible, but that it can lead to a better life."

**THERE'S A POSITIVE FEELING SWEEPING OUR NATION. YOU MIGHT HAVE FELT IT...IT'S SOBRIETY. MORE AND MORE WE ARE BECOMING A STRONG AND HEALTHY NATION AS WE FREE OURSELVES OF THE BONDAGE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION.**

SADDLE LAKE HEALTH CARE CENTRE



BOX 86, SADDLE LAKE, ALBERTA T0A 3T0 TELEPHONE: (403) 726-3930

### KAPOWN CENTRE Rehabilitation & Treatment Centre

Chemical dependency treatment services directed toward people 16 years of age and older

- Minimum 6 week residential program
- "Total Person" Concept utilized
- 24 hour in-patient care
- Continuous intake



General Delivery  
Grouard, Alberta T0G 1C0  
(403) 751-3921

Choose a lifestyle free from alcohol and drugs

### Makwa Sahgaiehcan Alcohol Project

For more information contact the co-ordinator  
Simon Kytwayhat at...

Box 178  
Loon Lake, Saskatchewan  
S0M 1L0



Phone  
(306) 837-2192

- Referrals
- Workshops
- Home Visits
- Counselling Services

Choose Life... A message to congratulate all those people from across the nation, who have chosen a positive lifestyle, free from alcohol and drug abuse.

### Sucker Creek Band 150A

Box 65  
Enilda, Alberta  
Phone: (403) 523-4426



**\$15,000.  
SPECIAL**

**SUNDAY  
EVENING  
SEPT. 20**

6:15 p.m. Nickles

**52 GAMES  
Includes:**

**\$1000.  
EARLYBIRD**

**\$1500.  
WILD NUMBER**

**\$5000.  
BONANZA**



**Wanna  
Get  
Lucky?**

play BINGO  
at:



**40 GAMES      50 GAMES  
7 Afternoons & 7 Evenings**

4040 BLACKFOOT TRAIL S.E.  
CALGARY Phone: 294-2279

**\$15,000.  
SPECIAL**

**SUNDAY  
EVENING  
OCT. 18**

6:15 p.m. Nickles

**52 GAMES  
Includes:**

**\$1000.  
EARLYBIRD**

**\$1500.  
WILD NUMBER**

**\$5000.  
BONANZA**

We need only to read a newspaper or listen to the news broadcast to know that today we face a social problem that is growing at a rapid pace.



The problem...  
Alcohol and drug abuse.  
The solution...  
self-confidence through  
self-awareness.  
We pledge our support...  
Can we count on you?



From the  
**Chief, Council and Band Members**  
of

## BEAVER LAKE FIRST NATION



Box 960, Lac La Biche, Alberta T0A 2C0  
Phone: (403) 623-4549 ♦ Fax: (403) 623-4523

*Through the awareness of alcohol and drug abuse, more and more nations have joined the circle. With your help and courage, we can beat the odds and make First Nations stronger. The first step is the courage to say NO!*



a message from...

**BEARDY'S & OKEMASIS BAND #96 & 97**  
Box 340  
Duck Lake, Sask.  
S0K 1J0  
Phone: (306) 467-4523  
Fax: (306) 467-4404

### We support Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week St. Paul Alcohol & Drug Treatment Centre

The Centre is a 24-bed residential treatment and rehabilitation facility for male and female residents of Alberta currently experiencing chemical dependency problems. In addition, it serves as an information and resource centre for related social and service agencies and other interested groups in the community.

**GOALS:** The ideal goals and objectives of the centre is to assist in the development of the people, and their environment, to maintain social competence based on the Native concept of co-existence.

**SERVICES:** The centre offers a 28-day inpatient treatment program followed by an aftercare program of the outpatient unit, to provide assistance in re-establishing stability in the community.

**SERVICES ALSO INCLUDE:** All services are handled by Doctors, Psychologists, Psychiatrists and Nurses, referrals, medical assistance, family counsellors, community workshops, resource information centre, summer youth camps and training.



For further information call or write:  
**Clarence Weaselfat, Executive Director**  
St. Paul Treatment Centre  
P.O. Box 179, Cardston, Alberta  
T0K 0K0 (403) 737-3757

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Weekly AA meetings every Thursday – Reunion for former clients on November 20, 1992.

It pays to  
advertise  
in

**Wind  
speaker**

TAKE WINDSPEAKER  
ALONG  
AS YOU JOURNEY  
THE POWWOW TRAIL

## DRUG & ALCOHOL Inmates break cycle

By D.B. Smith  
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Breaking away from drugs and alcohol is a matter of doing the right thing at the right time, said two inmates at Edmonton's Grierson Centre.

Rocky Ironchild, a recovering alcoholic and cocaine user, benefited from the program on the second try, after he applied himself to learning about substance abuse and Native culture through the centre's Family Life Improvement Program.

"You only get out of the program what you put into it. The first time, I didn't do it for me. I did it for other people. I did it for part of my release. The second time I did it for me."

Ironchild, 31, started drinking at 15. In 1979, he was sentenced to 12 years, six months for a robbery in British Columbia. Since taking part in the centre's program, he has learned to respect and trust in his culture.

Simeonie, another recovering

alcoholic at the Centre, went through the program when he arrived a year ago. He attributed his victory over alcoholism to his readiness to succeed and the program itself.

"Native people were running it," he said. "It was different from other programs. I went through (FLIP) after I'd been in another program for a couple of years. Life skills, desensitizing programs, addiction programs, counselling. So when I went through it, I was thinking more, open to ideas. It was a refreshing program to me."

Originally from the eastern Arctic region, "Sim," 33, first became an alcoholic at the hands of friends and family.

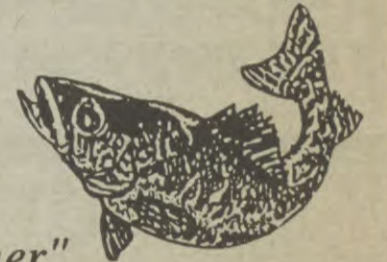
"As long as I can remember, I think, my parents was drinking. Some of their friends shared with me. It started out as occasionally but later on I found I was depending on it."

The sense of cultural identity and spirituality inherent in the program is what makes the difference, he said.

"For a long time, I had none at all. Not since I grew up."

### Supporter of a drug free society

## CHESTER'S SHORE LUNCH



"Home Of The Famous Fish Dinner"

Chester & Rita Goulais (705) 494-9747  
Highway 17 West, Nipissing First Nation,  
P.O. Box 2377, Sturgeon Falls, Ont. P0H 2G0

### Supporter of a drug free society



## NIPISSING NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS

Rita & Chester Goulais  
(705) 494-8285

Highway 17 West, Nipissing First Nation  
P.O. Box 2377, Sturgeon Falls, Ont. P0H 2G0

**Self-confidence** means that you depend on yourself, there is no need for drugs & alcohol.

*A mind is a terrible thing to waste.*

from

The North & South Advisory Council and Staff



**IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT No. 17 EAST**

SLAVE LAKE, AB (403) 849-7130

With your support we can win the battle  
against drug and alcohol abuse

## FISHING LAKE BAND

*"On behalf of Chief Allan Paquachan and the Fishing Lake Band Council"*

Administration Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

8 a.m. – 12 noon

1p.m – 4 p.m.

Phone #

(306) 338-3838

Fax #

(306) 338-3635

P.O. Box 944,  
Wadena, Saskatchewan  
S0A 4J0

# Juggler turns hobby into business

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Winnipeg Native Art Shingoose claims to have more balls than most, and he's come to Edmonton to prove it.

The 28-year-old Saulteaux Indian hit town recently to peddle English-style juggling equipment and to conjure up a little interest for the city's newest street-side business operation.

"We heard that Edmonton was the best place to be for this type of thing," he said from behind his kiosk next to the public library downtown.

Aptly named, More Balls Than Most Inc. has been in operation less than two months and already has another site on Edmonton's south side, in the commercial district in Old Strathcona.

Shingoose learned to juggle three months ago.

"I can even do the torches. They're

not lit, of course," he snickers. "But anyone can learn how. And we intend to teach them. Juggling is one of the best pastimes there could be."

Shingoose joined forces last year with Kate and Jane Dale to develop a marketing plan for their idea. Because of its festivals, Edmonton seemed to offer the most promising future for their venture.

The trio, which currently has only one \$400 cart in operation, has hired a three-member staff and rented an office facility and warehouse where they manufacture their own juggling balls.

"And we're offering workshops and training sessions with the purchase of a set," Shingoose said, smiling as he begins his juggling act for pedestrians who've stopped to test their skills.

Equipment also includes juggling pins, torches, Diabola's (a type of yo-yo used by jugglers) and uni-cycles.

The standard juggling balls, known as Thuds in entertainment circles for the noise they made when they hit the

sidewalk, are made in a similar way to the balls sold through Europe.

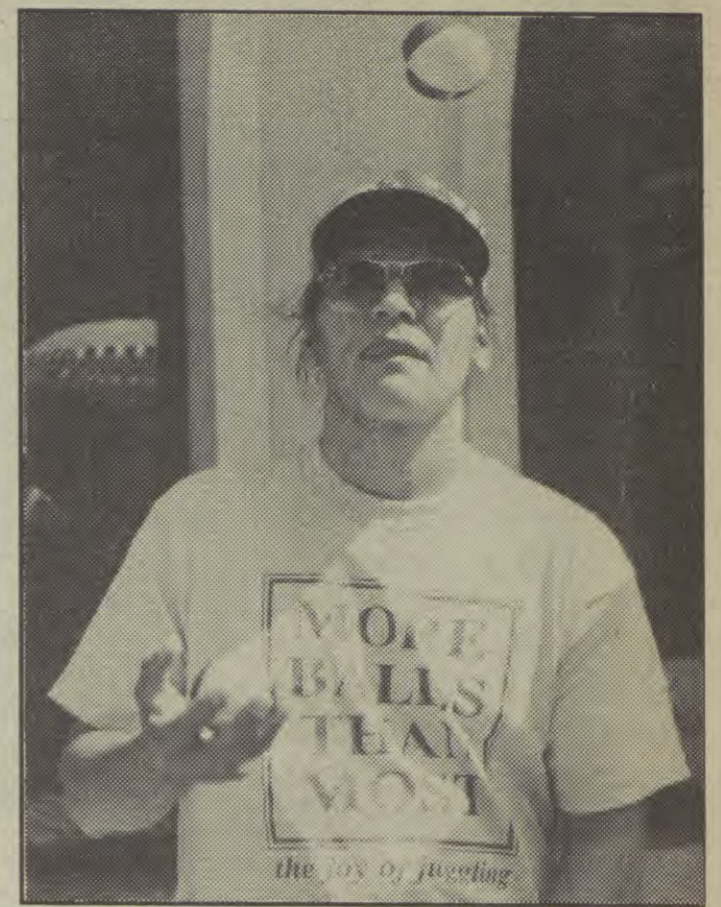
Convincing the public to buy into the new concept will be a slow, difficult process, he said, but a sense of humor helps.

He chose to pursue such a risky venture in a time of economic uncertainty "because it's fun and entertaining. Besides, we plan to make millions."

Shingoose, originally from the Way Seecappo reserve near Brandon, Manitoba, moved to Edmonton with his two small children to help establish his business. He said he had worked in local Winnipeg lumber yards and recently went back to high school to get his diploma.

"But I knew we had something, and I had to go with it."

Co-owner Kate Dale is now working on a plan to sell the juggling balls to Edmonton and Calgary outlets. And she hopes one of the local shopping malls will offer them space for the kiosk during the winter.



Jeff Morrow

Art Shingoose shows his stuff on a downtown Edmonton sidewalk

## INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ABORIGINAL URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Each year at its Organizational Meeting in October, City Council appoints citizens to its various boards, commissions and committees.

Applications from persons who would be willing to sit on The City of Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee for the year 1993 are requested.

In some instances City Council may re-appoint members who wish to continue to serve, therefore the number of appointments shown does not necessarily reflect the number of new appointees.

Applicants may be requested to submit to a brief interview by City Council.

Particulars on the Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee are as follows:

Citizens to be Appointed	Term of Appointment	Total Number of Members	Meetings Held	Approximate Length of Meeting	Regular Time of Meeting
12	1 year	14	Monthly (1st Wednesday)	2 hours	4:30 p.m.

Your application should state your reason for applying and service expectations. A resume of no more than two 8 1/2" X 11" pages should be attached stating background and experience. Please mark envelope "Committees".

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 4:30 P.M., 1992 SEPTEMBER 18.

Applications should be forwarded to:

City Clerk  
The City of Calgary  
P.O. Box 2100  
303 - 7 Avenue S.E.  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2P 2M5

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to telephone 268-5861.

Diana L. Garner, City Clerk



THE CITY OF CALGARY

2CC00010

## NATIVE IMAGES

owned by Sioux Valley Development Corporation

◊ Turquoise Jewellery ◊ Moccasins ◊  
◊ Medicine Wheel ◊ Dream Catchers ◊  
◊ Star Quilts ◊ Pow Wow Tapes ◊

Located in Brandon Shoppers Mall

BRANDON, MANITOBA

(204) 726-1317

## Selling your vehicle?

Call the Auto Line

**481-8855**

NO COMMISSIONS

NO PROBLEM

## CUSTOM AUTO SALES

#201, 17311 - 103 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

CALL ANYTIME

TOLL FREE 1-800-263-0800

BOOK NOW

FOR THE NEXT

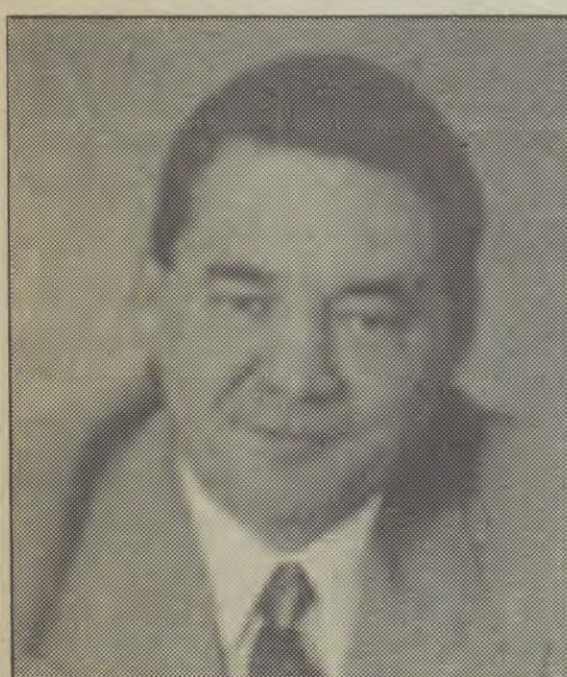
PARK & SELL

CALL TODAY



## PEACE HILLS TRUST COMPANY

Chief Victor S. Buffalo, Chairman of the Board of Peace Hills Trust Company, is pleased to announce the following recent Board appointments:



Mr. Raymond Ahenakew has been formally appointed as a Director on the Board of Peace Hills Trust Company. Mr. Ahenakew is presently the Executive Director of the Meadow Lake Development Corporation. At age 49, Mr. Ahenakew is nationally regarded and sought after representative of his First Peoples. He is an accomplished Native business person who holds interests in a variety of successful business ventures. From his principal residence on the Meadow Lake First Nations, Mr. Ahenakew exercises his duties appointed to him as Chairman, Negotiator and Director on numerous nationally significant organizations.



Ms. Sara Potts has been formally appointed as a Director on the Board of Peace Hills Trust Company. Ms. Potts is presently a litigation co-ordinator for the Samson Cree Nation. Ms. Potts has extensive experience in a wide variety of areas ranging from personnel administration to investment analysis within the scope of the Samson Cree Nations overall operations. Ms. Potts is a very active representative of her First Peoples, she has been a co-ordinator of the Treaty 6 Council which is represented by 17 area Chiefs. Ms. Potts is a successful individual with a background and personality that will be of benefit to the future operations of Peace Hills Trust for years to come.

Peace Hills Trust, wholly owned by the Samson Cree Nation of Hobbema, Alberta, is Canada's first and largest Native owned federally incorporated trust company with full retail branches in Edmonton, Hobbema, Calgary and Winnipeg. Peace Hills Trust offers a full range of services to both the Native and non-Native communities across Canada.

# Play uses Natives to portray whites

By D. B. Smith  
Windspeaker Contributor

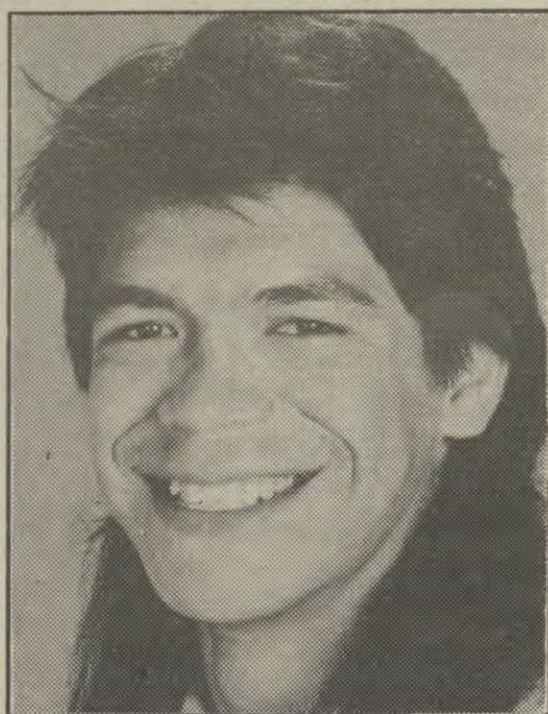
EDMONTON

The Citadel Theatre's epic season opener, *The Royal Hunt of the Sun*, is taking a novel approach in the depiction of the discovery of the New World, especially in terms of casting.

In playwright Peter Shaffer's story of Spain's destruction of the Inca civilization, Native actors Lorne Cardinal and Jerry P. Longboat perform both Native and non-Native roles.

"I've been exposed to non-Native society a lot, so it's easy to do, as opposed to someone who's non-Native trying to portray a Native role and not really understanding the culture and the religion, the beliefs, the different values," said Cardinal.

Cardinal, 28, plays Domingo, a Spanish barrel-maker, and Manco, an Inca messenger of the gods. Despite his Cree heritage, Cardinal finds it hard to



Lorne Cardinal

play a Native in this production.

"I guess what we're going for, because the casting is so different, is how to be Indians . . . knowing how to stand there with pride and dignity and knowing how to speak as a Native person instead of a Hollywood stereotype Indian."

The problems with the Native characters in *Royal Hunt* lie in the actual dialogue, he said.

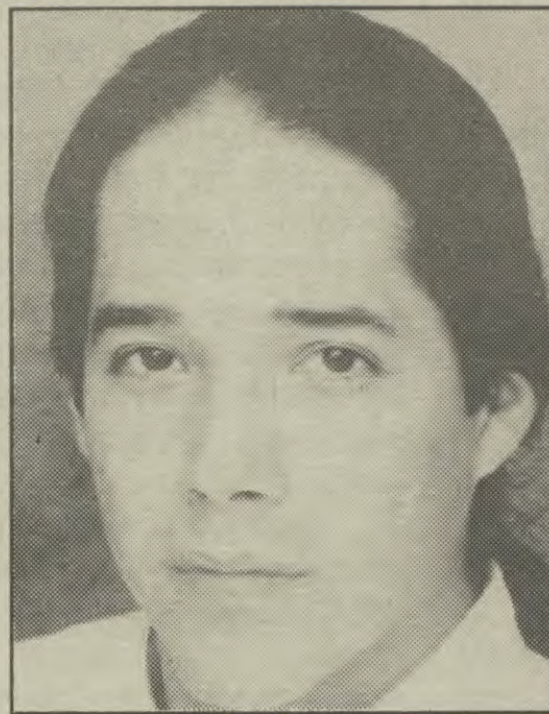
"Here, you all speak in very short sentences. It seems like you can never string two complicated thoughts together. When plays are written by Native persons, they have sentences. I've run across that with many non-Native writers. It's always short sentences, even George Ryga's *The Ecstasy of Rita Joe* was very much like that."

Longboat, 26, is from the Cayuga Nation of the Iroquois Confederacy in Ontario.

"Movement from Native to playing a white character, a non-Native character, is much easier because we are living in a western society now," he said. "But it's much harder, personally, getting back to my culture from the Christian church. I've got to work to find it again."

Switching between Inca and Spanish roles is tough, even without a spiritual aspect, Cardinal said, because there is often little time to make the mental transition from one to the other.

Despite the difficulties, Car-



Jerry P. Longboat Jr.

dinal is enjoying his work

"I turned down some other work just to work with (director Robin) Phillips. It's one big learning experience working with some of these other actors."

A student in the Fine Arts Acting Program at the University of Alberta, Cardinal plans to return to his third and final year at the end of September.

Longboat, a University of

Michigan drama student who studies with playwright Floyd Favel at the Native Theatre School, is also thrilled to be working on the production.

"There are a lot of things you wouldn't experience in a smaller show."

The play, which revolves around the conflict between the Inca God-King Atahualpa and conquistador Francisco Pizarro, is an honest rendition of Europe's colonial past, Longboat said.

"The movie about Christopher Columbus just came out and you see the ads saying 'Wow, discovery!' Audiences need the chance to look beyond and see what actually happened. It gives people something to think about. What Shaffer's trying to do is portray Native people before colonization, before the real influence of white people and western culture."

The *Royal Hunt of the Sun* runs on the Shoctor stage at the Citadel Theatre until Sept. 30.

## Biography uses ghost to look back in time

### REVIEW

By Ken Lang  
Windspeaker Contributor

*The Afterlife of George Cartwright*  
By John Steffler  
McClelland & Stewart, 296 pages, \$16.99

This book stakes equal claims to being a ghost story and a biographical novel.

When George Cartwright dies on May 19, 1819 in Mansfield, England, his spirit awakens from a night of dreams to find that little has changed except that time has stopped and his friends have vanished.

But the ghostly Cartwright

has gained the ability to call up events in the lives of the dead or living from his own time down to the twentieth century, and what he sees doesn't always please him.

Cartwright is not a ghost haunting others, but a spirit haunted by his own past. Thus the ghost story creates a critical perspective from which we view the "real" life of Cartwright, the "true" story of the adventures and misadventures of a complex and ambitious man.

Born in England, he grew up in a family of 10 children. After an early career in the military that led to nothing special — except malaria — Cartwright found financial backing to support a trading expedition to the

New World. Today, the coastal village of Cartwright in Labrador is named in his memory.

In Newfoundland first, he set up fishing and trapping headquarters on the coast of Labrador to establish trading relations with the local Inuit.

To succeed, he needs the help of the Native people, though he is warned getting it won't be easy. He was preceded by a barbarous rabble who left a legacy of brutality and murder for Cartwright to overcome. But overcome it he does, and some of the Inuit become fast friends.

He invites them to winter in England, and during a fox hunt one of his friends, Tooklavina, falls in love with the horse he is riding and wants to take it home.

That would be possible, says Cartwright, "But you would have to live differently for the sake of the horse. You would have to build her a house to live in, and feed her grass and grain."

For the Inuit, the trip marks a deepening desire for the possessions of an alien culture that will alter their lives forever. It fits right in with Cartwright's plans to encourage trade.

Finally, the visit to England comes to a life-threatening conclusion when one of the Inuit is felled by smallpox. Cartwright, not foreseeing the risk of European disease, has led his friends to an almost certain death. It's a grim and moving reminder that the march of civilization is not always forward.



Shawn Steffer

John Steffler



Canadian Native Arts  
Foundation

Fondation canadienne  
des arts autochtones

is accepting grant and scholarship applications from aboriginal individuals for artistic training.

If you are embarking on a course of study or have a professional development project in any artistic discipline, including performing, visual, communication or the literary arts and are seeking funding, please fax or telephone the Canadian Native Arts Foundation for an application.

CANADIAN NATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION

Suite 508

77 Mowat Avenue

Toronto, Ontario M6K 3E3

(416) 588-3328 (tel.)

(416) 588-9198 (fax)

Application deadline: October 15, 1992



BASSETT PETROLEUM

DISTRIBUTORS LTD.

Serving the Communities  
of the South MacKenzie

Gas & Diesel & Heating Oil

BOX 130  
HAYRIVER, NWT X0E 0R0

PHONE (403) 874-2562  
FAX (403) 874-2732

Coppermine Eskimo

CO-OP Co-op Ltd.

• Groceries • Hardware • Crafts

Box 279, Coppermine, N. W. T. Phone: (403) 982-4231

Self-confidence through self-knowledge.

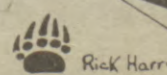


STARLIGHT VIDEO PRODUCTIONS  
RENE NAHANE

(604) 968-1473 • Fax 986-2990

351 FORBES AVENUE  
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.  
V7M 2X4

3/4" to 3/4" SP Editing with Time  
Code • All Aspects of Video  
Productions • Cultural and Special  
Events, Documentaries,  
Educational Programs,  
Promotional Videos, Training  
Videos, Duplications



# ON THE POWWOW TRAIL...

## FASCINATION!

Two youngsters examine part of a jingle dress dancer's regalia at the 4th Annual Powwow at Driftpile, Alberta in mid-August.



A Fancy Dancer prepares for competition.



Ruth Bull, from Onion Lake, Sask., surveys the festivities.



Cecile Vanderwijk, from Prince George, B.C., proudly displays her honor "on behalf of all motherhood for the past, present and into the future."

**Windspeaker**

\*\*\*\*\*  
**CONTEST 2**  
 \*\*\*\*\*

**ANSWER A FEW (MORE) QUESTIONS  
 WIN MORE PRIZES**

WE ARE STILL GOING TO GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS!

WINDSPEAKER ALONG WITH THE HELP OF SOME GENEROUS SPONSORS IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE ITS SECOND CONTEST OF THE SUMMER. WINNERS OF THE FIRST CONTEST ARE LISTED IN THE PEOPLE AND PLACES COLUMN.

ENTER THE CONTEST BY ANSWERING ALL THE QUESTIONS ON THE ENTRY FORM. THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PAGES OF **THIS ISSUE** OF WINDSPEAKER. JUST BROWSE THROUGH THE PAPER, FILL IN THE ANSWERS AND MAIL YOUR ENTRY TO WINDSPEAKER BEFORE THE CONTEST CLOSING DATE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES.

★ **RULES** ★

Contest is open to all readers of Windspeaker. You may enter as often as you wish, but all entries must be original, no photocopies or facsimiles please. Winners will be selected from completed and correct entries received at Windspeaker's offices by the contest closing date September 8, 1992. Prizes must be accepted as awarded. The decision of the contest committee will be final.

★ **PRIZES** ★

- 1 A BEAUTIFUL SWEATSHIRT FROM NATIVE IMAGES, SIOUX NATIONS ★
- 2 A BEAUTIFUL SWEATSHIRT FROM NATIVE IMAGES, SIOUX NATIONS ★
- 3 A WINDSPEAKER GRAB BAG FROM WINDSPEAKER ★

★ **ENTRY FORM** ★

**CONTEST 2 B - CLOSING DATE SEPTEMBER 8, 1992**

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE SEPTEMBER 14 ISSUE OF WINDSPEAKER

- 1. People & Places - Who hosted 8th Annual First People's Festival?
- 2. Where is the blockade in Saskatchewan?
- 3. Who has turned a hobby into a business?
- 4. What is the phone number of Native Images?
- 5. Who is in conflict with the Quebec provincial police?

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

PROVINCE:  AGE:

PHONE:

FORWARD ENTRY TO: WINDSPEAKER CONTEST 15001-112 AVENUE, EDMONTON, ALBERTA, T5M 2V6

**Photos by Leah Pagett**

# Standoff centre of rodeo action

By Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Contributor

The Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association of Alberta had a busy summer of rodeo action at Standoff, Sarcee and Peigan that saw some 800 contestants competing for more than \$50,000 in prizemoney and trophy awards.

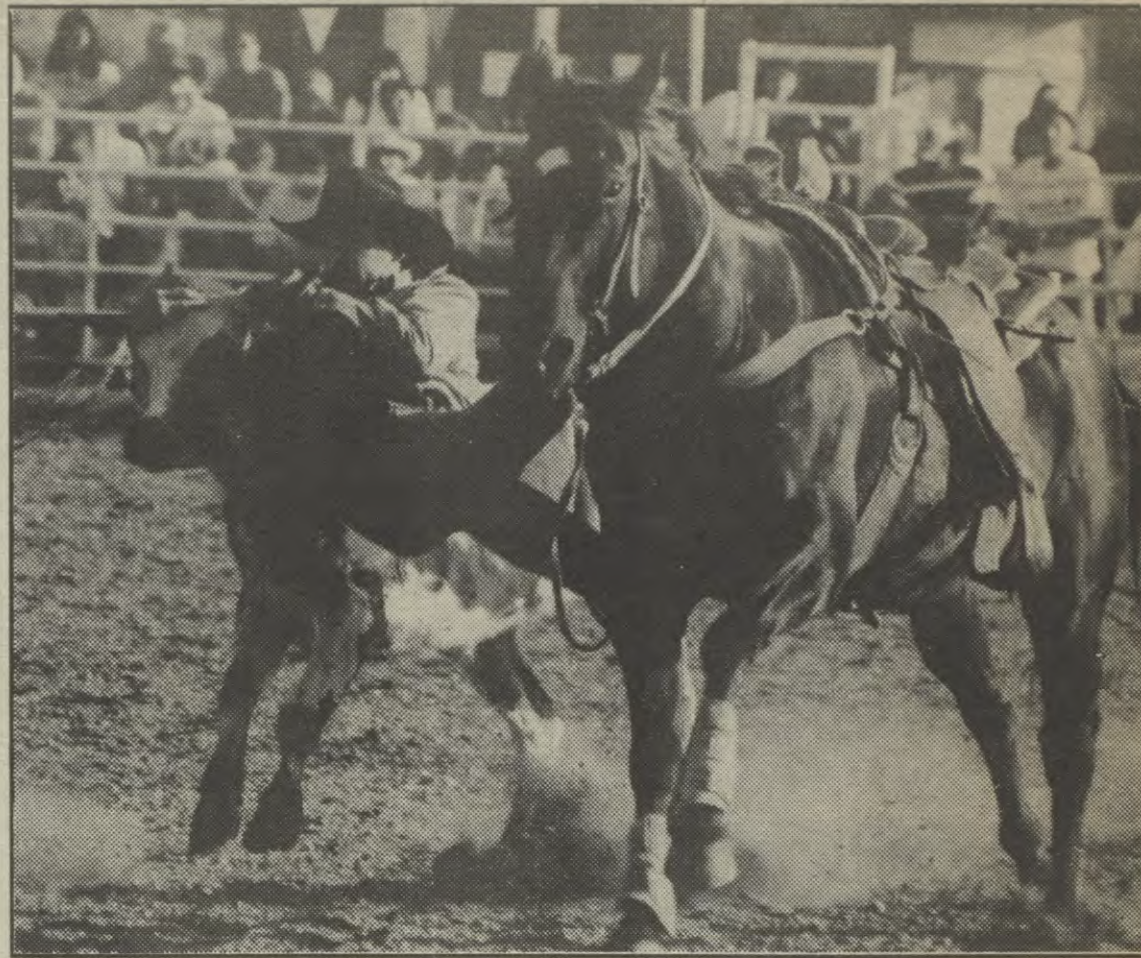
Standoff was the busiest of the three rodeo venues, as they

hosted a youth rodeo, an oldtimer's rodeo and the pro IRCA rodeo in July.

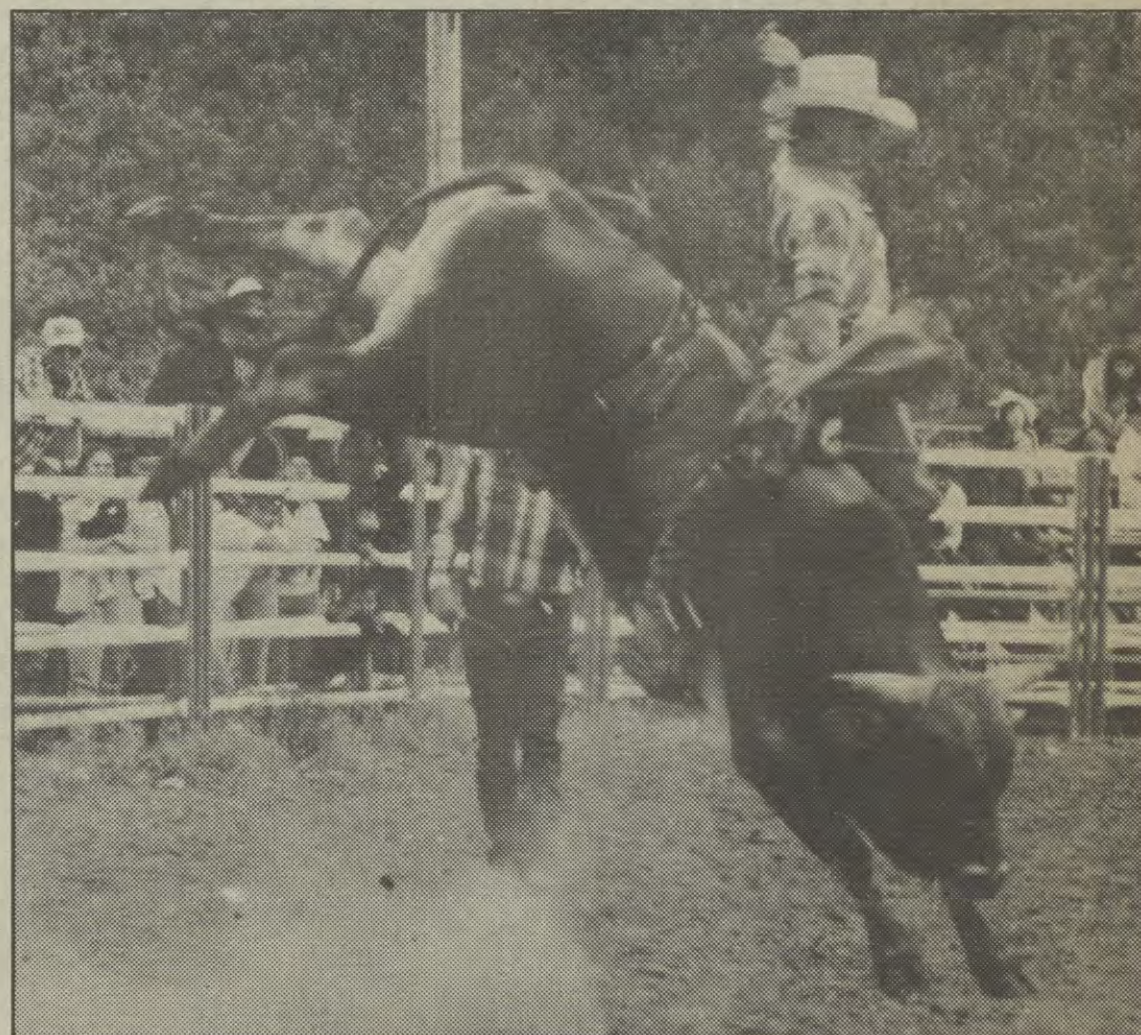
Contestants are in the heat of battle for the top 10 in the IRCA standings to qualify for the IRCA Finals Rodeo, to be held in Calgary at the Stampede Corral in October. The top two from the finals will advance to the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, New Mexico in mid-November for

World Indian Championship honors.

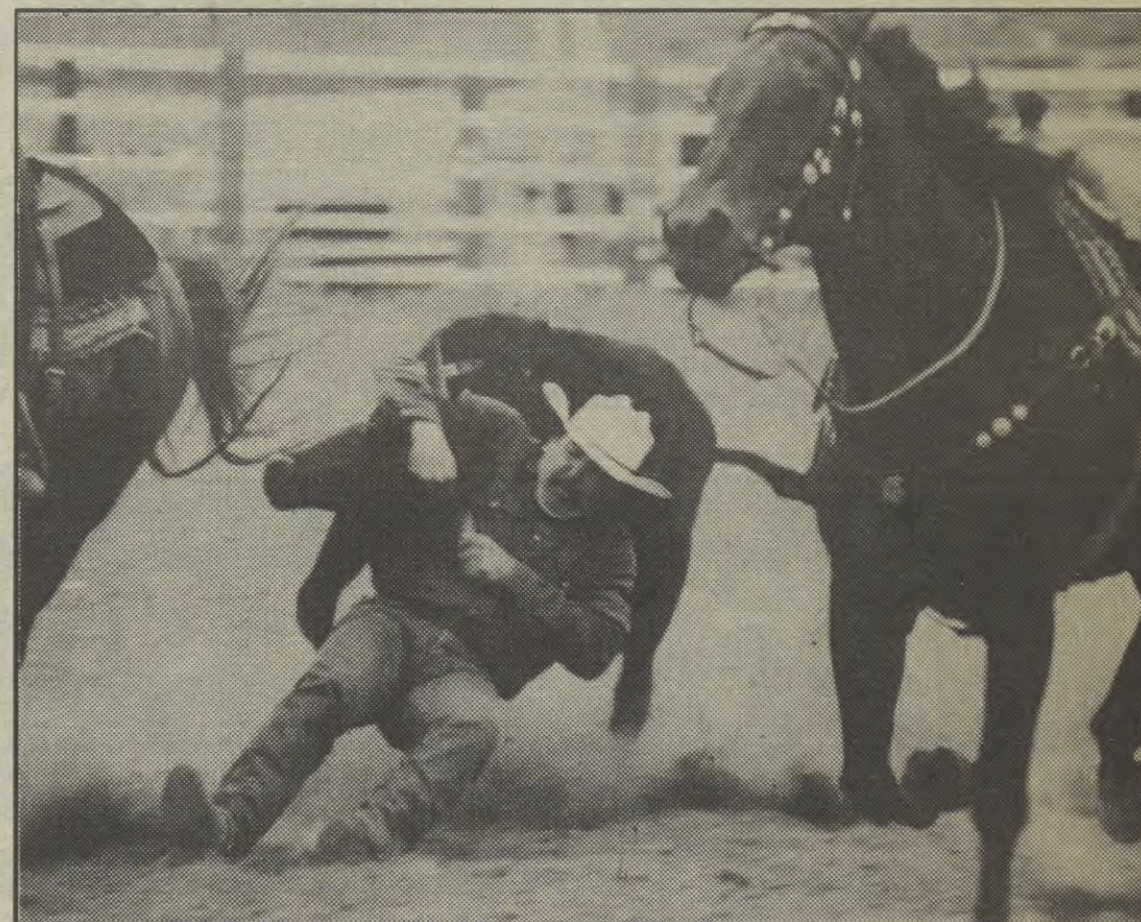
Veteran timed event cowboy Larry Bull of Hobbema came out on top with the most points and money won at more than \$4,700 for the month of July. The wily veteran has been on a high roll all summer, including a shot at the \$50,000 payoff at the Calgary Stampede in the calf roping event, making it to the top 12 finals.



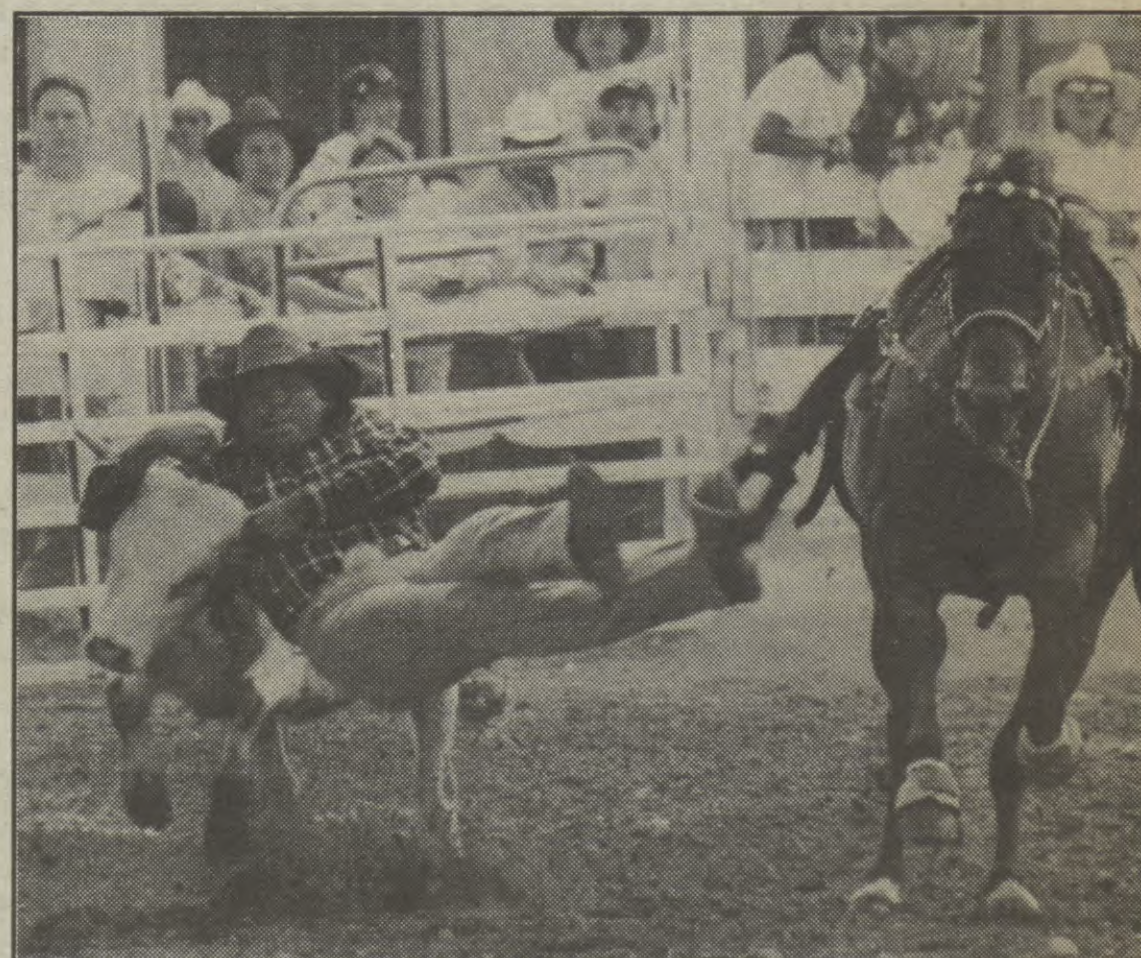
Byron Bruised Head takes down a steer at Sarcee rodeo.



Colin Willier shows his bull-riding form at Standoff.



Larry Bull of Hobbema performs at Standoff rodeo.



Terry Dixon shows his stuff at a rodeo on the Sarcee reserve.



## Tune in...

to the **NATIONAL NATIVE PERSPECTIVE PROGRAM** live via satellite to the following regions:

- 26 communities in Northern Alberta (89.9 CFWE FM) •
- Siksika Nation in Southern Alberta (89.9 CFWE FM) •
- CJLR Saskatchewan • CHON, Whitehorse, Yukon • CFNR, Terrace, BC •
- CKNM, Yellowknife, NWT • Sioux Lookout, Ontario •
- and on the Television Northern Canada Network •

**Tune In for these features, along with news and other interviews every week starting Sunday, July 19th at 10 a.m. (M.S.T.):**

### SPIRITS OF THE PRESENT SERIES

- Sept. 6** Traditional Caring: Non-Traditional Health Issues
- Sept. 13** Rebuilding Our Nations
- Sept. 20** We are the Teachers: Learning to Fix Our World
- Sept. 27** Cultural Identity
- Oct. 4** Responding to the Quilcentennial
- Oct. 11** The Indian in the Global Mind

For more information about CFWE programming or your advertising needs, please contact (403)623-3333 or fax (403)623-3302

Atterdale  
**BINGO**  
Association

6120 - 104 Street 436-UWIN 436-8946



PAYOUT \$80•80•80•80•120 (1/2 ON REG.)

LATE NIGHT BINGO (7 NIGHTS A WEEK)

Early Bird 10:15 p.m.

• 25 Game Go-Go's

• 1 Bonanza • 1 Odd/Even Game

**EVENING BINGO (7 DAYS A WEEK)**

Early Bird 6:00 p.m.

\$100 "WIN" Game 6:45 p.m.

50 Game Go-Go's • 2 Bonanzas • 1 Odd/Even Game

Photos by  
**Jim Goodstriker**



# Teens share culture

By **Connie Sampson**  
Windspeaker Contributor

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.

They didn't speak a word, yet two ancient cultures met and gained a respect for one another.

Students from Fujimi, Gunma, Japan, were delighted watching the members of the Prince Albert First Nations Dance Troupe at the cultural festival during the August Saskatchewan Summer Games in Prince Albert.

But they were ecstatic when the dancers, teens themselves,

joined six visitors and showed them Native culture and hospitality.

The teens posed for pictures with one another and then, without a common language, demonstrated their friendship through dance lessons and laughter and hand-shaking.

Elder Lawrence Tobacco formally greeted the six students and their teacher Makiko Shiobara. He told them of the culture represented by the things they saw around them in the recreated Native village at Kinsmen Park, Prince Albert.

Vice-Chief Eugene Arcand, of the Federation of Saskatch-

ewan Indian Nations, took the students into his own tipi and explained the significance of the furnishings and dancers' regalia while Shiobara translated.

"Now I understand how Native culture dates back many centuries and how important it is to Native people," one student remarked.

Shiobara was amazed to know how many Native people there are in Canada. "I learned so much about Native people. So much of their history is very sad."

The students returned to Japan after a week-long visit to Saskatchewan.



Connie Sampson

Traditional dancer Lance Sparvier demonstrated a few basic dance steps for Japanese students Naoiaki Tokatsu (left) and Nayobut Sparvier.

## Noble Homes Ltd.

Noble will take old mobiles on trade (any condition). New 14', 16' & doublewide mobile homes.

We manufacture the highest quality mobile modular homes in the industry. See us before you purchase your mobiles.



21216 - 113 Avenue  
(Winterburn Rd.)  
Edmonton, AB T5S 1Y6  
Phone:

**(403) 447-2333**



ALBERTA  
PACIFIC  
FOREST INDUSTRIES INC.

## GROW WITH A FORESTRY LEADER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL & FOREST MANAGEMENT AREA RESIDENTS

Alberta-Pacific recruiting teams will take applications and conduct pre-employment testing for future career opportunities at the locations and dates listed below. Applicants whose files are on record with Alberta-Pacific will be notified by mail of their appropriate testing schedules. All other individuals seeking these opportunities must attend one of the sessions listed below. At the conclusion of the process, finalist candidates will be notified for further interviews, after which a final selection will be made, subject to successful completion of pre-employment training and a medical. Alberta-Pacific will offer positions which will begin a number of months in the future, in accordance with their hiring schedule.

Unfortunately, Alberta-Pacific will not be able to respond to individual inquiries regarding these positions at this time. We will, however, notify all candidates on the outcome of their application.

<b>Athabasca Community Center</b>	Sunday, Sept. 13	6:00 - 9:00	Operators
	Monday, Sept. 14	1:00 - 4:00	Operators
	Tuesday, Sept. 15	1:00 - 4:00	Trades
<b>Boyle Community Center</b>	Wednesday, Sept. 9	1:00 - 4:00	Operators
		6:00 - 9:00	Trades
<b>Fort McMurray - MacKenzie Park Inn</b>	Friday, August 28	1:00 - 4:00	Operators
	Saturday, August 29	10:00 - 1:00	Trades
		3:00 - 6:00	Operators
<b>Janvier</b>	Thursday, Sept. 29	1:00 - 4:00	Trades
		6:00 - 9:00	Operators
<b>Lac La Biche - Macarther Place</b>	Tuesday, Sept. 1	1:00 - 4:00	Operators
	Wednesday, Sept. 2	1:00 - 4:00	Trades
		6:00 - 9:00	Operators
<b>Slave Lake - Sawridge Hotel</b>	Thursday, Sept. 17	6:00 - 9:00	Operators
	Friday, Sept. 18	1:00 - 4:00	Trades

Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. is committed to providing equal opportunities for men and women.

### TRADES TECHNICIANS

Journeyman electricians, instrument mechanics, pipefitters, welders, millwrights, machinists. Multiple skills preferred. (Apprenticeships not available at this time.) Some of the major responsibilities required for these positions are:

- Maintain process equipment;
- Coordinate activities with Operations teams;
- Participate in planning and execution of trades work and predictive and preventative maintenance, including maintenance records;
- Problem diagnosis;
- Recommend improvements to maintenance and production practices;
- Train team members;
- Help to keep work areas clean;
- Upgrade and learn new skills.

### OPERATING TECHNICIANS

These positions will be required for all areas of the mill. Previous experience not mandatory, but woodroom industrial process, heavy equipment, 3rd or 4th class stationary engineering backgrounds would be assets. We would also encourage recent vocational, technical and university graduates to apply. The following are some major responsibilities for the position of Operating Technicians:

- Work closely with other Technicians in a team environment;
- Operate process equipment and meet production targets;
- Ensure product quality control, using statistical process control (SPC) and statistical quality control (SQC) techniques;
- Participate in predictive and preventative maintenance;
- Identify and assist in solving equipment problems;
- Communicate with team members, other teams, technical personnel and management;
- Upgrade and learn new skills;
- Train other Technicians;
- Keep the work area clean and tidy.

### OTHER TECHNICIANS

- Security/First Aid
- Stores
- Dispatchers (Log Haul)
- Water & Effluent
- Laboratory

All positions require outstanding communication and interpersonal skills coupled with an ability to work in a team environment. Selected candidates will be expected to participate in the construction, commissioning and operation phases of the mill. Alberta-Pacific offers an excellent compensation package and fringe benefits.

Human Resources Department  
Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.  
Post Office Box 5500  
Boyle, Alberta T0A 0M0

## Grants to Professional Artists

### Arts Grants "A"

For artists who have made a nationally or internationally recognized contribution to their profession over a number of years and are still active.

**Deadlines:** 1 April and 1 or 15 October, depending on the field of art.

15 May and 15 November, nonfiction writing.

### Arts Grants "B"

For artists who have completed basic training and are recognized as professionals.

**Deadlines:** 1 April, 1 or 15 October and 1 December, depending on the field of art.

1 May, special projects for singers and instrumentalists of classical music (formerly mid-career program).

15 May, 15 September and 15 January, visual arts.

15 May and 15 November, nonfiction writing.

For the **Grants to Artists** brochure, write to:

Arts Awards Service  
The Canada Council  
P.O. Box 1047  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5V8

The brochure also contains information on Short-Term Grants and Travel Grants.



The Canada Council  
Conseil des Arts du Canada

ARCHITECTURE • DANCE • FILM  
INTERDISCIPLINARY WORK  
MUSIC • PERFORMANCE ART  
PHOTOGRAPHY • THEATRE  
VIDEO • VISUAL ARTS • WRITING

# Healing turns conference into festival

Stephane Wuttunee attended the First World Indigenous Youth Conference in Quebec City last month. This is his final report from the conference.

Diane Reid, an elder, leaned over to me, saying we desperately needed to form a healing circle if people were to work towards a better future instead of staying locked in past events.

So that's what the women did. Five or six of them stood. Diane made me stay beside her.

Then it happened. The instant when the conference made a complete change-over from a failure to a smashing success.

At first, the talk was about the importance of women as healers. That is what I remember. Then it turned to another speaker. At this point, I cannot recall if it was a woman or man. I was listening to souls, not people.

I heard about uranium mining in western Canada... Indian babies born with two heads, moose with three. I remember hearing about environmental degradation from pollution, about the Oka crisis, about people strong enough in spirit to stand for their rights wasting away in jails...

Memories of my teenage years in high school popped in...kids standing around, spitting in my face because they knew I was half-Indian...insults...mounting frustrations...building...body shaking...tears flowing...

I saw the microphone stand in front of me fall, but the blow against my hand wasn't felt. Feminine voices behind urged me not to hold it in, to let it all out...my head found refuge on a woman's shoulders...

And it all came out... From then on, I do not re-

call in exact detail what happened. As I was brought out to the first aid room to rest, the elders say the entire room burst into tears for over an hour. Youths lined up, each one taking turns hugging the women for healing. This, and only this, is exactly what the elders knew we needed but were afraid we wouldn't achieve.

I am also told the old people had smiles from ear to ear after the whole scene. No question about it. Even I, sound asleep in a separate room a hundred feet or so away, easily sensed it.

The purification process of indigenous youth the world over had finally begun!

I could go on from here. Wouldn't do much good. Suffice to say everyone that night had huge grins. We danced late into the night, played songs, held praying circles and had the time of our lives.

Everyone was sad to leave



## First Person by Stephane Wuttunee

the next day. Addresses and phone numbers were exchanged, conference posters were signed. One friend from Australia told his girlfriend over the phone the whole thing became more of a festival than a conference. He couldn't wait to rush home and tell her all the details.

A spiritual war has been given birth, make no mistake about that! The outer circles of human politics and economics will count no more, for we now admit what needs to be done is to change the smallest circle - people's spirits! I often thought about taking physical arms against

enemies. My mind has changed. Battles of spirit for me will now take place through prayer and written word, for a time. And I will take directions as they come. Gut feelings first.

Throughout this whole story, you have seen but my own viewpoint, and I have tried to be as accurately representative as possible. Still, one person cannot represent millions.

The global message we, as youth, wish to make unanimously clear to people is this:

Like it or not, in years to come, we're taking it down.



ALBERTA  
PACIFIC

FOREST INDUSTRIES INC.

## GROW WITH A FORESTRY LEADER

Alberta-Pacific is now accepting applications for its \$1.3 billion, world class, 1500 tonne-per-day kraft pulp facility, located in the Athabasca-Lac La Biche region of Alberta. The mill has been designed to incorporate the world's best proven production and environmental technologies, including the elimination of molecular chlorine. In addition to requisite experience, all positions require outstanding communications and interper-

### Accounting Positions

The Mill Site Accounting Services Team requires ambitious and self-motivated accountants to assist in the development and implementation of computerized accounting systems as well as the ongoing day-to-day accounting activities required to satisfy the functional responsibilities assigned to the team.

Candidates will require a good working knowledge of PC-based applications including Lotus 1-2-3 as well as previous exposure to computerized accounting systems.

### Pulp Mill Accountant

Reporting to the Manager, Accounting Services, the incumbent will be responsible for leading and coordinating the activities of the mill accounting group.

Candidates should possess an accounting designation and have a minimum of five years related work experience in an industrial environment with emphasis on cost accounting and inventory control. Good working knowledge of computerized accounting and PC-based applications is essential.

### Intermediate Accountant

Applicants should be registered in a recognized accounting program supplemented by three to five years experience, preferably in the areas of cost accounting and inventory control.

Experience in development and implementation of computerized accounting systems would be an asset.

### Junior Accountant

Applications should be eligible for/registered in the entry level of a recognized accounting program.

Alberta-Pacific offers an excellent compensation package complete with relocation provisions. A comfortable two hour drive from Edmonton, the local communities offer a range of lifestyles, substantial recreation opportunities, with comprehensive commercial, educational, medical and dental facilities, a university and vocational college.

Mail or fax your application in confidence to:

Human Resources Department  
Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.  
Post Office Box 8000  
Boyle, Alberta T0A 0M0  
FAX: (403) 525-8099

### Main Roads Coordinator

The Main Roads Coordinator will coordinate the construction, development and maintenance of an efficient and cost-effective main road system, supervise main road engineering and construction, and provide technical assistance to the Main Roads Manager.

Applicants will require above-average knowledge of road construction processes, including surveying and tendering, and have several years experience in supervision of main road construction and maintenance. They must have demonstrated communication and mathematical skills and be knowledgeable in the use of personal computers.

Preferred candidates will have a B.Sc. in forestry or engineering or a related technical diploma.

### Woodlands Contract Coordinator

The Woodlands team requires contract coordinators to supervise log harvesting contractors in order to meet quality, volume and cost requirements, and to assist with harvest planning and scheduling.

Applicants required a B.Sc. or technical diploma in forestry.

Preferred applicants will have supervisory and contract administration experience in mechanical logging.

## Young writers challenged

Aspiring young Treaty 7 writers, here's your chance to show your stuff.

What the Spirit and Intent Means to Me is the title of an essay writing contest established by the Treaty 7 Tribal Council as part of its upcoming conference. The contest is in honor of the efforts of the great chiefs who signed Treaty 7 in 1877 and it will give young people the chance to express their views and ideas of what the treaty means to them.

"The young people have a lot of good ideas, views and opinions and this contest will allow them to probe the question, think about it, organize and express their ideas into an essay," said conference organizer Dorothy First Rider.

The essays will also offer valuable insight to the Treaty 7 Interpretation Task Force, whose mandate is to find out what the young people know about the Treaty and what can be done to increase their knowledge.

Serious implications have to be considered whenever the federal government introduces or implements new policies and programs, First Rider stressed. It is important Treaty 7 members are informed of these initiatives and what Treaty 7 leaders are doing to protect the treaty and the further abrogation of treaty rights.

Also, the young people may have some innovative ideas or strategies that can be used by Treaty 7 leaders, she said.

A total of three prizes will be awarded, ranging from \$200 to \$500. Winners will be announced at the Treaty 7 Conference at the Kainai High School, Blood Nation, Sept. 23 and 24.

Applications can be picked up at any Treaty 7 First Nation Administration Office, Education Office or the Treaty 7 Tribal Council at 2710 17 Ave. SE, Suite 200, Calgary.

Deadline for submissions is Sept. 15.

### CHESLATA BAND MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

Cheslatta Band is looking for an energetic person to fill the positions of Band Manager. The person must possess good communication and organizational skills, be very aggressive and diplomatic, and have experience in proposal writing and fund raising.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- previous experience necessary
- must possess leadership and communication skills
- must have valid driver's license & vehicle

Portfolio will include: **Administration, Housing, Budgeting, Personnel, Natural Resources, Economic Development and Specific Claim Settlement.**

Salary will be based on experience and qualifications.

Here is an exciting opportunity to join a progressive First Nation in Central British Columbia. We are looking for a long term commitment from the right individual.

Resumes may be submitted, before September 18, 1992, to:

**Chief Charlie Marvin  
Box 909**

**Burns Lake, B.C. V0J 1E0**

**Phone: (604) 694-3334 Fax: (604) 694-3632**

### WORK PROCESSING DATA ENTRY

Located on the outskirts of St. Albert (142nd Street North of Campbell Business Park), we require an individual on a permanent on-call basis. Employment hours will vary throughout the year.

- Min. 70 W.P.M.
- \$10/hr
- Must have reliable transportation
- Must be highly proficient in Word Perfect 5.1., Microsoft Windows and Data Entry as well, knowledge of Drawperfect 1.1.
- Familiar in all areas of office automation
- Experience with Native organizations and/or the addictions field is a definite asset.

Please forward resume by September 15, 1992 to the attention of:

**Leeann Herechuk  
Box 3884 Station D  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5L 4K1**

# Alberta

### EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLOR ALBERTA VOCATIONAL COLLEGE - LESSER SLAVE LAKE

Competition No: AV92E9331-002-WDSP

**CADOTTE LAKE** - An opportunity exists for a professional counsellor to work as part of a team serving the needs of adult students. You will assist students from initial application through vocational assessment, career goal setting, program selection and financial assistance to job placement. Training and experience in the delivery of group counselling, work experience, and training workshops is desirable. The successful candidate will be a staff member of the Woodland Cree Learning Centre. Some travel to various communities may be required.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A related degree with post-graduate course work and some related experience in counselling. Fluency in Cree and experience in personal and/or family counselling with adults in northern communities, and some substance abuse counselling experience would be definite assets. Equivalencies considered. **NOTE:** This is a temporary position to June 30, 1993 with a good possibility of extension. Smoking restrictions are in effect.

Salary: \$ 39,108 - \$ 49,032

Closing Date: September 04, 1992

Advanced Education

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

**Alberta Government Employment Office  
4th Floor, Kensington Place  
10011 - 109 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5J 3S8**

Facsimile No: (403) 422-0468

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE CONFEDERATION OF TRIBAL NATIONS



The Confederation of Tribal Nations (CTN) is a Tribal Council formed in 1991 and made up of the Moosomin, Onion Lake, Red Pheasant, Saulteaux and Thunderchild bands. These five bands have approximately 6800 band members and are located in Northwest Saskatchewan. The CTN Operations office is located in the historic town of Battleford. CTN provides challenging opportunities in a supportive, collegial work setting and is a progressive organization where the generations of cutting-edge ideas and services is part of the job requirement. An energetic, enthusiastic person who is willing and able to work as a team profession is required.

#### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

This person is directly responsible to the Executive Director and is in charge of all educational services provided to the various bands. This person acts in the capacity of an educational supervisor. This person develops program policies and practices and ensures that the same are being implemented for all the schools of the member bands. This person is required to work with Band Education Committees, Band High Schools and Provincial High Schools where member bands are sending their children. This person is required to act in a manner with a view to developing and maintaining high quality education.

A university degree, preferable a Masters degree in Education, is required, Administrative experience is an asset. Successful and demonstrated working experience with aboriginal peoples, aboriginal communities and governments is also required. Knowledge of Cree and Saulteaux language and culture would be a decided asset.

Applications received after **September 4, 1992** may not be considered.

Please send your resume, supporting documentation, and professional references c/o:

**Mr. Eric C. Burt, Executive Director  
Confederation of Tribal Nations  
Bag 500**

**BATTLEFORD, Saskatchewan S0M 0E0  
Phone: (306) 445-5838  
Facsimile: (306) 445-5866**

### CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Within the next 24 months Correctional Services anticipates opening three (3) installations within Prairie Region to help address the needs of special groups. A Native Healing Lodge will be located in the area of Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. A Correctional Institution and Community Correctional Centre will be located on the lands of the Samson Band near Hobbema, Alberta to serve native offenders. An institution to accommodate federally sentenced female offenders will be located in Alberta.

It is expected that a range of different positions will be available including Correctional Officer, Case Management Officer, Nurse, Administrative Officer. An attractive benefits package will be available and competitive salary provisions. Correctional Services is assembling an inventory of aboriginal persons who would be interested in working with us in these and other institutions. If you would be interested, please forward your resume to:

**Personnel Division  
The Correctional Service of Canada  
P.O. Box 9223, 2313 Hanselman Place  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
S7K 3X5**

Phone: (306) 975-5012/5449

We are committed to employment equity.

Personal information is protected under the Privacy Act.  
It will be held in Personnel Information PSC/P-J-040.

Vous Pouvez obtenir ces renseignements en francais.

**PREGNANT?  
We Can Help!**

**(403)  
482-5111**

- Free Pregnancy Test in 30 Minutes •
- Phone or Walk In •

Mon., Wed., & Fri. 10 am - 5 pm • Tues. & Thurs., 10 am - 5 pm  
Open some Saturdays

**EDMONTON PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTRE**  
Suite 204, 11227 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB

**CFWE  
ABORIGINAL  
RADIO  
89.9 FM  
UP TO THE  
MINUTE  
COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

Advertising Feature

# Provincial Museum joins forces with Dreamspeakers film fest

Alberta's First Nations: From the Four Directions is a new exhibit at the Provincial Museum celebrating the vitality of Alberta First Nations communities as reflected in their works of art.

The collection assembled for this exhibition is an eclectic mix of painting, sculpture, and craft, reflecting the diverse regional and cultural backgrounds of the Aboriginal artists featured in the show.

First Nation communities represented in the exhibition include the Little Red River Cree Tribe at Fox Lake in Northern Alberta, the Saddle Lake and Cold Lake First Nations from east central Alberta, the Blood First Nation from Standoff in southern Alberta, and the Wanyandie-Grande Cache Co-op on the northern edge of the Rockies.

The artists featured in the exhibition include Art Calling Last, Mike Day Chief, Joseph Hind Bull, Alex Janvier, David Kakeesim, Henry Nanooch, Lance Scout, Henry Standing Alone, Eddy Allen Spotted Bull, and James and Robert Wanyandie.

The final week of Alberta's First Nations: From The Four Directions will coincide with the Provincial

Museum's hosting of the Dreamspeakers Festival, staged at various venues throughout Edmonton from Sept. 22-27, 1992. The Provincial Museum is proud to be both a sponsor and a venue for this event in its inaugural year. During the five evenings of Dreamspeakers, four theatres in Edmonton - the Provincial Museum Theatre, the Centennial Library Theatre, the National Film Board Theatre, and Famous Players Capital Square - will showcase an outstanding collection of internationally acclaimed films and videos from the world's First Nations.

One of the film events featured at the Provincial Museum will be a retrospective of National Film Board works devoted to Native Canadians. This retrospective, which will cover some 30 years of documentary film making, includes such films as Charlie Squash Goes to Town, a 1969 film short; Cesars Bark Canoe from 1971; and Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief, from 1986.

Another film that will be featured at the Provincial Museum during the festival is a recently re-discovered film, The Silent Enemy. Shot on location with an all-Native cast 60 years before Dances With Wolves, The

Silent Enemy is an exciting and magical recreation of Ojibway life before the coming of the white man. A narrated prologue by one of the stars, Chief Yellow Robe, provides an evocative summary of the film: "This is the story of my people . . . . When you look at this picture, therefore, look not upon us as actors. We are Indians living once more our old life. Soon we will be gone. Your civilization will destroy us. But by your magic we will live forever."

In conjunction with the screenings, Dreamspeakers will feature live performances from aboriginal performers. The Provincial Museum is pleased to sponsor the Wandering Spirit Drum Troupe from the Frog Lake First Nation to perform on Saturday, Sept. 26.

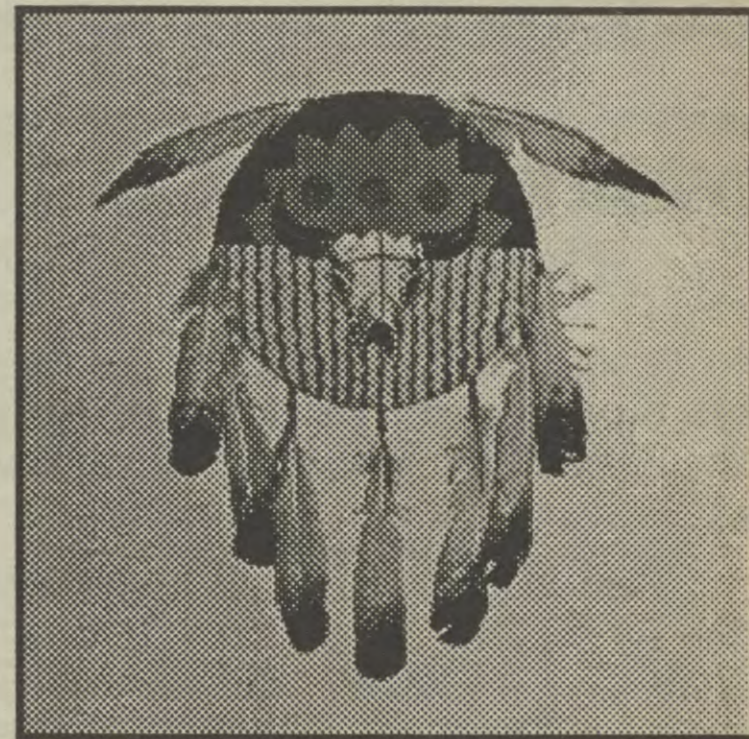
Dreamspeakers Festival Dream Passes are now on sale for \$35 including GST at Ticket Master outlets. A Dream Pass enables the user to attend all 40 of the films and performances during the run of the festival. Tickets for individual films will also be available at the door for seven dollars.

More information about Dreamspeakers can be obtained from the Provincial Museum at 453-9100 or the festival office at 439-3456.

T · H · E  
PROVINCIAL  
MUSEUM  
OF ALBERTA

Presents

ALBERTA'S FIRST NATIONS  
*From the Four Directions*



August 29 to October 4, 1992



## THE RAVEN'S CRY THEATRE

*Welcomes you to share the magic of the...*

# 2nd Annual Indian Summer Festival of the Arts

*A Multi-national Extravaganza of Music, Theatre, Dance & Song*

September 4, 5, 6 & 7, 1992

*(Labour Day Weekend)*

### PERFORMANCES

*Matinees at 2 pm - \$5.00*

*Evenings at 8 pm - \$10.00*

Ravens Cry Theatre  
For the Performing Arts  
Hwy. 101, Sechelt, B.C.

For Ticket Information Call (604) 885-4673

Our theatre is Fully Handicapped Accessible and Offers a Sound System For The Hearing Impaired.