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Police seize gambling equipment

By Cooper Langford
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WINNIPEG

Relations between the provincial government and Manitoba are deteriorating after RCMP and Dakota-Ojibway tribal police raided five reserves to confiscate gambling equipment.

Native leaders threatened to back out of efforts to create an experimental aboriginal court system. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs called on communities to take "direct action" that could include road blocks if further raids are attempted.

"We have an inherent right to self-government," assembly chief Phil Fontaine said. "That means we have the right to carry on whatever activities we deem

necessary and gaming is one of those activities."

RCMP and Dakota-Ojibway Tribal Police raided five reserves in southern Manitoba, seizing 48 unlicensed video lottery terminals, two blackjack tables and break-open tickets.

The pre-dawn raids went quietly and no arrests were made, said RCMP spokesman Don Svendsen. Police are now evaluating evidence and expect to lay gaming-related charges in the near future, he said.

The equipment was taken from Roseau River, Sandy Bay, Waterhen, Pine Creek and Fort Alexander. A provincial justice department official said three of the communities hold gaming agreements and only unapproved items were taken.

Reaction from some of on-reserve gaming's most vocal supporters has been muted. Roseau

River chief Lawrence Henry, who has been threatening to open a casino without government approval, refused comment when contacted by *Windspeaker*.

But band councillors voted to evict three tribal police officers for taking part in the police action. Tribal police were also forced to move their office from reserve land.

Police chief Frank McKay defended the force, saying it has a duty to enforce the law on First Nations land and will continue to follow Canadian law until new laws are brought into force.

"We are the ones that police that reserve," he said. "We are responsible for that part of the Criminal Code."

Andrew Beaulieu, an adviser to the Sandy Bay band council, said his community had

been expecting action and a letter notified them in advance of police intentions. Beaulieu said the province should enter into interim agreements on gaming until its legal status can be sorted out.

"We have jurisdiction. We never deviate from that point. But we have said in the last few days we will be entering interim arrangements with the province to avoid confrontation," he said.

It was business as usual, however, for bingo players on the Fort Alexander reserve. An estimated 300 people turned out to try their luck only hours after video lottery terminals and bingo supplies were confiscated, said chief Jerry Fontaine.

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Friendship centres face budget cuts

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

Five friendship centres could close down this year as organizers of the community-based organizations absorb deep cuts expected in the next federal budget, friendship centre officials say.

"We can't sustain these cuts. A lot of friendship centres will have to close," said Chris Corrigan, a policy analyst with the National Association of Friendship Centres in Ottawa.

"I'm not going to predict the decline of friendship centres, but it is going to be a real struggle."

Although official numbers are not yet available, national leaders of the friendship centre movement expect \$2 million will

be carved out of their budget this year. The cuts follow a 10-per-cent reduction in the Secretary of State budget, which funds 105 centres across the country.

The current cuts - if as deep as expected - will kill off construction funding at five centres, which could lead to their closure, Corrigan said. Special programs, like access for disabled people and substance abuse programs, might not last the year.

Cutbacks will also expose the centres' core-funding if further budget reductions occur in 1994, Corrigan said.

The cuts follow spending reduction plans announced by federal Finance Minister Don Mazankowski in his so-called "economic statement," a mini-budget presented in December. The plan calls for further reductions in 1994. But those might not

be implemented if the Conservative government is defeated in the next election.

"When you look at a 10 per cent cut, it means one position for a centre," national association president Laverna McMasters said.

"It really is hypocritical. Here's the year (International Year of Indigenous People) when we are supposed to support people, and the government is cutting."

McMasters said her organization has started a campaign to have the centre exempted from the Secretary of State cuts but has had no indication whether the department will consider the proposal.

Native broadcasters, meanwhile, are looking forward to another difficult year as they prepare for similar cuts to the 10-year-old Native Broadcast Access Program.

Budgets for Native radio and television stations were slashed by 16 per cent in 1990, when funding for newspapers was eliminated altogether. Despite the setback, broadcasters have been able to develop the the Aboriginal Radio Network, which pools programming from seven regional networks. TVNC, a Native television network in northern Canada, also began broadcasting its signal last year.

The 1990 reductions slowed the growth of Native broadcasting and further losses could spell its end, said Brenda Chambers, head of Northern Native Broadcasting, Yukon, in a media release.

"A further 10-per-cent cut will jeopardize all we have worked for and may mean our efforts have merely amounted to a temporary stay of execution."

Fur still flying over song lyrics

YELLOWKNIFE

Northwest Territories Metis Association president Gary Bohnet can rest easy. Those Barenaked Ladies from Toronto didn't take a swipe at traditional economies when they sang a line against fur coats in their hit song *If I Had a Million Dollars*.

"All the members of our band eat meat and wear leather," the band said in a press statement after Bohnet threatened a boycott of their Yellowknife concert over an anti-fur line in a song.

"We understand that fur has played a major role in our country's heritage and that it is still a vital facet of many people's livelihood and traditions. . . . However, we draw the line at fur, especially as a statement of wealth."

The lyric, which refers to a lover's wish to buy his girlfriend a fake fur coat because real fur is "cruel," was meant to be a parody of "knee-jerk reactions" to broad debates, the band said.

The Barenaked Ladies insist they believe everyone has the right to make their own ethical decisions about fur.

But that apparently was not good enough for Bohnet, who

lashed out again after seeing the band's statement.

"The band's statement about ethics and personal choice sound great," he said. "But the reality is that the Barenaked Ladies are using the medium of entertainment to promote a message that is false and harmful to many people."

Other Native leaders and pro-fur lobbyists have also waded into the debate. Dene Nation president Bill Erasmus said he was "quite concerned" that people might be influenced by the wording of the song.

Cindy Gilday, an activist with the Indigenous Survival International lobby group, called trapping a "constitutional right" for First Nations. The idealism of the anti-fur movement doesn't reflect the battle against poverty and environmental degradation faced by grassroots communities, she said.

Nigel Best, a spokesman for the group now touring England, said the Ladies never intended to attack a way of life or discourage people from buying fur.

"A fur coat is symbolic of huge, vast amounts of wealth. That's what was being attacked in the song," he said.

Funds may land in Native hands

EDMONTON

Alberta premier Ralph Klein has indicated he's interested in finding ways to transfer funding for urban Indian programs.

But the proposal is already drawing fire from at least one band that wants to extend its governing rights to off-reserve members.

The new premier met with members of the Native Congress of Canada (the new name for the Native Council of Canada's Alberta wing) to discuss transferring \$21.3 million in off-reserve service funds to Native hands.

"I'm very pleased. It's an excellent first step," said Congress president Dorris Ronnenberg, following the meeting with Klein and Social Services Minister Mike Cardinal on a proposal to create a framework agreement for funding transfers.

Tom Ghostkeeper, a special

assistant to Cardinal, called the meeting an "information sharing" session and said the government plans to consult with other groups.

"The intent of the meeting was an introduction meeting," he said. "Ongoing discussions will occur."

Siksika Nation officials, however, say the move to transfer funds could be stepping on ground already covered by reserve-based plans. Siksika chief Strater Crowfoot said the band plans to provide child welfare and social services to its off-reserve members.

The provincial government has already agreed in principle to extend band authority to its urban members, Crowfoot said in a media release.

"The Siksika Nation wishes to unequivocally declare our continuing contention and effort to serve our members on and off reservation lands," he said. "We are actively engaged in dialogue and various forms of support with our off-reserve members."

Provincial government officials said they are aware of Crowfoot's concerns and will be dealing with them as plans for off-reserve delivery develop.



Ronnenberg

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RECRUITS GRADUATE

The Winnipeg police force just welcomed 18 new recruits and nine of those are Native. It's an effort to bridge the communication gap between whites and aboriginals and to ease the distrust Natives have of white police. See page 11.

ARCTIC FAN

Stephane Wuttunee just returned from a tour of the arctic, and already he's itching to go back. The north cast its spell on him as he toured as part of the RCMP's Let Only Good Spirits Guide You, which is a drug and alcohol awareness tour. See page 7.

AD DEADLINES

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NATION IN BRIEF

Inquest resumes in Oka shooting death

A coroner's inquest into the shooting death of a Quebec police officer during the 1990 raid on a blockade at Oka has resumed in Montreal after a 17-month delay. The inquest into the death of Cpl. Marcel Lemay, which began in September 1991, was stopped by prosecutors involved in the trials of Mohawks arrested at the end of the 78-day standoff. Lawyer Richard Corriveau said he hopes the inquest will unearth "the reasoning behind such an atrocity, where you can have 125 armed men attack women and children who are simply protesting at the side of the road." Kanesatake chief Jerry Peltier said Lemay would be alive today if the provincial police would stop "shooting first and asking questions later." The inquest is expected to be complicated by a lack of physical evidence and testimony based on memories that may have faded in the two-and-a-half years since the incident.

Catholic church to help abuse victims
The Roman Catholic Church will spend \$500,000

over the next five years to help people deal with problems caused by attending Manitoba's residential schools. The residential school system "stood for the forced assimilation of Natives into the mainstream white culture and way of life," said Winnipeg Archbishop Leonard Wall. The money will go to community-based Native groups for activities like healing circles, he said. Native political leaders in the province have called for inquiries into the residential school system, but Catholic officials oppose the idea, saying it would only cause more suffering in the community.

Gambling show-down developing in N.S.

Native leaders and provincial politicians in Nova Scotia made no headway in settling their differences over on-reserve gambling during a 90-minute meeting. Vows to open casinos on two reserves are a "policing matter, not one for the minister of finance," provincial Finance Minister Allan Mahr said. But Native leaders said the province's steadfast ban won't deter their plans. Roger Augustine, head of the Union of New Brunswick Indians, said the province is try-

ing to control self-government rights with limits on gambling. He said leaving the issue unresolved could lead to an unwanted confrontation.

Natives should be on juries, lawyer says

A Calgary lawyer defending a man on assault charges says her client can't get a fair trial because there are no Native people on the list of prospective jurors for the trial. In court documents, lawyer Karen Gainer says the jury that will hear assault charges against Van Lazarus Poucette of Morley, Alta., should include Native people and people from the Morley area in southwestern Alberta. Gainer is asking the Court of Queen's bench to rule on the composition of juries. Gainer's application is based in part on the findings of the Manitoba inquiry into aboriginal justice. That report included the recommendation that jurors for trials involving Natives should be selected from within a 40-kilometre radius of where the offence took place. When that is not possible, a jury should be made up of people with similar backgrounds to the accused, the report said.

Tax exempt status challenged

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

A court decision returning millions of dollars taxed from Native unemployment insurance payments is being used to end income tax exemptions for status Indians.

In a letter to bands and political organizations, Revenue Canada announced after 1993 Natives will no longer be protected if the work that generated the income is not done on-reserve.

The decision reverses a 10-year policy of not collecting tax from status Indians working for reserve-based employers even though the work was done off First Nations land.

"The principal factor connecting income to a reserve will now be where the duties are carried out," Dennis Lefebvre, an assistant deputy minister at Revenue Canada, said in a letter to Native organizations.

"The locations of the employer will continue to be a factor, but

other factors connecting the income to the reserve will also have to be present for the income to be tax exempt."

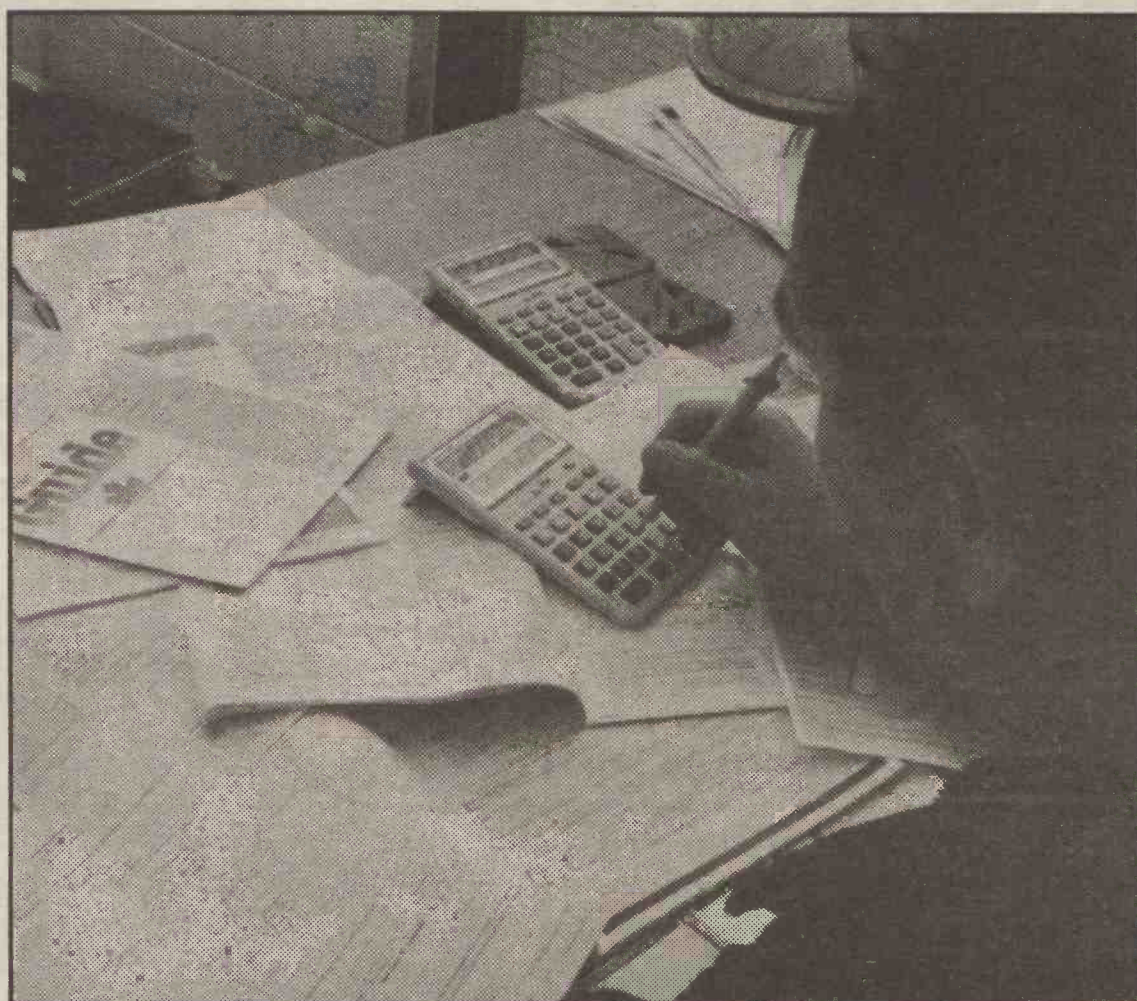
The policy shift is based on the so-called Williams case where the Supreme Court of Canada ruled UI benefits tax exempt if they were derived from work done on reserve.

While the Williams decision has resulted in refunds to status Natives, it has also been used in a handful of lower court rulings to start taxing income.

No estimates are available on how much money the new tax regime will bring to Ottawa. But Ross Tunnicliffe, a Vancouver-based Native tax lawyer, said the decision will have far-reaching implications for all Native businesses.

"Any kind of Indian employer is going to have to examine their business structure," he said. "It has converted something that was very clear, black-letter law. Now it's grey."

Revenue Canada has been targeting Native income and has taken several cases to court in the last few years in an attempt to



Leah Pagett

If Revenue Canada has its way, only income earned on reserves will be exempt from income tax.

have the 1983 Norwegijick ruling overturned, Tunnicliffe said. That ruling liberally interpreted the Indian Act tax exemptions and formed the basis of Native tax policy for the last 10 years.

Native leaders have taken a dim view of the decision to start taxing incomes earned off-reserve and said they represent a threat to treaty rights.

"Here again Canada is unilat-

erally interpreting the treaties," said Regena Crowchild, president of the Indian Association of Alberta. "They go ahead and make all these laws without consulting."

Ernie Cameron, a vice-president with Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, said chiefs in his province will be meeting to develop an action plan for all tax issues.

"We are not going to sit back and let the federal government dictate to us," he said.

Meanwhile, Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi said he will "vigorously oppose" the end of tax exemptions. He criticized the department for taking an "adversarial approach" to dealing with First Nations people.

Tunnicliffe said it is possible to have Revenue Canada's decision overturned in the courts. So far only lower courts have applied the Williams unemployment case to income tax cases. Higher courts could decide the decision does not apply to income taxes if the cases are challenged, he said.

Alcan project to get hearing

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VICTORIA

A controversial hydroelectric project in British Columbia that threatens salmon stocks won't be stopped, but it will be subject to a long overdue public hearing, provincial officials said.

On the heels of a report saying Alcan's so-called Kemano Completion Project has a legal right to proceed, the B.C. government announced review plans it hopes will set aside long simmering disputes.

"This huge project was approved without formal public hearings," Premier Mike Harcourt said in a press statement announcing the public hearings.

"My government rejects the kind of deal-making that leads to the project's approval... (But) breaking the agreement could cost B.C. taxpayers well over half a billion dollars."

Alcan's Kemano project, a \$1-billion hydroelectric project that will reduce flows in the salmon-rich Nechako River, has been subject to years of opposition and controversy.

About \$500 million has already been spent on the half-

finished generator, which was approved by Ottawa in 1987 without an environmental review. Since then the project has been in and out of courts on challenges to its environmental review exemption launched by Native communities and environment groups. Project opponents are currently trying to have the Supreme Court of Canada rule on the issue of federal review.

Last week, Victoria lawyer Murray Rankin, a special adviser to the province on Kemano, released a report saying the province should hold a review but had no power to stop the project.

The economic benefits flowing from Kemano outweigh negative environmental impacts, which would be limited to specific regions, Rankin said. He also said the province would have to repay money already invested by Alcan if steps were taken to block the project.

But Rankin also recommended the creation of the review panel and said the Nechako salmon habitat can be maintained through careful management of the river's water level.

Native communities and environmental activists, however, have not put their stamp of approval on the Rankin report or the province's plans.

Justa Monk, chief of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council, called Rankin's report "a legal opinion designed to protect the provincial government."

"We are shocked that the Harcourt government would suggest the Kemano Completion Project should proceed when there are so many unanswered questions," he said.

One of the main questions demanding answers from communities along the Nechako is whether Ottawa approved the Alcan development for political reasons.

Several documents leaked to researchers for the Cheslatta band suggest scientists for the federal fisheries departments were coerced into changing the tone of their studies to meet political ends. The leaks fuel beliefs among project opponents that Ottawa and the province ignored data that suggested river flows could dwindle to 13 per cent of their pre-development volume. Such a reduction could devastate the fishery.

Rankin said he hopes the review will bring to light much of the information causing concerns about political influence in the scientific process. Most of the documents relating to the 1987 project approval have been kept secret.

Metis gets top post

WINNIPEG

Rumors swirling throughout Manitoba for last few months about the political future of Yves Dumont were confirmed when the Metis leader was appointed lieutenant-governor.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney handed the post to the Manitoba Metis Federation president last week. The lieutenant-governor is the Queen's representative in a province and the ceremonial head of the provincial government.

"I am certainly excited at the opportunity that I'm going to have to be able to prove to the rest of Canadians that Metis people are committed to Canada," said the 42-year-old, self-employed general contractor from St. Laurent.

Dumont replaces George Johnson, who has held the post since 1986 but has been in failing health. The two will meet this week to make plans for a swearing-in ceremony.

The Metis leader, who rose to national prominence last year as a key supporter of the Charlottetown accord, is currently involved in a land rights court battle with the federal government.

Dumont, along with the Metis federation and several individuals, are suing Ottawa for lands they say were promised to their

ancestors 120 years ago.

The 10-year-old suit alleges the government backed out of commitments to turn over 500,000 hectares of land in the Red River Valley in the 1870s. The land includes much of downtown Winnipeg and its worth has been estimated at \$5 billion.

Dumont said he does not plan to give up the legal fight even though he now is a Crown official.

"I wouldn't have accepted the position if I thought I was going to have to give up a fight on behalf of the Metis people to which I have devoted years of my life."

Meanwhile, Alberta Metis leader Larry Desmeules is being touted as a top candidate to become Alberta's next senator. The president of the Metis Nation of Alberta and strong provincial Tory supporter is making no secrets about his desire for the job.

"It's the only job I've ever wanted," Desmeules said, adding that he doesn't know who else is on the candidate list. "I don't know who that is. They never tell you these things."

Mulroney is expected to make a series of Senate appointments over the next few weeks. The last round of Senate appointments occurred in September 1990, when the prime minister put eight conservative supporters in the upper chamber to help pass the goods and services tax.

Fray heats up

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The political fray, meanwhile, has been heating up as Native and non-Native leaders issue charges and counter-charges. The Dakota-Ojibway Tribal Council threatened to pull the plug on Tribal Days in Brandon, a festival that brings \$2 million to the local economy.

RCMP issued statements claiming seized lottery machines are rigged to give bad payouts. The charge is flatly denied by Native leaders who claim the RCMP is trying to discredit Native efforts to run casinos.

Simmering gambling dispute may come to a boil

REGINA

Manitoba's skirmishes over on-reserve gaming are causing ripples in Saskatchewan where Native and provincial leaders have also been unsuccessful in establishing new Indian gaming laws.

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations president Roland Crowe last week warned of confrontation if the provincial government doesn't bend soon to allow on-reserve casinos.

Options for the province's

First Nations are running out as they continue to meet government resistance through peaceful, non-confrontational methods, Crowe said.

Native leaders have been negotiating with the province to set up a Native-run gaming commission. The talks, however, have not come close to settling the debate.

The federation, which represents the province's status communities, has accused the government of negotiating in bad faith on a self-government

issue. The government has claimed the federation has a conflict of interest on its hands because its main consultants have close ties to an American company that sells gambling machines.

Various government departments are now working on a report on gaming, which is expected to go before the cabinet in the near future.

Saskatchewan Gaming Commission spokesman Dave McInnes said the government has been looking at models which

would be legal under the Criminal Code. But McInnes also said the process could get even more complicated because companies from outside Saskatchewan are trying to cash in on potential development.

Community leaders do not expect an easy resolution to the gaming question in Saskatchewan. Harry Lafonde, chief of the Muskeg band which wants to open a casino, said the Manitoba raids are a set back for his cause and he expects the matter to wind up in the courts.

Cuts may be attempt to hurry assimilation

A couple of weeks before Christmas, dignitaries from Native and non-Native communities gathered in centres around North America to welcome the United Nations-sponsored International Year of Indigenous People.

Things got off to a rosy start with governments and communities pledging to act in concert to improve and promote vibrant First Nations cultures.

But like so many ceremonial pronouncements, they did little to cover up the dirty work being done by people who really run the governments.

It has become clear over the last few weeks that Canada's friendship centres will have their budgets cut this year. And if Ottawa's promises are fulfilled, the same will happen in 1994. Hardly what anyone would call a great show of support for Canada's First Nations.

Friendship centres, which have been with us since the late 1950s, serve thousands of people who attempt to keep links with their culture in urban settings. In the past, they have provided cultural and social services. In the future they could become cornerstones of urban self-government regimes.

That depends, of course, on whether they are spared a gutting from Ottawa's deficit-minded bureaucrats.

News of the cuts smacks of politics. It is people living off-reserve who benefit most from the

services and they will first feel the loss as operations are reduced.

Cutting off-reserve support fits into a general pattern that has been emerging from the federal government. Look at last year's agreement with Alberta to transfer social service jurisdiction for off-reserve people to the province.

It looks as though the government of Canada only wants to deal with its fiduciary responsibilities when people are prepared to stay away from the mainstream. Kind of like saying "assimilate or get out of the way."

There is also a mean-spirited feel about these cuts. Could it be the Conservative government is exacting revenge for First Nations rejection of the constitution package?

It's interesting Brian Mulroney appointed Metis Federation of Manitoba president Yves Dumont - a strong supporter of the deal - as the province's Lieutenant Governor. It has also been suggested that Metis Nation president Larry Desmeules - another supporter - is in line for a comfy Senate appointment.

There will be other ceremonies at the end of 1993 to mark the closing of the international year. Federal politicians will boast about Dumont's appointment and the nifty poster contest that is part of the celebrations.

However, people at the grass-roots, especially in urban areas, will be remembering a year when cutbacks are the rule.

Raid no way to resolve dispute

Timing was the only element of surprise in the RCMP and Dakota-Ojibway Tribal Police raids on five reserves in southern Manitoba. Tensions have been rising for months between a government that wants to keep its monopoly on gambling and communities determined to assert their rights.

The fact raids seemed almost inevitable doesn't make them any easier to take. Police did make a huge haul of illegal equipment - just a few dozen video machines and some bingo cards that are easy to find in Manitoba hotels and communities.

The Manitoba government and police appear to have

wanted to flex a bit of muscle during the early morning operations. Strong-arm tactics are not the best way to resolve disputes.

Gambling is a question of jurisdiction for band councils and the needs and wants of individual communities struggling for self-sufficiency. The police raids are a serious set back to future negotiations that will be essential to settling this issue in a fair manner.

Ottawa is the only government outside band councils that can exert authority on reserves. It must make Indian gaming a priority before relations between bands and provincial governments deteriorate further.



UN declaration meaningless

The United Nations has declared 1993 The International Year of the World's Indigenous People, accompanied by the theme Indigenous People - A New Partnership. The objective is to strengthen international co-operation in addressing problems facing indigenous communities. When a beneficial partnership is established, many of the problems could be collectively solved.

Partnership is defined as a mutual association favorable to both parties. But historically, this has not been so for the partnership between Canada and its indigenous population. European descendants have paternalistically controlled the environment of aboriginals and much of what is permitted within the parameters established by federal policy.

Partnership would suggest governing officials are willing to recognize the sovereignty of indigenous people and extend this recognition to allow an equal voice from Native leaders and aboriginal organizations.

When I heard the UN was bestowing this prestigious gesture upon the indigenous, I imagined a grand opportunity for our people to display them-



**MARLENA
DOLAN**

selves to the world through events that best reflected their culture and the variety of issues that plague them as a community.

My grand illusions were soon dismantled.

When I inquired about possible funding for Native organizations to celebrate this new relationship, I was told, by a UN delegate, that there were no such funds available. From the UN office, I was referred to the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, where a committee would co-ordinate events.

The head of the committee informed me that indeed there were no funds available for specific projects within the aboriginal community. However, the department was compiling a book of children's reflections of Native heroes that would be distributed throughout the school system. That's safe, children's reflections can't do much dam-

age to established apathy!

It's ironic that the year designated as a year for the indigenous is controlled by the federal government. I guess paternalism is hard to let go of.

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs exclusively contributes to the needs of status Indians, those who are officially registered with the department. Where does that leave the Metis and the less fortunate who lost their status or never acquired it? It is this segmentation and misrepresentation that contributes to hostility within the indigenous population. Nativeness is not something that can be determined by blood content or historical discrimination.

I salute the UN in their initiative and attempt to solidify this "new partnership." However, 1989 was proclaimed the Year of Peace and Security, and I am still waiting for that.

Wind speaker

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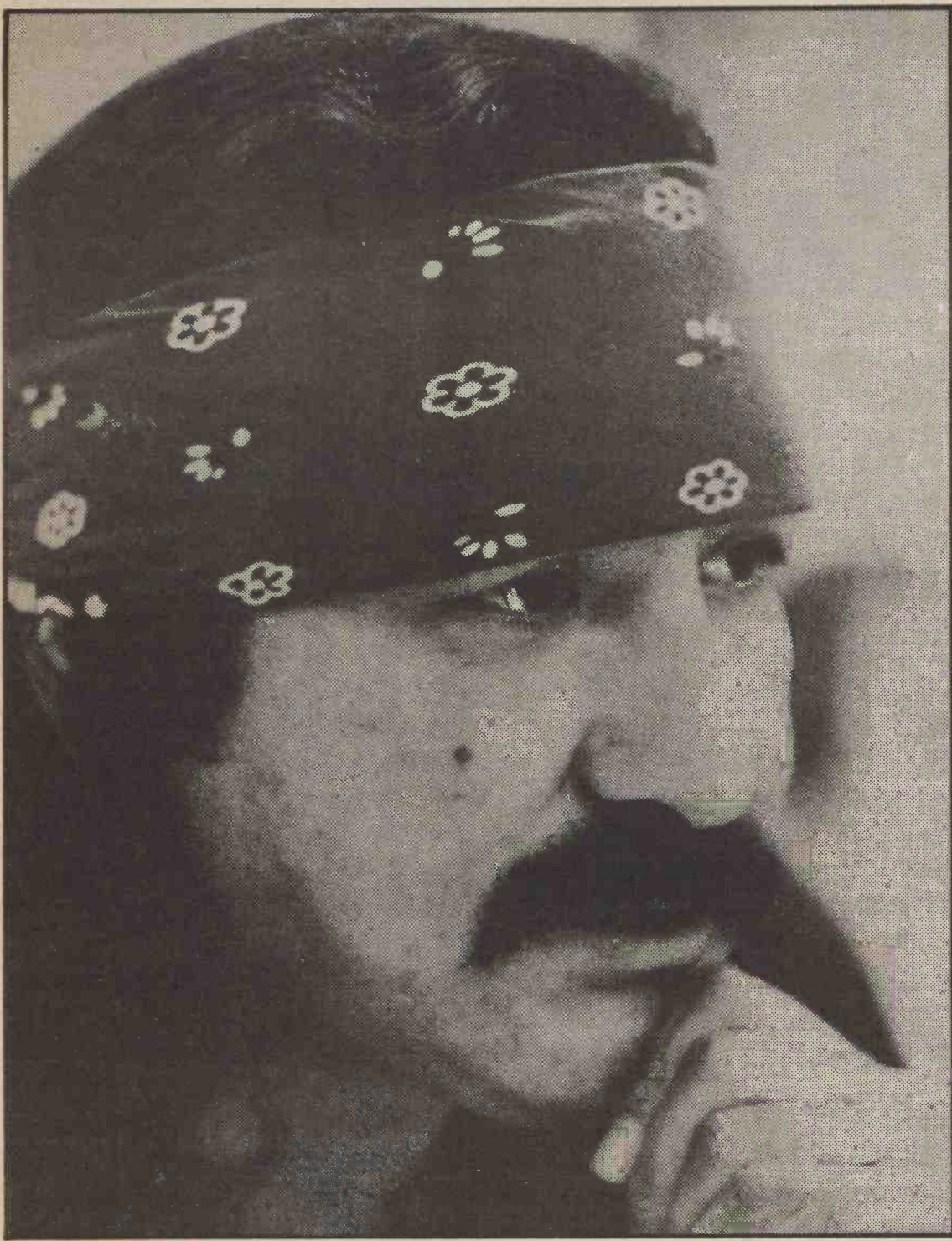
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Your Opinion



Jerry Lower

Despite a number of challenges to the United States' judicial system's handling of the case, Leonard Peltier is still in jail.

Leonard Peltier a prisoner of war

Tansi,

Something to ponder and to let Leonard Peltier know I am aware, as I hope others are.

Spotted Tail was a warrior, later to become one of many noted Sioux chiefs. Spotted Tail, in a retaliatory act of war along with other warriors, killed an army contingent. Spotted Tail like many leaders of his time soon wearied of war constantly so when peace was asked for, he agreed, for as a leader his major concern was for his people.

Now part of this peace was that Spotted Tail was to serve a jail sentence. "Peace terms" can often be strange. Guess where Spotted Tail was incarcerated? If you said Fort Leavenworth go straight to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Do not attempt to collect \$200. Leavenworth, the same name-

sake where Leonard Peltier now serves, to use the jargon, double boxcars, life times two. Spotted Tail was pardoned after only a year in jail. Fortune and strong medicine were truly his. The same cannot be said of Leonard, on the other hand. This can be argued and I have no doubt it will. If it serves to arouse public sentiment so be it, for only apathy could be worse.

Leonard Peltier is our Nelson Mandela. He is both a political prisoner and a prisoner of war. Spotted Tail lived to enjoy a brief peace, going to war reluctantly. Much can be said against Spotted Tail and other chiefs for going to war, only for them the truth remains that provocation, treachery, lies and wanton slaughter left no choice other than to pursue war to defend their nation.

Now, had Leonard Peltier

stolen money through savings and loans he would have been slapped on the wrist: Bad Indian. Go forth and steal no more. Or being one of former President George Bush's cronies in Irangate, like Caspar Weinberger, who was granted a presidential pardon. He, too, could have walked free.

Leonard Peltier, like me, is an Indian and any time we come into conflict with the keepers of the law, we can expect "justice" to be dispensed to its fullest extent. Evidence has since shown Leonard Peltier to be innocent, yet he remains in jail.

Why? To each and every Indian, ask yourself why and know the laws are arbitrary, not always serving the same purpose. Something to ponder.

Dennis Maurice
Vancouver, B.C.

Charges political, colonialist Lubicon offer unfair

Dear Editor,

Our new (Alberta) premier makes much of his interest in Native spirituality. I hope he will be just as consumed with a desire for social justice in Alberta. In fact, I can't see how the former could mean much without the latter.

Take the Lubicon issue, for instance. Whether the 13 Lubicons charged a year or two ago for torching a logging camp on their land did it or not, they are hardly 'guilty' of anything. It seems to me, respectfully, that the first law of Native spirituality is to defend one's land (Mother Earth). 'Native' Justice Minister Dick Fowler says he wants to swiftly implement the Cawsey Report now,

which calls for a separate Native justice system. (Well, not quite, but the Manitoba Report did.) Who are the 'criminals' in this whole affair anyway, and under whose system should they be tried? These are central questions in Canada today, in the aftermath of the 'Charlatan'!

At the very least, we can say that the charges against the Lubicons are political and colonialist. They are intended to give a signal to the Bigstone Cree, the Cold Lake Chipewyan, the Peigan and soon: 'Don't even think of resisting the theft and destruction of your land!'

Between 'smudging' Ralph Klein, Chief Prosecutor Dick Fowler, Bigstone Social Services

Minister Mike Cardinal and the rest, the new Alberta Cabinet surely has the power to at least stay the essentially political charges against the Lubicons. I understand the Crown's case is pretty shaky anyway. I doubt whether very many Albertans would object to the charges just being dropped now.

It's not good enough to talk constantly about Native people and share a few pennies or a horse with the province's aboriginal people. There's a whole killing colonialist apparatus in Alberta that needs to be dismantled quick!

In solidarity,
Randy Lawrence
Edmonton, Alta.

An open letter to Brian Mulroney:

I don't think you could fool someone in Grade 4 with Mr. Siddon's statement that the alleged \$73 million federal/provincial offer to the Lubicons is "fair and generous." Using the government's \$10.5 million valuation of the 246-square-kilometre proposed reserve, the 10,000 square kilometres of Lubicon land would be worth well over \$425 million. The Lubicons ask \$167 million.

The alleged offer has been publicly exposed to be worth less than Canada's clearly unacceptable 1989 take-it-or-leave-it offer.

Public relations games are not a substitute for a fair offer. If this government can't see the difference, hopefully the next one will.

Yours truly,
Stephen Kenda
Toronto, Ont.

P.S. The government claims that "Canada's 1989 offer was an appropriate remedy." This is not what the United Nations Human Rights Committee wrote. Significantly, the UN did write that "Recent developments threaten the way of life and culture of the Lubicon Lake Band and constitute a violation of Article 27 so long as they continue."

Friendship strongest bond for parents, children

Tansi, ahnee and hello. I have a friend with a small son. Whenever I happen to be visiting there the boy and I always manage to find our way into some kind of mischief. Maybe it's the small boy part of me that's never disappeared that brings us together or maybe it's simply that magical glue called friendship. Nevertheless, we play every time.

One time we were together, Jason and I decided the biggest challenge in the world was stacking together Cheerios. It takes a steady hand and nerves of steel to build a tower of Cheerios and there was going to be a hefty prize and loads of self-esteem for the one who managed the higher tower.

One by one we place a single Cheerio on top of the others. One by one our towers go higher and higher. Naturally, the higher the tower the greater the wobble. Soon it became a test of skill to increase the height.

My tower tumbled long before Jason's. Children have the market cornered on dexterity it seems. His tower reached the astronomical height of eight and a

quarter inches. He sat there and beamed at me for the longest time while his father sat scratching his head in wonder at the two of us.

A few days later, Jason's mother walked into the kitchen and discovered his father and him sitting there patiently building another pair of Cheerios towers.

"Why in the world are you two sitting there stacking Cheerios?"

she asked in amazement.

Without looking up for even a fraction of a second they answered in unison, "Because Rice Krispies are impossible."

According to the way my friend explained it to me later, his wife looked at them like they were both stark raving mad and then collapsed into laughter. The three of them laughed and laughed and laughed. Cheerio stacking has become a household challenge and the stretch is on to beat the record of 13-and-a-half inches managed by Jason's mom.

Whenever I visit now I have to sit through the endless replays of the latest Cheerios challenge. Many an evening visit has turned into a tower-building frenzy with



Richard Wagamese

the four of us nervously stacking cereal trying for that elusive extra Cheerio that will shatter the record.

Rumor has it that the next logical step is to discover how high a tower you can build and still pour milk through the hole in the middle. Every family needs a project, I suppose.

I've never been a parent. The older I become the farther away the possibility of ever being a father seems to get. As a single man at 37, I gain the sense of "family" vicariously through my friends. As much as I understand the concept intellectually, I miss the lesson.

But those Cheerios taught me something vital and if I'm ever blessed with the responsibilities

of fatherhood I hope I never forget the lesson.

It's simple really. It has to do with that magical glue called friendship. That elusive, non-definable something that brings certain people together at certain times resulting in a certain common magic that bridges the gaps of age and sex and history. As a glue it's bondfast and invisible.

Friendship. It's the first Cheerio in the tower. Jason and his mom and dad are the best of pals because they learned that right from the start. Learned that friendship is the foundation any relationship requires for its construction, especially between parents and children.

Looking around my circle of friends I realize that the parents I

admire most and those I aspire to become, are the ones who are friends with their children. And no matter how much that tower might wobble, that first Cheerio remains its saving grace.

I don't know why the Creator has decided that I should be single and a non-parent at 37. I don't know why something as simple as a stack of Cheerios should give me as crucial a teaching as this or why the snap, crackle and pop of the universe exists the way it does.

I know only this. This magical glue called friendship has its roots in the places we call home. It's planted in the fertile heart of a child and watered by the example set by parents. It manifests itself in the actions of adults we grow to become: those who are open, giving, respectful and kind. That first Cheerio in the tower, laid carefully enough, is the balance point for everything to come.

Our elders knew this implicitly. Our children are gifts and the way we prepare them for the future is our gift in return. Stacking Cheerios, I guess, is about as cultural as you can get these days.

Until next time, Meegwetch.

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Regina Agridome, Regina, SK

Oki, Madawpi! This month of January has had it. I'm glad it's over. I had a tough month. I was going to visit the Peigan people, they hosted the Cross Cultural Conference and powwow. Sorry, I couldn't make it. I heard it was one of the most successful powwows they had. Before I start with this issue's gab session I would like to congratulate my buddy Ervina on her new little boy, Brandon Ervin.

Prince George Lumber Kings take all!

Prince Albert, Sask. - The P.A. Friendship centre hosted their 9th Annual Hockey Tournament. The Prince George Lumber Kings placed first in the tournament. They must have good wood out there. Second place went to Sturgeon Lake Senators. This team is nowhere near the NHL Senators. Third went to Hobbema Oilers. Nice going guys! Fourth place went to Dog Lake Raiders. It seems like this First Nation is full of winners!

As it goes in a tournament, they have different awards for the special players that stick out like a sore thumb, or a thorn on a rose. The MVP honors went to Everette Rose of Prince George Lumber Kings. The top scorer of the games is Joey Potskin of the Lumber Kings. The best coach is Harley Chingy of Lumber Kings. A couple of Senators chiseled their way for Best Forward and Defenseman; they are Jerry Bick and Jeff McMaster. Congratulations for your efforts!

Scholarships for Native Artists across Canada

Toronto, Ont. - The Canadian Native Arts Foundation has named 41 recipients of scholarships. For these next few issues I will be introducing them.

The first few are Tracey Abotossoway of Toronto for modelling training; Marie Annharte Baker of Winnipeg for storytelling; Barrie Friendship Centre to produce two workshops relating to family violence; Ned Bear from Fredericton, New Brunswick to complete one year curatorial internship at the U of N Brunswick Art Centre; Gail Bitternose of Calgary to present a showcase for her fashion designs; Denise Bolduc of Toronto to study Producing/Engineering in Toronto; Lawrence Carpenter from Thunder Bay, Ontario to attend a production workshop in Los Angeles, California; and Lara Carlson of Toronto to continue studying piano. Whew, I'm out of breath! Congratulations to these eight artists. More to come in next issue. . . .

I introduce you to. . .

Winnipeg, Man. - Actually I did introduce you to this man, but it was only a small introduction. His name is Tom Jackson. He stars in North of 60 on CBC. He hails from One Arrow, Saskatchewan but lives in Winnipeg. A man of many talents, kind of like a jack of all trades. He sings, produces, directs and writes, all in one day! Jokes.

He has been on the music scene since the sensitive 70s. He's appeared with many diverse musicians from Harry Belafonte to Bruce Cockburn to Neil Diamond. Wow! That is all I can say.

He also acts. He has been seen on TV shows like Street Legal, The Tommy Hunter Show, Seeing Things, chee, even Sesame Street. I remember him on Anne Wheeler's movie Loyalties, that was the first time I saw him. He was nominated for best supporting actor at the 1987 Genie Awards for that particular role.



PEOPLE & PLACES

by Ethel Winnipeg

He has other movie credits, such as Clearcut, he starred with Graham Greene. He also acted on stage in different productions.

This man is also a humanitarian. He works with the poor and homeless. He has made an album for the poor people. As I told you before he put on a concert to raise funds for the food bank. He has a pretty big heart and his time is used to its fullest. Mr. Jackson, all I want to know is. . . are you married? Jokes! Anyways, Mr. Jackson is becoming a household name throughout Canada just like Mr. Clean. You ask why am I telling you about him. Just in case you don't know him I wanted to introduce you.

The first Native to receive award.

Vancouver, B.C. - Calvin Helin is one of the winners of the 1993 Vancouver newspaper's "40 under 40" award. This award is selected for 40 businessmen that are under 40, who excelled in the business.

Calvin, 32, is the first Native winner of this award. He is the president and founder of the Vancouver based Native Investment and Trade Association (NITA). NITA is responsible for many conferences in the Vancouver area, like The Economic Bridge to Self-Reliance, Impact of Aboriginal Self-Government and many others. Also, he is responsible for Nexus 91 & 92.

Right now, he is a practising lawyer with the firm of Ferguson Gifford, heading their Native Law Group. He has many other projects in the works. Congratulations.

Former Councillor named to police commission

Saskatchewan - You better watch out for Mr. Alphonse Bird. He was recently appointed to the Saskatchewan Police Commission. Actually, he will be responsible for economic development for the Prince Albert Police Commission. Also, he's going to work with Saskatchewan Indian Justice Review and Indian government issues for the Prince Albert Tribal Council. He will have his hands full, that's for sure.

He was a Band Councillor for the Montreal Lake Band.

Law Centre Founder wins prestigious award

Saskatoon, Sask. - It seems like a

good time to start bringing all the people and organizations that helped aboriginal people into the spotlight. Just like Roger Carter. He recently won an Award for Excellence in Race Relations. It's the highest honor the Canadian Government can give to anyone in that field.

Mr. Carter was concerned about the representation of aboriginal people in law. In 1973, he established and became the director of legal studies for indigenous people. It started out with only four aboriginal students. Now, there are about 250 lawyers, 10 judges and 245 students that are or have been through the program. He also started the Native Law Centre at the university in 1975. He is one of 13 people or organizations to receive this award.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Carter on his award. I would also like to thank him and the many others that gave aboriginals opportunities throughout the years. Hiy Hiy. . . Ish Neesh . . . Marci Choc! This is how you say thank you in Cree, Stoney and Chipewyan. (I hope I wrote them right)

A poem to think of when in doubt.

Blue Lake, B.C. - I received a poem from a man from the bush in B.C. This is what he told me. His name is Emil Inyallie. He is a trapper's son. Here is the poem.

*When I born
Mom and dad had a choice
To show me right from wrong
And to speak to me of the Creator*

*Then I got to thinking
The choice was still there
Between the good and the bad
My mom and dad cared*

*Then the world opened up, and
The choice was still there
Whether to be addicted or not
Always, someone cared*

*Then it was such a short time ago
The choice was theirs
That my friends started dying
They thought no one cared*

*Now, I am a parent
The choice is still there
I don't own my children, but
I will tell them of the Creator*

*Already, my children are gone
The choice is theirs
They will not point or blame
Because, they were told of the Creator.*



You may be asking right at this moment... Who in the heck are these people? They are students from the Native Communications Program at Grant MacEwan Community College. This picture was taken before the program started in September.

No one's immune to rugged Arctic beauty

Hello everyone and warm greetings from the eastern high Arctic, where only time is spared this northern land's chilling grip!

I'm writing to you from the passenger seat of an RCMP twin otter. Along with me is Winston, my father, my brother Erik, our good-natured host, Dave Grundy, and Annis and Tusia, our band members (musical, that is) from Winnipeg. We've just completed the last show of the RCMP's Let Only Good Spirits Guide You drug and alcohol awareness tour. And let me tell you - it's been one heck of a great time!

The adventure started on Jan. 9, when Erik and I arrived in Yellowknife. After a great night's sleep at the Explorer hotel, we were off again in the otter the next morning, bound for Arviat, Northwest Territories.

What is normally called the land of the midnight sun has now become the domain of the mid-

day moon. Daylight lasts roughly six hours in January. Except during the summer months, solar powered instruments wouldn't get much use up here!

As everywhere in the far north, friendly people anxious to converse over a hot cup of tea or coffee are everywhere you go. You may even be surprised, as dad was, to find old childhood friends from your own hometown. The rugged beauty of this arctic wonderland has a stronger pull than most people can resist.

On average, we performed twice a day. Schools, arenas and the like were jammed to the rafters. The band entertained with spiritually uplifting songs as well as funny favorites such as Goosed by a Moose in the Spruce. I came in afterwards from a different angle with my insights into pride, teachings from nature intermingled with animal calls, and life philoso-



First Person by Stephane Wuttunee

phies. Our fingers still have cramps from signing so many autographs! The truth is, we loved performing for them as much as they loved our show. Hunger was filled on both sides.

I won't get too much into the drug and alcohol problems. They are universal for indigenous peoples all over the world. As we pass into a new age, the young and old alike are torn between the new and the old. Written knowledge versus oral tradition. Spirituality connected with nature against materialism in the big cities. It is an issue of identity,

understanding of the Creator's plan and many other things.

For this area, simple boredom is a major cause of the young getting into trouble. The healing takes a while. All this will eventually change.

Our furthest stop was Spence Bay, where we played for two hours. Before this was Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake. After Spence, we returned to Yellowknife to stay overnight. The next day found us in Coppermine - our last gig. Cambridge got weathered out by (would you believe it?) freezing rain! Hoo boy!

Flights between stops were pleasant. Our two pilots would occasionally dip down to 500 feet and let us glimpse herds of barren ground caribou and even some musk-ox! What magnificent creatures!

Undoubtedly, the best thing we did in Yellowknife was rushing to catch True North, a celebration of CBC's 35 years in the north. Many A-1 class acts were featured. Watch the scenes for an up-and-coming star by the name of Susan Aglukark. Her combination of sincerity, stage presence and exquisite singing is guaranteed to knock your socks off.

I want to go back. Badly. Only this time, in the snow-free period, when leg-length Arctic char will try to rip a fishing rod out of your hands, and migrating caribou are so numerous they appear as a roving land mass.

Three cheers to the Arctic! Ho ho ho!

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Developing agriculture as a strong economic tool in First Nations communities is one of the goals behind the Northern Native Agriculture Development Conference. The three-day meeting, scheduled for Feb. 22-24 in Slave Lake, Alta., hopes to bring Native farmers together to talk about the future of their industry and ways to make it grow.

"A lot of communities are in the developmental stage," says conference planner Don Logan. "We are looking at ways to make agriculture a more viable community economic project, to put more profits at the farm gate."

The February meeting will pick up on themes from the January '92 conference, which identified training and access to capital as priority areas for Native farm development, Logan says.

This year, conference organizers have identified three main topics for discussion.

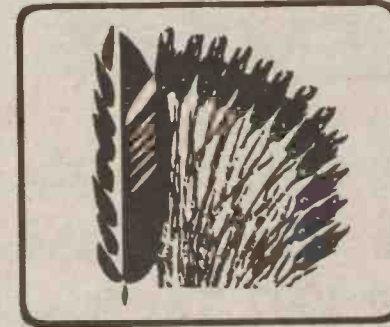
The first is product development, especially in non-traditional areas. Workshops like wild rice production, game ranching and wood lot management will provide information and technical advice on developing specific products that can be accommodated in northern climates.

Sales and distribution methods are equally important and will be dealt with in workshops on market development. The agriculture industry represents more than farmers. It also involves suppliers of seeds, services and machinery as well as wholesalers, processors and distributors. All these areas add value to farm products and are areas of potential growth for Native involvement.

Finally, this conference will place strong emphasis on identifying training needs and resources that can be used to increase Native participation in all sectors of the agriculture industry. Representatives from agriculture-related institutions in various levels of government will be on hand to help assess training needs.

"What we are trying to do is build bridges between aboriginal agricultural institutions and the aboriginal community," Logan says. "Even though we identify this as a northern conference, it is applicable all over the province. When we say northern we could simply say north of the border."

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Sports

Peigan toro twister tops

By Jim Goodstriker
Windspeaker Contributor

STAND OFF, Alta.

It was supposed to be a mismatch. Young Lorne Many Guns from the Peigan Nation was entering his third year in the bull riding event. He was up against Gregg Kesler's top bull Bombay, which had brought two cowboys to a first-place finish in two go-rounds at the recent National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The stock contractors were yelling, cursing and needling him about getting dumped by their top bull. But it only psyched up the Peigan toro twister. When the action started, the crowd realized the mis-match and rallied behind Many Guns, cheering their approval as he stuck like glue to the spinning bull for 78 points and a first place win.

Veteran Collin Willier from Edmonton placed second with 77 points.

Roy Three Persons and Jason Rabbit of Stand Off split for the top two spots in the saddle bronc riding each with 65 points.

The bareback event was won by cowboy Dallas Young Pine with a 71 point effort and Byron Bruised Head was second at 70 points.

Robert Bruised Head was the best of the calf ropers, posting a run of 9.3 seconds. Hobbema's Carter Yellow Bird was second at 9.4 seconds.

Eugene Creighton won the team roping event as he teamed up with son Slim, stopping the clocks at 6.8 seconds.

The macho steer wrestling event was won by Clarence Black Water Jr. as he threw one in a rapid 4.3 seconds.

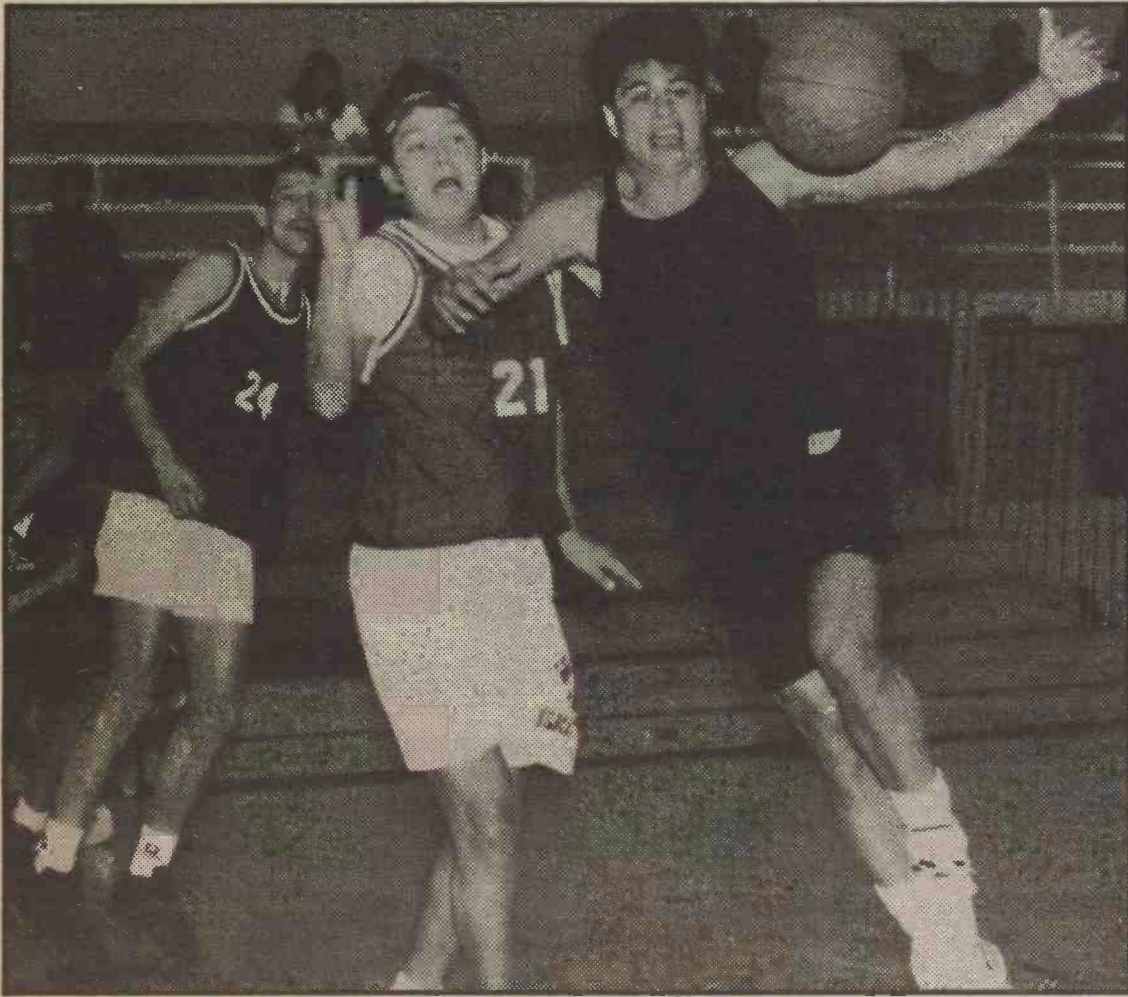
The Creighton sisters Lisa and Traci Lynn were first and second respectively in the senior barre event with times of 14.08 and 14.36.

The next rodeo will be in Stand Off during the Treaty 7 Winter Games, Feb. 6-7.



Jim Goodstriker

Collin Willier of Edmonton took second place in the bull riding event.



Jim Goodstriker

Browning's Pat Schildt beats Siksika Nations' Lawrence McMaster.

Browning downs Siksika

By Jim Goodstriker
Windspeaker Contributor

BLOOD RESERVE, Alta.

Sharp shooting and slick ball-handling point guard Pat Schildt led his Browning, Montana senior men's basketball team to a come-from-behind three point victory over Siksika Nation.

It was the championship final of a six team senior basketball tourney at the Jerry Dawson Athletic Center Jan. 17.

Siksika led the contest right from the opening whistle and held a 61-56 half-time lead. It was nip-

and-tuck all through the second half with Browning managing to tie it at 111-111 with only 11 seconds left to play.

Schildt accounted for 11 points with only one minute and nine seconds remaining with Browning trailing 105-101. That included the winning three pointer with only three seconds showing on the clock to make the final score 113-111.

Siksika still had a chance and set up a play for Lawrence McMaster. He bounced one just off the rim from mid-court. The final score count had Schildt with 34 and Gerald Gilham with 26 points. Replying for Siksika were Elroy Panther Bone and Lyle Bruno each with 30 points.



Health Recovery Therapist (Social Worker 2) (two positions)

Two highly motivated persons are required to join three others to form a Mobile Health Recovery Team who will work by invitation in specific communities in Northern Saskatchewan. Based in La Ronge, team members will work with one or two communities per year and will provide community development and therapy resources in the areas of chemical dependency, sexual abuse, family violence and other related social health issues.

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A Bachelor's degree in Social Work or an equivalent degree is required along with clinical experience in areas such as addictions, childhood trauma, human sexuality, family therapy, Native family systems and family violence. You will have the ability to initiate and encourage community development processes, conduct adult education programming and group work. Candidates with an equivalent combination of training and experience will also be considered. Proficiency in Cree, Dene or Michif would be an asset.

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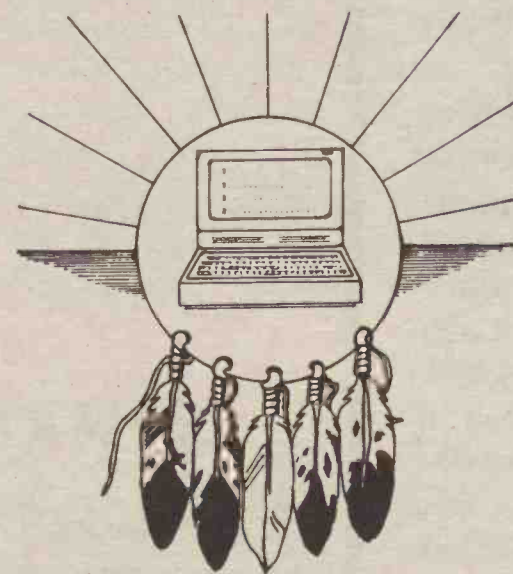
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Sports

Metis bid for separate team vetoed

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The Metis Nation of Alberta has been turned down a second time in a bid to enter its own team of athletes at this year's Indigenous Games in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Games organizers there say only one cultural group from each province or state is permitted to participate in the week-long event this spring.

"From what I understand (according to the games' mandate), there will be no distinction between

linguistic and cultural groups," says games spokesman Robert Strohm. "It will be restricted only to boundaries of province and state."

At two previous co-ordinating sessions held in Saskatchewan late last year, representatives from the Metis Nation of Alberta were voted down in their bid to form a team made up exclusively of Metis athletes from Alberta.

Strohm said a similar request by aboriginal sports organizers in California was also rejected by the games organizing committee. "Because they were so large, they wanted to bring three teams," he said. "We can not accommodate that."

The second North American

Indigenous Games will see teams from eight Canadian provinces and more than five states when the sporting event kicks off this spring, Strohm said in a telephone interview from his office in Prince Albert. "We're set to go."

There are more than 6,000 athletes, performers and supporters expected at the games, attracting twice the number of people that attended the first event held in Edmonton in 1990.

Strohm said "the big and the small" of Native sports organizations will participate. "The response we're getting is tremendous," he added.

Metis Nation sports co-ordinator Gail Cardinal said the organization is

rethinking its position whether to participate in the games or not.

"We want the support of Metis Albertans," she said, but their participation "is still to be determined."

Harold Burden, president of the First Nations Sports Council in Edmonton, said 48 recreation directors from Native bands across Alberta gathered for an organizational meeting in January in Calgary. There was no representation from the Metis community, he said.

The Metis Nation "could get left out" if it continues to refuse alliance with Indian organizations looking to form Team Alberta, Burden said.

"This is not just meant for Treaty - it's for all Natives. But with or

without them, we're going."

Burden, who has attended several indigenous games workshops in preparation for the sport extravaganza, said the majority of Alberta Native sports organizations are on-stream, putting the province in line as a leading gold medal contender.

Playoff schedules are currently being established to determine what provincial champions will go to Prince Albert.

"We're already sending 550 youths, making it the largest team representing any province."

The First Nations Sports Council has named a board of directors, with Hobbema's Cara Currie as its chairperson, Burden added.

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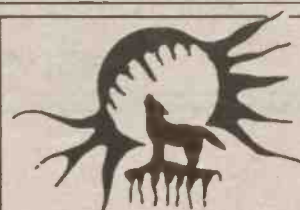
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Conference boosts Native pride

By Barb Grindler
Windspeaker Contributor

PEIGAN RESERVE, Alta.

The third annual Cross-Cultural Awareness Conference in southern Alberta brought together people from the Peigan Reserve and the community of Pincher Creek.

And while the conference succeeded in bringing the communities closer together, perhaps its most important achievement was the pride in being Indian it instilled in the area's Native students.

The conference, hosted by the Napi Friendship Centre from Jan. 20-22, was aimed heavily at both Native and non-Native students, though adults also took part. Two full days of workshops and cultural demonstrations were scheduled in the area's four schools, with additional events in the evening.

Trudi King, a grade four teacher at Pincher Creek's Canyon School, says the conference helps all the students take pride in their own distinctive cultures.

"The conference makes the students aware that they all have their own cultures, but it's par-

ticularly beneficial for the Native students. They're much more willing to talk about their family's traditions after the conference. It helps them to be proud of their culture."

Margaret Thomas, a special education and resource teacher at the Napi's Playground Elementary school on the reserve, says she sees much the same reaction among all her Native students.

"The conference is a real self-esteem builder, especially among the younger students."

At a constitutional discussion, area Member of Parliament Ken Hughes, Chairman of the Alberta Caucus and a member of the standing committee on aboriginal affairs, talked to the almost all-white audience of high school students and area residents. But the afternoon's session clearly belonged to his co-presenter, Professor Leroy Little Bear.

Little Bear, a teacher and one of the founding members of the Native American Studies Program at the University of Lethbridge, gave a brilliant explanation of both the Meech Lake Accord and the reasons it failed. Talking about the meaning of self-government for Native communities, Little Bear said there

was a basic misunderstanding about the meaning of the term.

"The government's view is 'We'll make the laws, you can administer them.'"

Little Bear also used quiet humor and simple explanations to give the students a history lesson and a better concept of the differences between Natives and whites.

"These cross-cultural programs are very important, but don't underestimate the differences between our two cultures."

Explaining the Native concept of time, Little Bear recounted the story of the Black-foot Elder, pushed by a white man to tell when he was born. Finally remembering the times when buffalo were hunted by trapping them in the mud, the Elder said, "The last time we got the buffalo stuck - I was born the Wednesday before that."

Little Bear's effectiveness as a speaker and role model for his people was perhaps best summed up by a woman in the audience. She approached him after the session to congratulate him, saying that if the government had used him to promote the accord, perhaps it would have been passed. Certainly, it would have been understood.

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Police act on inquiry's advice

By David Hickey
Windspeaker Contributor

WINNIPEG

The newest members of the Winnipeg police force have been given a special assignment by Chief Dale Henry.

"We need, through improved co-operation, to span the gulf of distrust and cynicism that has risen in the community," Henry told the class of recruits, who graduated Jan. 15.

This class is especially equipped to restore some respect and integrity to a department rocked by scandals in recent years. Half of the 18 recruits are Native and nowhere in Winnipeg is the distrust Henry refers to more prevalent than in the Native community.

"This is one of those unique times when a single group of people has a rare opportunity to make a significant impact," Henry told the class. "You have a grave responsibility for the future of the force."

Henry is fairly new to the force himself, hired from outside the department last summer to replace retiring chief Herb Stephen.

The high percentage of Native recruits in the last class is a direct result of Manitoba's Aboriginal Justice Inquiry, which

ended in the fall of 1991. That inquiry was held to examine how Manitoba's 100,000 Indians and Metis are treated by police and the courts. It concluded the justice system had failed Natives "on a massive scale," and urged the police department to greatly increase the number of Natives on the force.

As the inquiry concluded, mutual distrust between police and Natives has been around for a long time in Winnipeg. But things really came to a head in the dark hours of a warm winter morning in March of 1988.

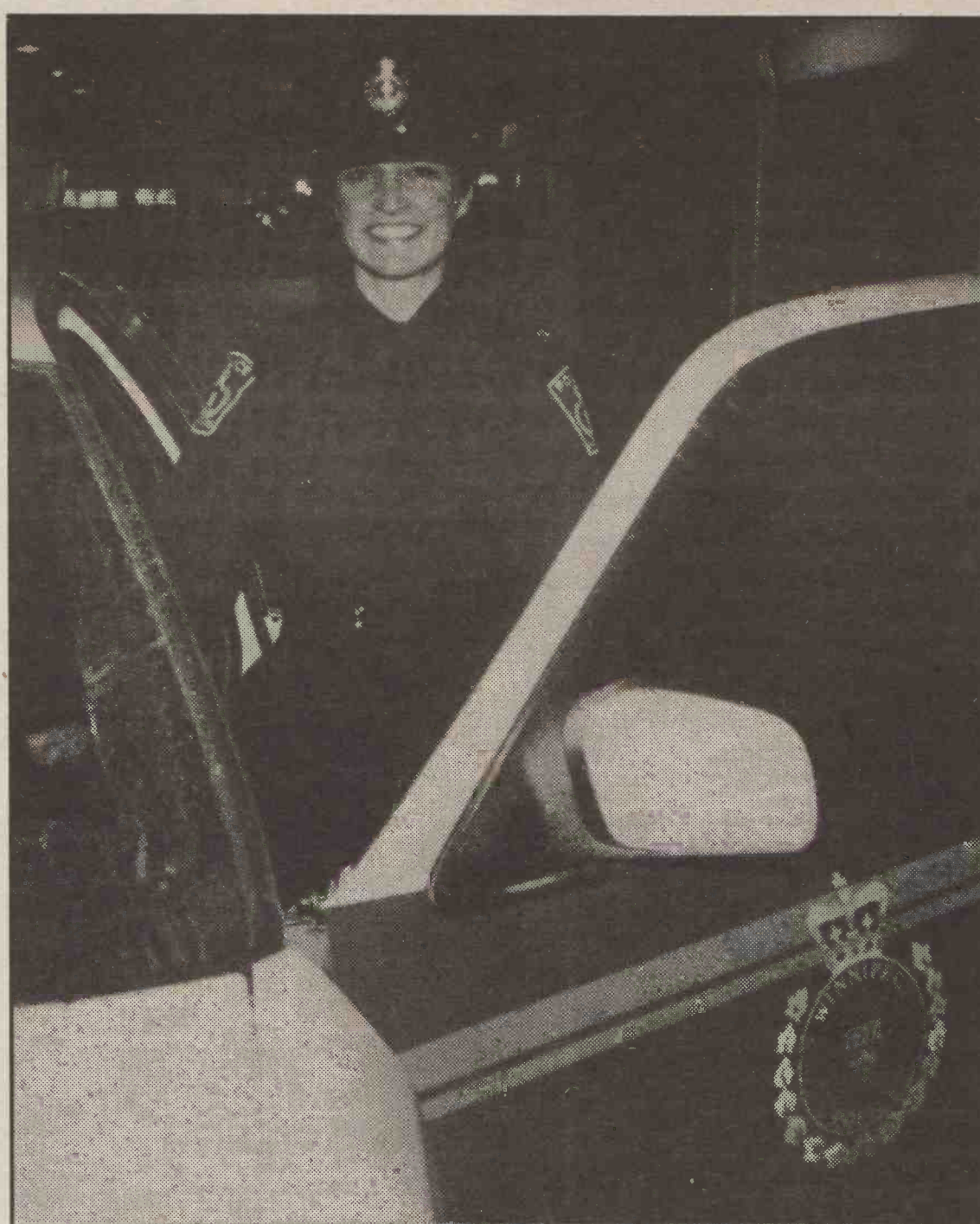
That was the morning Const. Robert Cross and his partner responded to a call of a stolen car. Spotting it shortly after 2 a.m., they began pursuit.

Nineteen-year-old Melvin Pruden was driving the car and with the police in pursuit, he took a corner too fast and ditched the car in a snowbank. He got out and began running.

Cross and his partner called for back-up and Cross pursued the suspect on foot.

Three other cars responded and the officers spread out to search for the suspect. Pruden ran across a park and hid in a back yard. Shortly thereafter he was caught by Const. Bill Isaac.

Cross was still on foot on the other side of the park when he heard on his walkie-talkie the chase was over and the



David Hickey

Metis graduate Const. Tracy Krzuk believes more Natives on the force will help ease tense relations between police and aboriginals.

suspect apprehended.

At that time he spotted John Joseph Harper, a 36-year-old Native man, walking across the

street from him in the direction of the stolen car.

Cross walked up to him and asked to see some identification.

Harper, who knew Cross needed a reason, refused and started to walk away. Cross grabbed his arm, a scuffle ensued, and Cross's gun went off.

J.J. Harper died that morning.

The incident was the main impetus for the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry.

Though Cross was cleared by a criminal investigation and a police department review, the inquiry faulted him for approaching Harper in the first place, saying he did so only because Harper was Native.

Const. Tracy Krzuk, a Metis graduate, believes increasing the number of Natives on the force will help open the lines of communication and break down the distrust that has blossomed since the shooting death of J.J. Harper.

"I think it will help. I think it will be easier for us to relate. The same is true for any minority group dealing with their own people."

Manitoba Justice Minister Jim McRae emphasized the need for all officers to be aware of other cultures.

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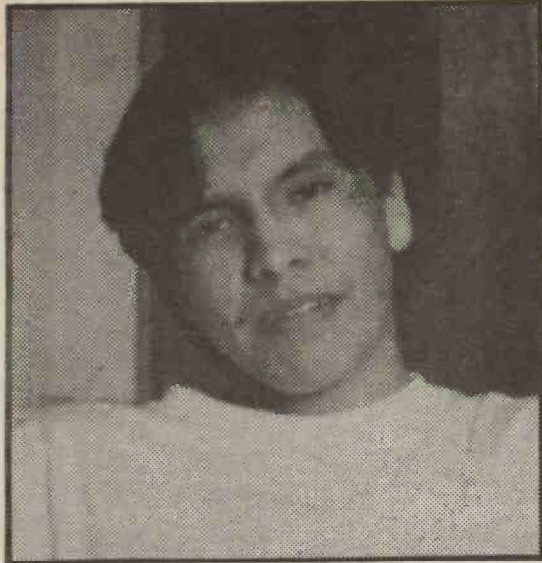
Youth to clean up Everest

EDMONTON

Somehow the words "Mount Everest" conjure up images of a remote, difficult-to-reach trekker's paradise. It's hard to imagine a place with so much natural beauty strewn with garbage left by careless hikers and tourists.

Edmonton high school student Jason Twin heard about the environmental problems in Nepal and decided to do something about them. He's joined Youth to Everest Canada and, along with three other young Canadians, he's heading for Mt. Everest on May 1.

The team of four will work with 20 young people from New Zealand and the Sherpas, the indigenous people who live on the borders of Nepal and Tibet high in the Himalaya mountains, to try



Jason Twin

and right some of the environmental wrongs plaguing the region.

The Everest area's popularity is creating great strains on the environment. The 8,000 visitors a year stay in lodges and burn wood for cooking and heat, which is destroying the forests at the base of the

mountain, Twin said. Visitors rarely take their non-biodegradable garbage out with them.

A total of 8,000 kilograms of garbage was collected and disposed of in 1990 and 1991 by YTE teams.

This year's Youth to Everest group will collect and bury rubbish in five villages, supply tourist lodges with rubbish baskets and employ staff to collect and dispose of rubbish regularly. They hope to set up solar panels to heat the lodges and cut down on the wood-cutting in the forests.

To finance his trip, Twin must raise \$4,600. Fund-raising plans include a raffle for two pairs of mukluks, made by Jason's grandmother, a benefit dance at Edmonton's Sacred Heart Church on Feb. 27 and a pancake breakfast on Feb. 14, also at the church.

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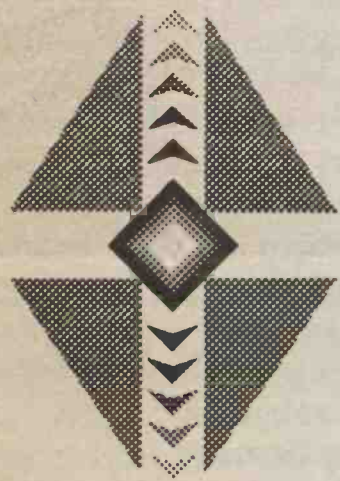
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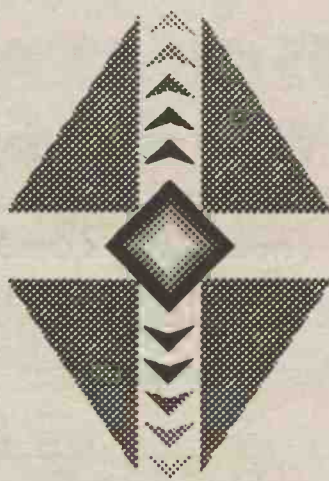
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YOU AND THE LAW

Selling your house

By Ward Mallabone

Your house is probably the single largest investment you will ever make in your life. When it comes time to sell, remember that the Offer to Purchase presented to you will likely be the only contract that will govern the sale. An improperly completed Offer to Purchase could cost you hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Insist that the Offer is completed neatly. If the terms are uncertain, the offer may be void.

Be sure that you understand all of the clauses in the Offer to Purchase. Most forms of an Offer to Purchase contain many pitfalls. If you are not sure, insist that your lawyer review it before you sign it.

For example, unless you specifically state that a utility right of way registered against the title to your property will be assumed by the purchaser, he may require you to remove it, which will be very difficult as you will need the city or municipality's consent. The purchaser may then be able to refuse to close the deal, ask for his deposit back and even sue you for damages.

If you feel the purchaser may be delaying in paying the full purchase price on the closing date of the house sale, for example where part of the price is financed by a new mortgage, insist that the purchaser pay interest on the late payments.

Equally important is to ensure that you maintain full insurance coverage on the property until you have actually received the full purchase price. It is far better to pay insurance for a few extra days than to suffer a disastrous loss in the case of a fire.

Lastly, if the Offer to Purchase is subject to a condition, for example that the purchaser sell his present house first, be aware that if the condition is never met you do not have a deal. Be sure to insert a reasonable time limit for the satisfaction of the condition to prevent the purchaser from tying up your property for a long period of time without compensating you. In addition, be sure that the conditions are clear as to what exactly is required.

This legal column is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice. If you require advice on a similar matter, you should talk to your legal adviser.

(Ward Mallabone is a lawyer with Walsh Wilkins, a full-service law firm that has carried on an extensive Native practice for more than 25 years. The Calgary telephone number is 267-8400.)

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Harvesting rights examined

An inquiry into the harvesting rights of Saskatchewan Natives in the Northwest Territories was announced recently by the Indian Claims Commission.

The inquiry was requested by the Fond du Lac, Black Lake and Hatchet Lake First Nations of northern Saskatchewan (the Athabaska Denesuline). The claim, which was rejected by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is to harvesting rights based on Treaties 8 and 10.

"This is an interesting situation involving rights across interprovincial and territorial boundaries," said Chief Commissioner Harry S. LaForme.

The Indian Claims Commission was established as an independent agency to assist parties in specific claims negotiations. It can act as a commission of inquiry to review disputes over the validity of claims and compensation issues. It can also provide mediation services when negotiations break down.

Since early December, the commission has been holding hearings into claims arising from the creation of Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range in the early 1950s in northern Alberta and Saskatchewan.




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Given the nature of this position, this competition is limited to qualified aboriginal candidates.

Comp. No.: 108190-3-DP21WSPK
Location: Regina
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Closing date:
February 12, 1993

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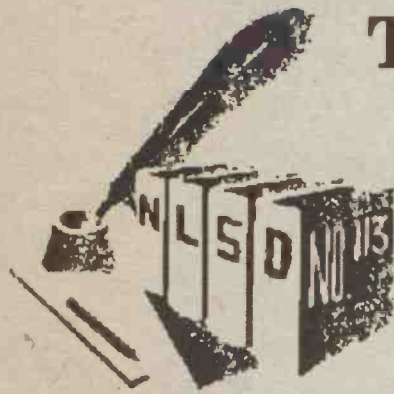
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Alberta Indian Health Care Commission, a non-profit organization mandated by the First Nations to advocate the Treaty Right to comprehensive health care for all First Nation communities and individuals as a federal responsibility and the portability of this Right, is seeking qualified individuals to fill the following positions. Preference will be given to individuals who speak a First Nations language and/or have past experience working with First Nations. Starting date is April 1, 1993. Salary will commensurate with training and experience.

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POLICY ANALYST/RESEARCHER:

The Policy Analyst/Researcher will be responsible for monitoring and analysis of legislative, policy and program changes and court decisions having an impact on the health or health needs of First Nation individuals or communities.

A post secondary education in political science or a related area including research, knowledge of First Nations Treaties and Aboriginal Rights, general knowledge of provincial and federal legal systems, knowledge of federal/provincial programs relating to health, knowledge of First Nation communities and sensitivity to cultural differences, effective communication skills, a valid drivers licence and the ability to travel are essential.

OFFICE MANAGER:

The Office Manager will be responsible for all accounting and payroll functions and day to day operation of the office.

A post-secondary diploma in accounting and office procedures, ability to supervise office staff, experience with Word Perfect and Accpac, ability to accurately record minutes, ability to communicate effectively are essential. A minimum typing speed of 50 wpm is required.

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST:

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