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"The immigrants brought their modern technology and so-called progress and now we are having a difficult time trying to bring back the wisdom we once had."
- Columnist Stan Gladstone
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Peace and Dignity marathon



Bert Crowfoot

Runners on an epic relay linking North and South America passed through Alberta, stopping for a three-day rest in Hobbema. Alphonso Perez, far left, Pat Cutknife (in red headband, carrying staff), Jaime Rosario (beating drum) and Martin Herrera (far right) led a group of young people on a short run. The ceremonial staff carried by Cutknife is passed to different groups participating in different legs of the relay, picking up an eagle feather at many stops. The marathon concludes Oct. 12 in Mexico City and symbolizes the end of the 500 years of invasions that followed European contact. "We're doing this to honor our elders, heroes and culture. By doing these things, we're going to make sure our culture will be here in another 500 years," Perez told a crowd gathered to welcome them.

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Racist refused aid to dying man

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.
Carney Nerland refused to let a passer-by telephone an ambulance from his Prince Albert gun shop for the Native man shot by the white-power leader, an inquiry heard.
Kim Korroll, who was driving past Nerland's store just after the shooting of Leo Lachance, testified he saw the 48-year-old Cree trapper "go down violently" after being shot through the door.
"He went down like he had a heart attack or something - that was my initial reaction," the Prince Albert city employee told the three-member commission investigating the shooting.
Korroll said he ran into Nerland's gun shop and asked

to use the phone. Nerland refused and Korroll said he had to run another block to a pay phone to call for help.
Korroll's testimony came on the first day of an inquiry into how the police and justice system handled the shooting. Nerland, head of the Saskatchewan chapter of the Church of Jesus Christ Aryan Nations, is currently serving a four-year manslaughter sentence. He becomes eligible for parole in August.
The case has raised storms of protest in the Native community because Nerland was allowed to plead guilty to a manslaughter charge instead of standing trial. Many members of the community believed Nerland got an easy ride from

the justice system. There were also concerns that questions of whether Lachance's shooting was prompted by Nerland's racist beliefs have never been answered.
The inquiry broke last week for a two-week recess, after hearing testimony from witnesses and police about the shooting.
Korroll said when he entered the gun shop to ask for help, he saw two men with Nerland who appeared to be relaxing with the racist leader. Under questioning from Gerry Morin, lawyer for the Lachance family, Korroll said the bleeding Lachance could be seen clearly through the door.
Korroll's statement contradicted the story the two men-jail guards Gar Brownbridge

and Russ Yungwirth - told police during the investigation of the shooting. The said they looked out the front door of the shop after Nerland fired the fatal shot, but saw nothing.
Police photographs showed Nerland at the scene of the crime while officers took measurements. Cpl. Bruce Parker said it was unusual that Nerland would have been present during the investigation. He also said some officers on the 65-member force sympathized with Nerland's racist beliefs.
Questions were also raised about whether Lachance was in the store or outside on the street when he was shot.

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METIS CONFERENCE

More than 400 delegates flocked to the first-ever Metis Economic Development Conference in Edmonton to learn about business, from drawing up a plan to finding financing to making the business a success. A whirlwind schedule of workshops, speeches and social gatherings kept attendees going for two solid days.

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TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

Spending time with their kids is a priority with most dads, but Alex and Shayne Courtorielle have taken it one step further: they're a father-son RCMP team in Slave Lake. For Leonard Chiefmoon on the Blood Reserve, being home on a disability is giving him a chance to watch his nine-month-old daughter learn and grow.

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AD DEADLINES

The advertising deadline for the June 22nd issue is Thursday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m.

Tentative agreement reached

TORONTO

Native leaders walked away from last week's constitutional talks with a tentative deal on the recognition of the inherent right to self-government.

The agreement, which has enough support from the premiers to be accepted into the constitution, makes the inherent right legally enforceable on condition no court action is taken for three years.

Assembly of First Nations Chief Ovide Mercredi called the deal a "good agreement" and said it represented a fair compromise to take back to the chiefs.

"We still want the opinion of the chiefs before we concur," he told reporters during the latest round of constitutional negotiations. "This is a good agreement, a good way of showing flexibility and that's necessary

if we are going to achieve a good package."

Metis leader Yvon Dumont, who proposed the compromise, said the deal cleared "one of the biggest hurdles" in the way of Native self-government.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark said the agreement means the inherent right exists and "is not conditional." But he also said the first step toward realizing Native rights must be negotiation instead of court action.

"This doesn't close the discussion (on all Native issues), but it makes it easier for us to anticipate an accord," he said.

The deal emerged from a week of stormy meetings with angry Native leaders accusing the federal and provincial governments of double-dealing after they rejected a series of Native proposals.

The proposals included a role for Natives in Supreme

Court appointments, a guaranteed number of seats in Parliament and a secure seat at future first minister's conferences.

Their rejection prompted Native Council of Canada president Ron George to say at the time he wished he'd followed through on earlier threats to leave the process. Mercredi said the move made a mockery of self-government negotiations and threatened to mobilize public opinion against any new constitutional deal.

By the end of the week the rift appeared to be closing. Native council and Inuit representatives, while not giving final approval, said they were leaving the talks with a new sense of "optimism."

Even though the deal includes a delay on court action, which was rejected when it was proposed in Ottawa's first package, Mercredi said the delay is

acceptable on certain conditions: Ottawa must not use the period to amend the Indian Act, the deal must not affect existing treaty rights and court action must be an option to prevent third parties from developing First Nation lands.

Negotiators also reached an agreement that would see Ottawa amend the constitution to guarantee a "just" interpretation Ottawa and the provinces signed with First Nations more than 100 years ago. That could mean Native communities will gain control over more land they believe they should have received under the original agreements.

"What we achieved was to have Canada honor the treaties without us having to take them to court," Mercredi said. "Depending on what happens in the next few months or years, maybe my people will be proud to be Canadians."

Alberta bands from Treaty 6, 8 quit Assembly of First Nations

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Alberta bands from the Treaty 6 and 8 regions have left the Assembly of First Nations in a dispute over how grand chief Ovide Mercredi is handling constitutional negotiations.

"Effectively immediately, we are no longer members of the Assembly of First Nations," officials from the Indian Association of Alberta said in a prepared statement.

"Neither the national chief of the assembly . . . nor any of its representatives have any authority to negotiate or represent our interests."

The move follows growing concerns the assembly will bargain away arrangements that

have developed from the treaty process. Many Alberta Natives fear they will lose their ability to deal directly with Ottawa if the constitutional package now under negotiation gives the provinces too strong a role in the redistribution of powers.

Richard Davis, the Indian association Treaty 8 vice-president, said the decision represents a rejection of the "melting pot" approach taken to self-government issues.

"We are making it plain and clear to the Canadian government that we have our treaty through the Crown," he said. "We are a nation . . . Treaty people have to be dealt with in a different way."

According to the Indian association statement, chiefs from Treaty 6 and Treaty 8 will develop a new process for bringing their concerns to the federal government. Treaty 7 is reported

to be considering a similar move but will not decide until its chiefs have met with Mercredi.

Jerome Morin, the assembly's Alberta vice-chief, called the treaty chiefs' decision regrettable, but one that is being respected by the assembly's leadership.

"They are trying to protect their interests. They don't feel the current process is doing that," he said, adding that the pull-out won't likely affect current negotiations.

Relations between treaty chiefs in Alberta - who only rejoined the assembly last year - and the national organization have been strained in recent months.

Chiefs were threatening to leave the process during an Edmonton constitutional conference in April. The conflict was apparently resolved when the chiefs agreed to create a special

council within the assembly to deal with treaty issues.

But by last week the chiefs were saying attempts to have Mercredi adequately represent their concerns "have not been responded to or met with success."

Following the chiefs' announcement, constitutional negotiators at meetings in Toronto reached a tentative deal on self-government and a general agreement on securing treaty rights. Davis said the chiefs have agreed to meet with Mercredi to discuss the new developments. But he said there is no indication at this time they will change their stand.

Western treaty chiefs left the assembly in the mid-1980s. They formed the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance saying the move was necessary to advance their political concerns and protect their treaty rights.

••• NATION IN BRIEF •••

No PCB danger at Kamloops reserve

PCBs were not found in soil and human tissue tests at the Kamloops Indian reserve after the toxic chemical was found to be burned on nearby industrial land. Environment Canada spokesman Gordon Thompson also said the test did not find above-average lead levels in the area. Last month, environment officials warned local parents to wash their children's faces and hands before eating, fearing PCBs might be in the ground. Federal officials are investigating the incident. It will be at least another month before a decision is made whether to lay charges. Officials have so far refused to release the name of the person who is leasing the industrial site.

Ottawa backtracks logging in national park

The federal government has reversed its position on whether a logging contract in Wood Buffalo National Park is valid. Ottawa announced it now agrees with environmentalists who say allowing the cuts to continue violates federal law. "After some thought and after some re-examination of the particulars of this case, this decision was taken," said Yvan Huneault, press attache to Environment Minister Jean Charest. Ottawa's about-face came in the wake of legal actions by the Canadian Parks and Wilder-

ness Society to stop a company cutting old-growth spruce for Daishowa's High Level sawmill. The government had opposed the wilderness society's position up to as late as last month.

Former principal charged with sex assault

A former principal in the northern community of Assumption has been charged with sexual assaults from allegations dating back 20 years. Bryan Bayley, 49, is facing several charges ranging from buggery to indecent assault involving male teenage students. The alleged assaults occurred between 1968 and 1973, said RCMP Sgt. Dan Fudge. The charges follow the conviction of another former principal, Richard Stewart Faulkner, who earlier pleaded guilty to three charges of sexual assault against students. "It's been very stressful on everybody," said Bob McKenzie, current principal of the Dene Tha community school.

Quebec MPs block Native bill in power show

Members of the separatist Bloc Quebecois party used delaying tactics to block legislation that would have helped a northern Alberta Cree band and the Haida nation in British Columbia. While many members of the party said they supported the bill, they deliberately blocked its passage to show they have strength

in the House of Commons. "The government regularly denies our existence. We want to show them that we do exist and that we intend to participate fully in debate," said Bloc spokesman Jean Lapierre. Other MPs were furious with the move and accused the party of bringing politics to "a new low level." The Bloc Quebecois is made up of former Conservative MPs who left the party after the failure of the Meech Lake accord.

Natives losing patience over land claim

Native communities in British Columbia are losing patience with the drawn-out land claims process, says the hereditary chief of the Gitskan Wet'Suwat'en. Speaking to delegates at the B.C. Liberal convention, Herb George said living on reserves is not acceptable for the province's Native community. He also blamed racism for a court ruling last year that killed a Gitskan claim to more than 20,000 square miles of land. George vowed to fight the decision and rejected suggestions the land dispute could be resolved through negotiations. He said negotiating with the province's new NDP government is no different than dealing with previous Social Credit administration.

Oldman: Ottawa says "No" to closing dam

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PEIGAN NATION

Ottawa will allow the Oldman River dam to proceed even though a federal environmental review recommended shutting down the \$350-million mega-project.

"We are rejecting the option of decommissioning the dam," federal Transport Minister Jean Corbeil said in a media statement after the release of the review committee's anti-dam report.

"We are confident, based on the evidence presented to the panel, that the environmental impacts can be mitigated effectively."

In a near unanimous decision, the six-member panel recommended closing the massive southern Alberta irrigation project as its preferred option. It said the economic benefits of the project did not outweigh environmental damage to area fish habitats and forests.

It also criticized the federal and provincial governments for not respecting the rights of the nearby Peigan community. The Peigan stand to lose traditional lands as well as hunting and fishing areas if the dam goes ahead.

But while recommending the dam's closure, the panel also opens doors that could allow the nearly complete dam to begin operation on schedule this summer. Acknowledging the federal-provincial war that would likely break out if Ottawa blocked the project, the panel said it could proceed if certain steps are taken.

"This . . . less-preferred recommendation is offered because the (province) has shown some

efforts at mitigation and because acceptance of the first recommendation might lead to insurmountable conflicts," the report said.

The preconditions for dam operation set down by the panel include:

*Pay compensation to the Peigan for loss of traditional and historic lands and resources;

*The creation of an environmental management committee;

*Create an independent environmental management committee made up of government and community members to oversee the process of limiting damage caused by the dam;

*Reach an agreement with the Peigan on how the dam will be operated.

According to Alberta Environment official Jake Thiessen, the provincial government has already spent more than \$13 million on environmental mitigation projects. These have included the creation of new habitats for affected fish and wildlife as well as the creation of a cabinet task force to deal with Peigan concerns, he said.

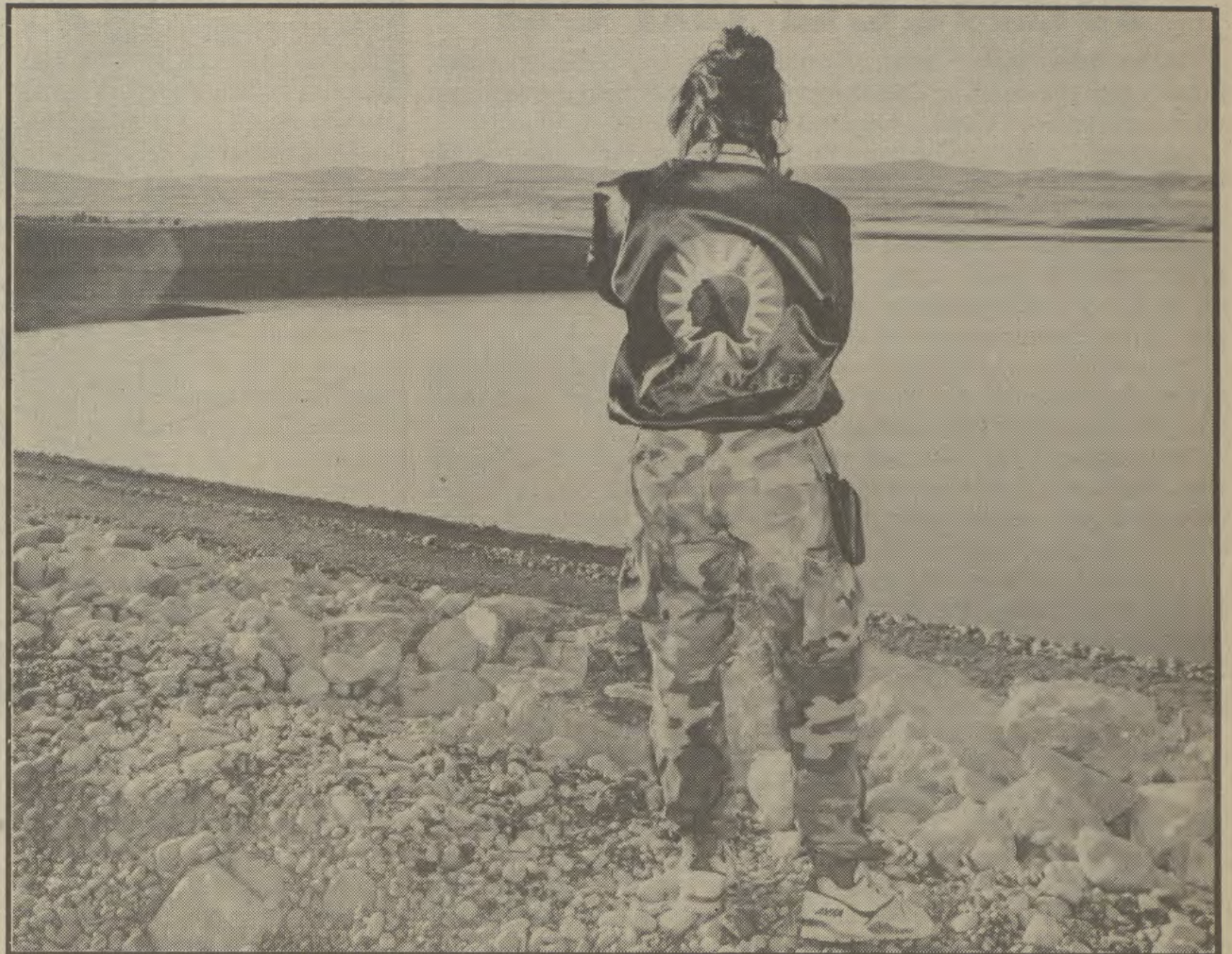
But Peigan chief Leonard Bastien said there has been no movement towards reaching a compensation agreement between the province and band.

"There have been no meetings so far," he said. "There have been suggestions for meetings on environmental impacts . . . The province is steadfast in their position that they own everything."

Meanwhile, both sides on the Oldman controversy have reacted strongly to the federal decision.

"We're being prudent," Bastien said. "Right now there is lip service on paper. The federal government has to follow up."

Lorna Born With A Tooth, a spokesman for the Peigan



Dave Buston, Canadian Press

One Lonefighter stands atop the dam during a pipe ceremony last year.

Lonefighters Society, which tried to divert water away from the dam in 1990, said the group will continue to be a "thorn in the side."

"We've taken up the fight to stop the dam. We're not going to stop now," she said.

Provincial government leaders showed no changes in their efforts to press ahead with the project.

Environment Minister Ralph Klein said the government will go over the report "point by point" to show the province is living up to the recommendations.

Key Recommendations:

1. De-commission the dam by opening tunnels that would let the water flow through the structure. This recommendation had support of five of the six panel members.
2. Operate the dam under "stringent" conditions. The conditions include reaching agreements with the Peigan Nation on compensation and dam management.
3. Create an environmental management committee. The committee should have the power to take necessary steps to limit environmental damage.
4. Develop a negotiating process for dealing with Peigan concerns. The process should allow the Peigan to reach agreements for compensating and limiting environmental, social and cultural damage.
5. Close the dam if province can't comply with recommendations 2, 3 and 4.

Dam opponent vows to continue fight

By Dina O'Meara
Windspeaker Contributor

A federal government decision allowing completion of the Oldman River dam sparked a series of veiled threats by one of the dam's most outspoken opponents.

Milton Born With A Tooth said he will use any means he can to continue fighting the diversion of the river into a reservoir at

the southern Alberta irrigation project.

"I'm not afraid," he said. "If that's what it takes, then that's what I'll do."

Ottawa's refusal to follow the recommendations of a federal environmental review panel is not surprising, Born With A Tooth said in a poetic and evasive *Windspeaker* interview. Although the legal system may be in place to effect change, it is up to people to follow through, he said.

"The legal process is there. I was willing to give the government a chance. Now I'll teach them how to enforce the law."

Born With A Tooth, member of the militant Peigan Lonefighters Society, was instrumental in a 1990 attempt to divert the river away from the dam. Since then he has travelled the country drumming up support for the river and Native self-government.

Born With A Tooth met recently with Natives staging a

blockade in northern Saskatchewan to protest clear-cut forest harvesting in the area. He said their camp was an example of Natives taking responsibility for their land.

The Lonefighter leader is currently awaiting the outcome of an appeal of his conviction on firearms offences stemming from the Lonefighter's 1990 Oldman diversion attempts. The appeal is scheduled to be heard in June in Calgary.



Milton Born With A Tooth

Inquiry hears testimony from expert on weapons

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According to Yungwirth's and Brownbridge's witness statements, Nerland fired two shots into the floor and one at the door as Lachance left the gun shop.

Police believed Lachance was shot through the door and deemed the shooting accidental.

But a weapons expert at the inquiry said he doubted the bullet taken from Lachance's body could have done as much dam-

age if it had first passed through the door.

So far, testimony at the inquiry has been public. But the RCMP has asked for some evidence to be excluded, fearing that it will reveal the names of informers in white supremacist groups.

Ted Hughes, the former justice who is heading the inquiry, insisted the proceedings remain public and refused to give the RCMP blanket permission to produce some of their evidence in private.

Nerland has refused to testify at the inquiry or be represented by a lawyer.

But inquiry lawyer Morris Bodnar is attempting to force Nerland through legal channels to testify.

The inquiry was announced by Saskatchewan Justice Minister Bob Mitchell in March following a year of public pressure.

It will resume public hearings later this month. A final report is expected to be released in the fall.

Cervical cancer rate soars among Natives

The rate of cervical cancer among Native women is six times higher than that of the general female population, say researchers at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Kue Young said fewer Native women take papsmear tests to detect cervical cancer, which is linked with the sexually transmitted human papilloma virus.

As a result, the disease usually isn't detected in its

early stages.

Young, who's with the university's Northern Medical Unit, said different attitudes and practices could be contributing factors.

The University of Manitoba's Dr. Robert Lotocki said a number of factors contribute to fewer Native women having pap tests. These include a lack of education about the procedure itself, poverty and access to health care.

Inquiry reveals more to killing than system wanted aired

After more than a year of public pressure, Saskatchewan's inquiry into the death of Cree trapper Leo Lachance at the hands of white supremacist Carney Nerland is underway.

And testimony arising from the first week of the summer-long investigation is likely confirming hard suspicions that there was more to the Lachance shooting than met the public eye.

Police officers have told the three-member commission they suspect some of their colleagues sympathize with Nerland's racist views. Police photographs even show Nerland on hand during one part of their investigation.

An eyewitness to the shooting said Nerland refused to lend him the telephone in his gun shop to call an ambulance for Lachance, who lay bleeding on the sidewalk outside.

A weapons expert further testified that he doubted Lachance was outside the store when struck by the fatal bullet. He said it was unlikely a bullet would have done as much damage as the one that killed Lachance if it had first travelled through a door.

None of this evidence proves that Nerland's actions were anything less than an accident, as police concluded at the end of their investigation. But it does show that there was more to Lachance's tragic death than what the justice was prepared to deal with in a public forum.

When Nerland was sentenced to four years on a manslaughter charge, it prompted storms of protest. Members of the community said if the roles had been reversed - if Nerland had been Native and Lachance had been white - the case would have been handled differently. With far greater severity, in all likelihood.

Even at the beginning of the process, this inquiry is showing the public outrage was justifiable. The circumstances surrounding the crime never had a full public airing and the public never viewed the evidence that formed the basis of Nerland's sentence. Now those circumstances are coming to light and the picture is ugly.

But what should the community take from this process?

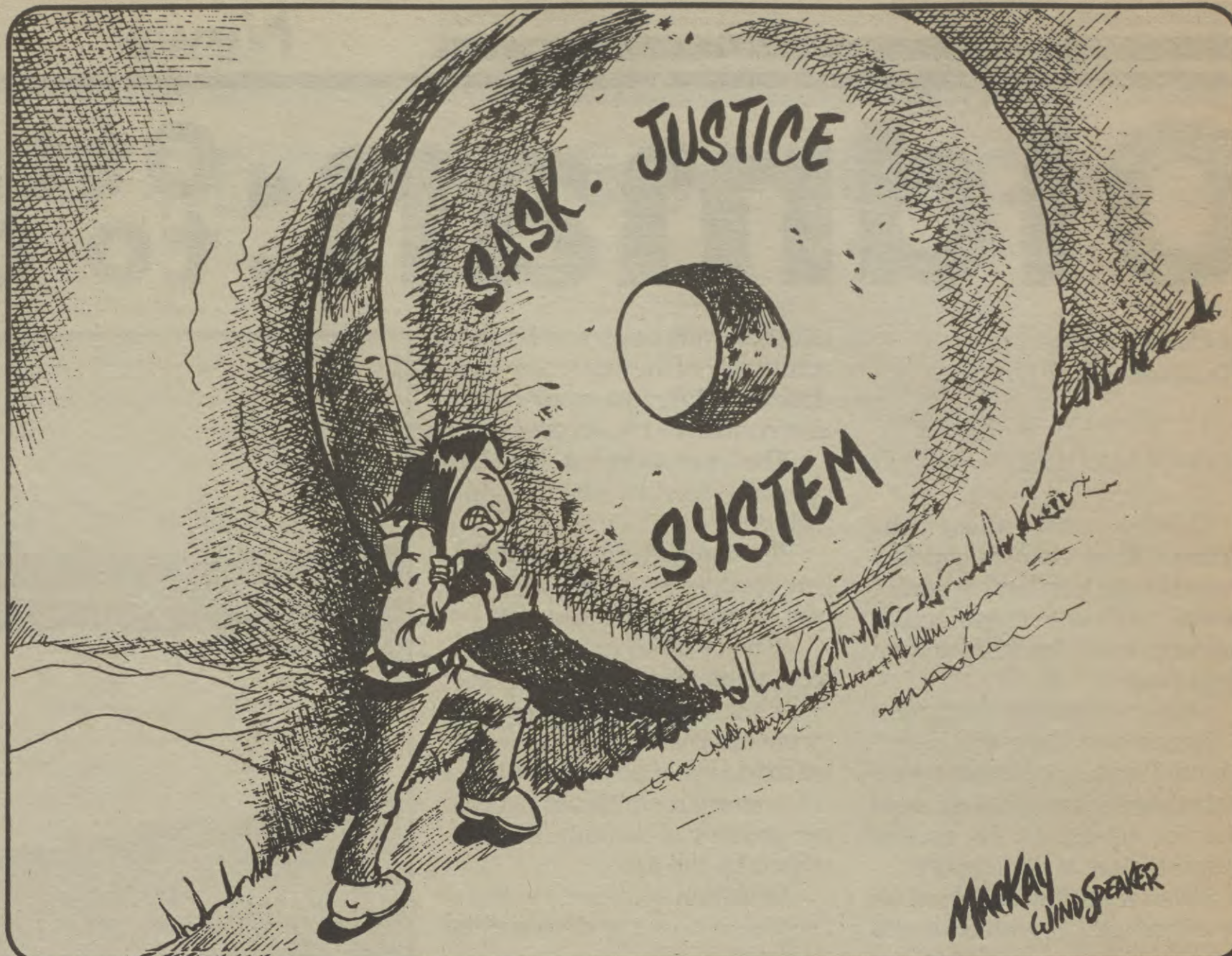
Clearly, there will be new causes for outrage and protest. But the inquiry does not have to become grounds for a witch-hunt within Prince Albert's police force or a fundamental rejection of the justice system.

The law has a tendency to insulate itself from external criticism. A recent example would be the five years it took for Wilson Nepoose to get the critical review of his murder conviction that resulted in his freedom.

There are some similarities with the Lachance case. The legal process acted alone, again without an obvious recognition of the concerns raised at the grassroots. It now looks like those community concerns were justified.

Hopefully, this inquiry will become an example of the distance between the implementation of the law and the community. If Nerland's four-year sentence was truly appropriate for the crime, then that would have been apparent over the course of a full and fair trial. If it was not, then not only would justice have been done, it would have been seen to be done.

Community leaders, the legal system, politicians and the public should be looking to this inquiry as a chance to understand the distance between themselves. It should become the example that starts a healing process that will respect the needs of the accused and the needs of the people.



Natives don't need charter

In the report To The Source, released by the Assembly of First Nations, there was a recommendation to not allow the charter to override aboriginal law. This has caused a flurry of protest from women's groups, civil libertarians and others. Several national print columnists have also subscribed to the view that Native leaders are off-side with this request.

During the current round of constitutional discussions, Federal Unity Minister Joe Clark insisted that the charter apply to aboriginal inherent self-government.

Should the Charter of Rights and Freedoms apply to aboriginal communities? The initial response would be yes, of course. After all, the Charter is a piece of legislation that embodies all the liberal humanitarian ideals of a free and democratic society. That being true, then aboriginal leaders should embrace the charter rather than reject the values it represents.

Is it that the aboriginal leaders are not prepared to accept these freedoms for their own people? That assumption is in-



Guest Column by Mel Buffalo

correct and reflects an ethnocentric view that only mainstream Canadian society is tolerant of the individual.

I believe that aboriginal communities, because their survival was based on co-operation rather than competition, are more tolerant of individual rights. If the charter is made a condition for aboriginal self-government, it may undermine available jurisdictional limits for an unencumbered aboriginal self-government.

So why the protest? Is it that the charter proponents for applicability to Indian reserves believe there would be a torrent of human rights abuses right at the front door step? That belief is rife with paternalism and based on racism.

However, there are some

specific charter concerns for First Nations people if the charter is to have standing over aboriginal law. For example, during Indian celebrations or ceremonies, vehicles entering reserves are searched for alcohol or drugs by the sponsoring committee or tribal police. Apply the charter and someone may argue unreasonable search and seizure.

And what will be the effect on the Indian Act? As outmoded as it is, it still has some real protections in place for Indians.

I say let's not change the situation with the courts, the charter and aboriginal law. The charter should not have been introduced as part of the negotiation process. As it stands now, any constitutional change relating to Native people must be done with Native consultation.

Wind speaker

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Your Opinion

Taxing child support unfair

Dear Editor,

We are two single parents who have organized a group to fight the federal government on a tax issue. We realized that a great injustice was being perpetrated against us when we did our taxes this February. We discovered that 45 per cent of all the child support contributed by our ex-spouses was being clawed back by the government in taxes! We had seen a story in January in the Edmonton Journal about a woman in Quebec, Susan Thibaudeau, who was fighting this same issue. She is a social worker in Trois Rivieres with two children, and for the last three years has been filing her income tax differently. She does not claim that child support as her income and files separate forms for her children, dividing the child support between them and claiming it as their income. She has also filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of 1500 women in Quebec to challenge the law that sees child support as income for the custodial parent.

We decided to form a group to support her and raise the awareness of Albertans about this unfair tax system. The current tax laws state that the non-custodial parent is able to de-

duct the entire amount of child support payments from their gross income, while the custodial parent (usually the mother) has to claim this amount as income. We believe that this money is not income, it is reimbursement for living expenses involved in raising children. As a result, men who leave their families gain a great financial advantage, actually subsidized by the rest of society in taxes, while the women, who are statistically shown to be lower wage earners to begin with, are further penalized.

The costs of raising children are already seriously underestimated by judges, lawyers and even parents. These costs were brought to our attention when actually preparing a budget for divorce proceedings. When two parents are living together the costs of raising children are shared, with both parents paying their own taxes. However, when parents separate, the custodial parent actually pays the tax on the non-custodial parent's financial contribution to his children's well-being.

Currently Canada is the only country taxing child support. Revenue Canada's justification for this is that men lose the dependant deduction upon sepa-

ration from their families. However, at \$69 per year deduction for a child (\$406 x 17 per cent) this hardly compares to a \$4800 deduction which a parent paying \$200 per month will receive.

This issue is a timely one as it is an election year and the laws on child support are being reviewed all over the country in order to have a more uniform and equitable system. A change in the law will affect at least the 264,520 parents who claimed child support in 1989, the vast majority of whom were women.

Our primary goal is to have this unfair tax law thrown out. To accomplish our goal, we have formed a group - People Against Child-Support Taxation (PACT) and now need to raise society's awareness of this issue. We need your help!

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Linda Caldwell

Child support payments are for the benefit of the child and should not be taxed, readers claim.

Calgary Native school's plight disgusts reader

Dear Editor:

I have been reading up on the plight of the Plains Indians Cultural Survival School. I am currently residing in Edmonton, working for a newspaper myself. I did go to school at P.I.C.S.S. from 1988 to 1991 and received my advanced diploma for high school at the age of 21.

I am very proud to say that I graduated from that school because it made me realize what education can do for a Native community. To hear that the funding for the school might be cut off makes me angry at how much the government is willing to deny Natives the right to education, whether it be the government of Canada or the provincial government or whoever. What disgusts me the most is when you hear about the MLAs or the MPs spending tax-payers' money on superficial things instead on what is clearly important. I cannot believe they cannot help the school with this problem, because I believe this school has every right to survive. They are the ones who are holding back the Native people from any possible future. I, myself do not believe in the political aspect of education. All I believe is education is the main key to open the door to self-government and self-respect.

My fate was like any other teenage girl with no education and no future. I did go to many other high schools before I went to P.I.C.S.S. The last school I attended told me that I was too old to be in that school, they referred me to go to an upgrading school. I quit school hoping that I could go to work. I struggled working odd jobs doing nothing with my life. So, I decided to go back to school, and P.I.C.S.S. intrigued me. I didn't know what to expect from what I was told of that particular school. All I knew is that I needed my education. With that assurance, I moved to Calgary from Edmonton. I didn't know how I was going to live and I didn't have any finances whatsoever. It seemed like an uphill struggle to start but when I finished I was on top of the world. The main thing I learned is it gave me more than my education, it gave me my self-esteem and my pride to be a Native.

My condolences to the many Native people who are trying to seek their education but are denied. They are the ones who are being swept under the rug by the politics of money. My deepest condolences to my family at P.I.C.S.S. for you are the people who gave me my future and my dignity. Thank you.

Ethel Winnipeg

Clarification

In a Letter to the Editor published in the March 30 issue of *Windspeaker*, under a headline reading Treaty 6, the Indian act and a Nobel prize for stupidity, the last paragraph was edited in a way that changed the author's intent. Harvey Kinematayo, Hereditary Ambassador, Treaty 6, Saskatchewan, does not support self-government for Treaty Indians. We apologize for any misunderstandings this may have caused.

Native people's court system should be international

Dear Editor:

The Native community is soon going to have self-government. With the set of rights now being negotiated for protection in the constitution, we are likely to have our own court system.

Having a court system for Native people in Canada is a good idea. But it is also one that should be extended to include the whole continent.

Native people were sovereign nations in North America before the Europeans came here. There were no borders as we know them now. Our rights as separate nations are recognized in several legal documents, including the treaties and the Royal Proclamation of 1763.

We have special status and

therefore should have a special justice system. Native justice should be defined in international agreements that would give us what amounts to an international court.

This court would be based on Native traditions and would have power to decide issues like status, as well as treaty and Metis issues. It would be made up of Native judges and use Native lawyers.

Because the court would be international, it would also be able to decide where Native prisoners serve their sentences. Native people may commit crimes in the United States or Canada. Under the current system they serve their sentences wherever the courts tell them to. With the Native courts, convicted peo-

ple would be able to move around so could be closer to their families and cultures.

Some people might argue that the system I am proposing is too expensive. But there are millions of dollars sitting in the federal treasury left over from various programs and policies, like the old Indian estates policy, that are not being used. Maybe some of this money could be released to fund a court system.

It is important that we address these issues now. If we wait it will be at least another 10 years before the constitution is opened up again for new negotiations. We should take advantage of the opportunity we now have.

Dave "Tiny" Giroux
Hobbema

Mikisew chief seeking re-election

Dear Editor:

This is a notice to the people of the Mikisew Cree First Nation of my intent to seek re-election for the office of chief. I know our "Vision" and have the wisdom and experience to carry out your mandate.

The people have directed me to lead and keep the Band on the path established by the "Vision" of our members:

1. By the year 2000 we become proud, capable and independent people and with none of our members on welfare.
2. Create employment and training for our people.

I am going to the people for a

mandate to focus on the betterment of the members in the following:

1. Encouraging and enhancing the cultural movement of the members;
2. The creation of more employment and training for the members.

In summary, I will work towards the betterment of our members so that they will have strength in their culture, skills in careers of their choice, to become self-sufficient and proud people.

I have taken the mandate and the "Vision" very seriously during this term of office and my record for the people stands

on its own. I have steadfastly maintained the responsibility to foster and protect the interests of the members of the band for the present, tomorrow and the future.

My people have spoken and because of my commitment to them and the achievement of our "Vision" be it known that I, Chief Archie Waquan, am hereby publicly announcing to the members my intent to seek the office of the chief of the Mikisew Cree First Nation.

By the people and for the people and in the true spirit of our "Vision", I remain respectfully yours.

Chief Archie Waquan

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BEARDY'S & OKEMASIS ANNUAL POWWOW; Aug. 25, 26 & 27; Duck Lake, SK.

What's Happening?**Metis student wins award**

By Ethel Winnipeg
Windspeaker Contributor

Edmonton, AB - Tanya Tourangeau of Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement has won the Dr. Anne Anderson Award for Excellence. The award is divided among schools in the Edmonton area and is given to the most productive and active Native student in senior high school. Tanya was chosen for her academic excellence and is very active in school activities. She participates in the Native Student Club, among others. She is a single mother of a two-year-old boy. She will be graduating in June from St. Joseph High School.

Also in Edmonton, the announcement of the winner of the Fire Awareness Program Poster Contest within the status Indian communities across Alberta was made on May 28, 1992. The winner of this year's poster is Laurie Okeymow of Hobbema. Laurie, a

Grade 9 student at Ermineskin Junior High School, captured first place for her poster, Fire Won't Wait Plan Your Escape. Okeymow's poster also won third place in the national competition.

Regina, SA - Eleanor Brass of the Peekpeekis Reserve in Saskatchewan died on Friday, May 20, 1992. Eleanor was a well-known writer in Saskatchewan. She started her writing career in 1949 with the Regina Leader, writing a column on aboriginal issues. She published two books, the first was Medicine Boy and Other Cree Tales. This book was on legends and stories from her youth. Her second book was on herself called I Walk in Two Worlds, published in 1987. She didn't finish a third work-in-progress, titled Off the Buckskin Pieces, due to illness. In 1991, Eleanor received an honorary degree from the University of Toronto in recognition of her work in the Native community, as well as her literary work. She was also

a very active volunteer at the Regina Friendship Centre and the Indian Friendship Association.

Boston, MA - The 16th Annual Sacco-Vanzetti Memorial Award went to Leonard Peltier. The Sacco-Vanzetti award is rewarded to the person for their role in human and civil rights. Leonard Peltier was the national leader of the American Indian Movement, who has spent the last 16 years in federal prison. A Dakota Sioux and Chippewa from Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reserve, North Dakota, he was convicted on circumstantial evidence for the killing of two FBI Agents in 1975 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He has petitioned for his freedom since the time of his incarceration in 1975. He has earned world-wide recognition for his efforts and won other awards for his role in human rights.

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Sharing wisdom makes children healthy adults

Living in harmony and respect for our Mother Earth is the key to survival as far as I'm concerned. You will see Native people placing tobacco at the foot of a tree or willow or any other plant before they cut or dig it up. I saw this being done when I was a child. My mother would sometimes take plants for medicine when she needed them. She would always place tobacco where she removed the plant. I am always grateful that I went along with her on these plant gathering trips. I am always very thankful that some of our older people refused to give up our old ways. I know that it has been hard to hang onto our spiritual ways. We were always

put down wherever we went. In fact, we had to hide if we were going to have a ceremony. The faith and belief in our Creator allowed our elders to persist and not give up. Now we have powwows, sweat lodges, round dances and other ceremonies all because our elders refused to let go. I do not believe that our way of life will ever again have to suffer the way we did. We are becoming stronger than ever these days.

We have gained a lot in the past few years. We now have a few places where we can go to be alone with our Creator and do our ceremonies. It has not been easy trying to teach our younger people the way of the pipe and the respect we have to have for Mother

Earth and all things that are in our environment. Native people made sure that the children were well taken care of. The children were taught that they had to learn about respect and living with other forms of life. All living things have a right to live on Mother Earth just as we have. Our children were with grandparents much of the time. They also spent time with their uncles and aunts. These relatives all had different things to teach the children. As a result of this, you would have a well developed personality. The education that the young person got, he would not forget. People think is right.

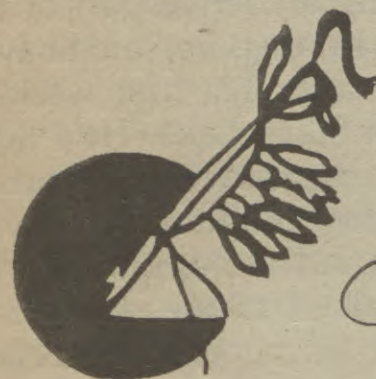
Parents and the immediate family all worked together with



I Have Spoken by Stan Gladstone

their children. There was much wisdom in the way they taught their children. They did not have to force the young people to learn. The young people wanted to learn. The teaching was done in such a way that much of the learning was a pleasure. There was also a lot of love and attention devoted to the young people. They did not need a kind of law to live

by. A well developed young man did not have to get into trouble because he was responsible and did not need anything. When he needed something, it was no problem getting it. The immigrants brought their modern technology and so-called progress and now we are having a difficult time trying to bring back the wisdom we once had. I have spoken.



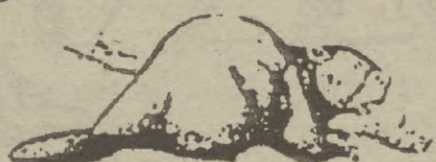
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Father, son join forces, RCMP-style

By M. Partington-Richer
Windspeaker Contributor

SLAVE LAKE, ALTA.

When Alex Courtorielle tells his son Shayne about the joys and hardships of Shayne's choice of careers, he knows what he's talking about. Alex is a constable with the RCMP detachment in Slave Lake. And for the summer, his 18-year-old son will also be his partner in crime-fighting.

What better Father's Day gift? Alex admits he's very pleased and proud that Shayne might - some day - follow in his footsteps and mount up for the Royal Reds.

"Part of my goal when I went into the RCMP was to set an example for my sons to follow," he said. Now Shayne, the eldest of three boys, is a special constable, part of the Aboriginal Summer Student Program. As such, he's empowered to carry out most of the duties of a regular member. He wears the uniform, he does the job. The only thing that's missing is a side-arm.

The two-year-old program promoted by the RCMP's K-Division in Edmonton invites interested aboriginal students to try the Royal Reds on for size. They're sent to a week-long crash course in policing at the RCMP training depot in Regina. Then, they're sent to work in their home detachments for the summer.

Shayne said he first heard about the program from a friend at Augustana University College in Camrose, where he's going into the second year of a degree course,



Father and son RCMP team Shayne and Alex Courtorielle.

Lakeside Leader

majoring in Sociology.

"My friend did it last year, and said it was quite an experience," said Shayne.

So when someone from K-Division in Edmonton asked him if he knew anyone who might be interested in the summer program, Alex didn't hesitate.

"I had heard about the program, but I never thought we'd

get it out in Slave Lake."

Alex helped.

"I put the bug in Shayne's head," he admitted sheepishly.

Applications and interviews took place last January. Finally the younger Courtorielle got word he'd been accepted into the program. In May, he went to depot to learn everything from note-taking to investigations, from self-

defense to the powers of arrest. In short, he got six month's worth of training in two hectic weeks.

The two Courtorielles now ride together on a regular basis - something Slave Lake staff sergeant Lance Steward said is relatively unheard-of.

Alex was born and raised in Slave Lake and joined the Royal Reds about five years ago. He was

a Special Constable first but soon decided to opt for full constable status. As a result he stood in line for a transfer, which came through earlier this spring. He'll move to the Pincher Creek detachment sometime this summer.

When Alex joined the RCMP, his dream was that one of his sons would eventually decide to mount up. This is just a first step, but Shayne hopes to follow through. He'll fill out his application to become a permanent member in September when he turns 19.

"I wanted to do this even before (dad) joined up. I just wanted to do it ever since I was a little kid."

Being an active part of the force is impressive, said Shayne shortly after his first week of duty in Slave Lake. He's done everything from check-stops to bike safety programs to investigations and working on files. He even talked to the students at Roland Michener High School in Slave Lake.

That, admitted Shayne, was a little unnerving. Walking into the halls where he'd completed his high school less than two years earlier felt a little strange.

Alex smiles knowingly. He grew up in this small town and was well into his twenties when he decided to join the force.

"He'll have to accept being treated differently because he's in uniform," said the elder Courtorielle.

In fact, he added, Shayne will have to get used to "seeing a new side to some old faces".



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Education a priority for Blood dad

By Barb Grinder
Windspeaker Contributor

BLOOD RESERVE, ALTA.

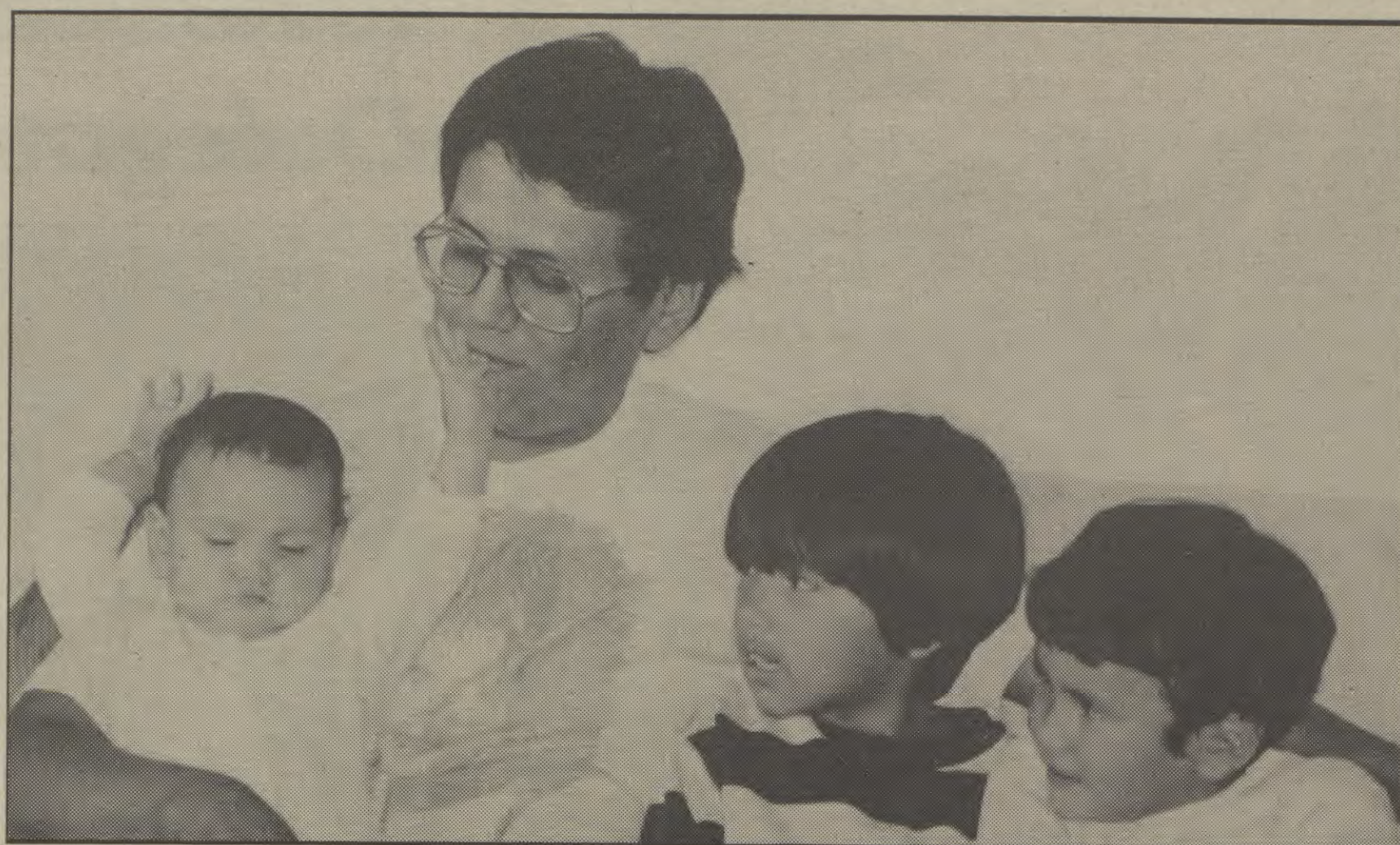
Being off work on a disability has been a boon for Blood Reserve resident Leonard Chiefmoon. The 29-year-old cheese factory worker says it's given him time to watch his baby daughter grow.

"With the other two girls, I was gone all day, and by the time I got home at night I was too tired to really pay attention. But with the baby, (nine-month-old Randi), I've been watching her learn to crawl and stand up. I'm enjoying my little girl."

For Leonard, being a father is a real blessing, though it's also a lot of work. A strong believer in discipline, he feels it's important to teach his daughters to work hard, respect people's differences and respect property. Education is also an important goal he has for his children.

"You have to have an education today to do anything," he says. "I had three brothers and two sisters and they all went through high school, though I dropped out when I was 16. I guess I took some wrong turns and dug myself into a hole, but lucky for me, I had my parents to help me out."

Leonard credits his parents not only with being supportive of him, but of always showing they loved him. "My dad (John Chiefmoon) worked real hard,



Leonard Chiefman with 9 month old daughter Randi, Tiffany and Toni (right).

Barb Grinder

out on the land and on the Council, so I didn't see him much, but I always knew he loved us a lot. I guess I was kind of scared of him as a kid, because he believed in discipline, but he also believed in rewarding us and I knew he had a big heart. He taught us a lot, too - to look after the cattle and ride horses, and about the old traditions. And I learned about being a good father from him, too."

Though Leonard learned a lot from his dad, he's gone his own way in many things, placing less emphasis on his Native heritage than his father did.

"I think it's more important for my girls to learn how to read

and write, and to work hard and have respect for things. The Native schools don't teach discipline - that's why I send my girl to public school in Glenwood. I can teach her about her culture at home."

"Sometimes I'll pretend to be an Indian," he says jokingly, "and go out hunting with a bow. My father taught me how to survive outdoors - what plants to eat and how to make a fire without matches."

Economic pressures force both Leonard and his wife to work, (Ethel's on the nursing staff at the Cardston Municipal Hospital) so finding time to do things as a family is sometimes a

problem for them.

"It's important to do things together," he says. "I see a lot of Bingo orphans on the reserve. If kids are left alone too much, they get into trouble. It's not good."

"My dad worked real hard when I was a kid - there were no social services and you had to work for things - but he was always there when I needed him."

John Chiefmoon is still there for his children and grandchildren and his house is a welcoming place for them to gather. Little ones run and play on the wide balcony and it's obvious from his ways with them, even scolding them gently in Black-

foot, that there's a great deal of love in the house.

"Loving each other is the most important thing," John says. "When I got married the minister asked me, 'Will you take care of this woman and love her?' and I said yes. And he asked my wife, 'Will you take care of this man and love him?' and she said yes, and we've loved each other all these years."

Money is a concern for John and his family. As a small rancher with just a few cattle, he has no steady job and money only comes in a few times a year. And he sees money as an overall problem for many Native families.

"The youngsters don't have good clothes to go to school. The other kids make fun of them and they get ashamed and don't want to go to school any more. They need education to get jobs. The government doesn't give money to the Indian for school. They tell you to go to Indian Affairs, but they don't give a damn. So there's no jobs and the young men take up drinking."

John himself is an abstainer and he hopes his grandchildren will be too.

"I don't think the girls will drink, but the men they marry will. That's bad. They drink up all the money and they don't work. Then they beat the wife and even the children."

"It's better for women to go without men and be happy, than to live with a man who abuses them. I've taught my children and my grandchildren that. They can come home here if they need to."

Communications grad turns talents to acting

GRAND CENTRE - Jimmy Herman's ability may just be strengthened by his belief in his culture.

Herman graduated from the Native Communications Program (NCP) at Edmonton's Grant MacEwan Community College (GMCC) in 1980, majoring in television. While enrolled in the program, Herman was introduced to journalism, photography, video production, news writing and various other aspects of media. He was awarded the Malcolm Calliou Award, which is presented to the student who best exemplifies a dedication to succeed, a commitment to better native life and a desire to improve oneself.

According to Herman, "The Native Communications Program is essential, especially today, for communication is a must in our society. Not just in the media, but inside our homes, schools and workplace".

Herman feels the knowledge he gained from the native culture classes taught in the program were important. He said the Chipewyan tribe experienced cultural genocide as a result of Catholicism and caused him to rebel against his Roman Catholic upbringing. He also believes his rebellion was the result of an early separation from his family and the effect produced by the residential school system. The years spent at the Blue Quills Residential School near St. Paul, Alberta, meant a ban on the use of his first language and discouragement of traditional ways.

Despite unhappy memories stemming from his early school years, he is able to look back and say there were positive results from those days. His time as a NCP student and his contact with elders and spiritual leaders helped him gain a new perspective and awareness of traditional ways, beliefs and values, and enabled him to focus on the positive aspects of his life.

After graduation, Herman began an Aboriginal media career with the Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA) media department. As the media assistant for seven years, Herman produced slide tape presentations and helped establish the television department. It was during this time, he began doing narration for NCSA, ACCESS radio, the National Film Board (NFB), and provincial and federal agencies.

This was the beginning of his acting career.

In 1984, Herman acted in his first film "John Cat" for Atlantis Films of Toronto, Ontario. The film was based on W.P. Kinsella's book of the same name. Although he has played many roles in other films, Herman became best known for his role as Stone Calf in "Dances with Wolves". Herman recalled how 2,400 men auditioned for major parts in the film and only four men were picked. He was one of them.

Since this major hit, Herman had the opportunity to work with Clint Eastwood in "Unforgiven", a soon-to-be-released movie. But more recently and closer to home, he played the main character in "Moccasin Flats", a mini-series aired on Edmonton's CFRN television.

Herman believes in projecting a positive role model for children and does this through speaking engagements in schools, public and social events.

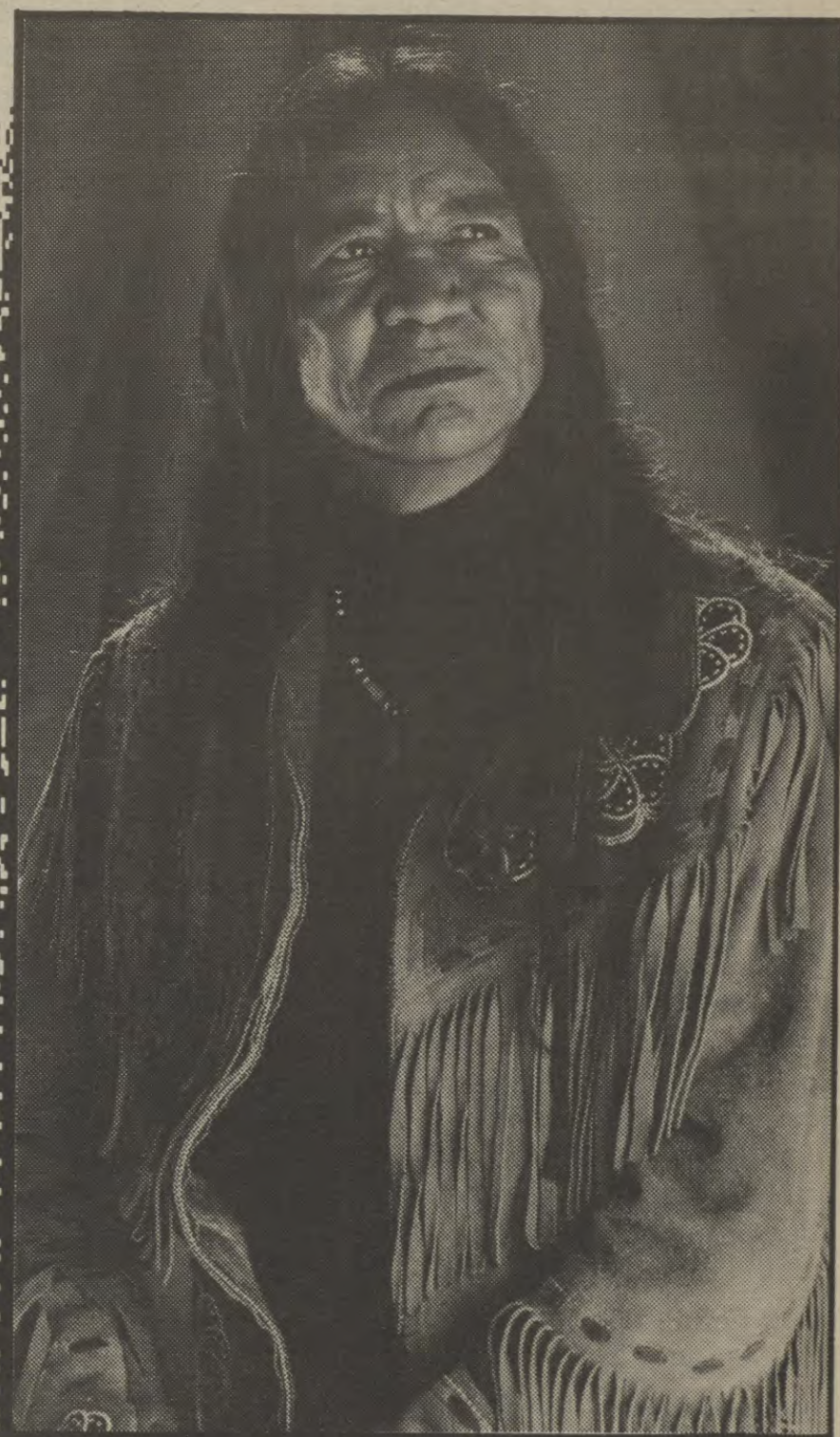


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Delegates and dignitaries at the conference included Premier Don Getty, (centre), Larry Desmeules, (left), President of the Metis Nation of Alberta, and Alphonse L'Hirondelle.

Metis conference inspires entrepreneurs, hopefuls

By Sharon Smith
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

If delegates to the recent Metis Economic Development Conference are any indication, the business forecast for Metis entrepreneurs in the 90s has nowhere to go but up.

The 400-plus Metis who attended the May 26-28 Metis Nation of Alberta Economic Development Conference 1992 forged through a punishing three-day conference slate with energy, determination and enthusiasm.

The conference theme of self-determination through self-sufficiency reflects Metis efforts to overcome an uncaring society's treatment, said Thursday morning speaker Thelma Chalifoux, co-chairman of the Metis Elders Senate.

In a voice alternately ringing with a call to action and rough with emotion, Chalifoux charged Metis had been spurned and ignored by both their white and Native cousins.

"We were never accepted by either race. We walked a lone path."

She challenged Metis youth to rise above such attitudes to carry out the example of the founders of the early Metis communities.

It was Metis entrepreneurs who founded St. Albert and other western communities, she said.

"They were the shopkeepers, the teachers, the clergy. They were the ranchers, the farmers . . . the dominant force in the west before the formation of the provinces."

Roland Duplessis, Metis Nation spokesman, said MNA conference organizers think the challenge for Metis business people in the next few years will be to get a cohesive support network going.

The MNA executive also wants to get the message out to the Metis entrepreneur that there is more to creating a business than mere money.

"Management, education and training are also important."

Right now, Metis business people are dispersed throughout the province with no business organization providing a network. The conference would begin to redress that problem, he said, with the creation of a standing registry of Metis business people.

Duplessis added MNA would sponsor workshops in every zone in the coming year to help people keep up contacts made at the conference and to bring facilitators into the communities.

Speaking at Wednesday's lunch, Mayor Jan Reimer encouraged the Metis to use the conference as an opportunity to build a supportive network.

She urged them to recognize the importance of joining forces, and pledged her support to Metis entrepreneurs.

"If any one of you finds doors slammed in your face, I want to hear about it."

In a schedule designed to have lesser mortals dropping like flies, the Metis entrepreneurs trooped from workshop to speech-filled luncheon with unflagging enthusiasm.

They listened to opening speeches with their breakfast, took notes during the following workshops, crowded into wrap-up sessions for more note-taking and did it all over again in the afternoon sessions.

Delegates came from all over Alberta, from communities as small as Elizabeth and as large as Calgary.

They had business portfolios as little as \$197 and as large as \$1 million, or they had nothing but a dream.

But they came with common goals: they either wanted to know how to start up businesses, or how to better run those they had.

All they had to do was listen.

From the opening moments of the Metis anthem to the final closing words in the Metis elders' prayers, the Metis Nation executives saw to it that the fledgling or seasoned businessman or woman would either find out what they needed to know or find out where they could ask.

The 24 workshop subjects included such diverse topics as how to identify an opportunity, what types of financing are available for Metis, how to market and advertise your business and why businesses fail.

Conference co-ordinator Larry Donald said organisers wanted to keep the delegates busy, and busy they were.

A sparse 15-minute break morning and afternoon had to suffice until the slightly longer break between supper speeches and the evening reception or banquet.

Although some conference-goers admitted to feeling a bit limp near Thursday's closing session, they said they had gleaned much useful information.

Co-ordinator Donald said this first-ever Metis Nation economic conference will be followed in two to three year's time with a conference put together by a general council of Metis business people.

"We (MNA) wanted to get it going and let them take it next time."

He said organizers hoped above all that the conference would get people together so they could help each other out.

It happened.

In workshops and in hallways, Alberta's Metis networked. They exchanged names and business stories and the phone numbers of hunters who could provide them with wild meat.

Metis Economic

Delegates gained know



Sharon Coiters of Caravan Crafts with medicine wheel at the conference craft



Mae Louise Campbell with one of her dolls from Shagnapi Crafts.

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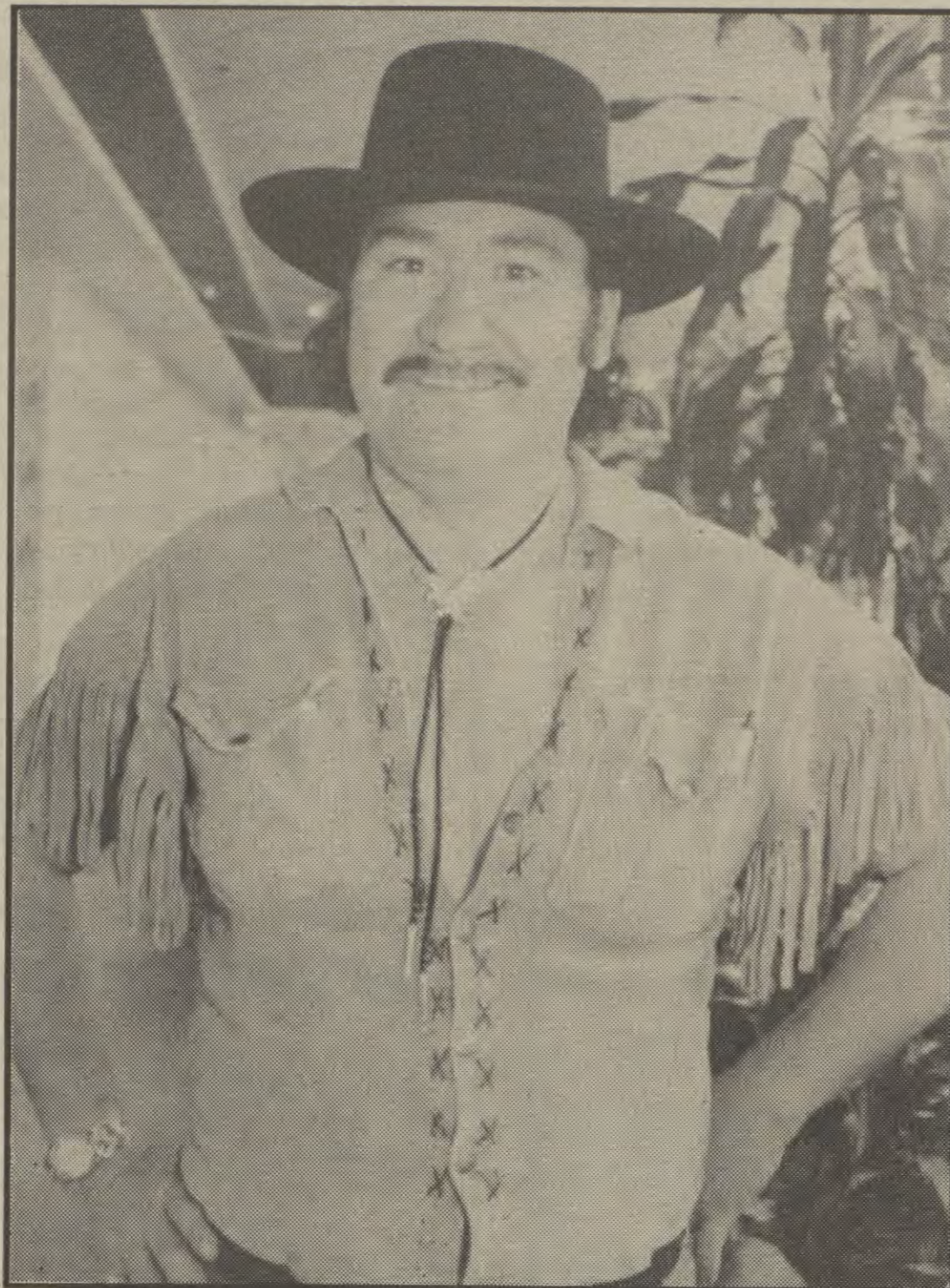
Economic Development Conference

and knowledge, a chance to make contacts



conference craft fair.

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Russell Willier, craftsman at the fair, shows off a hide shirt.



Jon McHugh of the Metis Cultural Dancers, cools down after a conference performance.



Florence Gaucher, (left), and Gaylene Whitehead, conference resource person and conference delegate, relax on giant chairs in the lobby of the Edmonton Inn.

Workshops point way to self-sufficiency

By Sharon Smith
Windspeaker Contributor

Where do women go when they want information on how to start a business, but they don't even know where to begin?

Were do they go, when they've only got \$197?

For some women, the road to self-sufficiency began at the recent Metis Nation of Alberta Economic Development Conference.

The conference provided the opportunity for women to get together in workshops and share what they knew, or find out where to find it out.

They found out \$197 isn't too little capital to start up a business when they heard modelling agency owner Theresa Ducharme-Hein relate her business story.

Ducharme-Hein used the money in 1989 to buy business cards. The rest she did with footwork and much door-pounding, until today she owns Mystique Models, a Native modelling agency.

Ducharme-Hein was a panel member of the Opportunities for Women workshop attended by 21 women and five men.

After listening politely to comments from a learned panel, the women present began tentatively to share their experiences and ask advice.

One woman had earned a PhD

in the school of hard knocks, single-handedly raising a family with a multi-handicapped son. What she knew about behavior modification would fill a book.

Did the people in the room think she could sell that skill?

Another woman wanted to know what she could do about the razzing and crude remarks she suffered from her 1,500 male co-workers. She had been injured on the job, and the distasteful work situation had her thinking about starting up a business. But until then, she had to work with boors. How should she handle them?

Give it back to them in spades, said a male voice from the back of the room.

No, intoned the woman with the behavior modification skills.

"Anything you do to recognize the behavior will just reinforce it. Find ways to show them you appreciate positive comments. Make allies of the men who treat you fairly," she said.

Although organizers billed the conference as having a focus on women in business, some women said they had trouble finding it.

One woman resented being assigned to workshops. She knew there was one other with a focus on women, but she couldn't attend.

Conference organizers felt they had to do it that way, said Larry Donald. "Otherwise some workshops would have been packed and others empty."

Businessman promotes spiritual economics

By Sharon Smith
Windspeaker Contributor

Elmer Ghostkeeper is nothing if not determined. He has an idea. He will talk about his idea if you will listen. But few really hear him on this occasion, a luncheon at the first Metis economic development conference.

Ghostkeeper's message is not palatable to many in this group, who talk of setting up businesses which will service the oil, gas and timber industries.

But Ghostkeeper is going to keep on delivering his message until someone hears him, because he thinks it is a matter of life and death. The Winterburn-area businessman and Morgan horse breeder wants aboriginal business people to get back to their roots. He wants them to stop hurting the earth just to make a living. He also wants them to think of aboriginal art as a business.

Now this may not be a new idea, but Ghostkeeper has a new name for it, and a new slant on it. He calls it spiritual economics, and he thinks Native people can be the leaders in this, a return to co-operating with nature rather than exploiting her, and a return to simpler occupations which renew us.

For example, he said, Native people should consider businesses involving growing trees rather than chopping them down.

"Tree farms, not the kind where you grow trees to be harvested, but growing native species for sale - like Saskatoon bushes."

At the conference, Ghostkeeper had the podium to deliver his message. Many people listened thoughtfully, but just as many returned to their talk of how to set up trucking companies.

In an interview following his talk, Ghostkeeper said he knows some Native people don't want to hear his ideas right now. He said it is because they are being sold on businesses tied into the dying industrial age.

"What I suggest is people should understand that the information and service economy is replacing the industrial age."

Native people should look to their natural creativity. Rather than looking to industrial-age businesses, Natives should look to arts and crafts and the information and service sectors.

"Media, government, all fast-food outlets and malls are part of the information and service economy."

Corrections

A story in the May 11 issue of *Windspeaker* titled Goodstone opposed development said Goodstone band chief John Snow said his band was against a proposed development for the Rocky Mountain House area. Chief Snow was speaking on behalf of the Stoney reserve, which is composed of the Goodstone, Bears paw and Chiniki bands. All three bands are against the proposed development. The story also said Big Stoney graves were flooded at Lake Abraham for the Big Horn dam in 1972, when in fact it was Stoney graves that were flooded. The Goodstone are of Sioux descent, not Blackfoot as the story said.

Another story in the May 11 issue, titled Memorial fund set up for Metis leader, said the late Lorraine Courtrille helped establish Edmonton's first Native day-care centre, N'Ga Wee. In fact, Judy Hilbert was the founder of N'Ga Wee in 1974. The story also referred to Courtrille as a former vice-president of the Women of the Metis Nation, when she was an active vice-president when she died. She was not organizing a shelter for battered women in Edmonton. She developed a research proposal for a second stage transitional housing project, where aboriginal women could live after leaving the shelter for abused women, which is designed for short-term stays. The transitional shelter would teach women how to live in an urban society while letting them live independently but safely in self-contained apartments. The Women of the Metis Nation will name the shelter Lorraine Manor in her memory.

We apologize for these errors and any inconveniences they may have caused.

Protesters want logging control

By Dina O'Meara
Windspeaker Contributor

MEADOW LAKE, SASK.

A blockade in northern Saskatchewan to protest clear-cut logging could make new inroads into community control of forest management.

But there are hurdles to clear before protesters from the Canoe Lake band will stop their action against Mistik Management, a branch of NorSask Forestry Products.

"This is the future of our children," said 80-year-old Celia Iron, one of approximately 30 people at the blockade of Highway 903, some 65 kilometres

north of Meadow Lake.

"I'm staying here until an agreement is signed. The RCMP will have to pick me up and take me out of here."

Members of three Cree bands erected the blockade, which prevents access to logging areas, more than two weeks ago to protest mechanical clear-cutting in the region. The protesters - from Canoe Lake, Jans Bay and Cole Bay - are calling for more community input on NorSask's logging practices.

Negotiations with the Meadow Lake Tribal Council, a part-owner of NorSask, at one point led to a tentative agreement between the protesters and the company. But the deal, which would have created a

board for direct community involvement, did not stand up in final negotiations.

The two main issues at the blockade are Mistik's use of mechanical harvesters in logging and community control over the size and rate of the cuts.

The protesters are demanding that the company revert to manual harvests, which they say would create more jobs at the community level and cause less damage to wildlife habitats.

Protesters are also asking for Native regulation and monitoring of long-term sustainable forestry activities and compensation for damage already done.

Although the dispute has

led to court injunctions preventing the protesters from interfering with timber harvests, both sides have taken a conciliatory stance.

"We're trying to fight," said Joe Derocher, a Canoe Lake Cree. "We are trying to come to an agreement so that everyone in the future can enjoy the wilderness. We want our last resources."

Tribal council vice-chief Oneill Gladue blamed the dispute on a lack of communication. He said many of the concerns will be resolved once the communities get more information about Mistik's activities.

"A lot of the reason behind this blockade was the elders weren't aware of things."

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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.

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AIDS, which stands for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, is the end result of HIV infection. Everyone who has AIDS is infected with HIV, but the virus can take up to 10 years to destroy the immune system without showing any symptoms. It's only when an infected person is obviously sick that they are said to have AIDS. By this time the defence system is so weak it can't fight off certain infections. People with AIDS live only about two years after they reach this stage.

During all the years a person has HIV infection, they can spread the virus through sexual intercourse or by sharing needles to inject drugs. An infected woman who becomes pregnant has about a 30-per-cent chance of passing HIV to her baby before or during birth.

There are no drugs or vaccines to prevent HIV infection. Each person must take responsibility for protecting him or herself. If you are concerned talk with your partner. If you have been at risk have an HIV test. Avoid intercourse or always use a latex condom.

No doubt some people will continue to be confused about the difference between HIV and AIDS, but there is one thing about which there must be no confusion. Everyone has a role to play to stop the spread of HIV.

For more information about HIV/AIDS you can call:

- the health unit or your doctor in your community
- the STD/AIDS Information Line, toll-free, at 1-800-772-2437
- community AIDS organizations in Calgary 228-0155, Edmonton 429-2437, Grande Prairie 5388-3388, High River 938-4911, Jasper 852-5274, Lethbridge 328-8186, and Red Deer 346-8858.
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Calgary takes steps to bridge cultural gap

By Angela Simmons
Windspeaker Contributor

CALGARY, ALTA.

Bridging the gap between cultures was the focus of activities and entertainment during Calgary's fourth annual Native Awareness Week, held May 25-30.

The increase in public participation and sponsorship has snowballed since its first recognition in 1983, said Diane Pomerleau, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Calgary Aboriginal Awareness Society, co-hosts of the event.

Although 1983 heralded the first celebration of Native Awareness Week, it was originally conceived in 1975 by Harry Millican, Mike Robinson and George Calliov at the University of Calgary. At that time only two or three events were scheduled throughout the year.

"Native Awareness Week has been a real grassroots project.

Real people in the city have pulled together to make it happen," explained Pomerleau. This year marks a record of more than 40 sponsors contributing to the event.

In 1988, Native Awareness Week was recognized as a city-wide event. To date, Calgary is the first city in Canada to host such an occasion in celebration of Canada's First Nations.

The Aboriginal Awareness Society's mandate was to get the event recognized as city-wide. Exhibitions have reflected and enhanced the theme of Bridging the Gap by providing information, education and entertainment at selected downtown and surrounding locations.

The Glenbow Museum hosted the Singing Eagle Dance Troupe from the Peigan Nation in Brocket. This elementary-school-age drum and dance group were part of the Growing in Spirit Conference held Tuesday at the museum.

Elders gathered at the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre

to host a Time for Dialogue gathering. This was an opportunity for the public to ask questions about traditional values and customs and to talk with elders.

In addition to the variety of events scheduled during the week, a day was dedicated to Chief David Crowchild, Life Chief of the Sarcee and Head Chief between 1946 and 1951.

Displays were exhibited in Crowchild's honor at city hall. His daughter, Victoria Crowchild Aberdeen, hosted groups of school children and adults at his tipi, erected in the atrium, and talked about his personal contributions to society.

He spent much of his life travelling more than 42,000 miles throughout the world and sharing his personal vision for bridging the gap between cultures. As he put it: "Find the answer to ultimate peace in peoples' minds, through honesty, purity, unselfishness and love."

During the evening ceremony held in memory of Chief Crowchild, Maureen Spence was the recipient of the Chief David Crowchild Memorial Award for her personal contributions to awareness and growth within the Native community.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Beaded Reeboks on the way

A sport shoe manufacturer has joined forces with an American Indian designer to produce a line of beaded footwear and apparel.

Melody Lightfeather, president of American Indian Designer Collection, signed a contract with the president of Reebok International Ltd. recently to produce the Reebok-Lightfeather Collection.

The collection will be hand-beaded and sewn by more than 100 American Indian families living on and off-reserve in the southwestern United States. The designers will reflect a number of traditional American Indian designers. Each product will be an original, taking from two to eight weeks to complete.

The beaded Reebok was Lightfeather's idea. The award-winning artist wanted to produce a wearable art form which blends both comfort and culture.

Reebok has donated \$10,000 to the Native American Arts Foundation, Inc., to establish an educational program for American Indian entrepreneurs. The program will help Natives market their crafts, develop co-operative ventures and cottage industries and encourage economic development and self-sufficiency among American Indians on reserves.

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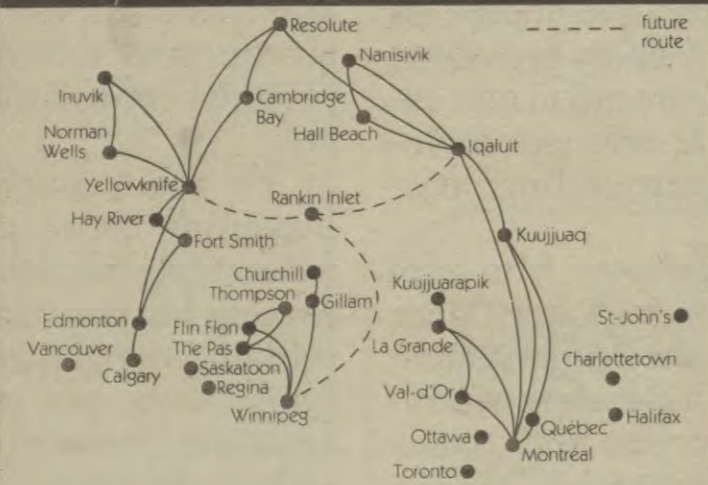
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Miss Metis Alberta spreads stay-in-school message

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer



Lori-Ann Larocque

EDMONTON, AB

Lori-Ann Larocque, also known as Miss Metis Alberta for this year, has been on the road touting a stay-in-school message for teenagers.

"An education is important. It's the greatest gift you can give yourself, your future and your community," Larocque told an audience composed of a handful of teenagers while on a recent visit to Edmonton's St. Joseph's Catholic High School.

"I was lucky to have my mother and a strong family.

"And being the oldest of six children, I wanted to set a good example for my brothers and sisters."

Larocque, 22, is from the Kikino settlement and holds a degree in social work from the Saskatchewan Federated Indian College.

This summer, she will begin a job with social services in Saskatoon.

Her future plans include more studying; she will head back to school for a graduate degree in social work.

On this current tour, which takes her to Athabasca and Lac la Biche in northern Alberta, Larocque will be encouraging teenage students to follow through on their educational goals.

She will also be promoting some changes to the Metis Nation of Alberta's Miss Metis pageant.

Following suggestions from the community and a desire to change with the times, the Metis Nation has opened the contest to young men and women.

It has also been renamed the Metis Youth Role Model Search.

"The Metis Nation had to change with the times," said Brenda Blyan, Metis youth projects co-ordinator.

The communities were asking about the young males and the public was saying beauty pageants are out of the door."

The Miss Metis competition has always emphasized education and community service. But Blyan said the re-vamped contest will emphasize youth development.

Cst. Harley Crowshoe, from the RCMP's aboriginal policing services, is also on the tour. He is acting as an escort for Larocque and is answering questions about career possibilities in law enforcement.



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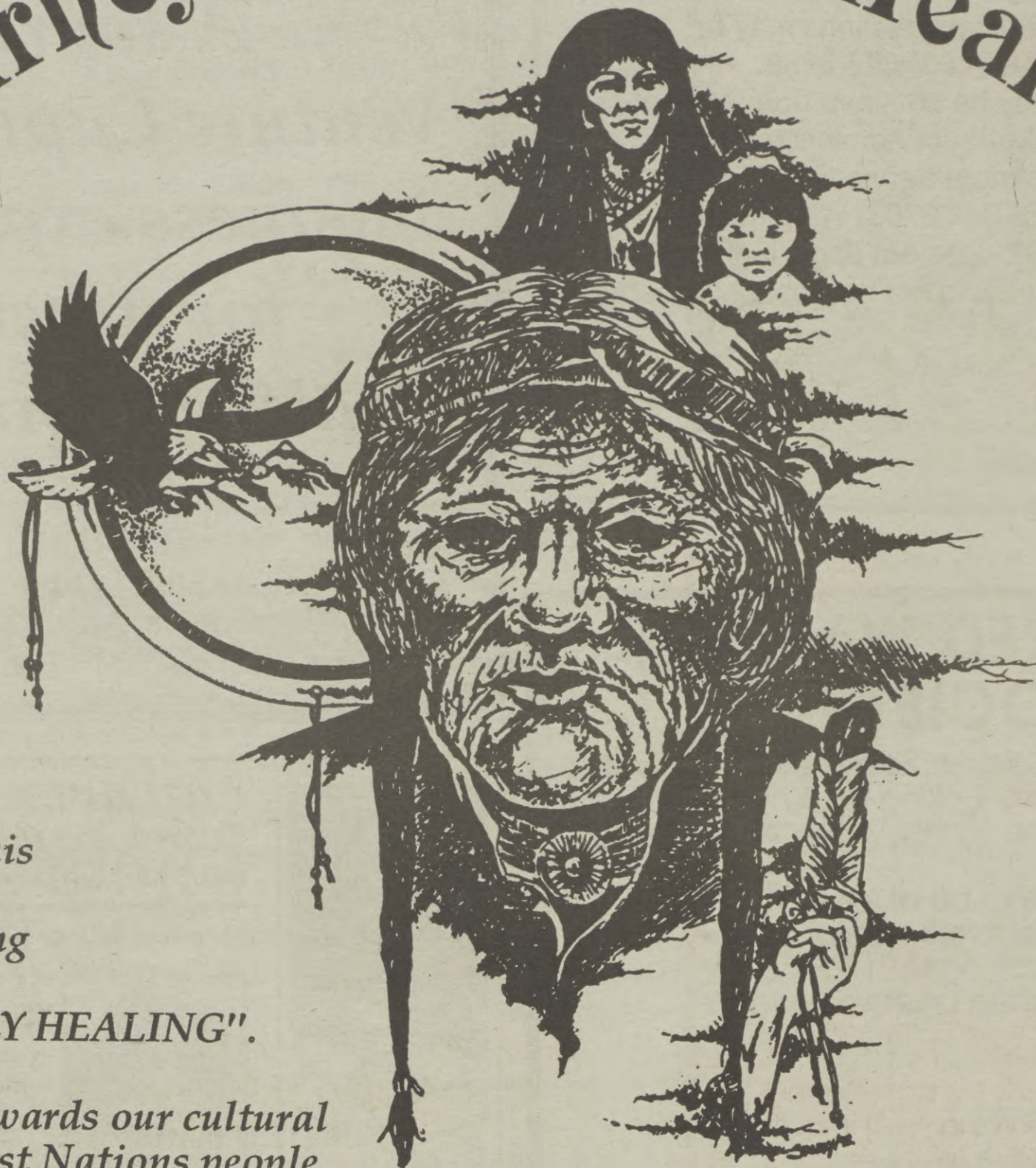
Our history as First Nations people before contact with Europeans had a healthy strong family system providing individuals with a great sense of pride in our culture, language and spirituality.

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The healing process has begun and this Conference will focus on creating awareness and understanding, sharing problems and solutions while establishing a path towards "FAMILY HEALING".

We invite you to follow this path towards our cultural and spiritual revival as First Nations people.

Journeys to Family Healing



Harrison Hot Springs Hotel
100 Esplanade Avenue
Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, July 13, 1992

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Registration

Tuesday, July 14, 1992

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer

"History and Family Dynamics: The Effects of Chemical Dependency"

By Claudia Black, M.S.W. PhD.

Workshops:

#1 "Process of Recovery",

By Claudia Black

#2 "Effects of Abuse",

By Maureen McGuire

#3 "Counselling Skills",

By Dr. Tony Stickel

Repeat Workshops

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Banquet

Wednesday, July 15, 1992

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer

"Effects of Cultural Oppression on Individual and Families"

By Anna Latimer, M.A.

"Interpersonal Relationships"

By Tony Stickel

Workshops:

#4 "Grief and Loss",

By Anna Latimer, M.A.

#2 "Effects of Abuse",

By Maureen McGuire

#3 "Counselling Skills",

By Dr. Tony Stickel

Repeat Workshops - Open Evening

Thursday, July 16, 1992

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer

Panel: "Parenting Skills"

#5 Workshop for Youth

"Family Healing for the 90's"

Brainstorming Groups

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Banquet

Friday, July 17, 1992

8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer

"Where do we go from here?"

OPEN MIKE

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11:00 a.m. CLOSING CEREMONY

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Registration before June 15, 1992 - \$50.00 per person, includes conference materials, lunches and banquets.

After June 15, 1992 - \$75.00 per person

Elders (over 60) and youth (under 19 years) of age NO CHARGE, however they must pre-register.

Conference Registration Form

Mail payment to Sto:lo Nation Canada, P.O. Box 280, Sardis, B.C., V2R 1A6, or fax confirmation to (604) 858-7692 for more information Phone (604) 858-0662.

Each conference attendee must return a separate form.

NAME _____ TITLE _____

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PUBLIC TENDER PROPOSALS

Sealed Tenders, completed in accordance with the specifications of Tender on the forms provided and plainly marked "Residential Treatment Group Home Program" will be received up to 4:00 p.m., PST, Thursday, June 18, 1992 at Contract Administration, (403) 667-5385. Technical questions may be directed to Tim Brady at (403) 667-8286. Tender documents may be obtained from any territorial agent or at Contract Administration, Department of Government Services, 2nd Floor, 302 Jarvis Street, P.O. Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6. GST does not apply to this project. The lowest or any Tender is not necessarily accepted.



SCATTERED WARRIOR SOCIETY

The Scattered Warrior Society is sponsoring a logo contest. They are looking for a new logo for their organization. The winner will receive a prize of \$200.

Entries will have to be at least 8" X 10" and have to relate to Scattered Warrior Society. Please include a short story along with your entry. Your logo will not be returned unless postage is included.

DEFINITION

- 1) **SCATTERED:** to spread abroad
We are from all over the country.
- 2) **WARRIOR:** a person engaged or experienced in perserving our rights.
WE ARE FIGHTING WITH PENS AND PAPER!
- 3) **SOCIETY:** a part of a community bound together by common interests or standards.

DEADLINE: end of business day of July 10, 1992.
Winner will be announced July 12, 1992

Entries to be forwarded to:
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Exhibits combined modern, traditional

By Dina O'Meara
Windspeaker Contributor

CALGARY, AB

Modern visions crossed traditional boundaries at two exhibits of aboriginal art in Calgary during Native Awareness Week.

A Time For Dialogue celebrates the works of contemporary aboriginal artists and trailblazers of Native art in two separate showings, the Contemporary Exhibit and the Collectors Exhibit. The shows encompass a variety of works from the emergence of aboriginal art as a force in the 1960s to today's eclectic Native art.

Painting, printmaking, sculptures and installation art were displayed at the Triangle Gallery April 23 to May 30 in the contemporary exhibit. More than 20 artists from across the country were represented at the gallery, including well known names such as Alex Janvier and Dale Auger.

Throughout the exhibit, traditional motifs are interspersed with contemporary media.

Across town at the New Gallery, the Collectors Exhibit opened May 15 and ran to June 6. The works of 11 elder aboriginal artists were on display, from the sparse flowing pens of Benjamin Chee Chee to the almost geometrical creations of Daphne Odjig. The timing of the two exhibits enabled younger artists to speak with their mentors at one of three conferences during Native Awareness Week. Workshops and discussion groups were organized for emerging artists to work with their mentors on a one-to-one level.

Joane Cardinal-Schubert, the curator of Arts and Culture Commission, said the events would help "bring these two voices together in a dialogue of shared experience".



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CHILDREN OF TRAUMA: REDISCOVERING YOUR DISCARDED SELF - A One Day Workshop

Monday, July 6, 1992, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



JANE MIDDLETON-MOZ
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- * *After The Tears: Reclaiming The Personal Losses of Childhood* (*Co-Author)

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Location:
The Westin Hotel
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By May 30 - \$95.00
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conference delegates.

For information: Call: (403) 458-0989 or (403) 458-1884
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- 4 - Mosquito Boys • 4 - Beaver Boys
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- Contact: Brian Sparklingeyes
or Dean Cardinal at (403) 676-3622

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd

OPENING CEREMONIES - 1:00 p.m. Following Parade
Presentations - Saturday

FOOT RACES - Young and Old at 5:00 p.m.
Prize Money - Contact: Brenda Houle

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Contact: Jerry Jackson at (403) 636 - 3492

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Prize Money Upon Entry - 12:00 p.m. Daily
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PARADE

Saturday, July 4th, 11:00 a.m.
Presentations - 1:00 p.m. Contact: Doris Jackson at (403) 636-3638. **6th ANNUAL - HOMER JACKSON 1 MILE CHALLENGE RUN** (Open)
Sunday, July 5th, 11:00 a.m. Prizes & Trophies to be won.
Contact: James Jr. Jackson at (403) 636 - 3622

BALL TOURNAMENTS:

MEN'S BASEBALL - Upon Entries Prize Money
8 Teams, A & B Side • Entry Fee - \$250.00
Deadline: June 28th. Contact: Roland Bull at (403) 636 - 3622

MODIFIED SLOW PITCH - 10 Teams • Entry Fee - \$250.00. Deadline: June 29th. Contact: SANDRA HOULE at (403) 636 - 3622

MEN'S FASTBALL - Prize Money • 10 Teams • Entry Fee - \$300.00. Deadline: June 29th. Contact: Ben Houle at (403) 636 - 3622 or (403) 636 - 3434

HOG WALLOW - \$15.00 Entry Fee per Team • Outdoor Volleyball • Outdoor Bingo - Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Daily • Cash Prizes. Contact: Greg or Myron Sparklingeyes at (403) 636 - 3622

FARMER'S MARKET - Saturday at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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Cultural Centre

SAT. & SUN., JULY 4th & 5th

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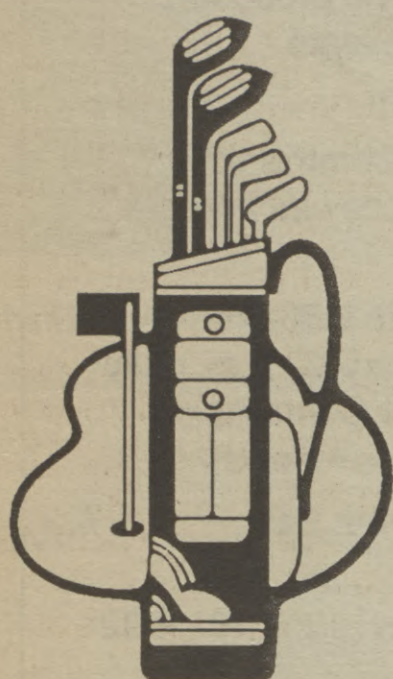
MIDWAY - Carousel Amusements

1. Committee will not be responsible for any accident, loss or damages occurring during the program.
 2. Committee restricts the selling of raffle tickets to local organizations only.
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1992 GOLFTOUR

JUNE 1992	Defending Champions
13, 14	Fairview Golf Course In Oliver, British Columbia Tony Baptise - (604) 498-3444 Bus. (604) 498-4780 Res.	None
27, 28	Enoch Classic In Edmonton, Alberta Lorna Morin - (403) 470-4657	Harvey Morin
JULY 1992	
4, 5	North American Golf Championships In Waterton Lakes, Alberta Sylvia Arcand - (403) 470-5751	Bill Cameron
10, 11, 12	Canadian Indian Golf Championships In Regina, Saskatchewan Ken Sinclair - (306) 721-2909	None
24, 25, 26	Tsu' Tina Nation Classic In Redwood Meadows, Calgary, Alberta Charlie Crowchild - (403) 281-9652	Lloyd Gauthier
AUGUST 1992	
8, 9	Alexander Golf Tournament Max Yellowdirt - (403) 939-3839 Fax Harvey Burnstick - (403) 962-0303	Leo Sasakamoose
SEPTEMBER 1992	
5, 6	Samson Band Open In Wetaskiwin, Alberta Dennis Buffalo - (403) 585-3919 George - (403) 585-3793	Emil Cutknife
OCTOBER 1992	
10, 11	Oregon Indian Band In Warm Springs, Oregon, U.S.A. Levi Bobb - (503) 553-1372	Levi Bobb



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The Department of Alberta Family and Social Services is in the process of implementing a new management structure. To ensure the department achieves its mandate regarding Alberta's Aboriginal people, we are recruiting to the following positions. All positions advertised require an in-depth understanding of Native values, cultures, social structures and self-determination initiatives. The ability to speak a Native language is an asset. All positions offer a comprehensive benefit package and relocation assistance.

DIRECTOR, NATIVE RELATIONS UNIT

Inter-Governmental Relations Branch

Strategic Planning Division

Senior Manager

Salary: \$ 48,456 - \$ 70,044

Competition No: SS92EM342-003-WDSP

EDMONTON - Reporting to the Executive Director, Inter-Governmental Relations Branch, you will manage a unit responsible for directing the Department's relationship with Alberta's status and non-status Indians and Metis people. Working in partnership, you will encourage the participation of the Indian and Metis Community in the design, development and delivery of Social Service programs in order to ensure the Department's services are sensitive and appropriate to their needs and concerns. Additionally, you will provide expert advice regarding the impact of the Department's policy on Native communities, and through involvement in direct negotiations with identified Aboriginal groups, you will provide recommendations for change. Good oral and written communication skills and a proven ability to prepare succinct briefs is required.

Specific qualifications for this position include a degree in Social Sciences and extensive related experience including negotiating agreements, mediating and resolving conflicts and working directly with Aboriginal people. Directly related experience will be considered in lieu of education. This position is based in Edmonton. Travel is required.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Social Support Services Division

Senior Manager

Salary: \$ 43,488 - \$ 65,592

Competition No: SS92EM342-004-WDSP

EDMONTON - This new position has been identified as Associate Director to reflect the department's commitment to Native Child Welfare Services. As the Associate Director Child Welfare Services, your responsibilities will include ensuring that Native Albertans benefit from the statutory requirements under the Child Welfare Act. Additionally, you will review existing and proposed Band Administered Child Welfare Services, and assist in the development of divisional policies and procedures to ensure that Native Child Welfare needs are addressed. Your demonstrated skills in working with the Native community will allow you to provide expert consultative services to the Regional Directors, Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister.

Specific qualifications for this position include a degree in Social Sciences and extensive experience in the administration of Child Welfare Services as it relates to the Native population. Experience must include direct service to Native cultures in a program delivery or program administration capacity. Equivalencies will be considered. This position is based in Edmonton. Travel is required.

REGIONAL NATIVE LIAISON COORDINATOR

Strategic Planning Division

Welfare Program Supervisor

Salary: \$ 40,128 - \$ 49,668

Competition No: NE92E8025-002-WDSP

VARIOUS LOCATIONS - Reporting to the Regional Coordinator, you will initiate, develop, and maintain liaison activities with all identifiable Indian, non-status Indian and Metis Groups in your assigned region. In your liaison role, you will assist Aboriginal groups in accessing Departmental services, provide a resource to District Managers in interactions with Aboriginal groups, and assist with self-determination initiatives. Explanation of Departmental policies and process will be a significant feature of these positions.

Specific qualifications for this position include a degree in the Social Sciences and considerable experience providing direct service to Aboriginal Communities. Equivalencies will be considered. Travel is required.

Note: Regional Native Liaison Coordinator positions are available in the Northeast Region based in Lac La Biche; Central Region based in Innisfail and Calgary Region based in Calgary. Please state location preferences.

MANAGER, NATIVE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Social Support Division

Manager

Salary: \$ 36,396 - \$ 52,704

Competition No: CY92CM341-005-WDSP

CALGARY - A challenging management opportunity exists within Native Child Welfare Services. Reporting to the Regional Director of Social Support Services, you will be responsible for the management of three units of Child Welfare Workers who provide social services to Native people. Your role will require you to ensure the quality of delivery of Child Welfare services, manage administrative and financial aspects of the worksite, and provide supervision and direction to the Native Child Welfare Workers.

Specific qualifications for this position include a degree in Social Sciences and considerable experience in providing direct service to Native people. Equivalencies will be considered.

Note: This position is located in the City of Calgary.

Closing Date: Open Until Suitable Candidate Is Selected

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

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Facsimile No: (403) 422-0468

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY CONVENED UNDER THE PUBLIC INQUIRIES ACT TO INQUIRE INTO THE SHOOTING DEATH OF LEO LACHANCE

The Honourable Edward N. Hughes, Q.C. of Victoria, British Columbia, Delia Opekow of Toronto, Ontario, and Peter MacKinnon, Q.C. of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, have been appointed as Commissioners to inquire into the January 28, 1991 shooting death of Leo Lachance at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and the consequent conviction of Carney Milton Nerland of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

The Commissioners are empowered to inquire into and report on the process and procedure followed, with respect to those events.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

HEARINGS will be held by the Commission of Inquiry in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

The hearings will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily unless otherwise directed by the Commission. Hearing dates and location are as follows:

MARLBORO INN: 67 - 13th Street East, Prince Albert

- Tuesday, June 16 to Friday, June 19, 1992 inclusive
- Thursday, June 25 and Friday, June 26, 1992
- Monday, June 29 to Friday, July 3, 1992 (no hearing held Wednesday, July 1, 1992)

DATED at the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 29th day of May, 1992.



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Sports

Cougar Boy's draw crowd of 300



Getting ready for the punch: A young boxer concentrates on his target.

Cooper Langford



Cooper Langford

Entertainment coordinator John Schimmens (left) and Cougar coach Terry Hawes are bringing boxing extravaganzas to the Edmonton Institution.

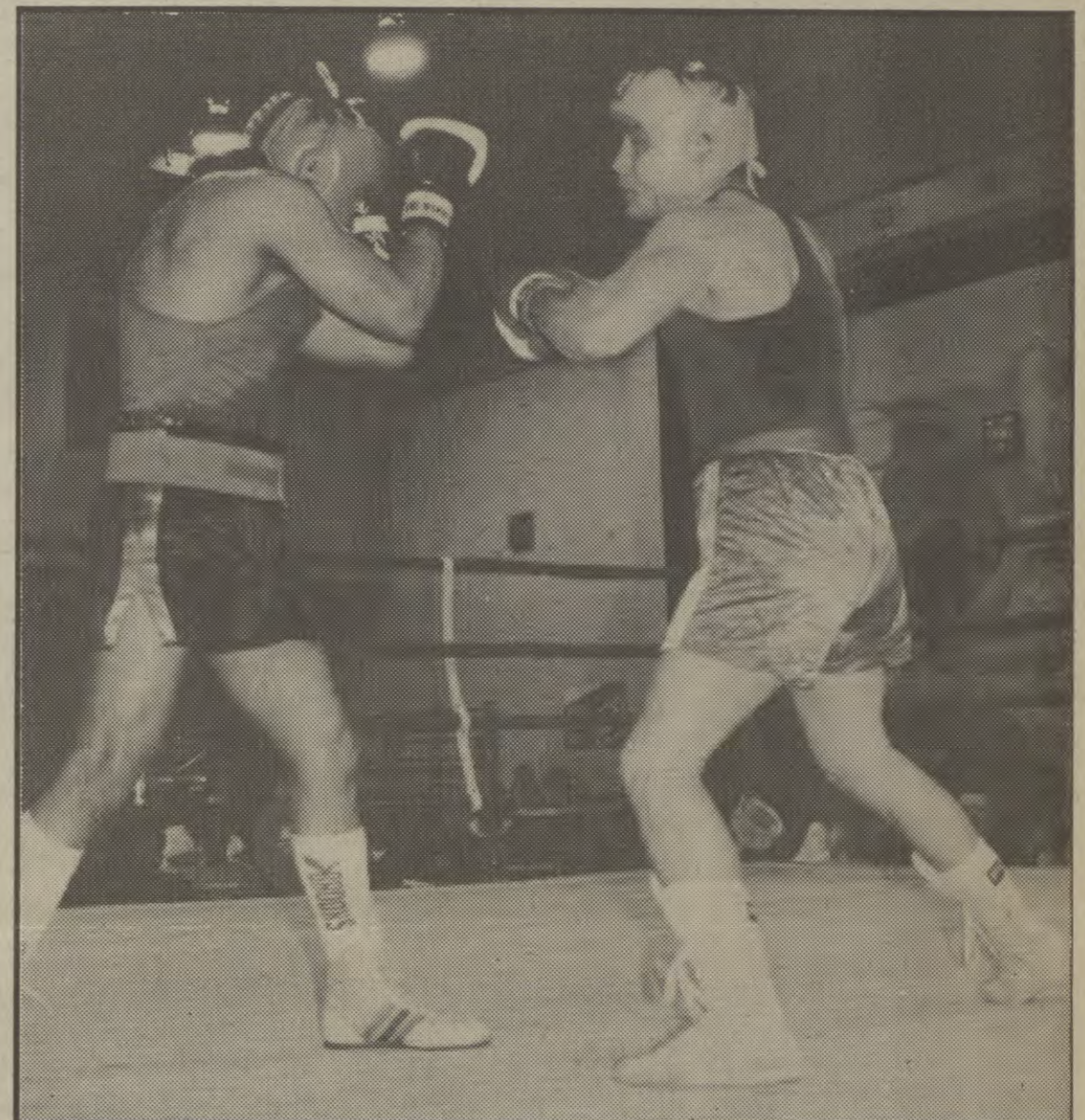


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Fern Thompson, DEAN
Department of Academic Studies
MASKWACHEES CULTURAL COLLEGE
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Cooper Langford

Boxing is a tough sport. This pair have only been in the ring a couple of minutes before working up a heavy sweat.

By Cooper Langford
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Boxing is taking off as a leading spectator sport at the Edmonton Institution, a high-security federal prison.

A recent 15-bout card put on by the Cougar Boy's Boxing Program and the prison's entertainment committee drew more than 300 fans. The turnout was impressive, organizers say, considering the \$10 entrance fee equals about two day's of prison-work pay.

"It's just blossomed," said John Schimmens, head of the inmate's entertainment committee. "We're just trying to show that as prisoners we can give something back to society."

Boxing is evolving at the institution in a kind of mutually supportive joint venture between the entertainment committee and the club. By staging bouts, the inmates give the young athletes a venue to show off their skills. That, in turn, provides entertainment for the inmates and their families.

"Our goal is anything we can do to help the Cougar club, we'll do. They've given us a lot respect and that's something we don't get a lot of from the system," Schimmens said.

Terry Hawes, the Cougar's head coach, said the team enjoys staging fights at the penitentiary and that the shows have been well received.

"The inmates and the guards told me the fight card was one of the best functions that they'd had," he said.

Schimmens and Hawes are now planning an outdoor card to be held on prison grounds this spring. Schimmens said he is hoping the TSN cable sports network will cover the event and give a boost to the club.

Fastball finals set for Manitoba

The Canadian Native Men's Fastball Championships will be held in Brandon, Manitoba's Curran Park for the second year in a row.

Rick McKay of the McKay United Fastball Club said he heard a lot of positive comments from other teams, so they chose Curran Park again. The park has great camping facilities and excellent ball diamonds.

For information call Wally, Ken or Barb at (204)729-3682.

Employment opportunity

MANAGER

LESSER SLAVE LAKE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CORPORATION

The Board of Directors of the **Lesser Slave Lake Business Development Centre Corporation** requires a Manager to administer the Investment and Business Counselling functions of the Corporation. The **Lesser Slave Lake Business Development Centre Corporation** provides financial and technical assistance to new or expanding businesses in the Lesser Slave Lake region.

The Lesser Slave Lake region starts 200 kilometers north of Edmonton. It continues north, east and west to include the Towns of Slave Lake and High Prairie, Improvement Districts 17 Central and East (North and South Councils), the Village of Kinuso, Metis Settlements and Reserves.

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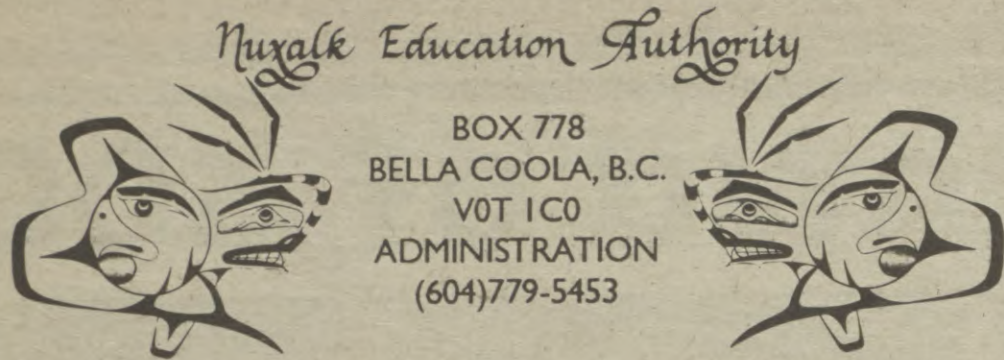
Deadline for Applications: 4:30 P.M., June 12, 1992

For more information or to apply for this position, contact:

Dianne Garratt
Lesser Slave Lake Business Development Centre
Box 2100 Slave Lake, Alberta T0G 2A0
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TEACHERS, ACWSALCTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

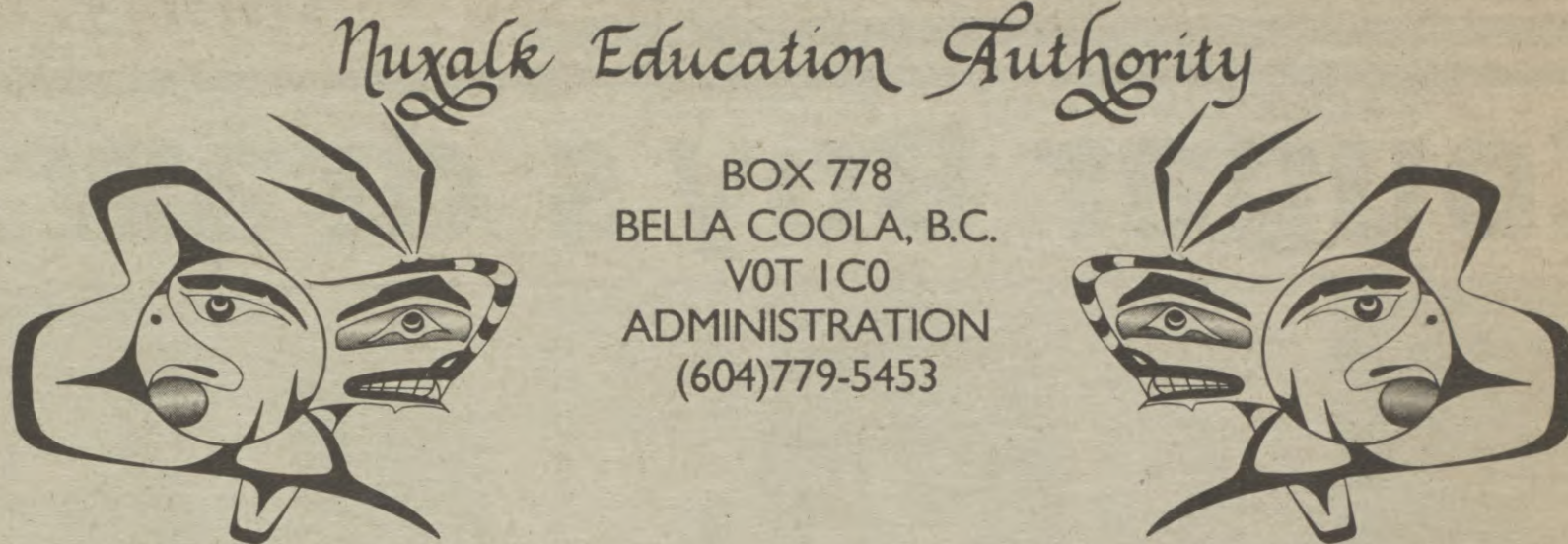
The Nuxalk Education Authority is presently accepting applications for teaching positions for the 1992/93 school year, from K through Grade 12. Acwsalcta School is located in Bella Coola, B.C., approximately 500 kms. north of Vancouver by air, and 500 kms. west of Williams Lake by road. The school has an enrollment of 150+ students from K-3 to Grade 12.

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REQUIREMENTS:

- * Eligible for B.C. Certification.
- * Dedicated, energetic and enthusiastic educator.
- * Sensitive to Native issues.
- * Familiarity with Year 2000 document.
- * A strong belief in fostering positive self-respect, self-esteem and self-appreciation attitudes among students.
- * Experience with First Nations students an asset.

Please submit resume and supporting documents by June 15, 1992 to:

Peter Siwallace, Education Administrator
Nuxalk Education Authority
P.O. Box 778
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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous successful experience in administration and teaching.
- Knowledge of Band operated school system.
- A Master's Degree in Education.

REQUIREMENTS:

- * A commitment to the provision of excellent programs and services to students.
- * Sound decision making and organizational abilities.
- * An ability to promote a positive school and staff spirit and to work in cooperation with parents and community.
- * A well designed and consistent discipline philosophy.
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- * Strong oral and written communication skills.

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