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Whoa! I said whoaaaaa...

Dennis Samson of Hobbema twisted this critter down in 14 seconds flat, fast enough to grab fourth place money. Samson and a whole mess of cowboys converged at Hobbema's Panee rodeo grounds for the annual Spring Bust Out Rodeo. The event got off wet and windy but wound up with

sunshine and payoffs for the winners. The grounds are acknowledged as one of the finest in rodeo country and the Indian rodeo circuit always brings competitors together for renewed friendships as well as lively competition. Photo by Terry Lusty, Windspeaker



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Financial records kept from public

BY DOROTHY SCHREIBER and LESLEY CROSSINGHAM

President of the Metis Association Larry Desmeules has revoked memberships from individuals requesting a look at the organization's financial records.

And he says more mem-

berships will be taken away "until we get rid of all the troublemakers...there's no law stating we have to put up with troublemakers."

Edson Local 44 president Sharon Johnstone and three of her members had their memberships taken away on June 14 when they went into the association head office in Edmonton to look at the organization's financial records. They had presented a written request to Desmeules on June 10.

The disbarred members say they had earlier submitted a special resolution calling for the impeachment of the president and his board, an issue they hope to bring before the association's annual assembly in Lac La Biche, July 6-9.

Desmeules says the membership removals were not based only on the fact the members wanted to see the records.

"We didn't go about this lightly...we've been talking about this since January. They're trying to disrupt this organization as much as they can and we're just not allowing it."

Darren Bradshaw, Jack Calahoo and Edwin Findlay said they followed bylaw

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Natives enter mainstream politics

BY TERRY LUSTY
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What a week it's been for Muriel Stanley-Venne, Mike Cardinal and Willie Littlechild.

The politicians have been nominated to represent their respective parties in separate elections.

The first occurred June 11 when Muriel Stanley-Venne won the New Democratic nomination for the Yellowhead federal riding currently held by PC Joe Clarke.

In winning the NDP nomination for Yellowhead, Stanley-Venne will be out to unseat federal member of Parliament Joe Clarke.

Stanley-Venne says she does not feel intimidated by Clarke who is a seasoned veteran when it comes to politics. "Look at what happened to Vander Zalm," in B.C. she says explaining that the NDP only lost to him by about 200 votes.

Politics is not new to Stanley-Venne. She's been running under the NDP banner for 15 years and in the last federal election claims to have had the second highest number of votes (23.6%).

In reference to representing Native issues, she says, "Of course I'm going to be strong on Native matters but we have to also represent the whole constituency." The plus factor in having Natives in politics, she states, is that they would then have the insight to speak with some authority for Natives.

Stanley-Venne now resides at Carvel and is of the firm belief that candidates should be resident of the constituency in which they contest elections. She says her platform is people-oriented because "we care about people." In contrast, she claims to not have much interest in "big busi-



Nomination winners: Willie Littlechild, Muriel Stanley-Venne and Mike Cardinal (right)

ness, or profit-oriented" people. Some issues that are of concern she says are, "free trade, the purchasing of nuclear submarines... things not of priority."

Stanley-Venne works as a consultant and feels her experiences and background qualify her for politics. She is at present a member of the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Board and a board member for the Legal Aid Society of Alberta. Her past involvements have also given her experience and contacts in the areas of justice, labor and socio-recreational programs.

Then, on June 13, Mike Cardinal won the nomination to represent the Progressive Conservatives

provincially come the next election.

Mike Cardinal won the nomination meeting for the PC candidacy for the provincial riding of Athabasca/Lac La Biche in Boyle on the second ballot.

With over 1,900 delegates in attendance, Cardinal defeated hopefuls Phil Coutney and Larry Armfelt

Cardinal's first objective as PC candidate for the riding is to unseat NDP incumbent Leo Piquette as the member of the Legislative Assembly. Cardinal's main platform for the next election will be the local economy and getting it going. "We are a number of years behind the other local constituencies," says Cardinal.



Cardinal says of his chances of unseating Paquette in the 14,000 member riding, "I think my chances are very good — I am very confident."

And, on June 14, Willie Littlechild also won his nomination for the Conservatives on a national level.

Close to 2,700 voters jammed the Wetaskiwin drill hall and on the second round of balloting over 50 per cent of them installed Hobbema's Littlechild as the PC candidate for the riding.

The nomination meeting

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CLOSE TO HOME

Elders join fight to stop Oldman river dam

BY JACKIE RED CROW
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BLOOD RESERVE

A group of Peigan elders and councillors gathered on a hillside June 13 overlooking the proposed construction of a flood basin on the Oldman River to again reaffirm their stand that the construction will destroy the spiritual values of the tribe.

While a drumming group chanted, spiritual leader

Joe Crow Shoe pointed to the river saying that if the construction proceeds it will destroy religious artifacts, cairns, burial sites, habitat and tipi rings vital to Peigan religious and cultural ceremonies.

The Oldman River is considered sacred by tribal elders and Crow Shoe called the river "the lifeblood of the reserve." They maintain the Oldman River has been on Peigan land since time immemorial.

"Our spiritual way of life comes from the rivers, stones, trees, woods, mountains," said Crow Shoe before he delivered a prayer, adding he is concerned about the future Peigan generation.

The elders said they support the Peigan chief and council's move to seek a legal injunction to stop construction of the \$350 million flood basin which would be used primarily for irrigation purposes for about 68,000 hectares of farmland in surrounding towns.

"We don't want a dam," said Crow Shoe. "We want it to stop. We are just asking for our spiritual and Native rights. This is our last stand on the Oldman River."

When Crow Shoe had blessed the Oldman River on Feb. 6 an eagle was spotted flying high above the ceremonies and at this week's demonstration another eagle was again seen. The eagle is considered a symbol of deeply religious significance in Native traditional circles.

Meanwhile, Peigan councillors say the provincial government had continually delayed setting a court date on the water rights case filed last year. The case, originally scheduled for last winter, was recently set for Aug. 24; ironically, this is the day major construction of the dam commences.

George Little Moustache, Peigan councillor, told members of the media, that he believes the government failed to consider a \$750,000 study which pointed out the religious and cultural impact of the Peigan Nation if the dam is constructed.

However, the chairman of the Friends of the Oldman River, Andy Russell, welcomed the Peigans' move for a legal injunction. "It's (injunction) a powerful legal development. It's the best news that has come in a long time," said Russell in an interview after the demonstration. His group had made two unsuccessful attempts to halt construction in the courts.

"I'm a white man but this

river (Oldman) is also sacred to me, too," he said. "There is a tremendous spiritual depth here."

Russell said he thinks the provincial government cannot avoid listening to the Peigans and environmental groups now. "I think if they (government) are interested in getting elected again, they'll have to listen now," he said.

Since the government has failed to consider the aboriginal rights and titles of the Peigan Nation, it has also seriously neglected the environmental effects of the Oldman River. According to Buff Parry, a linguist who wants to preserve the area because it is so historically significant;

there is already evidence of pollution on the site where construction has started and that it violates the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Act.

Parry is working with a group of Peigan elders to identify and document Blackfoot syllabics in the Milk River area. The second phase of the research will start on Aug. 15 and a trip is planned to the Hopi reservation in Arizona for further study.

The Peigans' move to halt construction of the dam on the Oldman River has not only garnered support from local environmentalists but has also received international support, said Parry. □

THIS WEEK



■ Play takes giant step in making public understand land claims of B.C. Natives. See page 8.



■ The broncs and bulls are bustin' out again for this summer's rodeo season. See Ropin' and Ridin' on pages 12-18.



■ The new book about Native athletes, To Run With Longboat, is launched in Hobbema. See page 20.

Politicians

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was originally called when the current MP for Wetaskiwin, Stan Schellenberger, announced that he will not seek re-election in the next federal election.

Littlechild, a lawyer and physical education graduate, was one of five candidates contesting the nomination. In the first round of balloting he captured a commanding 1,189 (46.6%) of 2,549 ballots, just a little shy of the required 50 per cent plus one.

His nearest competitor, Brian Rhiness, is a local agrologist who took 495 (19.4%) votes. In third spot was the local crown prosecutor, Scott Newark, with 432 (16.9%). They were followed by businessman Don Thorne with 242 and farmer Albert Klapstein with 191. A second ballot was necessary and while the crowd awaited the voting, exuberant delegates got into a cheering match between Newark and Littlechild supporters.

Native and non-Native supporters alike expressed optimism that Littlechild would be victorious. They also proved that there are many non-Native supporters and that Hobbema's four Indian bands could get their act together and turn out to elect Littlechild.

Organizers of his campaign assert that the nomination was his major obstacle in going all the way to Ottawa. They feel the worst is now past and, come election time, he'll be "a shoo-in," particularly in view of the fact that the riding is a Conservative stronghold.

In commenting on the victory, Schellenberger said he feels certain Littlechild "is broad (minded) enough" to not restrict himself to just one issue such as Native issues; that he will address various issues of concern among his constituents.

In his campaign speeches, Littlechild said he will focus on economics, agriculture, Native issues, and youth development. He reiterated that statement again after winning the nomination on Tuesday. □

Records

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procedures in requesting to look at the financial records but the president refused their request, telling them to leave or he would call the police, according to Bradshaw.

The three members, who are also members of Local 44's youth council, say they will be seeking a court order to force Desmeules to open the records.

Johnstone agrees with the dissenting members, claiming Desmeules contravened the association bylaws by refusing to allow her or the other six members to see the books as they had all made an official request as members of the association.

"He's taken my rights away as a leader representing 80 other people. He's denying me and the members our say. He's got something to hide...if there was nothing to be afraid of, he would have let us look at the books," she said.

However, Desmeules says the request to look at the books was made at an inconvenient time.

"We're in the middle of an audit right now and we don't have time for a small

Locals agree on boundaries

BY KEITH MATTHEW
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EDMONTON

In a meeting on Wednesday, June 15 between the Metis Locals of Edmonton — part of the Zone 4 Regional Council — six of the nine Locals in Edmonton voted by consensus to accept one of five options to change the boundaries for each Local.

The accepted proposal was worded "that there be eight Locals in the city of Edmonton, and that the boundaries be based on the

Provincial Electoral Constituencies." This option would mean that the Locals #1928 and #8556 in the northeast of Edmonton would merge into one Local with all of the other locals remaining the same.

Local #1885 president Stan Plante says his local liked Option #5 because of "ease of transition and the proposed boundary change is based on major roads within Edmonton." He added that the new boundaries "would be relatively balanced" compared to the old boundaries.

The other options were: that the boundaries remain as they are; that there be three locals in the city of Edmonton, one on the south side of the North Saskatchewan River and two on the north side; that there be six locals in the city of Edmonton, and that the boundaries be the same as the existing wards. However, all of these options were turned down by the Metis of Edmonton.

Representatives of each local signed a document indicating they agree to the boundary changes. □

group to come in and disrupt our operations," he said in an interview last week. Desmeules added that the members will have an opportunity to look at the financial records during the assembly.

However, Johnstone says that is not good enough as she and her members want to see precise spending patterns, not the general picture usually distributed during the assembly.

Desmeules says Johnstone and the other former members are all from Edson Local 44 in the Zone 4 region, an area which he says is causing the association many problems.

"They've done everything in that zone to cripple the organization...we don't have to put up with that," he said.

"I am dealing with them quite severely. They're not acting in the best interest of the Metis people." He adds that those who have lost memberships can seek reinstatement during the association's annual assembly.

Desmeules is also calling for the removal of Zone 4 vice-president Dan Martel, or for stronger guidelines to modify his "behavior."

He charges Martel and other Zone 4 members

have sent out association minutes "out of context" and says their special resolution calling for his and the board's impeachment or for the suspension of their salaries for two months is "not acting in the best interest of the association."

"They're trying to run the organization through motions and resolutions. They're trying to dictate the terms of this organization."

However, Martel says the resolution is being made in order to spur the leaders of the association into action. Martel points out that a resolution was passed at last year's assembly to hold community bylaw workshops, but it was never acted upon by the board.

Meanwhile, Desmeules has taken legal action against both Martel and Johnstone for alleged misappropriation of funds, says Edmonton lawyer Ron Karoles.

But Martel says he believes the lawsuit is being formulated to discredit his character and would prefer to have criminal charges pressed against him.

"If there's any criminal charges by all means take me to court. File the criminal charges...let's not fool around with statements of

claim that try to discredit people."

Johnstone too feels the lawsuit is a way to discredit her saying the money allegedly misused was allocated for a workshop she facilitated in Jasper in February.

"All the monies were accounted for and I and three other people were paid for our work...I was paid about \$1,000 for 10 days work which included a 42-page report," she says.

In addition to the special resolution and a possible court order, Desmeules is also facing a petition which is currently being circulated, calling for the association to take action on aboriginal rights issues. According to Johnstone the petition already has more than 100 names and will be presented during the annual assembly.

The petition will also be sent to Premier Don Getty, MLAs, as well as the Metis National Council.

Desmeules would not comment on the petition, saying he has not seen it. □

CORRECTION

Last week's front page headline "Peigans to sue province over dam" should have read "Peigans seek injunction to stop dam."

CLOSE TO HOME

Centre plans new building

BY KEITH MATTHEW
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) officials recently unveiled an ambitious plan for a new building to house all of the existing programs and include a complete recreation complex.

The proposed new building is targeted to cost in the \$8 million range and includes plans for a drop-in centre, a cultural centre, a gymnasium, a boxing arena, a swimming pool and a kitchen area. Also included in the plans is extra office space for other

agencies which service the Native population of the surrounding Edmonton area.

Chairman of the Trustees for CNFC Ralph Bouvette said the present building located at 10176-117 Street is costing too much money to operate. "We considered renovating but that is no longer an option. We have run out of resources to repair the building."

It has been up to the Board of Trustees to look after the matter because it is their job to be "keeper of the keys to look after ownership of the building on behalf of the members and maintain the building,"

CNFC elects new board

BY LYLE DONALD
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EDMONTON

The 26th annual general meeting of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton took place on May 28 and saw the election of three new board members.

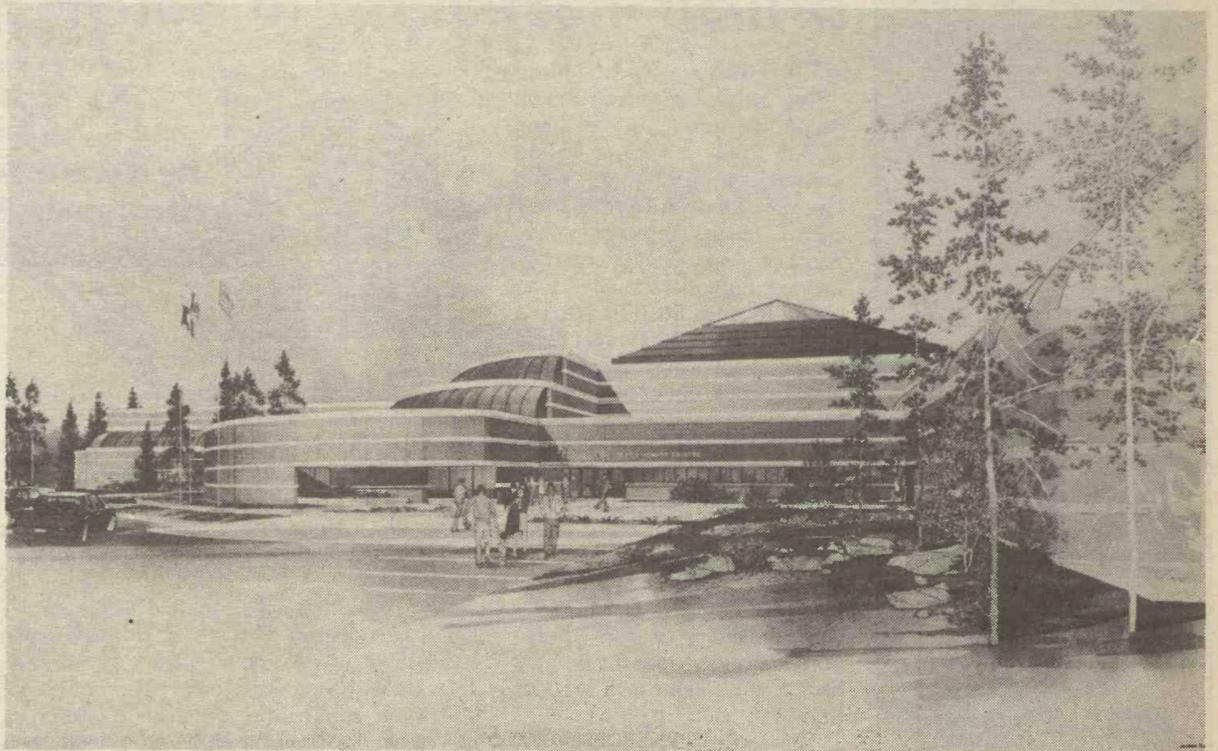
The new board members elected for a three year term at this meeting are Gordon Poitras, Tom Ghostkeeper and Lynn Fossum.

Poitras was elected on the board last year for a one

year term and said his reason for running again was so he could follow through on some of the things he got going over the year.

Ghostkeeper brings plenty of experience in that he was a former president of the High Level Friendship Centre and board member at High Prairie Friendship Centre.

Fossum is the principal at the Oliver school across from CNFC and has participated in many friendship centre functions. □



Architects drawing: proposed CNFC building

says Bouvette. "We own the building we are in right now. We own three and a half city lots and it would be worth about \$650,000 but the building would probably not be worth anything."

"For 15 years now, we have been searching for a way to move into a more appropriate facility. It has been a real struggle because it is a lot of money in Indian country (\$8 million)."

With cutbacks in all services and programs provided to Native people the planned building would have to be self-sufficient and according to Bouvette, "Before we can attract

investors we have to demonstrate a clear cut capacity to run the thing."

He adds that independence will be a big part of the plan. "We would like to attract Native service organizations to our new complex. We are busy right now measuring how much it will take to be self-sustaining. We know that there are a lot of Native organizations looking for a place to host conferences and if we can break into that market then we can do the catering and hosting."

Also being looked at are user fees which would be incorporated into the

recreation areas of gymnasium, boxing area and swimming pool as a part of the plan to self-sufficiency. Bouvette says that the planned areas for the gymnasium and swimming pool would be "Olympic-sized."

The centre is now implementing a plan to attract investors by implementing a needs assessment study which will determine a clear plan of action and an outline of what the building will look like. Bouvette says, "In terms of a strategy we would be optimistically

looking at an official sod turning no sooner than spring of 1991."

Bouvette said local sports announcer John Short and owner of Edmonton Oilers Peter Pocklington are involved in the planning but in a limited way and didn't want that played up "because they are just ordinary guys."

Bouvette warned that the plans are in a very early stage of development and certain parts of the plan could very well change according to different strategies or changes in direction. □

ACROSS OUR LAND

National Native media to meet in Halifax for workshops and awards night

OTTAWA (May 19, 1988) — Members of the aboriginal media have been challenged to compare their best work in print, radio and television when the National Aboriginal Communications Society (NACS) holds its second annual Aboriginal Multi-Media Festival in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The conference, scheduled for July 4-8, 1988, is NACS' annual membership meeting. But among the many events scheduled are a number of professional development workshops and an election for the two NACS executive committee posts of president and secretary. As well, there will be a complete social calendar which will include several banquets, a panel discussion on "The Value of a Free Press in a Self-Governing Society," and even a talent show.

But the key event of the conference is NACS' annual multi-media awards ceremonies. The awards

will be given out at the apex of the conference starting with a banquet on the evening of July 8, 1988. Eight different awards will be presented to the print media and nine each will be given out in radio and television. Honors will be handed out for such things as best news feature, best radio spot news item, best TV documentary, best radio and best television programming and overall newspaper or magazine design.

Cultural and linguistic diversity has offered NACS difficulties in presenting awards in the past because many of the items up for awards have been produced in Native languages. NACS represents 20 different aboriginal communications societies producing print, radio and television in such diverse languages as Cree, Montagnais, Inuktitut and Dene. In order to properly rate the merits of these materials, NACS has had

to find 11 very different judges — names of whom are held in confidence until the night of the awards.

Some of these judges are communicators themselves and will analyse works for technical expertise. Other judges, however, are linguists and Native language specialists who will evaluate materials for their cultural integrity; conveying a largely oral tradition to an audience which can appreciate it while working in the technologies of the three media.

NACS elections will be held on day one of the conference. Following constitutional directives, NACS must hold a full membership conference each year to elect one-half of its national executive. Although executive posts are to be held for two years, it was established that, two years after the founding conference, the positions of president and secretary to the society would be

opened up for elections.

Nominations will be put forward for the posts of president and secretary during NACS' annual general meeting. The new executive members will be presented during a press conference on July.

The current NACS executive committee consists of: Ray Fox, NACS president and radio director for the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA) and its radio arm, the Aboriginal Radio and Television Society (ARTS); Robert Merasty, NACS vice-president and executive director of the Saskatchewan-based Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation; Clayton Blood, NACS treasurer and coordinator of Indian News Media in southern Alberta; and, Garnet Angecone, NACS secretary and manager of the Wawatay Native Communications Society in northern Ontario. □

Art contest winners named

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
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EDMONTON

A unique art festival complete with an artists' seminar will celebrate this year's Asum Mena art awards competition winners next month in Edmonton.

The Asum Mena art competition is a yearly event sponsored by the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society. This year's first prize winner is George Littlechild, originally from Red Deer who won a \$5,000 art school scholarship. Littlechild is currently studying at the Halifax School of Art.

Second prize winner is Lauren Wuttunee from Edmonton who wins \$1,000 in art supplies and third prize winner is Bruce Omeasoo from Hobbema who wins \$500 in art supplies.

The winner of the three-dimensional category is Rocky Barstead from High River who wins \$750.

Several young artists received honorable mentions: Ken Swann, Ann McLean, Melvin Benson, Jacinta Woostenberg, Dia Thurston, Todd Kurvin, Lee Arnold, Elizabeth Meconse, Steven Gladue and Marice Louison.

The Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society is also organizing the art show. Currently, staff members are busily selecting the best exhibits from the 370 pieces submitted.

The art show will open at the Front Gallery in Edmonton July 29 and will run until Aug. 27. A series of seminars for up and coming artists will also take place July 27 when issues such as copyright, corporate art and government funding agencies will be discussed. □

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YOUR WORDS

British insensitive to Native stand on trapping



By Owenadeka

OWENADEKA

Skanongohwe! Those bunny-huggers in Britain are getting out of hand and I think it's time to do something about them. I call them "bunny-huggers" but they're not as innocent as the name suggests. They are narrow-minded, humorless fanatics who want to put 50,000 Native trappers (and 50,000 non-Native trappers) out of business. Putting Native people out of the trapping business probably means putting them on welfare — permanently — but those looney-tunes don't care what happens to trappers because they care more about animals than they do about people. They've already convinced the British government to place warning labels on furs to tell potential buyers that the fur may have been caught in a leg-hold trap.

The labels are just the first step in the bunny-huggers' master plan to stop people from using animals. They want to ban trapping entirely. They also want the rest of us to throw away our wool sweaters and leather shoes. And they want us to stop eating meat and fish.

The only thing that Canadian Minister for External Affairs

intends to do about this situation is talk, talk, talk. What's worse, if Joe Clark can't persuade the British government to change its mind, he doesn't intend to fight back. So if Britain goes ahead and if Canada does nothing, I think that we — as individuals — should fight fire with fire and labels with labels.

Think of it! We could wage guerilla war against Britain in shopping malls and general stores across the country. We could sneak down the aisles and when no one's looking, we could reach into our pocket, pull out a sticker and slap it on anything made in Britain. The sticker could show a British flag covered by a red circle with a red diagonal slash. It could also have a slogan, like "Boycott the Brits." Canadian shoppers, hopefully, will boycott

British goods and British companies to support the 100,000 people who depend on trapping in this country. The only thing wrong with this plan is that the bunny-huggers here would probably spend every cent they had — and borrow more besides — to buy British goods to support their British cousins.

Maybe this idea isn't perfect but it's got me thinking about the whole subject of labels and warnings. For example, I think Native people should wage label warfare against some of the other destructive elements in our lives.

The first target, obviously, should be booze. The government has forced tobacco companies to put warnings on cigarettes, but there's no sign it will ever take any action against alcohol. If anyone knows the pain, heartache and misery that alcohol has caused, it's us. So why don't we start our own guerilla campaign against booze?

We could make up our own warning labels and stick them all over the bars and liquor stores. I think a skull-and-crossbones and the slogan "booze kills" would be nice. The message on the label could say something simple, like: "Warning — alcohol abuse causes liver damage, brain damage, accidents, family violence, child neglect, loss of self-respect and death."

If the government doesn't like that, how about this: I think it would be a good idea if the government put warning labels on the funding checks it sends to Native organizations. "Warning — continued acceptance of government funding leads to increased dependence and reduced efforts to be self-sufficient. Danger increases with the amount taken."

I've got some other targets in mind, but they'd be a little harder to attack. After all, how do you put a sticker on a bingo? I don't know, but I'd like to see bingo junkies get this message: "Warning — prolonged bingo playing can lead to financial hardship and child neglect."

Speaking of tough targets, how would we ever put stickers on the trash that comes out of our television sets? Hmmm, maybe we could put stickers on the sets themselves! The warning could say: "Long-term television viewing can cause viewers to lose skin tone and muscle tone due to lack of sunlight and exercise. Continued viewing can lead to obesity, brain poisoning and psychological addiction. Long-term viewers can forget how to read, play, visit friends or talk to other family members. Prolonged viewing of North American programming can lead to the loss of Native cultural values."

And speaking of TV, I think there should be a televised

warning before government politicians get on the air. "Warning — the following is a political speech. It may lead to boredom, anger or vomiting."

A warning like that could have protected Native people from the likes of Ricardo Lopez. He's a Conservative member of Parliament. His riding includes the Kahnawake reserve near Montreal. After the police raided the reserve recently to arrest cigarette bootleggers and after the Mohawks responded by blockading the highway, Lopez shot off his mouth and showed off his red neck. He said: "All the Indians should be sent to Labrador."

That was an idiotic thing to say but Ronald Reagan managed to say something even worse when he was in Moscow. He told Russian students that it was a mistake to let Indians maintain their culture on reservations. "Maybe we should not have humored them in that," he said, "wanting to stay in that kind of primitive lifestyle." Hmmp. Talk about primitive. Ronald Reagan's intelligence — now THAT'S primitive.

Now that I think about it, I really don't know if all these labels will do any good. After all, the warnings on cigarettes haven't stopped people from smoking themselves to death. We might not be able to win the war against booze, bingo, dependence, brainwashing or racism, but we have to do something. After all, the bunny-huggers are out there and they don't plan to give up until we're all wearing plastic shoes and nylon sweaters and eating yogurt and bean sprouts. Onengwahe. □

Reader asks for help for her kokum

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in the hope someone will read it and try to help my grandmother and mother who live on the Beaver Lake Indian reserve near Lac La Biche.

I am tired of seeing my 85-year-old grandmother living as she did some 30 years ago. My mother, who is not in the best of health, is looking after her mother — with no running water, no heating and no power.

They have tried to seek help from Chief Al Lameman and his council, but they had no luck.

My grandmother is crippled and has to go to an outhouse. She gets very tired and is always ending up in the hospital.

I would think the chief and council would help their older people on the reserves, but after seeing what they're doing to my grandmother, I think they are only looking after themselves and their families.

Sincerely,
Lorna Jacknife
Beaver Lake reserve

IN OUR OPINION

Metis association keeps books closed

The Metis Association of Alberta has taken a positive step in attempting to improve communications between the regional and head offices using high tech equipment.

But if the people behind the computers and telefax machines are not willing to listen to each other, not much can be accomplished.

This week several attempts were made by members to view association financial records. Though it is their right to see the books and they say they went through proper procedures according to bylaws, their requests were refused and their membership cards were taken away.

Financial records are revealing. Often they are the only tangible indication of what an organization has done in a given period of time. Attempts to look at these records by association members are only an expression of their wanting to know what their leaders are doing for them. Even though they may be seen as troublemakers by their president, he should sit down with them and find out what their concerns are. This would have been a sign of opening up communication lines; instead he froze these people out by taking away their memberships.

It seems that whenever an individual or group questions MAA procedure, either the legal system is used to put a halt to their investigation by way of a lawsuit, or a deaf ear is turned.

Those who question are seen as troublemakers trying to break the organization — small groups who don't deserve being listened to because they are not representative of the membership. But, why not listen to the small group of "troublemakers" and nip problems in the bud? Why not meet with them and facilitate some true one-on-one communication so that problems can be solved? People are not unreasonable in their demands if they feel they are being dealt with in a reasonable and responsible manner.

Instead of using lawsuits, desktop publishing and telefax machines, in this case a good, old fashioned sympathetic ear will go a lot further, especially because grassroots people are concerned.



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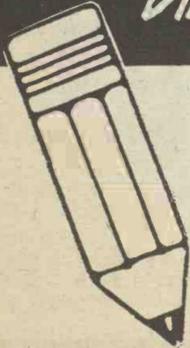
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GRASSROOTS

Everyone's talking about Metis newspaper, assembly

BY LYLE DONALD
Community Correspondent

EDMONTON

G'Day mates, Crockalyle Metis checking in with my monthly report on happenings in the Metis world.

New paper: Wow! What a newspaper...what I thought was going to be a monthly newsletter turned out to be a full-fledged monthly newspaper. There's no doubt about it Native Network News is a good looking paper and with competition like this, it will make our paper and reporting a whole lot sharper, which is to you, the reader's advantage. So, sharpen up those pens guys because with reporters like our own Mark "Scoop" McCallum and Dorothy "Subscriber" Schreiber, they thrive on competition.

Annual assembly: The Metis Association of Alberta will be sharing their 60th anniversary with the Lac La Biche Mission's 200th year of Metis settlement. This year is going to be more family orientated. While the politics goes on at the Lac La Biche arena, cultural events such as jigging and fiddling, Mr. & Mrs. Metis competition, children's games, and jam sessions and dance featuring the Fourth Generation will be going on at the mission. Camping will also be available right at the mission. Also taking place at this year's assembly the Edmonton and Lac La

Biche friendship centres in conjunction with the MAA will be hosting the Friends in Sports summer games on July 6-7 at Lac La Biche.

The competition is open to youth between 13-21 years old and a full range of track and field competitions will be taking place, along with two team sports — soccer and fastball. For more info call the friendship centre in your area to enter.

Moving on: I had the pleasure of visiting a good friend of mine at work and on the job. Tom Ghostkeeper is a career counsellor at Alberta Career Centre which just moved over to 10050-112 St, 112 Professional Centre.

As a career counsellor Tom sits down with people and with the help of an interview and certain aptitude tests, he helps clients to realize where their strengths are and what career they should get into. I guess you can say Tom finally came out of the

closet. No, he's not that type of guy, but compared to the office he has now the other one at the old building looked like a closet.

Dad's Day: Happy Father's Day to all the old dads out there. For me, I know my children will be giving me breakfast in bed, a home-made Father's Day card made at school and a kiss on the cheek. What more could a guy ask for?

Big wedding: If the Gretzky-Jones marriage is the wedding of the year in Edmonton then Dan Martel's and soon-to-be bride Sharon Johnstone's must be the marriage of the year in Edson country. Yes, these two fine Metis people are tying the knot at the end of July. They are going to have a traditional Metis marriage with shotguns fired from open wagons. I hope Poundmaker's leaves a couple sports open for us people who fall off the wagons. □



DROPPIN IN

By Mark
McCallum

Mark McCallum is on holidays but he'll be back with Droppin' In news next week.

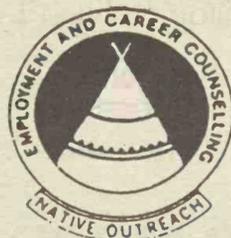
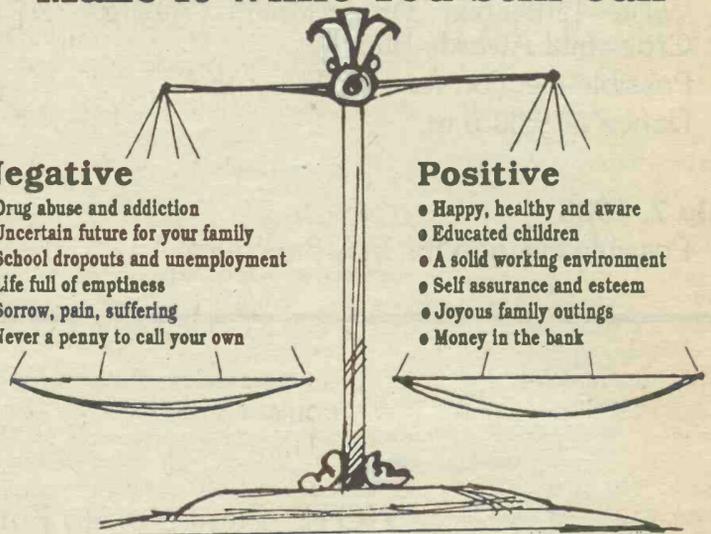
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GRASSROOTS



HAVE YOU HEARD?...

By Margaret Desjarlais

Remember when this "big bingo" somewhere in the States was the talk of the town a few years back? Well, that "big bingo" (formerly called Big Cypress bingo) which is owned and operated by the Seminole Tribe of Florida is under new management, says Seminole Tribal Chairman James E. Billie. Apparently, the original Big Cypress team went in debt and according to Billie the "Million Dollar" bingo was "deceiving." He claims "there was no way they could possibly give a million dollar prize, but for some odd reason, they could not change the name. It really was never a million dollar bingo."

So if there's any bingo fanatics out there contemplating on a Florida holiday, the 5,600-seat Seminole Bingo hall in Tampa still has big jackpots (unlike ours) with \$100,000 to \$300,000 prizes.

Three's company: I would like to welcome and introduce you

to our recently-hired news editor, Keith Matthew. Keith, who is originally from Kamloops, B.C., is a hard and dedicated worker, pleasant and easy to get along with, humorous and most of all he's on the "Most Eligible Bachelor" list at the ripe age of 26. Irene and Lyle — looks like you've got company!

Talent galore: Congratulations to Luther McLain out in the Calgary way. The 23-year-old was recently assigned his own 7-11 store in that city. Luther, who is a brother to our very own Kim McLain, will be celebrating a birthday July 23. I guess talent runs in the family. Again, congrats.

Wedding bells: Best regards to Lorraine Laviollette of Kikino and Frank Stamp of Saddle Lake who (by the time you read this) will be officially man and wife. The "big day" is to take place June 18 at Saddle Lake. Congrats and may you go through long happy years of caring and sharing.

Sunshine boy: Belated greetings to Marlene Whitford on her recent arrival of baby boy Shane Ryan born May 11 at the Royal Alex hospital. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Birthdays: June 30, Angela Cardinal, Winterburn and Evelyn Thompson, Edmonton; July 5, Colen John Paul Amable, Edmonton and Conrad Metchewais, Cold Lake; July 6, Kimberly Jimmy, Edmonton; July 14, Rodney Patenaude, High Prairie and Wilfred Desjarlais, Caslan; July 20, Bella Coutrie, High Prairie and Pamela Desjarlais, Caslan.

Til next month...

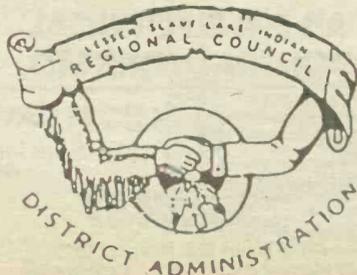
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VISIONS

Powerful message in play about land claims

BY DIANNE MEILI
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

From the moment white goose feathers are spread over the heads of the audience, you know No'xya' is going to be a special play.

No'xya' (Our Footprints) is two hours of drama played out by four actors. They use dance, an artistic backdrop, ceremonial regalia and dialogue to convey to the audience a message about the strong ties Native people have with the land and why the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en tribes of British Columbia are fighting so hard to win jurisdiction over ancestral lands.

The play is directed at non-Native audiences who likely don't know the significance of the words "Native land claim." It shows the viewer, from a historical perspective, how closely linked Indians are to the land by incorporating some central concepts to the Native idea of life.

The play starts out with the dance of the salmon

followed by a scene in which a Native hunter asks for the life of a caribou so he can feed his family. The kill is made with a reverence for the life being taken. All of this takes place before contact with white settlers and is illustrative of how Natives lived in cooperation, respect and harmony with the land and how they are connected physically and spiritually with all life on earth.

Enter the whiteman. In the play's second movement settlers who are driven from their own country arrive full of hope into this "vast and empty" land. Their vision is totally different from that held by the aboriginals. They want to cultivate the land, put up fences to tame and extract what they need from the land.

The two viewpoints clash and the newcomers gradually take over. The conflict between Natives and the newcomers is conveyed by the interaction of two couples — one Native, the other white.

One day, Gyut, a young

Native man destined to be chief one day is out picking berries when he comes upon the fence built by white settler Francis. When Francis conveys how proud he is of the workmanship he's put into the fence, Gyut tells him how wrong it is to put up such a structure amidst the berry grounds.

"I think this is not a fence. I think this is a trap...like my trap for salmon," Gyut tells Francis, who tries to console the Native with a bottle of alcohol.

When Gyut realizes the changes he's observed cannot be reversed and that his people are indeed losing the land and their way of life, he sings a mourning song. This is one of the most powerful moments in the play. He stands to the audience and keens a woeful song, his sorrow flowing freely to the audience and saying what words could not say.

In another scene, in which a bishop rants and raves about the ungodly culture of the Indians, the Native couple are encouraged to burn their ceremonial button robes and deny



"We intend to protect the land": Hal Blackwater

their spiritual beliefs. Again, Gyut comments, "The priest taught us to close our eyes to pray. When we opened them, our land was gone."

As the play moves into the 20th century, the audience watches as Lumberjack Larry tries to clear cut all of the trees on the ancestral lands, seeing them only as money in the bank.

"Spiritual values are not luxury we can afford anymore," he says. He laughs like a maniac as he sings a song about clear cutting and environmental

destruction. But then he is visited by salmon spirits who scare him out of his wits. They descend upon him and question his actions. As the lights out out Larry hollers, "What are you going to do with me? You're not going to turn me into a tree, are you...?"

Towards the end of the play, the audience is brought forward into present time as the Native and non-Native couples sit in a kitchen and discuss different viewpoints of the land claim. The white male character — Frank — will

not budge an inch in his beliefs that the land must be used to serve his needs, although his wife understands the Native concerns and then runs out on him because he will not listen.

A final scene involves the raising of a totem pole, and the audience is again treated to a rich display of cultural dance and ceremony. The actors don their button blankets and their message is "Our culture and spiritual beliefs are still very much alive as are our ties to the land and all living things. We intend to protect the land and live in harmony with it once again."

Credit must be given to the cast of four who convey this message about land claims. They are Hal Blackwater, Sylvia-Anne George (both Native) and Edward Astley and Sherrilee Guilbert. Their interaction as the two couples who live close together, yet worlds apart, is believable and they get their point across.

All actors, along with the director of the play, David Diamond, and an advisor to the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Tribal Council, lead a discussion with the audience after the play is over. They explain the complexities of the land claim and clarify parts of the play which the audience may not have understood. This session supports the entire purpose of the play which is, ultimately, to make the audience understand why the land is so important to the Indians and to gain their support. □

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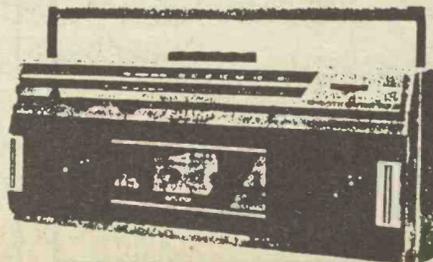
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SACRED SITES PART TWO

The vision quest cave

Where young men once came to learn their path in life

BY LESLEY CROSSINGHAM
Windspeaker Correspondent

It lies nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Now deserted, it still has the ambiance of a special place, a place where young Native men came to test their manhood while exposed to the ice cold wind blasts that sweep down from the gray mountain peaks.

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This cave, a natural fissure in the granite rock strata, has some special inscriptions carved into the floor. They depict a two-horned figure, a dog and three V-shapes. No one knows what they symbolize except the young man, now long passed away, who carefully chiselled the hard stone after his quest had ended.

Along the mountain tops there are other special places. Some are just marked with a few stones in

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"They would pass here and then a few days later you would see them return home. They always had a smile for us," recalls local farmer Brian Foster.

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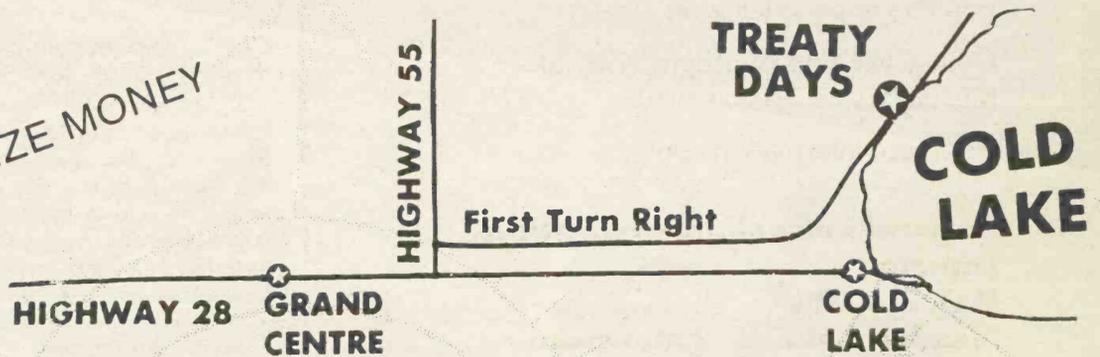
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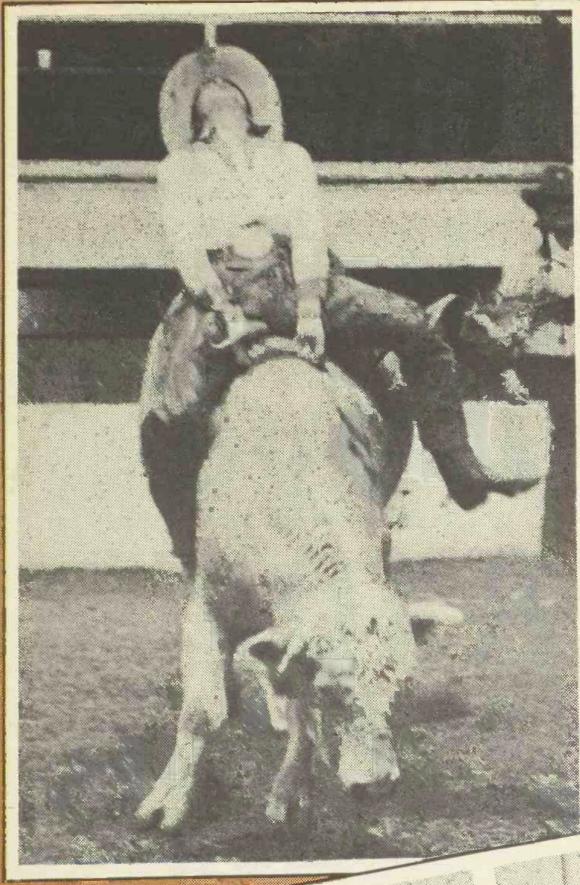


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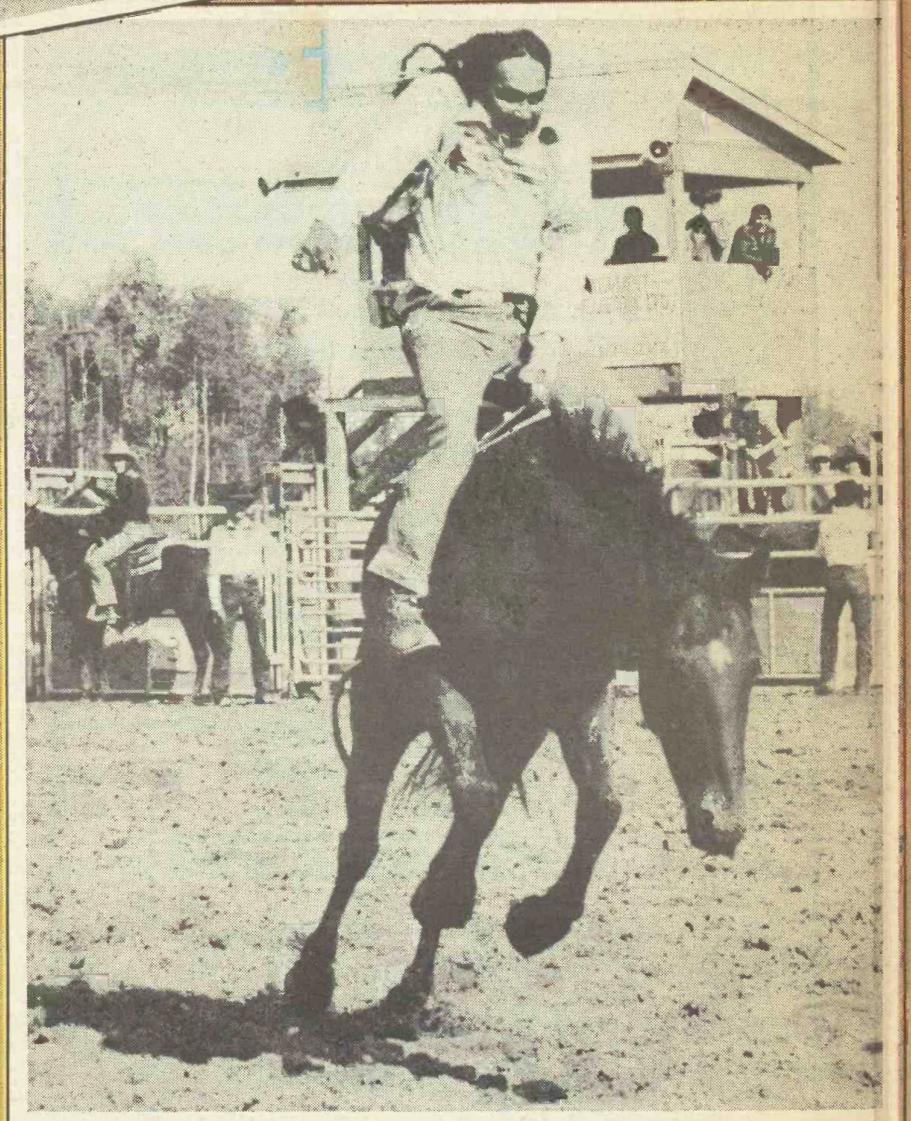


Boys steer ride off: Darcy Cressman (left)

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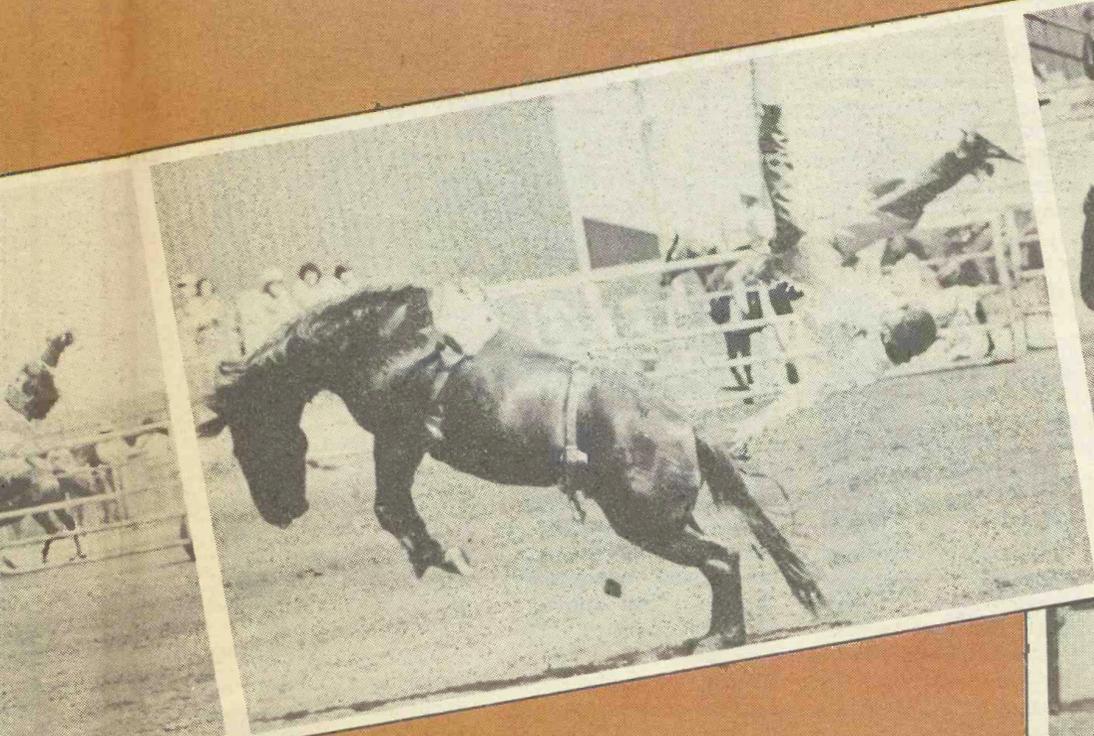
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ROPIN' & RIDIN'



Rodeo greats abound

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

Canada has certainly had its share of Indian cowboys given their population compared to that of society at large. Some have managed to go a long ways with British Columbia's Kenny McLean and Alberta's Jim Gladstone probably being the most dominant of them all.

In adding to the list, one one must include: Charlie Bear and Jim Lawrence from Saskatchewan; Shawn Henry and the Louis brothers from British Columbia; and Alberta's Pete Bruised Head, Benji Buffalo, Harry Dodging Horse, Fred Gladstone, Bob Gottfriedson, Garry Louis, Ken Tailfeathers and Terry Villeneuve.

Last, but not least of course, is Tom Three Persons from Cardston who won the bronc riding event aboard the never-ridden and infamous outlaw Midnight at Calgary's first stampede in 1912.

Kenny McLean of Kamloops was Canada's all-around cowboy for three consecutive years, 1967-69. He was also runner-up in 1963, 1964 and 1966.

Although he made money at calf roping and steer wrestling, his specialty area was saddle bronc riding. In this event, he won the Canadian crown in 1959, 1960, 1961, 1968, and 1969 and placed in 1963, 1967, 1970 and 1972.

Another extremely successful Canadian Indian competitor was Cardston's Jim Gladstone who won the Canadian calf roping title in 1969, 1971 and 1973. In 1977, he took the world championship in Oklahoma. Between 1974 and 1981, he qualified eight times for the Canadian finals.

In the early '80s he left the circuit to do a law program at the University of Alberta and now works for his own law practice in Calgary and Cardston.

His father (Fred) before him won the Canadian title

in 1948 and 1950. Other Indians who fared well in roping include Floyd Manyfingers (5th) in 1946, Ken Tailfeathers (2nd) in 1952, and Kenny McLean who sometimes captured the coveted all-around title because of the event.

In steer wrestling and decorating, the names Leo Red Crow in 1948 and Harry Dodging Horse in 1953 surface as individuals who were in the top five in Canada.

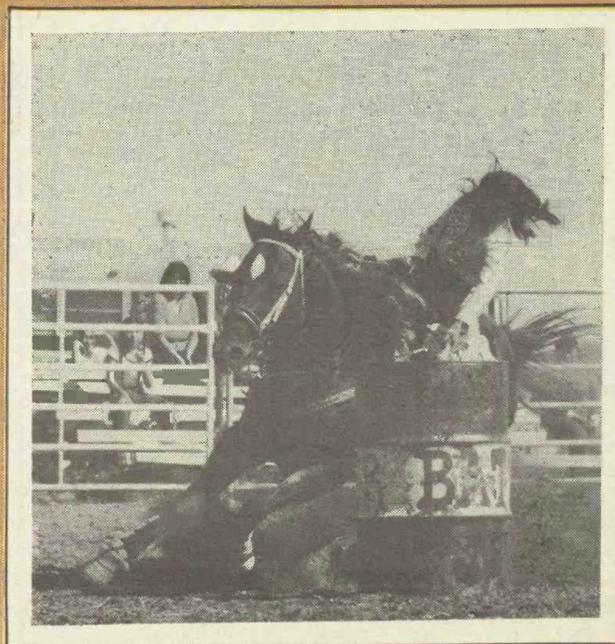
In 1984 Terry Villeneuve placed second and Jim Lawrence came fourth in total points for the Canadian bull riding championship.

Shawn Henry from B.C. won the novice bronc riding at the 1986 Calgary Stampede and Darcy Cressman placed third in 1985 and second in 1987.

In boy's steer riding, Daniel Villeneuve placed sixth overall in Canada in 1985. Darcy Cressman had been a previous winner of this event in 1980. □



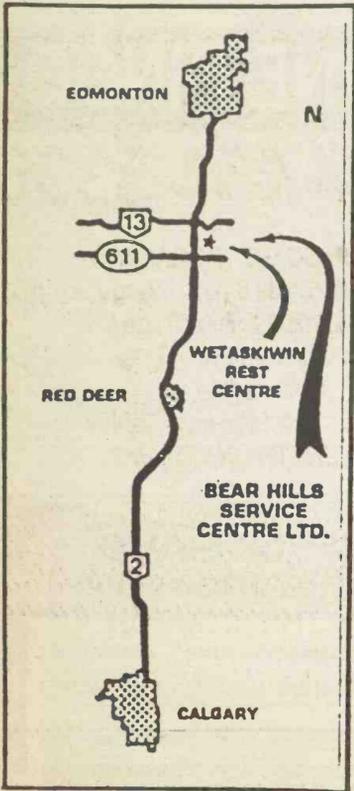
Tying up loose ends: Wright Bruised Head



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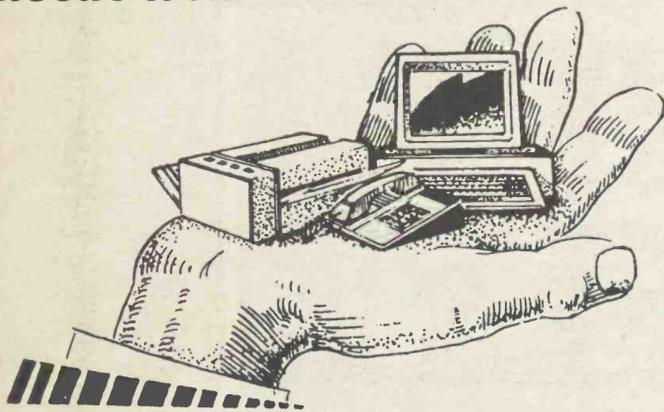
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Baptiste still making money despite crutches for knee

TERRY LUSTY, Windspeaker

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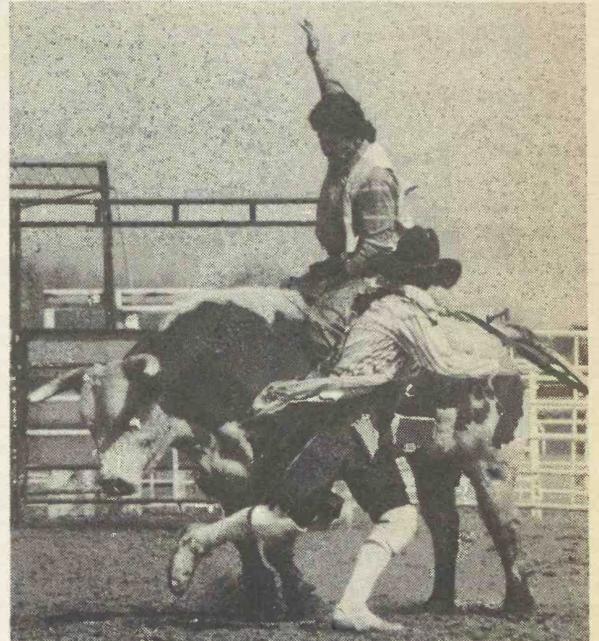
Two Blood Indian bareback bronc riding champions, Calvin Fox and Lewis Little Bear, were the inspiration which spurred Hobbema's Perry Baptiste, now 22, into pursuing a rodeo career.

"They taught me the attitude I needed," claims Baptiste who has nothing but pure scorn for those who came around cowboys with negative attitudes or comments. "We get enough of that when we come down on ourselves," he explains.

Baptiste got his start at age 11. At that tender age, he entered the bareback bronc riding at a Hobbema rodeo. He got "hung up" but says it taught him, and quickly, to overcome fear and to know what to expect.

Nursing a knee from which fluid had been recently drained, Baptiste insists you gotta take the good with the bad. "That's the way it goes," he remarks. At last weekend's rodeo at Panee, he still managed to come in third in bull riding aboard Stormin' Norman despite the fact he's hobbling about on crutches. He hurt his knee a couple of weeks back on bulls.

Youthful and carrying a positive attitude, Baptiste thinks of rodeo as "fun and sport." His philosophy is, "if



Staying on: Baptiste

you're not having fun, what's the use of rodeoing?"

The sport, he adds, is one that requires one to be both mentally and physically in shape. "Sometimes, I psych myself into my ride... days when I'm not feeling too up," he explains. He says competitors also need to keep on top of certain information like knowing who's leading in points so you can "look up to them."

As for practicing, he says, he rides "a couple of horses and a few bulls a week" which gives him practice and valuable experience.

Today, Baptiste belongs to the Canadian Professional

as well as the Indian Rodeo Association. He says he restricts most of his travelling to Saskatchewan, Alberta, B.C. and some states like Wyoming and Montana.

Travel, he confesses, is something of a problem for a lot of cowboys due to the cost factor. Baptiste is thankful that he has considerate parents who help him from time to time. "They are very supportive, don't drink, and they even put me on planes sometimes so I can hit two rodeos, one right after the other," he states proudly.

The rodeos at Houston, Cheyenne and Calgary are his favorites. "Everyone's dream," he contends, "is to get to the world finals at Las Vegas." In 1986, he came very close to qualifying for the Indian world finals at Albuquerque. In that same year, he won the novice bareback at Alberta's Rodeo Royal. The following year, he won a go-round at the Calgary Stampede marking a 76 in bull riding.

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Norris out of action but still in rodeo work

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

After 40 years in rodeo, there ain't much one can tell this Slave Lake resident about the sport.

As second vice-president of the Northern Alberta Native Cowboys' Association, which was formed last summer, Lloyd Norris is a former bareback rider and calf roper.

These two events once won him the all-around title at Smithers, British Columbia. This province is where Norris spent most of his rodeo days, mainly around the Williams Lake area on the pro circuit and usually in the company of fellow cowboy, Bill Owens.

Norris first began with saddle bronc riding, then bareback, and has always had a soft spot for this demanding sport. He's been out of competition since 1967, having been forced into early retirement due to injuries.

He became a truck driver but couldn't put

rodeo behind him. As an involved community member, he was one of the driving forces behind the construction of a new rodeo ground built just north of Slave Lake a few years back. Much of that work was subsidized by federal government make-work projects, he says.

"Rodeos used to be out of reach because we had no money to get around in those days," Norris recalls. He claims that there were many, many a time that he and others had to either hitch-hike or forget about a rodeo. "Us cowboys," he adds, "had a tough time affording meals on the road and the occasional hotel or motel room. Sometimes things was so skimpy, I never even had two nickles to rub together."

That's all changed now, he states. If you're any good at all, there's money to be made. "The money is creating better cowboys and the rodeo schools are making for better cowboys,

too," he admits.

On his quarter section of land about 20 miles east of Slave Lake, Norris has fond memories of his youth. There weren't many rodeos back then he says, but today the community rodeos at High Prairie, Grande Prairie, Grimshaw,

Fort Vermilion, Paddle Prairie and Bonnyville are quite large.

As for Norris, he sometimes involves himself judging events and helping out in the chutes but it's as close as he'll likely ever come again to spurring a bronc out of the chutes.



Rodeo veteran: Norris

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Bruised Head following dad's steps

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

Clinton Bruised Head who just turned 19 this month hails from the Blood Indian reserve in southern Alberta and has a real grasp of rodeo already.

Competing since the age

of 12, he has the good fortune of having older brothers and his dad, Pete, to learn from. Pete himself was one tremendous bronc rider right up into middle age and often qualified and competed at the world-famous Calgary Stampede.

Team roping, saddle



Talented with lasso: Clinton Bruised Head

bronc riding and steer wrestling have become Clint's favorite events and he's doing an admirable job in all three.

On the high school rodeo circuit this year, he won the team roping and steer wrestling and was runner-up for the all-around title which was hotly contested at Hobbema's Panee rodeo grounds. This has earned the young man a berth in the national finals at Pueblo, Colorado during the last week of July.

About a month ago, a bull cracked three of Clint's

ribs at the junior rodeo finals but the tough youngster did not let that prevent him from getting back in harness last weekend at Hobbema.

As long as he remains fit, Clint figures he'll continue to contest the saddle bronc riding. However, he considers steer wrestling to be his best event although he also likes to team rope.

In team roping he usually hooks up with one of his brothers as was the case at the June 11-12 Spring Bust Out Rodeo at Hobbema's Panee rodeo grounds. He

and his brother Wright performed very well indeed, walking off with second place money of \$421 each after stretching their calf in a swift 5.1 seconds! They only lost out to first by 4/100 of a second.

Once the rodeo was over on Saturday, Clint didn't stick around long enough to find out how he'd wind up. He immediately booted it northward with some other cowboys to compete at the Paddle Prairie rodeo.

To enter one rodeo after another, despite the time and distance, is crucial in

vying for top marks in the chase for the annual all-around title or even a single event title for that matter. The contestants know they have to contest as many rodeos as possible and accumulate a lot of points.

This summer Clinton plans to circulate a bit in the United States where he wants to take out a pro rodeo permit and, hopefully, continue his winning ways among the professionals. If nothing else, he admits, the experience itself will be a good teacher. □

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Merle Yellowbird

Ropin's a real family affair

BY TERRY LUSTY
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Hobbema's Cree Indian reserve harbors a family of four brothers all actively engaged in rodeo and all expert ropers.

There's Merle, 30; Marvin, 27; Dion, 22; and Carter, 18.

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There's the Labelles, Lefthands, Bruised Heads, Day Chiefs, Buffalos, Roastings, McLeans, and so on. They're all good and all command due respect because, on any given day, any one of the bunch can turn up the winner.

Up until the mid-70s, there were few ropers of note, especially in Alberta's central and northern regions, according to Yellowbird.

But, he adds, this particular event has gained an awful lot of popularity over the past decade. Part of the reason for that, he says, has been its inclusion as part of the Hobbema summer rodeo circuit plus increased payouts.

His brothers can attest to the attractiveness of the payout angle. Carter and David placed first at Hobbema's Spring Bust Out last weekend and received \$552 each for only 4.7 seconds of work. Yep, at some rodeos now, it is

the highest paid of all the events.

Merle took up the rope about 10 years ago and went on to become the Region 1 champ of the IRCA circuit in 1984. He also qualified for the world finals at Albuquerque in '83 and '84. In fact, he had the fastest time at Albuquerque in '84 — a sizzling 3.5 seconds. Now that's ropin'!

Yellowbird first started in rodeos as a bull rider but quickly outgrew it when he eventually shot up to over six feet in height and 200 pounds. (Most bull riders are about 150 pounds).

He left the bulls behind and, around 1980, began to do quite well at steer wrestling.

One of his more memor-

able moments came last year at the Ponoka rodeo when he and his brother, Carter, won the team roping in seven seconds flat. "It meant a lot because it was a pro rodeo and their alley (which the ropers have to ride out from) is a long one," he remarked.

Yellowbird isn't necessarily into winning the bigger and better-known rodeos. That's really secondary to him. He still appreciates the IRCA circuit and does most of his competing within Alberta.

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ROPIN' AND RIDIN'

Cowboy kicks the habit, starts winning again

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

Being too loose with one's drinking habits has and continues to cost many a good cowboy their

careers. Just ask Terry Dixon from Eden Valley.

Dixon has been steer wrestling and saddle bronc riding for close to 10 years now but it's not been without its ups and downs.

When he got to be fairly

good at the steers, he says, "I made money on the pro circuit but got into booze." That, he admits, was one big mistake and it cost him.

Once the evils of drinking seeped in, it was all downhill and Dixon knew it. He

realized he had to quit his drinking ways or he'd never amount to anything. And he did quit...four years ago. In consequence, he says, he feels a whole lot better and his performance has improved considerably. "You can only lower yourself (by drinking)," he comments, adding that there are many young guys out there who have the talent and could be good cowboys but overdo the drinking bit.

When he fell into the trap, he saw a lot of his life wasting away before his very eyes, he states. He had learned doggin' from one of the best; Tom Bewes, five times the Canadian all-

around champ. But, his drinking made him wonder whether it would be a write-off.

Well, it hasn't been. Dixon cleaned up his act and has since come away a true winner. In 1986 he took the all-around in British Columbia. The following year, he came in second overall in the IRCA. In '87, he also qualified for the World Indian Finals at Albuquerque and wound up a respectable seventh. Last weekend at Hobbema's Spring Bust Out, he walked off with first.

Next year, he plans to resume his participation on the pro rodeo circuit. He senses that he's on a roll

and hopes he can take advantage of it. "I'd like to win until I'm 38 or 40," he says.

After that, he plans to take up a trade. He claims to be pretty handy with tools and wouldn't mind becoming a licenced mechanic some day. He enjoys tinkering with cars every now and then and is also into a bit of carpentry and ranching.

He figures he'll probably take in about 15 rodeos this year. Ten of them will likely be in B.C., he adds, but insists his favorites are still the ones at Sarcee and the Canadian Indian Classic at Hobbema's Panee Agriplex. □

Ghostkeeper shoots for Reno

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

For about three years now, 23-year-old Northern Albertan Dennis Ghostkeeper has been testing bulls and bareback broncs.

The Paddle Prairie cowboy claims to have picked up a lot about his trade from the late, but renowned, Ray Houle of Paddle who passed away in '83.

Although he's been hanging his hat in Wetaskiwin for the last few months, Ghostkeeper admits he must start thinking about returning home because "there are things I got to do with my land."

Bareback broncs are this fella's favorite pastime and the Canadian Indian Classic Rodeo at Panee in August of each year is his favorite time.

He figures he did pretty good last year coming second on the bulls at the Indian rodeo finals and winding up only two points away from qualifying for the World Indian Finals at Albuquerque last November.

This season Ghostkeeper hopes to do well enough to qualify for the big showdown at Reno, Nevada. "I plan to go hard this summer."

At present he's a little bothered by a bad left knee — some ligament and cartilage damage there but nothing too serious to fret about. He confesses, "I've really been quite lucky and

not had any bad spills."

When asked how long he intends to compete the cowboy remarks, "probably as long as I can." Once age and injuries start creeping up on him, he says he may graduate to some of the timed and more gentle events like ropin' or

doggin'.

Like others who finished up at Panee on Saturday, June 11, he's off to the rodeo at Paddle Prairie to compete on Sunday. "Gotta try an' make some cash up there and add to my total points," he yells as he takes off in a cloud of dust. □

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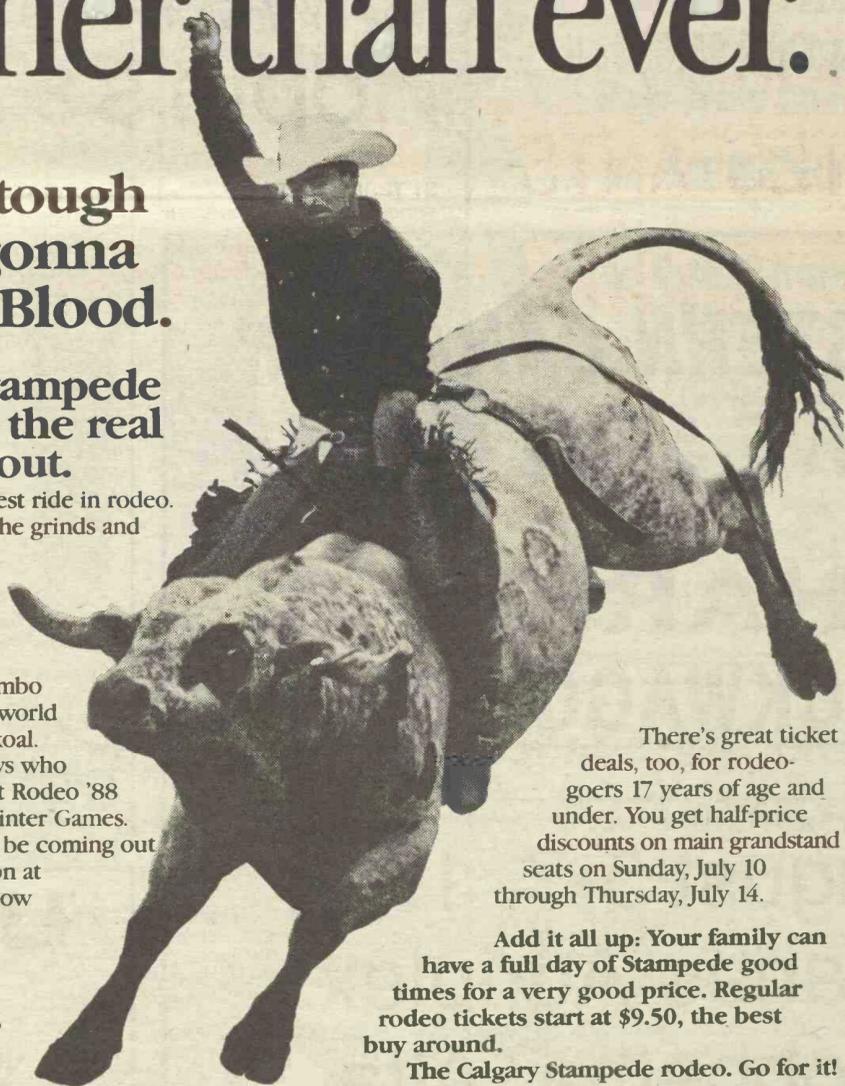
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ROPIN' AND RIDIN'

Richard Bishe

Clowning around, serious stuff

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

Whether it's bravery and steel nerves or pure idiocy (which adequately describes rodeo clowns) is subject to speculation. One thing is certain — they often save the lives and/or limbs of many a bull rider.

One of rodeo's Indian clowns for the last few years has been Richard Bishe from Sarcee.

When asked by Windspeaker how he got into such a dangerous racket, Bishe responds that he and others at Sarcee used to practice bull riding at the agri-plex but usually had no

bull fighter. Often, he'd be corralled into doing it and that, essentially, is how he got his start.

Of his teacher, Ryan Burns from Prince Albert, Bishe says, "I had him show me some of the ropes."

It takes time to build up a reputation so that you are in demand at rodeos explains Bishe. Last year, he says he only worked about a dozen rodeos, all of them in Alberta.

Most jobs are obtained through rodeo contractors and, sometimes, through rodeo committees Bishe explains. He realizes it takes time to build up one's clientele and he's being patient. After all, he hopes

to make a career of clowning.

Bishe states that he has to really be in good shape to be a clown, mentally and physically. To keep fit he does all sorts of stretching, flexing and loosening up exercises cause he knows he has to be fast, agile, and quick-thinking.

Who knows, the next bull he steps into the arena with may be one destined to severely hurt a cowboy if he weren't there to prevent such a thing from happening. If he happens to get hit by a bull, "it comes with the job," he says. Up to this point he's been fortunate...not even a broken bone (touch wood). □

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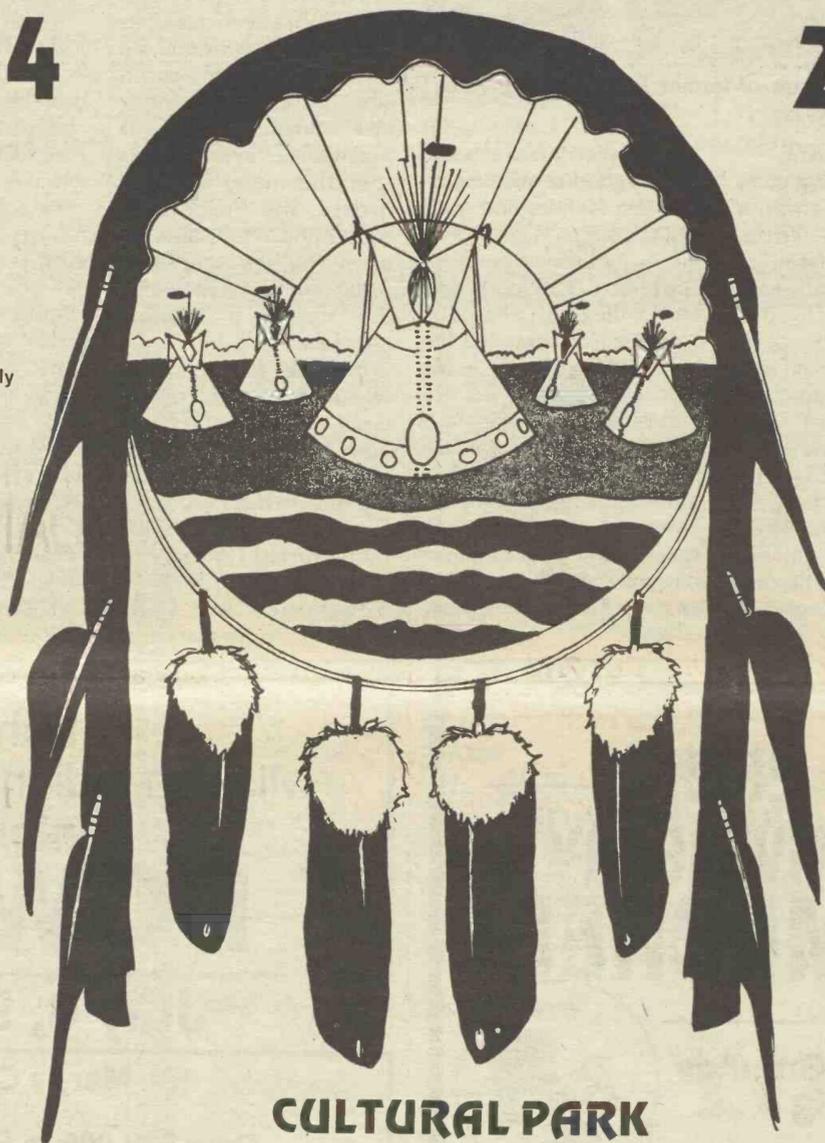
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Native Athletes honored at local book launch

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent
EDMONTON

A new book with a twist, *To Run With Longboat*, is a first in Canada and will quickly become a Canadian best seller according to its publisher Gary Zeman of GMS Venture Inc. in Edmonton.

The June 10 launching of the book at the Ermineskin Junior High School at Hobbema was like entering the pages of history. The only difference was that it was just as if you were there in person and in the prestigious company of a dozen great Indian athletes. In fact, one actually was in the company of a few of the athletes — skier Sharon Firth, hockey's Freddie Sasakamoose and boxing's Roger Adolph, for all three were present at the occasion.

Two additional athletes of note who were present were Willie Littlechild, twice winner of the Tom Longboat trophy and a key figure in sponsoring the book; and Toronto's Bruce Kidd, a champion distance runner who was named Canada's outstanding athlete in 1961 and 1962. Kidd, an avid admirer of Longboat, made a special



Students hold picture of former Blackhawk: Freddie Sasakamoose looks on

trip west for the event.

To Run With Longboat is authored by Zeman's sister, Brenda whom Littlechild says he hired "to capture the Indian legend technique." He felt the oral tradition would be characteristic of the Indian way and he praises Zeman for being "able to do that — in a story-telling fashion."

Raised in Saskatoon and a former athlete herself, Zeman says the stories do not focus solely on the laurels of the Indian heroes, but on their personal lives and those of the people

around them. It's a book about "good relationships" between Natives and non-Natives she says in explaining non-Native coaches, competitors, friends are part of the total package.

Littlechild recounted his embarrassment when he was questioned about Longboat after winning the Longboat trophy 20 years ago as Canada's outstanding Indian athlete. He couldn't answer the question and that, he says, got him into researching, then wanting to write about Indian athletes.

Time was a factor and Littlechild found he could not spare enough to do the writing but he wanted to see it done, "to motivate the young people." For that reason, he and the publisher went to a good deal of personal expense. Both, however, express much satisfaction in the end product and are high on the fact that it is the first book of its kind in Canada.

Gary Zeman says a commitment from Peace Hills Trust to purchase 2,000 copies for placement in Alberta's high school libraries has been made. As well, the books will be available at major bookstores like Classic, Audrey's, W.H. Smith, Woodwards and Coles. Zeman adds that the many advance orders, the Peace Hills order, and retail sales will likely rocket figures to 5,000 in no time at all and thus make it a Canadian best seller.

Full color illustrations of all 12 athletes introduce each chapter and were done by George Littlechild, this year's \$5,000 winner of the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society's Asum Mena juried (Indian art) competition.

Although the book neglects superstars like

Tom Three Persons, Fred Gladstone, Alex Decouteau, Joe Keeper, and other greats, one has to start somewhere and that is precisely what we did claim Littlechild who also confesses he'd like to see yet another book published "on hockey, rodeo and boxing." That just may prove to be his next project.

As for this product, "I was absolutely thrilled," exclaimed Alberta Education Project director, Merv Kowalchuk. Extending congratulations on behalf of the education minister Nancy Betkowski, Kowalchuk commented he hopes the book will reach all high schools in Alberta and in other provinces as well. □

Athlete world's best

BY JOHN FLETCHER
Windspeaker Correspondent

Jim Thorpe would have been 100 years old this year. He was a great athlete and a Sac Fox Indian born May 1888 in Indian territory which is now Oklahoma.

He achieved the greatest honors an athlete could ever receive. He died in 1953, far from his beloved "Indian territory" in California, but he is buried in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.

His medals were taken away from him after the 1912 Olympic Games where he won the decathlon and pentathlon events. King Gustoff of Sweden called Thorpe "the greatest athlete in the world."

Thorpe played baseball one summer in North

Carolina and received money for expenses such as room and board. Many young athletes in that time played under different names to protect their eligibility as amateur athletes. Thorpe did not use an assumed name because he saw no wrong in playing for such a small amount of money. The amateur athletic union of sports in that day saw otherwise and took his medals away.

In 1984 his medals were restored to his family just before the 1984 summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

So this month, 100 years ago in Indian territory, an Indian was born and his Indian name "Bright Path" will go down as the "greatest athlete in the world." □



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SPORTS & LEISURE



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Beware of cowboys bearing stew!

Back on the rez we'd roam around on horses all summer long. I remember taking the 6 o'clock bus to Cold Lake and being met by a mob of cousins on horses all lined up on the side of the road like Indian taxis.

Here was a typical agenda of our day: pick up all the gang, ditch the little kids, swim in my uncle Jobby's dugout, kill garter snakes, eat berries and sneak into the band ranch and ride the calves.

On one trip to the ranch we met with an old cowboy. I thought he was going to give us heck for our renegade rodeos. Instead, he invited us in for rabbit stew and bannock. "Indian cowboy style," he said.

My mouth began to water and my stomach was growling by the time the old cowboy was dishing up our rabbit stew.

My appetite left the moment I looked into the bowl. The cowboy had thrown in everything — the head, liver, guts. And the bannock was hard as rock. Suddenly, I felt sick. And the more I guessed at what was in my bowl, the more nauseous I got.

But the ole cowboy was so nice that I couldn't bear to tell him that his food grossed me out. So I ate it. And when he offered me seconds I said thanks but no thanks. He told me and my cousin to come around anytime and he'd share his stew with us again. Maybe next time, cowboy.

We never did go back to that place again. And thinking about it now I can't remember him eating that stew. He just stood next to the table grinning, watching us chomp his brew.

COLD LAKE: Boy, that Randy Metchewais and Alfred Martial learn fast. A couple weeks ago Randy called to let me know that the Cold Lake Mariners were putting on a slowpitch tourney. "This will be our first one ever," said an unsure Metchewais. At the time there was no advertising, press releases or invitations and the event was scheduled in two weeks. Short notice.

The first thing we did was to get the tournament mentioned in our free service, Windspeaker Calendar of Events. Then we put the tournament under the "wanted" section of this column. And lastly, Randy and Alfred got on the horn and called every rec man and sports contact they could think of. All they could do was wait with fingers crossed.

"They got 12 teams (one no-show). That's not a bad turnout for less than two weeks notice.

Winning the modified slowpitch event was Moose Mountain over the Kehewin Red Wings, 10-4. Moose Mountain earned \$600 while the Red Wings flew away with \$400.

On the "B" side, the Kehewin Top Guns defeated Team Grand Centre to win the \$300 prize. Team Grand Centre snared \$200 plus the most sportsmanlike team trophy.

Moose Mountain's Ed Poitras won the male MVP award while Red Wing Connie Badger got the female MVP in the "A" side. Top Gun's Earl and Lorna Youngchief won the MVP trophies for the "B" side. Best first base went to Red Wing Doris Amahoose. Frog Lake's Clayton Cross claimed the second base award. Team GC's Lawrence Jacko was best third base. Moose Mountain's Joanne Lameman was the best short stop while Ed Poitras earned his second award: best pitcher.

"We got a lot of positive feedback," said Metchewais. Good fields, announcing, prizes and trophies were some of the attractions at the Cold Lake event. And, as I always say, that good ole Cold Lake hospitality.

Metchewais thanks volunteers Hugh Jacob, Charles Blackman, Maureen Marcel and Lawrence Charland, to name just a few.

The tourney took place over the June 11-12 weekend at the reserve's ball diamonds. The next co-ed tourney is scheduled during their famous Treaty Day Celebrations July 8-10. For more info about that tourney call 594-7183, extension 47.

ALEXANDER: Congratulations to Warren Kootenay and Cheryl Arcand-Kootenay on their

opening of the Tawaha (Cree meaning "hit it") golf driving range.

Warren is a University of Alberta student while Cheryl works at the Alexander band office. The husband and wife team employ a person to watch the fort during the day. The couple then take over on evenings and weekends.

"We have 20 tee off areas," said Cheryl over the phone, "and it's 250 yards to the fence." She adds: "But we don't see many balls hit over the fence."

Actually the idea was Warren's," said Cheryl. She was quick to point out that the driving range was only one of the many business ideas that Warren had. "But the driving range seemed like the best one."

The start up costs weren't too much, about the cost of a new truck. The couple got the capital from a wide spectrum of sources. One was the band, the Indian Affairs department plus a loan from the Alberta Indian Investment Corporation. And since Warren's a student he was eligible for a grant from a program for summer businesses for students. And, 60 per cent of their employee's wage is paid through another government program.

Where did they get all that business know-how? Well, Cheryl took a four-week business course put on by the Yellowhead Tribal Council where she made the actual proposal for the plan. "I guess it was a good proposal," said Cheryl, "we got the grants and loans."

Along with the range they have a batting cage. In the near future they may expand the services even more to a putting course.

Right now they've got a few specials. Buy nine baskets of balls and get the tenth free. Or try the lunch special that will get you the second pail for half price. Usually, a large pail (about 65 balls) would cost \$3.50 while the small pails (about 45 balls) runs at \$2.50. Club rentals are one dollar.

The driving range is along side Highway 642 — that's the main road that runs through the reserve from Morinville to Sandy Beach. Speaking of the beach, Sandy and the Alexander campgrounds are only 3 kms from the range. So you can make a day out of it — golfing and beach bumming.

"Everyone's invited," said Cheryl. If you want more info contact the driving range at 939-7305.

WABASCA: For anybody who wants to torture their bodies by running three to six miles, sign up for the Lloyd Yellowknife Memorial Road Race.

The starting line is at St. Theresa's school in Wabasca on July 30. Marathon martyrs should pre-register before July 25. There's five diversions for men and four for women. Medals and trophies will be awarded to top finishers while all finishers will get a T-shirt. There'll be juice, fruit and cookies after the run.

For more information contact the marathon man of the North, Allan Beaver by writing to him at: General Delivery, Desmarais, Alberta T0G 0T0 or phone 891-3045.

In a way I'm joking that torture stuff but I really don't get the motivation behind running until your lungs burst and legs collapse. I just stick to escalator racing at the mall.

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2nd.....400	2nd.....400	2nd.....400	2nd.....400	2nd.....400
3rd.....300	3rd.....300	3rd.....300	3rd.....300	3rd.....300
4th.....100	4th.....100	4th.....100	4th.....100	4th.....100
total: \$1,600	total: \$1,600	total: \$1,600	total: \$1,600	total: \$1,600

Teens ages 13-17:

Boy's Traditional	Boy's Grass	Boy's Fancy	Girl's Traditional	Girl's Fancy
1st.....\$400	1st.....\$400	1st.....\$400	1st.....\$400	1st.....\$400
2nd.....300	2nd.....300	2nd.....300	2nd.....300	2nd.....300
3rd.....200	3rd.....200	3rd.....200	3rd.....200	3rd.....200
4th.....100	4th.....100	4th.....100	4th.....100	4th.....100
total: \$1,000	total: \$1,000	total: \$1,000	total: \$1,000	total: \$1,000

Juniors 12 & under:

Boy's Traditional	Boy's Grass and Fancy	Girl's Traditional	Girl's Fancy	Golden Age (50 & over):
1st.....\$100	1st.....\$100	1st.....\$100	1st.....\$100	Men
2nd.....75	2nd.....75	2nd.....75	2nd.....75	1st.....\$500
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The coordinator will act as a member of a management team in facilitating a comprehensive community development process leading to the re-development of community based Child Welfare Services. This will involve the following duties: program development, supervisor of eight staff including family support workers, homemakers and receiving home staff, liaison with local agencies and public education campaigns.

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Hunting restrictions harm trappers

BY TERRY LUSTY
Windspeaker Correspondent

A University of Calgary professor claims it is possible government restrictions on Native

hunting and trapping practices could have fatal consequences.

Professor James S. Frideres, author of *Canada's Indians: Contemporary Conflicts*, says it

is not right for government to remove Natives' hunting and trapping rights without providing a substitute. Alternative activities are necessary when former ones are removed, he adds. If the time used for trapping is not replaced by other meaningful activity, problems may surface. Whether such a situation would lead to drinking, crime, suicide, or other deviant forms of behavior "depends on how that time is channeled. If there's no other meaningful activity to engage in, then that becomes a possibility," he says.

Apart from providing Natives with an economic base, says Frideres, trapping has been very important, socially and psychologically. Though most trappers do not make a lot of money, he suggests their work provides "enjoyment, a sense of linkage with one's history and an activity that gives some meaningful experience, as well as a sense of closeness to the land."

States Frideres: If government impacts Native subsistence patterns, Indians should demand "if you're not going to allow us to do this, we have the right to determine what alternative (economic activity) we want."

Frideres adds that any costs attached to providing such alternatives should be borne by government. Furthermore, it should provide "the same kind of self-esteem, self-worth and meaningful experience...that are tied in with the Indian way of life." If the activities have no meaning for the community or the individual in the community context, says Frideres, then the potential for deviant behavior escalates. While he does not think this has to happen, he affirms the necessity of support systems "to ensure that it does not happen."

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The County of Parkland No. 31 has an opening for August 31, 1988 at Kitaskinaw School. This person requires Alberta teaching certification or eligibility. Preference will be given to candidates who possess:

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Applications together with support documents, references, and the candidates most recent evaluation will be received until June 27, 1988 by:

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NADC Public Forum And Recognition of Bicentennial

Fort Vermilion
 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 1988
 Community and Cultural Complex

The Northern Alberta Development Council holds regular public meetings throughout Northern Alberta, giving everyone the opportunity to present briefs on matters of concern and general information.

The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at this meeting may contact Council member Kim Ghostkeeper in Paddle Prairie at 981-3734, or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274 for assistance.



Alberta
 NORTHERN ALBERTA
 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

I am requesting assistance in locating my natural family.

My birth name was *Deborah Ann Cardinal*. I was born in Edmonton on January 21, 1970. I lived with my mother and three brothers born 1962, 1966, and 1967 respectively. My sister was born in 1968. I am of Metis descent. If you have any information on my family, I can be contacted by phoning (403) 270-5271 in Calgary, AB. Any help to find my family would be greatly appreciated.

AIDS INFO

call toll free
1-800 772-AIDS

Confidential, professional information on AIDS and its prevention.

Alberta
 COMMUNITY AND
 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Paul Band 2nd Annual COMPETITION POWWOW

July 8, 9 & 10, 1988

GRAND ENTRY: Friday 7 p.m. — Saturday 1 p.m. & Sunday 1 & 7 p.m.

**M.C. ENOCH BIRD
DUFFIELD, ALBERTA**

**M.C. ERIC TOOTOOSIS
POUNDMAKER'S, SASK.**

**CANADIAN HOST DRUM
WABAMUN LAKE SINGERS**

**AMERICAN HOST DRUM
SELECTED EACH DAY**

EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Men's Traditional	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Ladies Traditional	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Men's Fancy	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Ladies Fancy	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00
Men's Grass	700.00	500.00	300.00	150.00

JUNIOR'S (7-12)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Boys Traditional	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Girls Traditional	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Boys Fancy	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Girls Fancy	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00
Boys Grass	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00

TINY TOTS . . . DAILY PAY-OUTS

40 & OVER	1st	2nd	3rd
Men's Buckskin	400.00	200.00	150.00
Ladies Buckskin	400.00	200.00	150.00
Men's Traditional	400.00	200.00	150.00

JINGLE DRESS (ADULT)	JINGLE DRESS (JUNIOR)
1st Place	100.00
2nd Place	75.00
3rd Place	50.00
4th Place	25.00

TEEN'S (13-17)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Boys Traditional	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Girls Traditional	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Boys Fancy	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Girls Fancy	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00
Boys Grass	400.00	300.00	200.00	100.00

JINGLE DRESS (TEENS)	DRUM COMPETITION
1st Place	1200.00
2nd Place	1000.00
3rd Place	800.00
4th Place	600.00
	5th Place
	6th Place

CONTACT:

Kirby Bird 428-0188 or (403) 892-2922
 Alex Belcourt 428-0188
 Wilson Bearhead (403) 892-2691 or 892-2554

MEN'S & LADIES FASTBALL TOURNAMENT

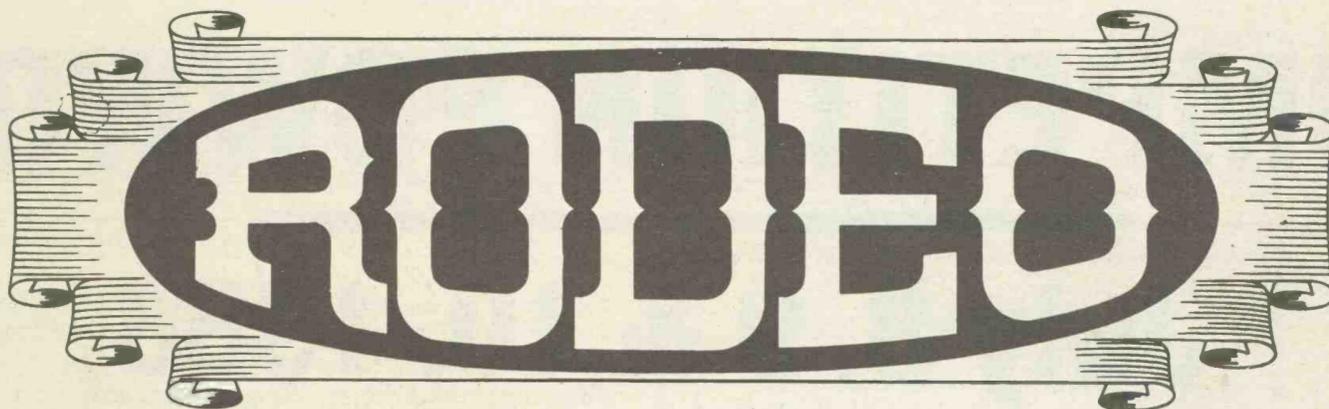
Total Prize - \$7,200.00 Cash
 First 16 Teams (Men's)
 First 16 Teams (Ladies)
 Deadline for Entry July 6th, 1988

45 miles west of Edmonton & 3 miles south of Duffield Corner & 1 mile west of Duffield

NOTICE:

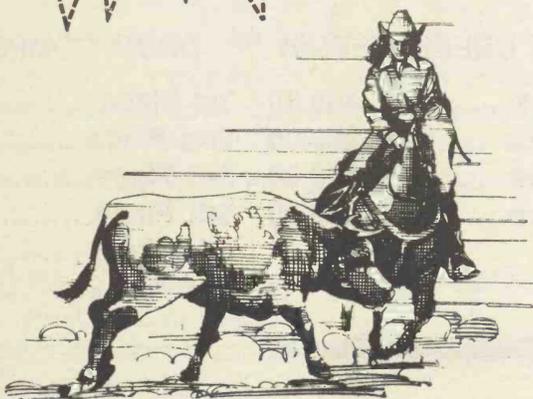
Paul Band is not responsible for any injuries, losses or theft. Alcohol or drugs are NOT ALLOWED on premises. 24 hour security.

Ma-Me-O Beach



Saturday and Sunday July 16 & 17

Added Events
Midway on the Grounds
Beer Garden



Entries Open July 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

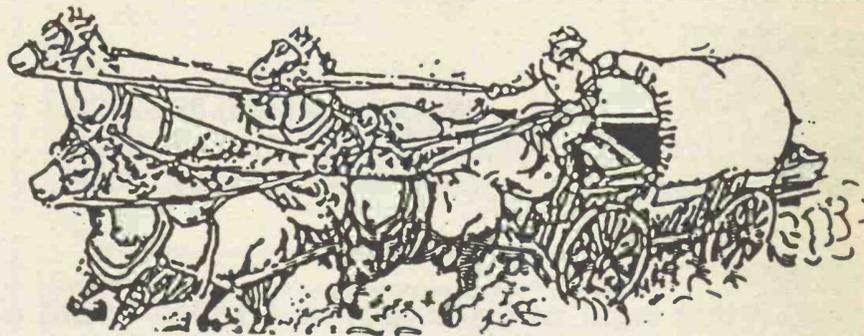
Call Back July 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information call Jim Yellowbird 586-2008
or 585-3852

Events

- Saddle Bronc
- Bareback
- Bull Riding
- Calf Roping
- Steer Wrestling
- Senior Barrel Racing
- Entries \$50.00
- Team Roping
- Entries \$50.00 per man
- Purse \$500.00**
- Buckles for the Champions**

- Junior Barrel Racing
- Junior Steer Riding
- Entries \$25.00
- Purse \$250.00**



Pony Chuck Wagon & Pony Chariot Races

Both Evenings

Sponsored by Jim Yellowbird & Family