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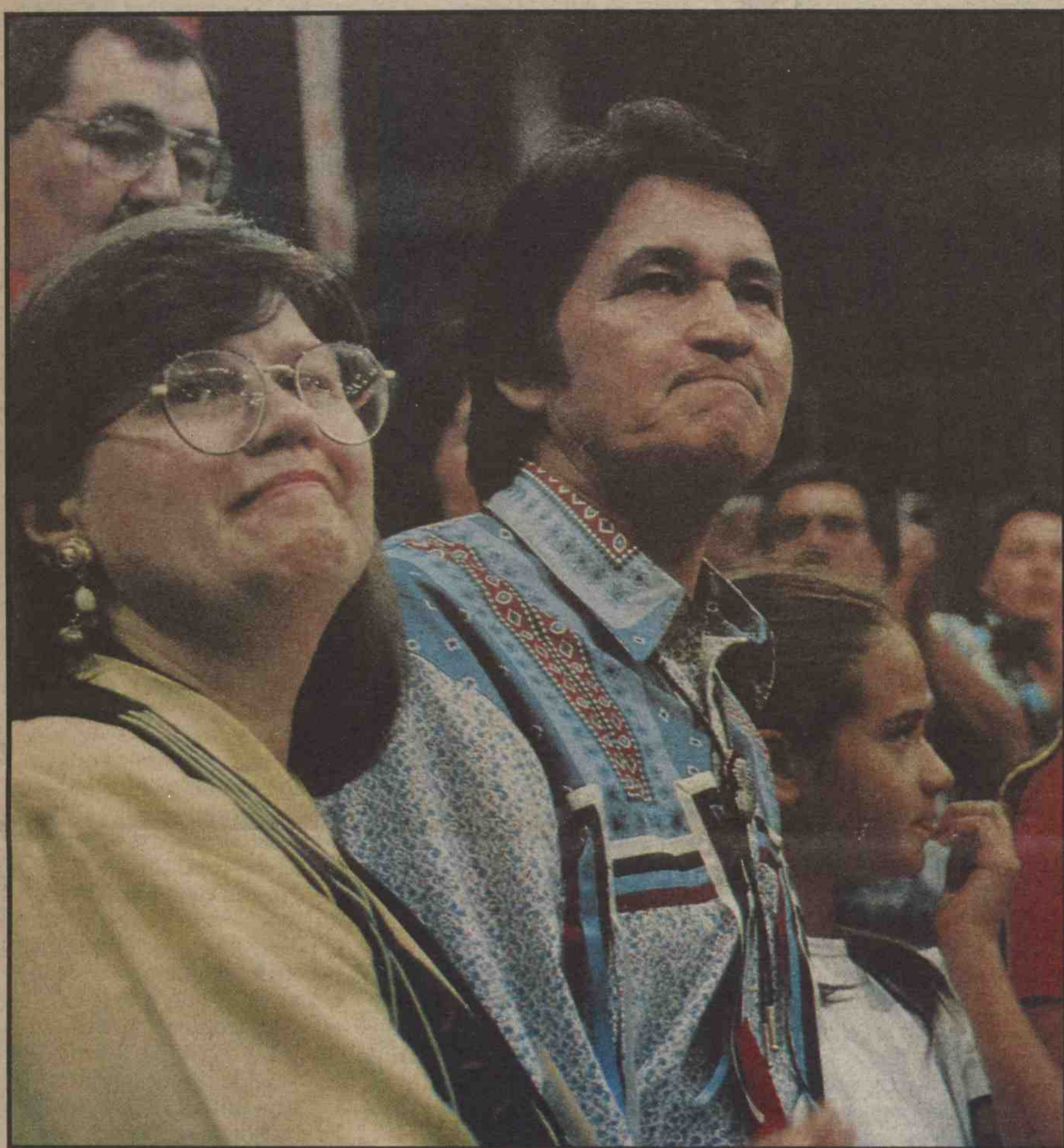
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## Mercredi wins chief's job — barely

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### SASKATOON

It wasn't the easiest won election battle in history by any means. The 60 per cent voter support needed to name the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations seemed elusive, much to the frustration of incumbent Ovide Mercredi.

By the first ballot he had almost conquered the benchmark with 54 per cent support and by the end of the third ballot had only just surpassed it with 60.8 per cent.

But a win is a win is a win, and the 49-year-old Cree from Manitoba captured his second consecutive term of office during the early hours of July 7. Despite a determined effort by four challengers to block his way, the slim margin of support was enough to place Mercredi in the seat of power for another three years.

The AFN election for national chief began at approximately 9:30 a.m. July 6. Speculation on the outcome ran rampant through the auditorium of

Saskatoon Place. If Mercredi didn't take it on the first ballot, he wouldn't take it at all, thought many chiefs.

Home town favorite Delia Opekokew of Canoe Lake, Sask., pressed palms in an attempt to expand her support, which seemed limited to some Saskatchewan chiefs. Konrad Sioui of Huron-Wyandot Nation had all but conceded the race. He was rumored to have made a pact with Opekokew for his support.

There were 458 votes to be had, 105 in B.C. alone. The B.C. caucus had determined to vote as a block for Mercredi, but some renegades, such as Erling Christensen, who had the proxy vote for Lheit-Lit'en of Prince George, were just as determined to block the block and vote for anyone but the incumbent.

The 69 chiefs in Saskatchewan would be split on the first ballot but ultimately would vote as a block for Mercredi, said Chief Roland Crowe of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

Although there had been some feeling Mercredi was out

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Victory at last, but it hadn't quite sunk in for Ovide Mercredi when he heard the results of the third ballot at the Assembly of First Nations election in Saskatoon. It was a long, hard battle and wife Shelley Buhay shed a few tears of joy while daughter Danielle stood by her father's side.

## Ovide missing from business session

By Debora Lockyer  
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### SASKATOON

The election of a leader was all the business some chiefs were prepared to do at the Assembly of First Nations' convention July 5-7. Their lack of interest in a session where 21 policy resolutions were set to be discussed led to an early end to the three-day assembly.

Where as many as 460 chiefs gathered earlier that day to elect a national chief, only 130 showed up for the business end of the proceedings. Without a quorum, a large enough group to officially form a decision-making body, the resolutions couldn't be formally discussed.

Among the most notable members of the assembly missing from the resolutions meeting was newly elected national

chief Ovide Mercredi.

Dene Nation Grand Chief Bill Erasmus was angered by Mercredi's absence.

"Where is Ovide?" asked Erasmus. "We're here talking to ourselves. They said Ovide will change. Well, he hasn't."

Erasmus said the 21 resolutions were already drafted and many more would have been put forward if debate had been allowed.

"We're not impressed. On first appearance it looks like he came here to get what he wanted, which was to get re-elected, and then forgot the people." This session is where the chiefs give direction to the national chief before the next assembly, Erasmus said.

Erasmus was not alone in this condemnation of Mercredi. Matthew Coon-Come, the high-profile environmentalist and grand chief of the James Bay Cree, also asked the assembly

where no-show Mercredi was hiding.

"I want him to sit up there and listen," Coon-Come said.

But other chiefs were more forgiving of the national chief, including Chief Alan Ross of Norway House in Manitoba.

"I am a little disappointed that he's not here, but I also have to respect the fact that he is a high-profile leader and that he has obligations. Although his first obligation is to us, I respect that he has to address the concerns of the media," Ross said, referring to a number of interviews Mercredi had given that morning.

Those who did attend the session were frustrated by the rules guiding the assembly, which suppressed debate and held back the Native agenda, including defeated candidate Wally McKay. McKay said meshing European and Native processes would never be suc-

cessful.

"You often hear said 'Well, we're doing it the white man's way again.' That's always going to keep coming up. You have to have the Aboriginal way of doing First Nations business."

A major overhaul of the AFN has to occur because the structure is strangling the process, said Ross.

"The Indian perspective, the First Nation perspective, the First Nation agenda has to be brought forward. There has to be a better way of doing business," Ross said.

The resolutions which were not attended to at the convention referred to issues such as free border crossing, gaming on reserves, unsolved murders, suicide and social issues and the right to health. All were weighty issues and many needed immediate response, said Ross.

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Reserve residents may soon be able to get a mortgage to build a home, if a pilot project launched on Kahnawake is successful. Six applications are in the works now, but another 100 are expected in the next two months.

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OLD CROW CHRONICLED

The life and times of a tiny northern Yukon community have been chronicled for the past 30 years by Edith Josie for a territory newspaper. Josie's unsophisticated accounts of the people and events of Old Crow have become favorites across Canada, and have been translated into five languages.

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# Government ignoring claims commission

By Linda Caldwell  
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CALGARY

The Indian Claims Commission's first annual report includes a list of six recommendations for the federal government to help speed up the process for the settlement of specific claims.

So far the government has not made any formal response to any of the five inquiries into disputed land claims the commission has concluded, said co-chair Jim Prentice.

"There is frustration on the part of some of the commissioners," said Prentice. "In terms of tangible results, one of the issues which is out there is that at this point, the government has not responded to the recommendations put before them."

"We are at the stage where we are clearly saying: 'It's time to respond.'"



Jim Prentice

Following an inquiry into claims made by Cold Lake First Nation in Alberta and Canoe Lake First Nation in Saskatchewan, the commission concluded Ottawa breached its treaty and fiduciary obligations by forbidding each band from hunting on traditional lands. Those lands, abruptly appropriated in 1954, now comprise the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range, approximately 300 km

northeast of Edmonton.

The communities were virtually destroyed by the loss of their traditional livelihoods. In 1975 and again in 1986, the bands submitted land claims to the federal government. Both were rejected because Ottawa said there was no "outstanding lawful obligation" and that the treaty permitted the government to take the land for settlement.

When the commission submitted its report to then-Minister of Indian Affairs Pauline Browes in October 1993, she said the commission could expect a formal response in two to three months.

The report on the Athabasca Denesuline Inquiry, which affects three First Nations, was completed in December 1993 but the government has not responded.

Two more inquiries have been completed, the Lax Kw'alaams in June 94 and the

Young Chipeewayan this month.

The commission, which had an operating budget of \$5 million in 1993-94, was established on July 15, 1991, in the wake of the Oka crisis. Commissioners spent the first year in discussions with the Assembly of First Nations to determine the commission's mandate.

Since July of 1992, besides completing five inquiries, it has started investigating 12 more claims, has accepted 11 for future inquiries, is actively mediating another 10 claims and helped another 14 claims get back to the negotiating table, Prentice said.

Despite his disappointment at the lack of government response to the commission's work, Prentice is convinced the group is doing valuable work.

"I think the commission has shown an independent commission such as this is essential and that it can work," he said.

# Kahnawake pans casino proposal

By Debora Lockyer  
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SASKATOON

Fear of the unknown may have led the community of Kahnawake to reject a proposal for a casino on the Mohawk reserve in Quebec, said Grand Chief Joe Norton.

Fear that the social costs to the community may outweigh the economic benefits is what caused the people to say 'No' in a referendum held July 2, Norton said. A total of 1,353 votes were cast in the referendum. The No-vote won by 97 votes with a total of 724 ballots; 627 voted yes. Two ballots were spoiled.

A lot of thought and soul-searching went into the decision. The people weren't just dead-set against a casino, said Norton.

"If there was a lot of emotion, a lot of anger that was involved, I believe I wouldn't have gotten elected again," said the chief.

Norton was a strong pro-

*"I along with the council cannot raise the issue any more, and I'm not going to speak to the issue anymore. It's dead, it's over with, it's done."*

— Joe Norton, Kahnawake chief



ponent of the casino project. He believes this support could have been his undoing in the council election, which was tied to the referendum vote.

It was the magnitude of the project that made people uncertain, Norton said. The proposal called for an investment of up to \$154 million for a casino complex and could have created about 2,500 jobs. The size of the project was not set in stone, however, and was just an example of what could be done, Norton said.

"This was phase one of a number of other phases that had to kick in. We didn't want to go too far in advance and

have a scale model and an artist's concept, begin negotiations with the province, start talking about designating land and hiring people and all the things that go along with it because then people would say 'You've gone too far - it's a done deal.'"

But this type of information was ultimately what the people wanted and Norton's political opposition took full advantage of missing pieces. Certain people were very manipulative, Norton said.

With a no-vote win at the referendum, the casino issue was laid to rest, said Norton.

"I along with the council

cannot raise the issue any more, and I'm not going to speak to the issue anymore. It's dead, it's over with, it's done. It's the commitment that we gave to the community and I'm going to stick by that."

But the economic problems Norton hoped to address with the casino still remain. How to address these problems remains the conundrum.

Norton puts some stock in the work of the newly formed Canada/Mohawk Roundtable. Five federal ministers and three Mohawk chiefs are trying to address problems faced by the Mohawk Nations during the roundtable discussions.

The initiatives fleshed-out by the Roundtable will create a scenario that will bring economic development to the community, he said. This includes a reworking of the taxation policies that have caused such problems in Kahnawake.

Norton warns the next three to five years will be difficult and predicts drastic cuts in government funding.

"We're going to have to do some belt-tightening."

## NATION IN BRIEF

### Lying Mountie jailed one day

RCMP Corporal Donald Zazulak has been jailed for one day for committing perjury by lying at the Wilson Nepoose inquiry. Zazulak admitted he lied at an inquiry into Nepoose's 1987 second-degree murder conviction. He crossed out the word "slimeball" written by a colleague in reference to Nepoose and etched out the word "yeah!" which he had written in agreement with that reference to Nepoose two weeks before his testimony at the inquiry. Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench assistant chief Justice Allan Wachowich said the sentence will serve as a reminder that for even the most minor cases of perjury, jail will follow. The 25-year veteran of the RCMP was demoted from sergeant to corporal and now has a criminal record, but he will not be dismissed from the RCMP. Nepoose was released from prison in December 1991 after serving almost five years for the 1986 murder of Marie Rose Desjarlais. A three-judge Appeal Court panel ruled there was not enough evidence presented to the court when Nepoose was convicted in Wetaskiwin in 1987 and ordered a new trial. Charges were dropped in March of 1992.

### Quebecers support Aboriginal say

A majority of Quebecers support the idea of an Aboriginal referendum if Quebec decides to separate from Canada. Some 54 per cent of those surveyed believe Aboriginals in the province should have the right to determine whether they stay with Quebec or remain in Canada, according to the results of a COMPAS poll published in the Financial Post. Forty-six per cent said Aboriginals should accept the results of the vote on sovereignty. Outside Quebec, only 19 per cent of those surveyed were opposed to Aboriginals having the right to determine their future by referendum if Quebec votes to separate, while 81 per cent were in favor.

### Liberals vow to act on Lubicon claim

At the recent Liberal convention, delegates resolved to call on the federal government to settle the Lubicon land claim and compensation claim "within a mutually acceptable time-frame or, if necessary, by the independent claims commission. . . ." The Lubicon, in northern Alberta, have been struggling for more than 50 years to secure a land base and to be compensated for the resources harvested from their traditional lands.

### Fontaine turns to bingo

Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Phil Fontaine flew to Cross Lake, Man., to call the numbers in what was billed as the largest First Nations bingo jackpot ever in Canada. More than 1,800 people bought bingo cards at \$200 each for a chance at the \$200,000 game, including the grand prize jackpot of \$100,000. No one will say who won or how much money was made at the bingo 130 kilometres south of Thompson, Man.

### Reformers reflect grassroots concerns

Reform Party MPs are ready to push for more consultation for grassroots Native communities in the development of self-government following six meetings in Manitoba with Aboriginal groups. Manitoba MP Jake Hoeppner and three other MPs from the western provinces heard concerns including the need to establish an Aboriginal government system which would allow an opposition voice to prevent chiefs and councils from exercising too much power and a demand for complete financial disclosure and accountability.

## News

## Cartoon meant to be commentary — artist

By Debora Lockyer  
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## SASKATOON

The reputation of Canada's only national daily newspaper took a nose-dive on July 6 when the Globe and Mail published a cartoon many Natives found offensive.

"I think it's very racist," said Isadore Campbell, vice-chief of the Meadow Lake Tribal Council in Saskatchewan. "It's a direct shot at the Elders and a direct shot at Indian people as a whole." He said the attack infuriated him.

"I used to read the Globe and Mail everyday, until I saw



WISDOM OF THE ELDERS...

this," Campbell said. The Globe and Mail is usually a credible newspaper, but now is showing

its true stripes, he said.

A group of Elders at the Assembly of First Nations convention in Saskatoon took time to discuss the cartoon. They felt the paper was making fun of their culture. The 'white man' likes to make jokes at the Native people's expense, one man said.

The Elders are the community leaders in all aspects, said Jerry Arshinov of the Plains Indians Cultural Survival School in Calgary.

"I really don't understand why the Globe and Mail would print such a cartoon. I always thought it was well above that kind of crap."

Arshinov said it was something one might expect from other newspapers, but not the

Globe and Mail.

Tony Jenkins, the cartoonist, defended his work, saying it wasn't racist but based on fact or real life. He said the inspiration for the work came from a story about the Kahnawake community's rejection of a casino project.

There are about 60 bands waiting in the wings to get into gaming.

Natives are into smoking, drinking and now gambling, he said. At one time, Elders would pass on information about hunting and trapping. Now the knowledge that will be passed down will be about gambling, the cartoonist said.

He said he attempts to take the political issues of the day

and make people laugh and think. It's one man's opinion, and is expected to be taken with a grain of salt, Jenkins said. The intent wasn't to mock, but to shed light on a different viewpoint.

Globe and Mail Associate Editor Sarah Murdoch concurred. Racism is not allowed in the paper, but 'fair comment' is and Jenkins is given a lot of latitude, she said.

"If we thought it was hateful it wouldn't be allowed," Murdoch said.

The essence of editorial cartooning is to take an idea, simplify it and then exaggerate it, she explained. What results isn't always something that pleases, but it wasn't intended to be hurtful, she said.

## \$2.3 million deficit riles chiefs

By Debora Lockyer  
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## SASKATOON

Take \$8 million in revenue, subtract \$9.6 million in expenditures, throw in the previous year's deficit of \$750,000 and you have a recipe for disaster.

Approval of the Assembly of First Nations' annual audit was on the agenda at the AFN convention July 5. The national organization had run up a \$2.3 million deficit, as of March 1994.

The deficit was blamed on diminishing contributions, emergency help to the impoverished Davis Inlet Innu and Supreme Court legal challenges. Professional services alone cost the AFN \$1.6 million last year.

The audit ignited stern remonstrations from many member chiefs who were loath to endorse a deficit. The debate raged on for more than an hour before the document was accepted.

Many chiefs were concerned that guidelines on spending, put in place at the September AFN conference when the organization showed a \$1.9 million deficit, were not being used.

"What happened to the controls?" asked Chief Danny Watts of Opetchesaht, B.C.

Chief Alfred Day of the Oneida of the Thames in Ontario said all the procedures and processes in the world wouldn't amount to a hill of beans if they weren't endorsed by the Na-



"We elect the national chief so we also own the deficit. I don't hear anybody saying 'How can I help? How can I help bring the deficit down?'"

— Clarke Smith, Chief,  
Samahquan First Nation

tional Chief and executive with political will and commitment.

"Somebody has got to take some responsibility for this. Who is going to take the responsibility?" asked Day. "Someone has to be accountable and say 'You can't do this anymore,'" he said.

The responsibility lies with every chief, said Chief Clarke Smith of Samahquan First Nation.

"We elect the national chief so we also own the deficit. I don't hear anybody saying 'How can I help? How can I help bring the deficit down?'" criticized Smith.

He said mandates are presented by the chiefs without financial consideration and then everybody depends on Indian Affairs for hand-outs.

"We have to stop and dig in our own pockets. If this is my organization, then I pay for it. It's not our organization if somebody else pays for it."

Smith said the Department of Indian Affairs owns the AFN because the department funds it. He recommended striking up a financial committee with the sole purpose of fundraising for the AFN.

"We are always begging the government for money and we forget that we have an economic sense of our own."

Dene Grand Chief Bill Erasmus was concerned with a loan the organization had secured in the amount of \$700,000 to finance operating deficits. The loan is scheduled for repayment at \$50,000 per month plus interest and should be paid in full by Sept. 30, 1995.

"Who is responsible for that loan? Is it all the chiefs? Is it the executive? Is it the national chief?" asked Erasmus.

He said the assembly didn't endorse the loan and the executive didn't have the authority to enter into the loan agreement.

Chief Steve Williams of Six Nations in Ontario said the finance committee had full authority to do whatever it had to do to get the deficit down.

"We could have been a lot worse (off) than we were," said Williams.

Dutch Lerat, chairman of the finance committee, assured the chiefs 90 per cent of the organization's spending is under control. Only 10 per cent needs work.

## Rift divides AFN

By Debora Lockyer  
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## SASKATOON

The national chief of the Assembly of First Nations has put the country on notice that Canada's First Nations' chiefs are coming and coming united. But once all the rhetoric is pushed aside, the reality is that the AFN is deeply divided.

Although many chiefs believe unity can be accomplished, they insist it will take more than a few speeches to make it happen. Wally McKay began the healing process the night of his election defeat to Ovide Mercredi.

"Let not this process divide us," he called out to his supporters. Yet within hours it was evident there was a wide swath separating the ranks.

It's obvious all members of the assembly are not on the same wavelength, said Dene Nation Grand Chief Bill Erasmus. The Dene First Nations want to work at the national level, but the chiefs are not together. He blames Mercredi's style of leadership for the division. And he is not alone.

Though Dene chief Gabe Hardisty is prepared to give Mercredi a second chance, he suggests the position of national chief may have gone to his head.

"He was a politician too

much. He's up there too far. He forgets about his people. If he wants to be a good leader, he should be back with his people and take direction from the community — the grassroots level," Hardisty said.

There is a lot of work to be done in mending bridges, said Chief Alan Ross of Norway House. The national chief is in a difficult position having to address the needs of 633 Native leaders.

"There is a strong message there that change is needed. I think that message must have got through to all of us, including the national chief."

Mercredi made bold statements about change during the campaign and admitted to making mistakes over the past three years, Ross said.

"I was very pleased to hear he's going to learn from his mistakes."

McKay believes he will have a role in bringing the people together. He said First Nations have much at stake in the coming years and will have to count on working agreements and understanding to prepare for what the future has in store regarding issues like Quebec separation.

"We have to stand strong together," he said.

"I think we have come of an age where there have to be regional protocols in place and those regional protocols must be respected," said McKay.

## Grassroots worry Mercredi's out of touch

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of touch with the grassroots, a precondition of Saskatchewan's support was more involvement from the community level, said Crowe.

"We have insisted that that change be made and that is part of an understanding with the national chief in the event he is successful," Crowe said.

The Saskatchewan chiefs felt Mercredi would advance their individual interests better than any other candidate, he said. Key bread-and-butter issues of concern to the FSIN were diminishing federal housing dollars and economic development. A requirement of the national chief will be to make presentations to Ottawa on those issues, said Crowe.

By 2 p.m. the first ballot had been counted. The magic number for a win was 274 votes. Mercredi fell short by just 27

votes with 247. Opekokew was automatically dropped from the upcoming ballot with 30 votes, the least amount of support. Holding on by a hair's breadth was Sioui with 31 votes.

Mercredi's strongest opponent was Wally McKay from Sachigo Lake First Nation with 95 votes. Mohawk leader Mike Mitchell from Akwesasne garnered a disappointing 54 votes.

It was time for assessment. Mitchell was concerned that Mercredi was too far ahead to catch. An alliance among the other candidates to stop Mercredi had been loosely formed, but it was unclear if it would hang together, he said.

Sioui dropped off the ballot and attempted to organize an "AnyonebutOvide" movement.

"We only have one shot at this," he was heard to tell his supporters. He expected Opekokew's support to go to Mitchell and

Sioui's to McKay.

"Why McKay?" he was asked.

"Because he is going to make a beautiful national chief," said Sioui.

But Opekokew made other arrangements and announced her support of Mercredi.

The second ballot showed Mercredi, McKay and Mitchell in the running. The total number of ballots cast was 462. Sixty-per-cent support would mean garnering 277 votes. Mercredi fell short by two. He had captured 59.52 per cent of the vote. The missing half-a-per-cent forced a third ballot.

"We have some pretty strict rules," a grim-faced Mercredi told reporters. He predicted a factor in the next ballot would be the staying power of the chiefs. Voting began at 9:15 p.m. and didn't end until after midnight. The crowd was exhausted, and some were showing signs

of extreme frustration.

Mitchell dropped off the ballot with only 77 votes and pledged his support to McKay. McKay posed the lone threat to Mercredi with 110 votes.

The third ballot counting ended just before 1:30 a.m. July 7. The movement to block Mercredi from another three years as national chief failed. This time, 449 ballots were cast with 270 needed to win. Mercredi supporters numbered 273.

McKay was gracious in defeat. He asked for each of the candidate's forgiveness for anything he may have said during the campaign that may have offended. He called on his supporters to now support the decision made by the majority.

"Let's not let this process divide us," McKay said. But the words did not mend the rift. It soon became apparent that Mercredi had only a few short hours to bask in the glory of his victory.

# Our Opinion

## Leaders shirk assembly business

After all the noble words were said and done, it was the ignoble effort of the Assembly of First Nations' chiefs that will leave the most lasting impression on the country and its people.

More than 300 chiefs, who had traveled to Saskatoon for the election of their leader, found more important matters to attend to, one would have to guess, than to participate in the last day's business session.

The 21 resolutions, drafted with much care and attention to the needs of the people, were for naught. The lack of commitment from the chiefs left many disappointed, feeling that despite their troubles they had accomplished nothing.

These resolutions were made of weighty stuff and many needed immediate attention. The first regarded the settlement of Indian Veterans' entitlements. Resolution five asked the support of the AFN in a celebration to inaugurate the Decade for Indigenous Peoples. Others included the right to health, jurisdiction over education and the unsolved murders of First Nations people.

The apathy shown towards the resolutions put both the processes and function of the AFN into disrepute. 'If their own members can't be bothered, then why should we?' the Canadian people must be asking themselves. The gains the organization had made over the days of the election were eradicated in one morning. The AFN had proved itself to be a limping, impotent, wounded beast.

The people who made the effort to attend the session were greatly frustrated. One woman suggested allowing the debate. Those who had made the effort to attend the resolution session should be allowed to voice their concerns for their people, she reasoned. The process, she said, (Roberts Rules of Order) was choking out the Native voice and was not the Indian way.

"We are assimilated," a man said in agreement.

But the point was moot. What was the point of discussion when the one man who could learn from the session did not bother to attend? The national chief, Ovide Mercredi, had promised change, had promised to listen to the people, but instead was napping in the Elders' lounge. He arrived in time for the closing prayer and a sheepish last walk around the assembly hall.

"Much is expected of a great leader," said James Bay Cree Grand Chief Matthew Coon-Come. Is it too much to expect that if only one person were to attend the session, that one person would be Mercredi?

"Where is Ovide? Where is Ovide?" Coon-Come called.

Unfortunately, the resolution session was not all the business postponed that day. A discussion paper on self-government was to be debated. Its original place on the convention's agenda was Tuesday afternoon. A last-minute change, on the urging of national broadcasters, moved up the candidate's forum and squeezed out the discussion paper. It was scheduled for Thursday, and ended up in oblivion.

All in all, it was a sorry day for First Nations people in Canada. So much talk, and no follow-through.

At a time when the Reform Party is blocking the road to self-government and the Bloc Quebecois is threatening the annihilation of Quebec's Aboriginal peoples, this should be a time of great planning and determination.

Instead, we sleep.

In Wally McKay's speech to the assembly during the candidate's forum, he was emphatic that the AFN should resound in the heartbeat of the nations and that heartbeat should resonate with power. After the resolution session the AFN might do itself a favor and check to see if the organization even has a pulse.



## Sports heroes recognized

Too often when we think of heroes or historical figures, we look outside our own communities and families. In Saskatchewan, however, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations is encouraging First Nations citizens to remember, honor, and pay respect to some of our own sports heroes. On Thursday, July 14, five First Nations athletes were inducted into the Saskatchewan First Nations Sports Hall of Fame.

Paul Acoose, Man Standing Above Ground, (of the Sakimay Reserve) grew out of a family that was honored and respected for their prowess as runners. Paul turned professional in 1909 and in a 15-mile race against English champion Fred Appleby he finished in world record time: 1:22:22. Paul is best remembered out west as the man who beat the Onondaga champion Tom Longboat on March 30, 1910.

Alex Wuttunee Decoteau of the Red Pheasant Reserve made his reputation in numerous races throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1909 in Lloydminster, Alex set a Western Canadian record in a five-mile race and in 1910 emerged victorious in the



**JANICE ACOOSE**

Alberta Provincial Championships in Lethbridge in the five, two, one, and half-mile races. Later in Montreal, as the champion in the 5,000-metre race, Alex became the only Saskatchewan or Alberta athlete to qualify for the 1912 Olympic games in Stockholm.

Art Obey grew up on the Piapot Reserve. Among his many outstanding athletic accomplishments, Obey was a distinguished baseball pitcher who played for Notre Dame Hounds, Balcarres Braves and the Fort Qu'Appelle Sioux. He received the Tom Longboat Medal for the best Indian Athlete in Saskatchewan in 1951 and in 1960 for the best Indian Athlete in Canada.

Freddie Sasakamoose of Whitefish Lake Reserve is per-

haps best known for his years as a hockey player. From 1949 to 1953 Sasakamoose played with the Moose Jaw Canucks of the Western Canadian Junior Hockey League. He also played 11 games for the Chicago Blackhawks during the 1952-53 season and from 1954-1956.

David Greyeyes Steele of the Muskeg Lake Reserve competed in both hockey and softball and was also distinguished as an outstanding soccer player who was selected to the Saskatchewan All-Star team. In 1942, during the Second World War, he played soccer and was the Overseas Army Champion. After the war, he also played for the Canadian team in the Inter-Allied games and here represented Saskatchewan against the Newcastle United in 1949.



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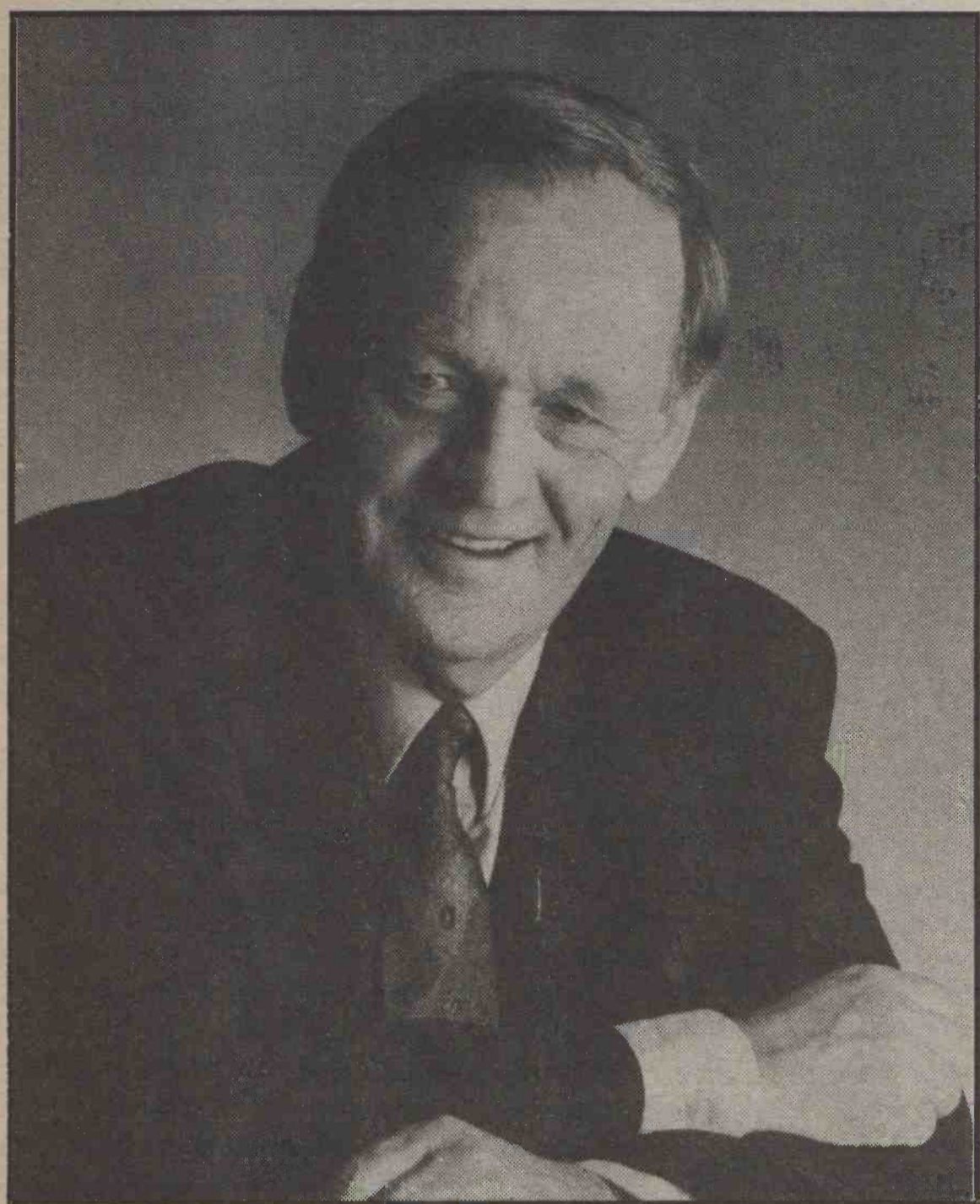
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# Your Opinion



## Family a cornerstone of strong society

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the readers of Windspeaker in this special issue focusing on the Year of the Family.

The family unit has been instrumental in the development of our country and continues to be recognized as one of the cornerstones of a strong and vibrant society. Regardless of their size or composition, families provide

us with stability and encouragement, contributing not only to our own health and happiness, but also to the overall well-being of our communities.

This special issue will undoubtedly give you cause to reflect upon your blessings and to re-dedicate yourselves to strengthening the bonds which unite your family.

Jean Chretien  
Prime Minister of Canada



## Prisoners offered books

Dear Editor,

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# Metis Senator resigns

An open letter to all Metis Nation of Alberta members:

It is a sad day to be writing a Letter of Resignation.

I thought it was an honor when I was first appointed to the Senate. My idea of a senate was to keep peace and harmony within our Nation. Little did I know we would create so many problems for the Metis Nation.

I believe in the structure of the Metis Nation, the board of directors elected by their respective zones and that they were the governing bodies of the Metis Nation.

I believe in democracy. The only people that can remove our elected representatives are the people that elected them.

We in the Senate were pre-

sumptuous to think we are qualified to act as judges when some of us are illiterate. I trust the judicial system that is in place in Canada. It takes years of study to become a lawyer and to become a judge. If we think there is a criminal offence, put it in the hands of the professionals.

It does not make sense to me to spend thousands of dollars or more to try to prove board members transferred \$60,000 from one account to another, for expenses, without proper procedure (which has not been proven to date). I don't think that justifies what is being spent by the Senate. I don't believe in smear campaigns or going out to deliberately harm anyone's reputation for the sake

of power.

I would like to think I am above that category.

Each time a member is suspended by the Senate, that means more lawyers and more grief to the Metis people. Since when did the Senate become the governing body of the Metis Nation? I say put the governing body in its rightful place. Start going by the by-laws, perhaps then the Metis Nation can go forward. We here in Zone II elected our leadership and only we can remove them.

Trusting this letter is being written in simple language and will be well understood.

Hazel Wheeler  
Cold Lake, Alberta

## Grads should be proud

Dear Editor:

This letter is to congratulate all your young readers and their parents for realizing how important it is to attend school and receive a good education.

I was more than pleased to read in the Edmonton Journal how many young Aboriginals had graduated in law at the University of Alberta in Edmonton this spring. Then I opened up the June 20 - July 3rd issue of Windspeaker. It was full of lists of young graduates from so many First Nation Schools, which was so interesting to see and read about.

So to all the young Aboriginals who haven't completed your education, I do hope you are all intending to return to school this fall, and those of you on the reserves, I do encourage you to further your educations. I have had the opportunity to view much of your art and read manuscripts and listen to your poetry, so I do know you can do it, and those who have graduated have opened so many doors for you for the future.

L. Argue  
Edmonton



Linda Wesley celebrates her graduation with honors with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

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August 19 - 21, 1994, Panmure Island Park, P.E.I.

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August 19 - 21, 1994, Duck Lake, Saskatchewan

### FROG LAKE FIRST NATIONS POWWOW

August 26 - 28, 1994, Frog Lake, Alberta

### ROSEAU RIVER ANNUAL POWWOW

August 26 - 28, 1994, Roseau River, Manitoba

Oki. The most beautiful experience happened to me over the Canada Day weekend. On July 1, my very pregnant niece (who I consider more like a daughter) went into labor and she asked me to be in the delivery room with her. Hesitate, of course, I did, and guess what... I saw a baby being born. They say it's a miracle and I can tell you from experience, it is! I cried for joy and my emotions were overwhelmed with the sight I saw. At nine o'clock Canada Day Winnipeg was born (jokes). Her name is Taelynn Skye.

### Drowned out powwow

Every year something always happens at the Poundmaker/Nechi powwow. Well, this year, it rained and rained and rained. But to my surprise, it didn't stop all the dancers, singers and snaggers. I don't think they minded, they had a big tent to ward off all the rain. I hope everyone has a safe and fun powwow season!

### Love is still burning

Do you remember when you first had your heart broken? You couldn't believe it was actually happening, the memories and the happiness you started to feel when you fell in love. Sometimes you even think you have found true love! This man named Dennis Aulotte from Drumheller area wrote me this letter to relay a message to a woman he loved or still loves. It is a song he wrote for her.

Barb...

As I stand here, looking into your eyes.

Tears well up, as you listen to my lies.

I've replayed this scene a thousand times in my mind, hoping that someday, it is you I'll find.

Everywhere I look, I see your face, how could you leave me without a trace.

I long for your love these past years because only you can stop these tears,

and one of these days, we'll meet again,

and until then, I'll hold this love for



## PEOPLE & PLACES

### by Ethel Winnipeg

you.  
As I stand here, waiting for your return,  
I think of what I have learned.  
For your love is everything to me,  
so you just wait and see, the love I have for you,  
will remain with me...

My boss told me not to sing out loud anymore because the people in the next building were going to call the police. Anyways, Barb, if you see this song, written just for you, call me, OK?

### Gathering of women

An organization in Manitoba has set standards for itself. The organization, The Indigenous Women's Collective of Manitoba, has worked

towards giving all the Aboriginal women in the province a chance to learn about themselves and others and give them a political power behind them. It is a communications line for Indigenous women in the province and across the country. Unity is one of their goals and they maintain an open line for women from Thompson all the way to Brandon.

The Indigenous Women's Collective of Manitoba is having its 10th annual assembly. They have a busy schedule going. The first day's topics will range from all the aspects of self-government and women to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. This and much more will be covered in those three days in July. Busy, busy and more busy, I say!



Terry Lusty

## Canuck or Canine?

I thought this picture would brighten up someone's day. This is Cassie from the northern region of Alberta, before she strolled out to the Canada Day Celebration. Talk about a true patriot for this big, beautiful country we live in.

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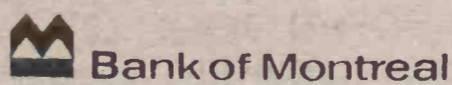
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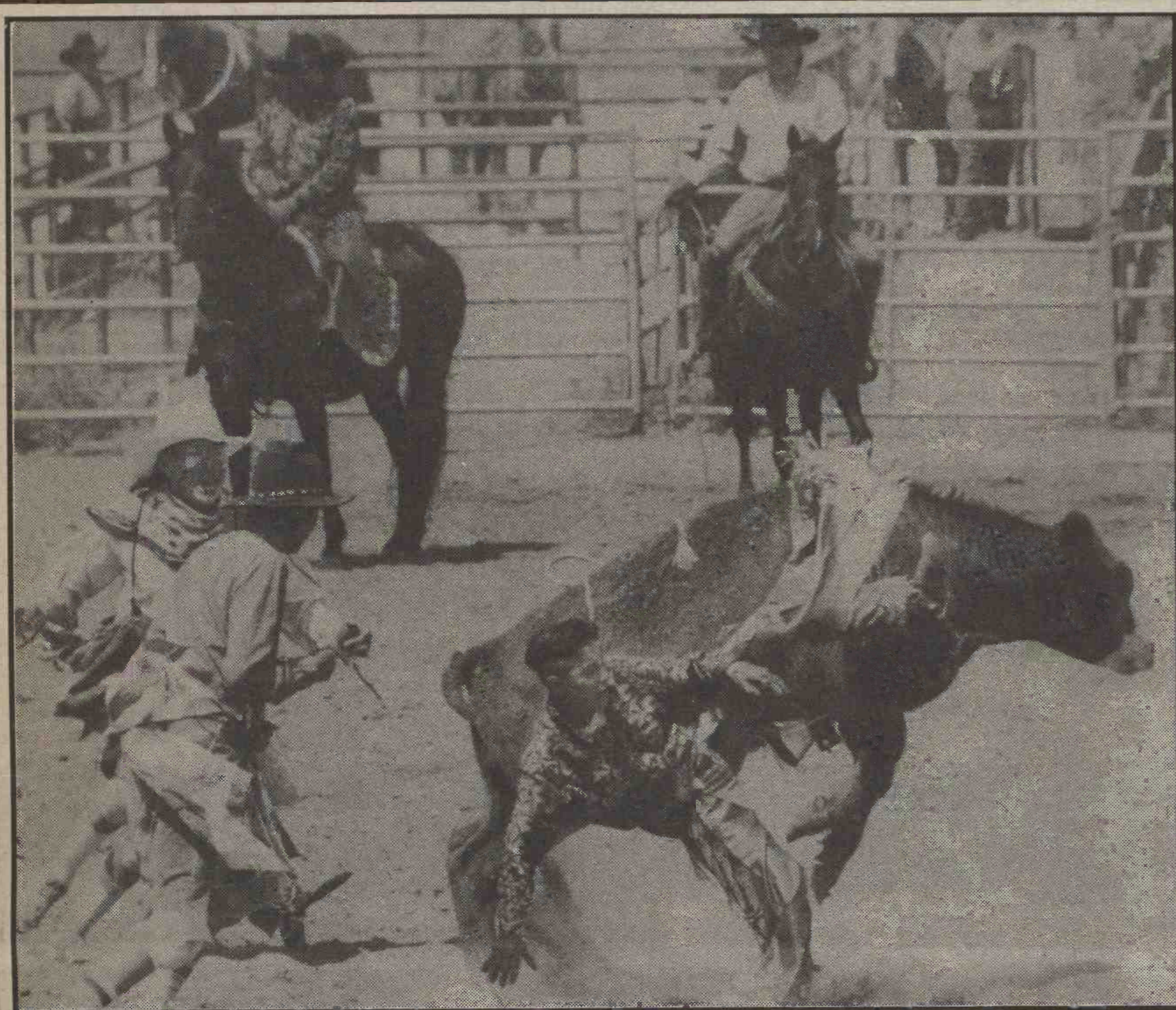
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Karrie Kaszczuk

## Rough and tumble

You don't have to be graceful to be a cowboy, just quick. Lyle Labelle takes a fall during the junior steer riding event at the Canada Day Rodeo held by the Stoney Nation in Morley, AB. The event was sanctioned by the Indian Pro Rodeo Association and attracted more than 300 competitors in eight categories. The Morley rodeo has been held for 80 years and is famous throughout the circuit. And after Labelle dusted off his chaps, he took home a third place win in his category.

## Riders forging Aboriginal unity

By Norm Park  
Windspeaker Contributor

NORTHGATE BORDER  
CROSSING, Sask.

It was a unique equestrian adventure. Approximately 40 men and women from several reservations in the United States, joined by a few from southern Saskatchewan reserves, have covered just about 1,600 kilometres on horseback this summer in the name of unity and Aboriginal tradition.

The group, called the Unity Riders crossed the North Dakota — Saskatchewan border just before 2 p.m. on July 6 en route to the Pheasant Rump Reserve near Carlyle.

Most of the riders call North and South Dakota home. Dwaine Eagle, a Sioux from the Standing Rock Reservation just south of the North Dakota Capital of Bismarck, said the Unity Ride has become an annual tradition, now in its fifth year.

"It has attracted several families, it's perfect for families." The trekkers sometimes

switch, with mother or children riding while dad handled the support vehicle, or vice versa. The best part of the trip, said Eagle, was the evening get-togethers.

"Some days we had to ride until 11 p.m. just to get to the appointed spot. Most days we can cover 30 to 60 miles."

The first camp in Canada was at a treed lot about eight kilometres from the Northgate border crossing. The group intended to stay an extra day there to rest. By the time the riders hit the Canadian border they were one whole day ahead of schedule.

Pat Northgate, along with about 12 Pheasant Rump riders, was joined by Const. Louise Bear of the Carlyle detachment of the RCMP. She provided an escort and then participated in a brief ceremonial prayer circle with Alfred Driver, who offered up a Hidatsa prayer. Driver is the spiritual leader for his band in New Town, North Dakota. The Sioux Singers from Pipestone Reserve in Manitoba added to the ceremony.

"This ride is to show unity,

to give our children awareness of an alcohol and chemical-free environment. They seem to be really enjoying it," said Eagle.

The trip was special for Charles Running Bear of Fort Yates, North Dakota, and Howard Eagle Shield of Eagle Butte. They are boyhood friends who attended school together and have retained their friendship over the years.

Running Bear now lives in Sioux Valley, Manitoba and jumped at the chance to join his friend when he phoned him, asking for his support on the ride.

They predict the annual Unity Ride has at least two more years to go.

Last year's ride took the riders from Rosebud Reservation to Bird Tail, Oak Lake, up to Pipestone and on to Sioux Valley. Next year the travellers want to ride from Pheasant Rump to Prince Albert in Saskatchewan.

Gary Silver, a spokesman for the American Sioux, said all riders could feel the power from across the border as they approached.

## Irwin pledges \$11 million to clean water

PUKATAWAGAN, Man.

An \$11 million federal commitment to clean up this community's water has come too late for many residents.

Hundreds of members of the Mathias Columb Band in northern Manitoba fled the reserve after a ninth resident in one year was diagnosed and hospitalized for infectious hepatitis. The reserve's water supply is so contaminated by sewage provincial authorities have deemed it deadly.

National attention was drawn to Pukatawagan after band Chief Ralph Caribou decided to evacuate the reserve to The Pas following a provincial medical report declaring a public medical emergency. Days later approximately 200 residents began a 650-kilometre protest march from The Pas to Winnipeg.

Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin promised to overhaul the entire sewage and water systems after flying into the beleaguered community July 11 for a three-hour meeting with band leaders. He pledged an immediate \$3 million to upgrade the

existing treatment plant.

According to provincial readings, the system is so badly designed water has a higher bacterial count after treatment than before. A sewage discharge is located 400 metres upstream from the water intake.

While band members have been boiling their drinking water since last November, the crisis came to a head at the end of June. Hundreds of residents had been suffering from intestinal disorders and many from severe skin rashes after washing with the contaminated water. Manitoba's chief medical officer Dr. John Guilfoyle declared a public health emergency in the area June 29, after discovering the sewage content of the water was high enough to kill susceptible people.

Caribou initiated an evacuation of the reserve two weeks later, with more than half of the 1,700-member community being airlifted or taken by train to The Pas, 200 km south of Pukatawagan.

The Opaskawayak Cree Nation offered to host the evacuees, some of whom are being billeted by families, while others have set up tents.



Norm Park

Unity Riders galloping toward their Canadian campground after crossing the border from North Dakota.

"White Eagle took care of us. We have strong horses, strong riders. The sacred hoop will bring our people back together and our children will be the leaders tomorrow."

Silver added many old friendships were solidified as

riders stopped along the way and new friendships formed.

"We felt the goodness of the people who met us on the road and helped us out. We hope to bring this back to the Black Hills where our people started. Maybe we can be strong again."

**Election fever**

**Cleaning up Akwasasne**

Battling drug abuse on this Mohawk reserve is a priority for new Grand Chief Russel Roundpoint. The July 2 Akwasasne election saw Roundpoint defeat candidates Louis Lazore, Claudia Jock and Brian David on what he said was a strong self-government platform. Former Grand Chief Mike Mitchell did not seek re-election.

**NAN gets new chief**

Charles Fox of Bearskin Lake First Nation is the new grand chief of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation. Fox, 38, was the executive director of Windigo Tribal Council before the election, and will now represent NAN's 48 chiefs. He takes over from Bentley Cheechoo, of Constance Lake First Nation, who did not seek re-election. Re-elected for deputy grand chiefs were James Morris of Big Trout Lake, for a third term, and Brian Davey, of Moose Factory, for his second. Stan Louttit, also from Moose Factory, will run his first term as deputy chief.

**Surprise win in B.C.**

The Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council, representing 14,000 Natives and 10 central interior B.C. bands has elected a woman chief. Lynda Prince takes over from Justa Monk, who commended the newcomer and said it's time for women to step into the leadership role. Prince took 273 of 621 ballots, and ran against incumbent Monk, 132 votes, Robert Michell, 63 votes, and Leonard Thomas, who came in second with 142 votes.

**Manitoba Metis more open**

Open doors and open books are on the political agenda of the new president of the Manitoba Metis Federation. Billy Jo Delaronde promised to straighten out the scandal-ridden federation, saying he will release an interim board audit as soon as possible. Delaronde defeated incumbent Ernie Blais, and candidates Stan Guiboche, Felix Boileau and Sterling Ranville.

**Nova Scotia chief keeps seat**

Terrence J. Paul has kept his seat as chief of the Membertou Micmac band. The urban band's election was chock full of candidates, with 31 members running for seven council seats. The 824-member band is located within Sydney municipal boundaries and has undergone increasing commercial and residential development.

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**Advertising Feature**

**Convenience and competitive prices  
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A 10-minute downpour wasn't enough to put a damper on the opening ceremonies of Hobbema's newest grocery store.

More than 475 people gathered to celebrate the opening of Sonias Grocery Mayfair July 6. The 1,080-square-metre facility is a complete store, with a full complement of meat, dairy and produce items, as well as a bakery and deli.

The day opened with a quiet pipe ceremony at 10 a.m., then progressed to festivities which included a local dance troupe and two two-minute shopping sprees, both won by children.

The youngest contestant, Crandall Buffalo, 8, took his mum along on the wild ride, and bagged \$144 worth of groceries. Kaylyn Buffalo, 13, went solo, and netted \$82.04.

"It was a riot," laughed Melvin Nepoose, with Samson Management.

As project co-ordinator, Nepoose has seen the store grow from a concept on the drawing board to an enterprise employing 27 band members.

"This is owned by our own people and the location is ideal — right at the centre of Hobbema," said Nepoose. "We're retaining money in the community. The convenience is



Emilie Crier, daughter of the Sonias Grocery Mayfair namesake, cuts the ribbon symbolizing the opening of Hobbema's newest grocery store. Project co-ordinator Melvin Nepoose holds the other end.

the major benefit because we don't have to go to town to buy our supplies and the store offers competitive prices.

"But another big thing is that we've created training and employment opportunities," said Nepoose.

Community spirit has been so supportive of the local endeavor, when uniformed staff filed out to watch the opening speeches, they received a spontaneous round of applause from the audience.

While the store and most of the staff are new to the grocery business, the manager Doug Seitz is an old hand at it. Seitz has 25 years of experience in the grocery business, running stores in northern Alberta successfully for more than two decades. His long-term plan is to be a mentor and train a local staff member to fill his shoes in the future.

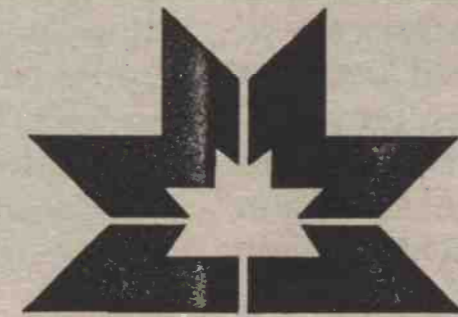
The name of the new grocery store comes from the Cree word meaning monies. But Sonias was also the name of one

of Hobbema's first entrepreneurs. Sonias, also known as William Thom, was born "when the first frost came" in October 1900. He was one of the reserve's first members to own an automobile, a fierce contraption that frightened his neighbors. Family folklore has it that Sonias was told many times to remove that "evil monster" from their sight.

As an adult, Sonias broke into the food business by setting up concessions at Sun Dances and other celebrations, like geese

dances, powwows and even during the haying season. Samson Management salutes his drive and determination by proudly naming the grocery store after him.

The Sonias grocery is part of the Samson Band's new 2,160-square-metre mall and gas bar. The combination gas bar and convenience store, which employs about nine people, opened for business March 10 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on-site at the 30,000 litre-capacity station.



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# Northern Canada

## Yukon Elder chronicles life in tiny community

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Contributor

OLD CROW, Yukon

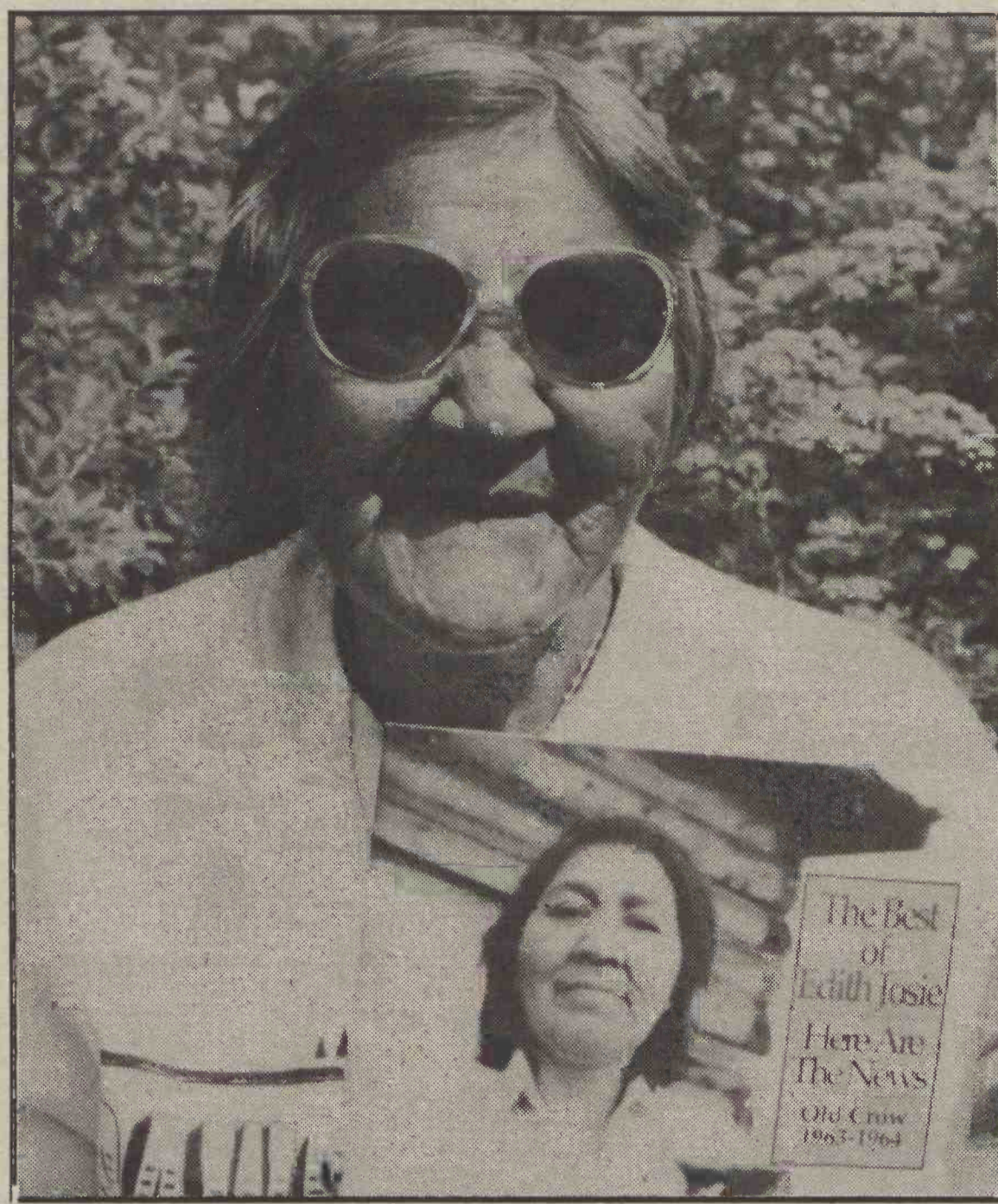
She's the "sweetie" of the Yukon, and a walkin' encyclopedia of information about the traditional lifestyles of her Gwich'in First Nation people.

More importantly, for 31 years Edith Josie has shared her knowledge by being a regular correspondent for the Whitehorse Star newspaper. Seventy-two-year-old Josie, a Vuntut Gwich'in Indian from Old Crow, the most northerly point of human settlement in the Yukon, has been writing her column Here Are The News since late 1962.

Select pieces of her work were published as "The Best Of Edith Josie," in both 1963 and 1964, and re-published in '77. The writings have also been translated into Finnish, Italian, German, and Spanish.

In 1965, Life Magazine ran a four-page spread on this living legend who continues to crank out stories of life in the northern Yukon. Two years later, she was awarded the Canada Centennial Medal for her "contribution to the nation."

Josie writes like she talks, and that is precisely what gives her work so much spice. That, coupled with her subject matter. Her recall is extraordinary and she writes largely of the people, the land, the climate, survival by hunting, fishing and trapping, who goes in and out of the community and when, etc.



Terry Lusty

Edith Josie poses with the book of her Old Crow columns.

The column is like one long diary which, in reality, is very much a running history of life and culture in Old Crow. Her memorandums are a fine tribute to her perceptive eye, sharp wit, keen mind, and great sense of humor.

Josie only has a Grade 6 education and is not well versed in English grammar. Still, readers love and long for her material, and when anyone in Whitehorse hears that she is

making an appearance around town or elsewhere, they flock to see and listen to this grand little lady.

Josie loves telling about her upbringing. Her folks were originally from Fort McPherson. They moved to Eagle, Alaska, which is where Josie was born. There she was raised in a one-room log house with no power and no running water, only a wood stove for heat and cooking, and kerosene

lamps for lighting.

Then the family moved to Old Crow in the fall of 1940. They've been there ever since. It was always a good area for caribou and other wildlife with which families were able to sustain themselves. Today though, according to Josie, so many of the people are getting away from hunting, trapping and fishing for their livelihood. Old Crow with a tiny population of just 200 or so, can't boast of many physical structures. It does, nonetheless, have a school, co-op store (no Hudson's Bay, believe it or not!), a health clinic and an RCMP station.

At one time, there was a Catholic church. That was in the 1960s, but it closed down in 1969 "because nobody is Catholic, and nobody goes to their church," Josie explained. Thus, the co-op store and St. Luke's Anglican church have maintained a monopoly on local business from the residents of Old Crow.

The preservation and use of their language and culture are of deep concern to Josie. To help retain the language, the school hired two local people, Evelyn Charlie and Annie Lord. One of the main contributors to the loss of culture and language is the television, charges Josie.

"They just watch the television, they have video tapes . . . just sit there day and night, and hardly anybody out fishing or trapping," she complains.

Josie had four brothers. Three are already gone from this life. The last one, Albert Paul,

she didn't meet until last summer down in Washington. They had not seen each other in 43 years! Josie says he refuses to consider a move to Old Crow because, "it's too cold there."

As for their family name of Paul, Josie says they lost it when they moved to Old Crow. That's when the Mounties gave them the last name of Josie.

Josie got her start in writing for the Star in late 1962 after she was approached by Reverend James Simon and his wife, Sarah. They'd been asked by the Star's editor, Harry Boyle, to see if they could locate someone to serve as their Old Crow correspondent. One reason the Simons went to Edith Josie was because she was a single parent with no man to help her and her two children.

Today, Josie is still plugging away at her writing. Then she ships the stories down to the Whitehorse Star for publication so the readers can enjoy still more of her northern stories. Thanks to Josie and the Star, people everywhere are all the richer because of the culture and lifestyle that are woven into the many, many stories of that "sweetie," Edith Josie.

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# Sports

## Lacrosse traditionally fast, furious game of endurance

By Tewanee Joseph  
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The main sporting event and the hardest ticket in town at the time was the North Shore Indians. Not only did the team have support of the surrounding community, it had the support of the Squamish Nation. She told me that many people from the community used to come to her house to listen to the game being broadcast over the radio.

The game of lacrosse was invented by the Indigenous people of North America, and at times it was used for settling territorial disputes among neighboring tribes. It was played in large open areas and was played by hundreds of warriors.

It was not uncommon for games to last for several days. It was actually a French explorer who observed the game and labeled it lacrosse.

In modern times throughout Canada, box lacrosse is played in a hockey arena and consists of three 20-minute periods and a roster of 20 players. However, only five players and one goalie are permitted to participate on the floor at any given time.

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In fact it used to be part of the summer Olympics, back in the early 1900's and has since been re-

introduced as a demonstration sport in 1984. Furthermore, the 1994 Commonwealth games will have field lacrosse as a demonstration sport.

Although, one cannot make millions of dollars playing the game of lacrosse, there are some opportunities one can take advantage of. One in particular, is the U.S. post-secondary school system.

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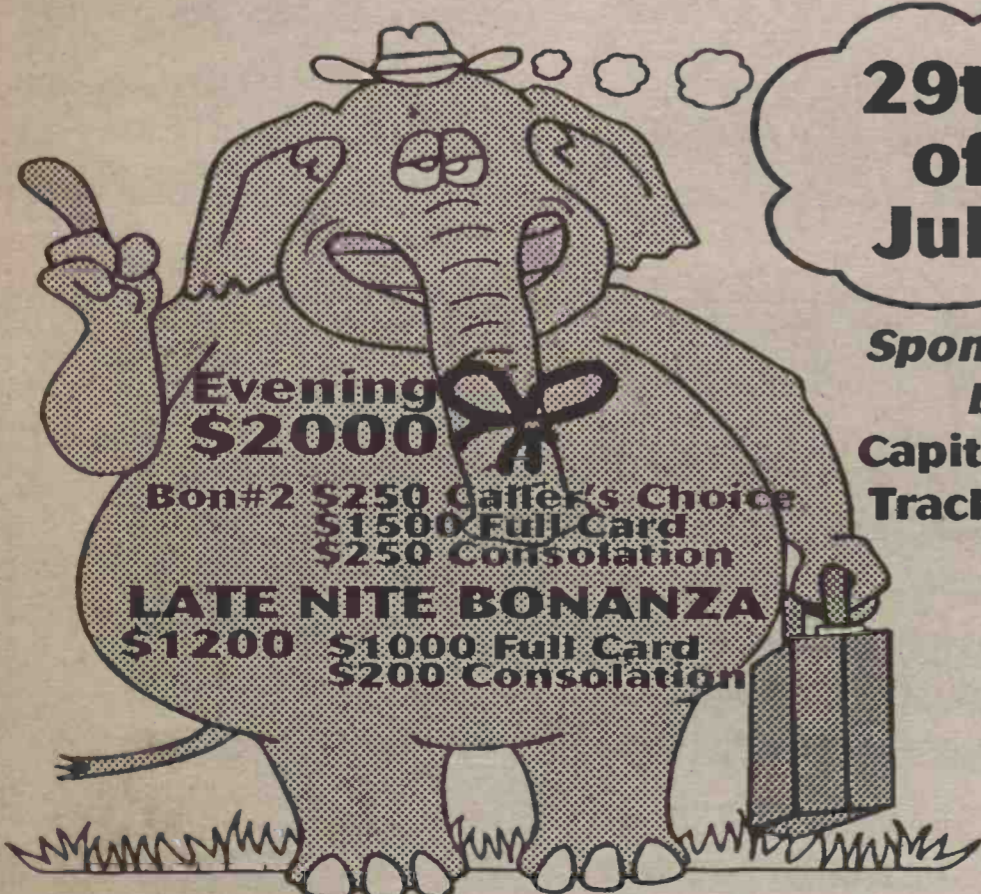
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# Sports

## Summer games heating up

By **Connie Sampson**  
Windspeaker Contributor

MONTREAL LAKE, Sask.

The 1994 Saskatchewan Indian Summer Games are being held at this northern Saskatchewan community in a move to bring new confidence to its youth.

More than 1,500 participants are expected in the track and field, softball, soccer, slow-pitch and demonstration sport competitions during the July 25 - 29 games.

Chief Roy Bird said the games will feature two new demonstration sports - archery and Tae Kwon Do, a martial arts sport. The newly elected band chief credited his predecessor, former Chief

Ed Henderson with successfully negotiating the bid for the 1994 games.

Bird accepted a cheque for \$20,000 from Vice Chief Eugene Arcand of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations June 13 toward preparations for the summer extravaganza.

Bird said Elders, women, youth and other band members have been discussing how to treat youth and how to offer them a better future. The games are one step in that process.

There are 2,300 Montreal Lake/Little Red band members and most are involved in hosting the games or preparing the sites.

The Little Red reserve is a part of the Montreal Lake band holdings but is located approximately 60 kilometres south of the main reserve.

An 800 metre track, soccer pitches and softball diamonds have been prepared at Montreal Lake. Between 40 and 50 members of the Little Red Reserve have been trained to provide security at the games. They will be empowered under changes to the Indian Act to search and seize vehicles to keep any drugs and alcohol from the games.

A role model program will be a major part of the games, emphasizing the role of the Elders in Cree culture.

Elders will be available throughout the games at the tipi village and participating in the presentation of the games. Aboriginal professionals from many fields will be attending the games and taking time to chat with interested youths.

## Runner on the rebound

By **Steve Newman**  
Windspeaker Contributor

TORONTO

Her father always told her she was the best. Yet something inside her wouldn't let Angela Chalmers really believe it until crossing the finish line at the '92 Olympics, with a bronze medal in the 3,000-metre race.

Too bad her dad wasn't there. He was no longer living, but would have been proud of her.

With an unprecedented performance at the 1990 Commonwealth Games - where she became the first woman to capture the 1,500-metre and 3,000-metre races in the same games - and with her Olympic bronze medal, you might think it had been one smooth ride to success.

But not so. The half Sioux (from her mother's side) has rebounded from a broken marriage and various chapters of injury or illness to become - and to become again - a world class performer.

Born in Brandon, she grew up on the Shilo, Manitoba army base as one of nine children. Now 30, Chalmers resides and trains in Victoria, B.C. with her coach and partner, physiotherapist Wynn Gmitroski.

"Psychologically, she's one of the best athletes I've ever seen," says Gmitroski. "Maybe her biggest strength is that she's determined to keep on trucking despite setbacks."

Living with her coach has also provided more stability in her life, he believes.

"We have a level of trust and confidence in each other," says Gmitroski. "At home we talk about track so very little that now we have to schedule it in."



Angela Chalmers

Neither did any talking as Chalmers controlled a strong 3,000 - metre field on a rain-drenched track in Montreal in late June. In control, she sprints away from her nearest rival over the final half-lap to win in eight minutes, 58 seconds.

Given the conditions, it's a good time, but much faster times are ahead as Chalmers sets out to successfully defend her Commonwealth Games titles in that race and the 1,500 metres.

And clearly she may. In early season Chalmers ran a world-leading 5,000-metre time of 15:34 minutes, then an 800-metre in a near personal best of 2:30 minutes, despite having to stop nearly dead in her tracks as two distracted teenagers walked across the track in front of her.

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# Chalmers sprints past adversities

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Four years ago, rebounding from anemia (low iron), Chalmers celebrated February 1990 with her wins in the 1,500 and 3,000 at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, N.Z.

Then her life took a down turn. While studying dietetics at North Arizona University, she had met Bob Espinoza. They got married, but by 1990 they'd broken up. Chalmers' health also took a downward spiral as injuries, mononucleosis and anemia affected her running in the summers of '90 and '91.

By 1992 she had returned to form and captured some Olympic glory in Barcelona, with a bronze medal in the 3,000. While in the Olympic Village she picked up an infection, which affected her in the 1,500-metre race.

She was eliminated in the semi-finals, and that sickness carried over into 1993. Forced to rush herself into shape, Chalmers did, and emerged from the World Championships in Stuttgart with a satisfying fifth place in the 1,500.

Healthy again, she's looking forward to defending her two Commonwealth Games titles in Victoria next month.

A point in her favor appears to be her state of relaxation.

"I feel a little more relaxed. I use to be a little more uptight and anxious about results," she admits. "I think I'm seeing things more clearly. Maybe it's just age and wisdom," she says with a smile. "But the biggest thing is to persevere. It's just a part of life. It's not unique."

Chalmers, who prefers to be called an Aboriginal (and not Native) Sioux, believes she has a certain responsibility.

"I get excited about some of

my personal journeys and what I've learned. I really want to take that information and share it with the younger generation," she said.

She has spoken to groups of Aboriginal children from Manitoba and British Columbia, but she says it has been "a quiet sort of thing. I certainly don't want to be put on a pedestal."

One piece of advice she has for all children is not to take your strengths for granted.

"I think I relax really well," says Chalmers, as an example. "I have that ability, but it's something I've had to work at. I did when I went to Stuttgart, when I went to Barcelona, and when I went to Auckland."

For her, a key to staying relaxed in site of a major championship is to enjoy her surroundings while remaining low-key in the build-up to the impending race or two.

"I keep a low profile, I try to get to know the girls I'm rooming with, and I try to avoid people I find negative."

Chalmers, though, wasn't always as relaxed. Take her first Olympics, in 1988 in Seoul where she ran a fast 3,000-metre time of 8 minutes 48 seconds in the heats. In the final she finished 14th in a dismal time of 9:05.

"Great athletes have the ability to analyse situations, to figure out what's wrong and improve it, learn from it, and grow from there," said coach Gmitroski, referring to his favorite athlete and other successful internationalists.

"I'm really motivated by other athletes who have had tougher times than me," says Chalmers. "I learned the hard way, I guess. But ultimately it's your responsibility to learn from your past."

# Medals salute Native art

VANCOUVER

Athletes competing in the XV Commonwealth Games this summer will be vying for gold, silver and bronze medals designed by west coast Native artists.

Charles Elliot, a Coast Salish native, designed the gold, Art Thompson, of the Nu-

chah-nulth nation designed the silver, and Richard Hunt, a Kwagiulth Native, designed the bronze medal.

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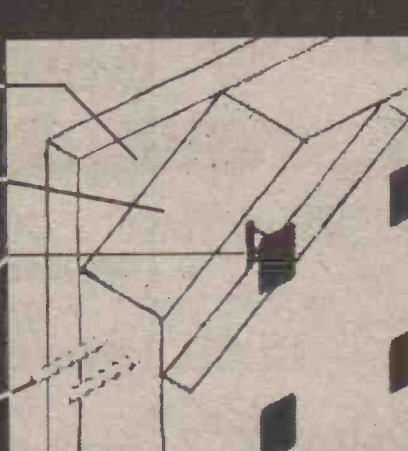




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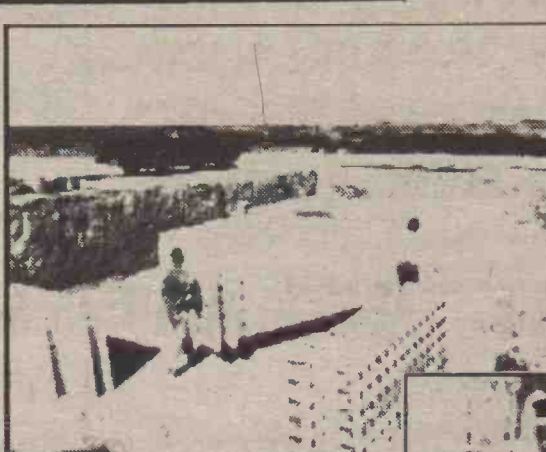
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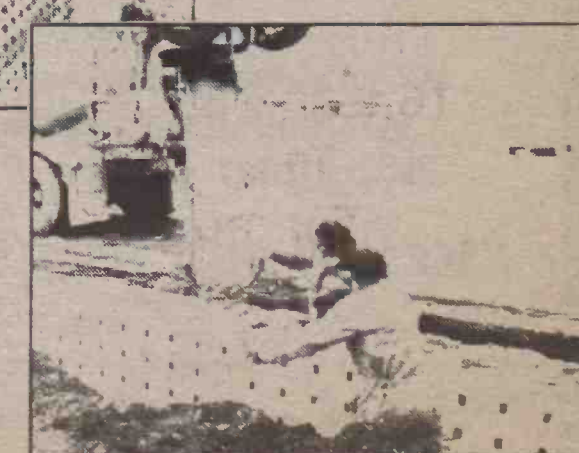
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# Year of the Family

## Exhibit puts forth a good face



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Catails in the Rain, by Cree artist Fred McDonal was on display at the recent Faces of Family Pride exhibit in Edmonton.

By Charles Mandel  
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### EDMONTON

A ceramic bust of Louis Riel with maple leaves bursting from the back of his head. Sculptures of horn and bone. Paintings of powwows and the Bear Spirit.

Those are some of the Faces of Family Pride, an exhibit by 20 Native artists.

Metis artist and student Heather Shillinglaw put together the exhibit, which just finished showing at Edmonton's The Works visual arts festival.

The exhibit came about from Shillinglaw's desire to explore certain themes in her art and to give other Aboriginal artists the chance to expand on Native-driven themes.

"In my personal experience, I felt frustrated," said Heather Shillinglaw. "I wanted to exhibit in a Native art show around certain focuses."

Opportunities to show her work seemed few and far be-

tween. So Shillinglaw resolved to create an exhibit herself.

Shillinglaw, a third-year student at Calgary's Alberta College of Art, decided to put together Faces of Family Pride in December, 1993.

"I wanted to create opportunities for some of the emerging artists," she said.

The 22-year-old was so committed to the show she quit work at the Indigena exhibit at the Glenbow Museum to concentrate on her exhibit.

She attracted a number of major sponsors, including Women of the Metis Nation and the Alberta Art Foundation. Shillinglaw received \$20,000 in funding for the show.

Along with a selection jury of five artists and critics, Shillinglaw picked the art for the exhibit.

"Most of the artists were showing for the first or second time here," she noted.

Shillinglaw organized the exhibit around the idea of identity and how it relates to an individual's surroundings.

"Pride is the core of what defines each of us as individuals," said Shillinglaw.

"It is also a way of defining our identity through our heritage."

Shillinglaw says the show let the artists share, through their personal visions, pride in their family and community.

At the opening of the show that pride was evident. Shillinglaw invited Elder Victor

Thunderchild to bless the art, and a number of singers, poets and storytellers provided entertainment.

As for the art, it made use of almost every medium available. Joseph Lazore and Art Napoleon, for instance, contributed video works, while Rocky Barstad contributed two bronze sculptures.

Dean Dreaver presented silver jewelry, and Mike La Roche displayed a sculpture made of ceramic, steel, bronze and glass.

Ernie Whitford carved his Native Spirit from Montana soapstone, while Holly La Roche showed a totemic-looking work of painted bone and horn.

Shirley Shillinglaw, Heather's mother, had a number of works, including an acrylic painting, a painting on leather surrounded with beadwork, pheasant feathers, buffalo wool and rabbit fur and a painted cattle skull.

Shillinglaw contributed the bust of Louis Riel and several large portraits on canvas, with wildly applied paint.

Shillinglaw says she's disappointed with attendance of the show during The Works. Only 293 people came to the exhibit.

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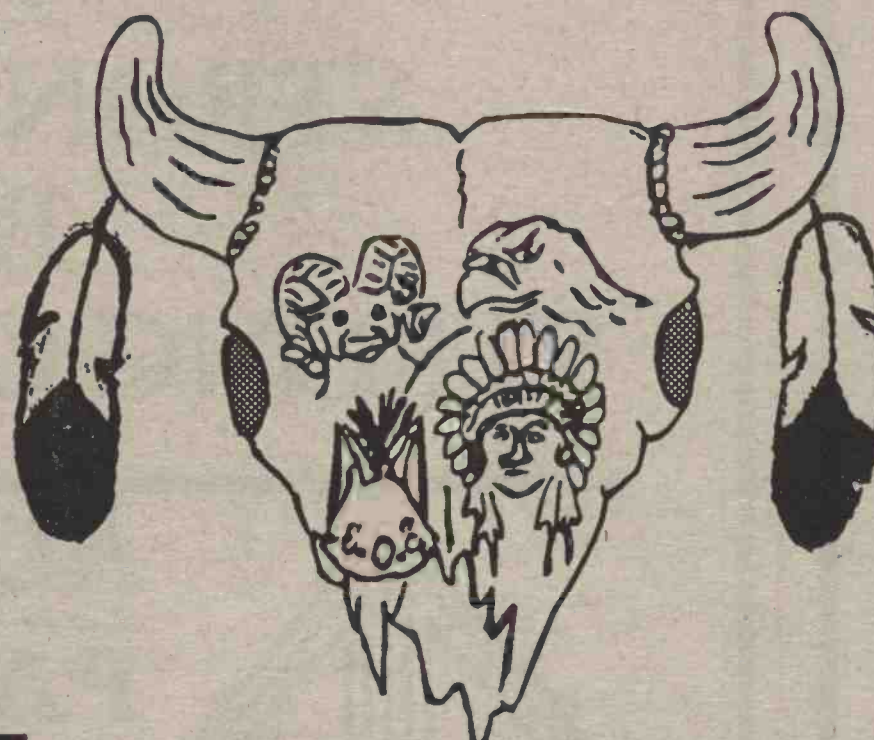
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# Year of the Family

## Search on for Native foster parents

By Michelle Huley  
Windspeaker Contributor

GRAND PRAIRIE, Alta.

Native children are being placed in non-Native foster homes because there is a lack of Native foster parents, say social service representatives.

Approximately 8,000 children in Alberta are deemed to need "protective care" by the provincial Family and Social Services department. While most children are placed in group homes, residential facilities or remain at home under supervision, almost a third, or 2,300, are placed in foster homes.

And for a Native child, nine times out of 10 that means being placed in a non-Native foster home.

In Grande Prairie, where there are 66 foster kids in care of 47 foster homes. Approximately 54 per cent of the children needing homes are Native. But only six Native foster families are available. And three of those cater only to children with specific needs.

Seventy-five per cent of children in care in the northern region are Native, according to Alberta Family and Social Services.

"None of the kids are left in limbo," said Katherine Broadhead, a Native social worker in child welfare out of the Grande Prairie district office. "But the matches aren't always the best. There are different levels of physical and emotional needs.

"Kids come from Native homes - when they go to non-Native foster homes, their needs aren't met," she said. Broadhead deals with Native foster children on a daily basis.

Native foster parents would understand the spiritual needs, and they would understand the prejudices the child faces daily because they've faced the same prejudices, said Broadhead.

Dave Carter, case worker supervisor, also from child welfare Grande Prairie agreed with Broadhead, and commended Family and Social Services for becoming more sensitive to the issue.

"People are becoming more aware of how important culture

*"Without the Native homes, and the Native people to share the culture and traditions with the children, we'll lose the culture."*

- Katherine Broadhead, Native social worker

is to kids, and continuity of family and culture," he said. "Some of these kids grew up in white homes, and when they grew up, they had problems. They didn't fit in anywhere. It's really important for them to have a positive view of themselves and their culture."

"Native are perceived by society as being the drunken Indian on the street and that's just not true," said Holly Bamfield, a foster parent for over 11 years, and president of the South Peace Foster Parent Association.

"They (Native children) need to see the positive side and if they don't, they come away not belonging to either culture," said Bamfield. "I think it's really important. Everybody has a right to their own identity, and culture is

a part of that identity. A lot of kids coming into care are confused. They were raised by a white culture, with a white family.

"Because of the things that have happened to Native peoples in the past, the last generation especially didn't learn how to parent. Because so many of them were raised out of the family and in residential schools, they didn't learn how to parent. Also, they were raised out of their environment, in a predominantly white culture."

Carter agreed. In the past, taking children out of the home was the solution, although it was a temporary one. Every situation is different, Carter explained. But his department tries to assess each situation accurately in order to determine what is the best

route for that particular family. Family therapy, psychologists, addictions counselling are some solutions, but the focus is on solving the problem and getting the children back home.

"We need to be responsible to our own, responsible to our Native children," Broadhead added, when asked what should be motivating Native people to become foster parents.

"We need to share the culture, preserve the culture. The children are the carriers of the culture. Without the Native homes, and the Native people to share the culture and traditions with the children, we'll lose the culture."

The steps involved in becoming a foster parent include attending an awareness session, pre-service training, completing an application form, having a foster care worker complete a home study on your family, and having the local office approve your home.

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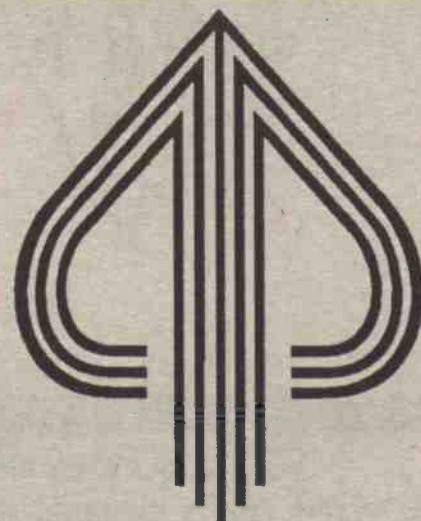
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9:15 - 9:30 Opening Address - *Chief Daywalker*  
9:30 - 10:30 "The Uniqueness of You" - *Sandy Saari*  
10:30 - 11:30 COFFEE  
11 am - 12 pm "The Uniqueness of You" - *Continued*  
12 - 1 LUNCH  
1 - 2 Children of Trauma: Rediscovering Your Discarded Self  
*Jane Middleton-Moz*  
2 - 2:30 COFFEE  
2:30 - 4 What Our Grandmother's Told Us Or Didn't -  
*Jane Middleton-Moz*  
4 pm CLOSING PRAYER  
7 pm PLAY & LAUGHTER (TBA)

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1994

9 - 9:15 am Opening Prayer  
9:15 - 10:15 Nutrition - Putting Balance Into Our Life (TBA)  
10:15 - 10:45 COFFEE  
10:45 - 12:00 Midlife Change & Challenge - *E. Campbell*  
12 - 1 pm LUNCH  
1 - 2 Abuse and Relationships - *Lenore Stiffarm*  
2 - 2:30 COFFEE  
2:30 - 4 Writing Circle(s)  
4 CLOSING PRAYER  
6 Banquet - featuring George Tucarro  
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#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1994

9 - 9:15 am Opening Prayer  
9:15 - 10:15 Gambling as an Addiction  
Theatre Presentation - *Darryl Wildcat*  
10:15 - 11 COFFEE  
11 - 12 Addictions as a Symptom - *Marlene McNabb*  
12 pm - 1 LUNCH  
1 - 2 Journey Through Oppression - *Michelle Thrush*  
2 - 2:30 COFFEE  
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# Business

## Mortgages made available for on-reserve housing

By Linda Caldwell  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

AKWESASNE RESERVE, Ont.

A new program developed by the Bank of Montreal will help Aboriginals access mortgages to build houses on their reserves, a first in Canada.

A pilot project launched in Akwesasne is aimed at reserve residents who are employed, have a good credit history and want to build a house on reserve land.

Previously, banks did not make real estate loans for buildings on reserves because they could not foreclose on the property, since land cannot be owned by anyone other than a member of that community, said Ron Jamieson, vice-president of Aboriginal Banking for the Bank of Montreal.

"The bank has no security,



Ron Jamieson

and the bank won't make a loan," Jamieson said.

The way around this is to appoint three trustees, all highly respected members of the community. Ownership of the real estate is transferred to the trustees, who arrange the mortgage with the bank.

If the borrower meets the loan obligations and pays the mortgage off, ownership of the land and housing is transferred back to him.

If the borrower defaults on the mortgage, the trustees can sell the land and building to another member of the community.

"It never leaves the ownership of the reserve members," Jamieson explained.

Akwesasne accepted the bank's proposal in May and six applications are waiting for approval, expected Aug. 1, said Phyllis Lazore, Director of Mohawk Council Department of Housing. Another 100 applications are expected within the first two months.

Loans available through other programs now total \$19,080 for housing and \$8,500 for septic tanks and power lines, Lazore added.

"All we're building is shells, really," she said.

The contrast between the Canadian side of Akwesasne and the U.S. side is particularly noticeable because on the U.S. side, residents get complete houses built through HUD.

In order to be eligible, the reserve must operate on a Certificate of Possession basis, with identifiable lots surveyed. About one-third of the reserves in Canada operate on this basis.

If reserves hold the land in common, the program won't work.

On Akwesasne, one-acre serviced lots sell for around \$3,000, Lazore said, but there is a land shortage. At one time, if people couldn't afford to buy land, lots were taken out of common land, held by all the residents, and allotted to an individual. That land is almost used up.

The need for on-reserve housing is acute. Akwesasne's population is around 10,000 and

the waiting list for houses now is 145, Lazore said.

In Ontario, there's a 9,000-home backlog, Jamieson said, and approximately 25,000 houses are needed nationally.

Lazore is one of the estimated 60 per cent of people on Akwesasne who could afford a mortgage under the new program, but she isn't willing to risk her land. All band members will be fully aware of their responsibilities and the risks involved before a mortgage is granted, she added.

The Mohawk Council is faced with a high delinquency rate on housing loans now, Lazore added, and they are working on a delinquent policy which will help people who lose their jobs or suddenly find themselves unable to afford their mortgage payments.

They are also looking at ways to help people who can't afford a mortgage get into houses, so no one is neglected.

## Business loans accessible

By Linda Caldwell  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VICTORIA

Management consultant Matt Vickers has dissolved his firm in order to form a partnership with his artist brother, Roy Henry Vickers.

To finance the new venture, called Eagle Dancer Enterprises, the two borrowed money through the Bank of Montreal under the previously inaccessible Small Business Loans Act.

"The legislation reads that every Canadian citizen shall be able to participate in this program, except for Indians living on reserves," said Ron Jamieson, vice president of Aboriginal Banking for the Bank of Montreal.

Ten months ago, the bank started negotiations with Industry Canada to get around the act, which has been in place since

1961. Finally, the federal government agreed to loan Indians money for equipment, but not for real estate.

The equipment is the collateral, Jamieson explained.

The Vickers brothers have restructured Eagle Dancer Enterprises, an Aboriginal art and publishing company which has consistently grossed more than \$1 million in sales annually through the Eagle Aerie Gallery in Tofino, B.C.

The two consolidated their debts, using Roy Henry's art as collateral.

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time any lending institution has used fine art as collateral," said Matt Vickers.

The brothers recently opened Eagle's Moon Gallery in Victoria, their second gallery on Vancouver Island. Expansion plans include galleries in Vancouver, Toronto, Seattle and Los Angeles.

## Economic programs take new direction

On June 24, Industry Canada announced its new directions and priorities in support of Aboriginal economic programs. Emphasis will be placed on proposals supporting these objectives:

- Trade and export and development;
- increased adaptation of technology by Aboriginal businesses; and
- encouragement of young Aboriginal entrepreneurs.

To reflect the new directions and to make Aboriginal Economic Programs more visibly business-focused, they have been grouped un-

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Northern Aboriginal art works ignored at Edmonton festival

### OPINION

By Charles Mandel  
Windspeaker Contributor

In the crush of art exhibits that form Edmonton's The Works visual arts festival, it is not surprising that some shows get over-

looked. After all, some 75 exhibits with works by 800 artists compete for people's attention.

Still, something's not right when the festival's feature exhibits get lost in the shuffle. Such was the case with Arts From The Arctic, some 150 examples of contemporary Aboriginal art from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Alaska, Canada and Greenland.

The exhibit attracted next to no audience, but it wasn't because of the quality of the art — artworks both beautiful and surprising.

The art ranged from the traditional to the more modern. Abraham Ruben, from B.C.'s Saltspring Island, showed an expressive, haunting face carved from whalebone and horn.

In contrast, Seattle's Law-

rence Aklak Beck displayed his startling Punk Musk Ox Spirit, a contemporary take on mask-making made from chrome, bike handlebars and pink feathers.

Yet no one appeared to take the time to look at the art, perhaps because the show was shoved into a tawdry, ill-lit space in the basement of Edmonton Centre.

There, these proud artworks sat forlorn in cases on a dirty tiled floor across from a hamburger outlet. Rather than a highlight of the festival, the art works were reduced to a collection of curios in a mall.

It is ironic that in the catalog for last year's show at The Works, Canada's First People, Alberta Part Art president John Lunn, noted: "... exhibition curators have sometimes found it difficult to ensure that the art of other Indigenous cultures gets the attention it deserves."

While The Works is commended for its continuing efforts to program Native art, it missed the boat this year by marginalizing Arts From The Arctic to a poor space and not according the artists and their art the respect they deserve.

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**Areas of Interest:** Traditional and contemporary Native American techniques in arts and crafts, including jewelry, basketry, wood and stone carving, weaving, pottery, beadwork, quill-work, rug-making, tanning and leatherwork, dance and cooking; Native American artists and tribal arts and crafts traditions in the United States, Canada and Alaska.

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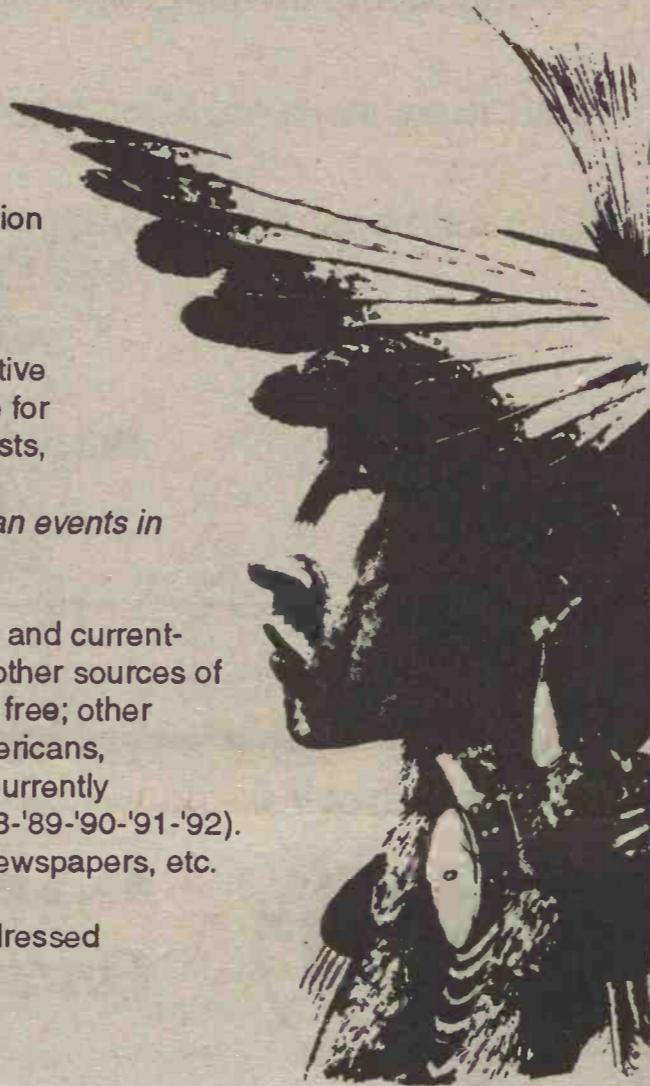
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## Exhibition brings Arctic to the south

By Kari Klassen  
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The Edmonton Works festival had a noticeable Arctic theme this year, thanks to Arts From The Arctic, a Circumpolar Exhibition.

Presented by several government organizations, Native groups and UNESCO, the exhibition brought together works from artists from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Alaska, Canada and Greenland.

For every region, 100 pieces of art were selected by a Native chairperson and they included crafts, sculpture and paintings.

Francis Ruben, from Paulatuk, N.W.T., carves whalebone and soapstone

"It's been very interesting. We got different ideas from people who passed. We explained fairly well where whalebone was found

— it gets washed up on the beach. Sometimes they dry for a couple of hundred years. I like to bring them back to life."

Ruben didn't know what his work was worth, so he now has a friend selling his creations for him.

"I just enjoy the work. (I'm) very independent. My living is completely based on my work."

The artist has been carving for more than 20 years.

"It was the one thing that really excited me."

Meeting with other Arctic artists has been a great opportunity, he said.

"The people from the north are getting together with people from the south and learning southern aspects, and the south are learning northern aspects."

The exhibition's next stop is Victoria for the Commonwealth Games, July 15-August 28.

"We're going to be doing some major whalebone sculpturing down there."

## NRCB

Natural Resources  
Conservation Board

### AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCESS JOINT REVIEW PANEL NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION NO. 9401

ALBERTA PUBLIC WORKS, SUPPLY AND SERVICES WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT PINE COULEE RESERVOIR

TAKE NOTICE that the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB)/Environmental Assessment and Review Process (EARP) Joint Review Panel will hold a public hearing at the Community Hall, Stavelly, Alberta on Monday, September 26, 1994, at 10:00 A.M., to hear representations respecting an application by Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services for an approval to commence a water management project, including diversion and reservoir structures in the Willow Creek Basin west of Stavelly, as required by section 5(1) of the Natural Resources Conservation Board Act and in accordance with the Federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process Guidelines Order.

Copies of the application including information and particulars filed in support thereof may be obtained by persons with an established interest in the matter (the NRCB will provide direction in the event there is a question as to whether a person has an established interest in the matter) from the applicant, Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, Attention: Jim Barlischen, Director, Environmental Branch, 15th Floor, College Plaza, 8215 - 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 5A9. Copies of the application are available for viewing at the Information Services Department of the ERCB, 640 Fifth Avenue S.W., Calgary, the Registry of Environmental Information, Alberta Environmental Protection, 6th Floor, Oxbridge Place, 9820 - 106 Street, Edmonton, the Town of Stavelly, Nanton Municipal Library, Claresholm Public Library, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge Community College and the University of Alberta Libraries and by appointment at the NRCB office in Edmonton.

Any person intending to make a submission with respect to this application shall file, on or before September 8, 1994, seven copies of the submission at the NRCB office address set out below and one copy with the applicant at the above address, in accordance with the NRCB's Rules of Practice, copies of which may be obtained from the NRCB's Edmonton office. Persons filing a written submission are requested to indicate whether they intend on appearing at the hearing.

Persons who are or may be directly affected by the proposed project may apply to the NRCB for funding to assist in the preparation and presentation of a submission. Copies of regulations and guidelines dealing with funding for eligible interveners may be obtained from the Natural Resources Conservation Board at the address set out below.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, on July 4, 1994.

William Y. Kennedy, Board Solicitor, Natural Resources Conservation Board, 11th Floor, Pacific Plaza, 10909 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 3L9 Telephone: (403) 422-1977

John Mathers, Manager, Operations, Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office 1150 - 555 West Hastings Street - Box 12071, Harbour Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B 4N5, Telephone (604) 666-6961

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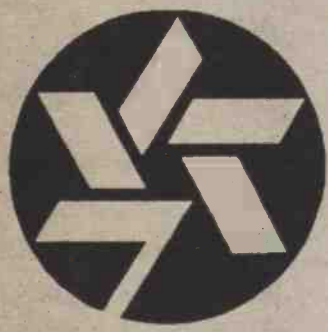
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# Career Section

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## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COORDINATOR

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 programs, policies and practices and ensures that the same are being implemented for all the schools of the members bands. This person is required to work with Band Education Committees, Band Schools and Provincial High Schools where the member bands are sending their children. This person is required to act in a manner, and with a view to, developing and maintaining high quality education.

A University degree, preferably 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 July 27, 1994 may not be considered.

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

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

Bag 5000

Battleford, Saskatchewan S0M 0E0

Phone: (306) 445-5838

Facsimile: (306) 445-5866



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Ontario Native Women's Association

To act as Chief Administrator Officer of the Ontario Native Women's Association. To direct the activities of the Association towards achievement of established objectives and plans.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary diploma or degree in an area relevant to the position or equivalent knowledge and work experience.
- Knowledge of the Federal and Provincial government systems and Aboriginal organizations.
- Knowledge of concepts of self-determination and original ways.
- Experience in working with non-profit Aboriginal organizations or in another capacity dealing with Aboriginal issues.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Knowledge of Native language, customs, culture an asset.
- Must be available to travel.

**SALARY:** Commensurate with experience.

**DEADLINE:** July 29, 1994, 4:30 p.m.

#### SUBMIT RESUMES TO:

Personnel Committee  
 Ontario Native Women's Association  
 117 North May Street  
 Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 3N8

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University of Alberta  
252 Athabasca Hall  
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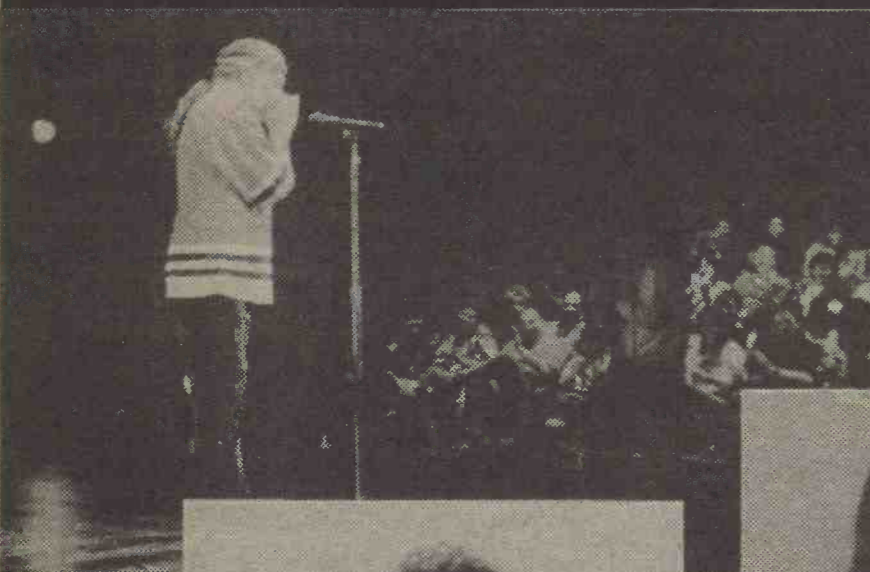
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