

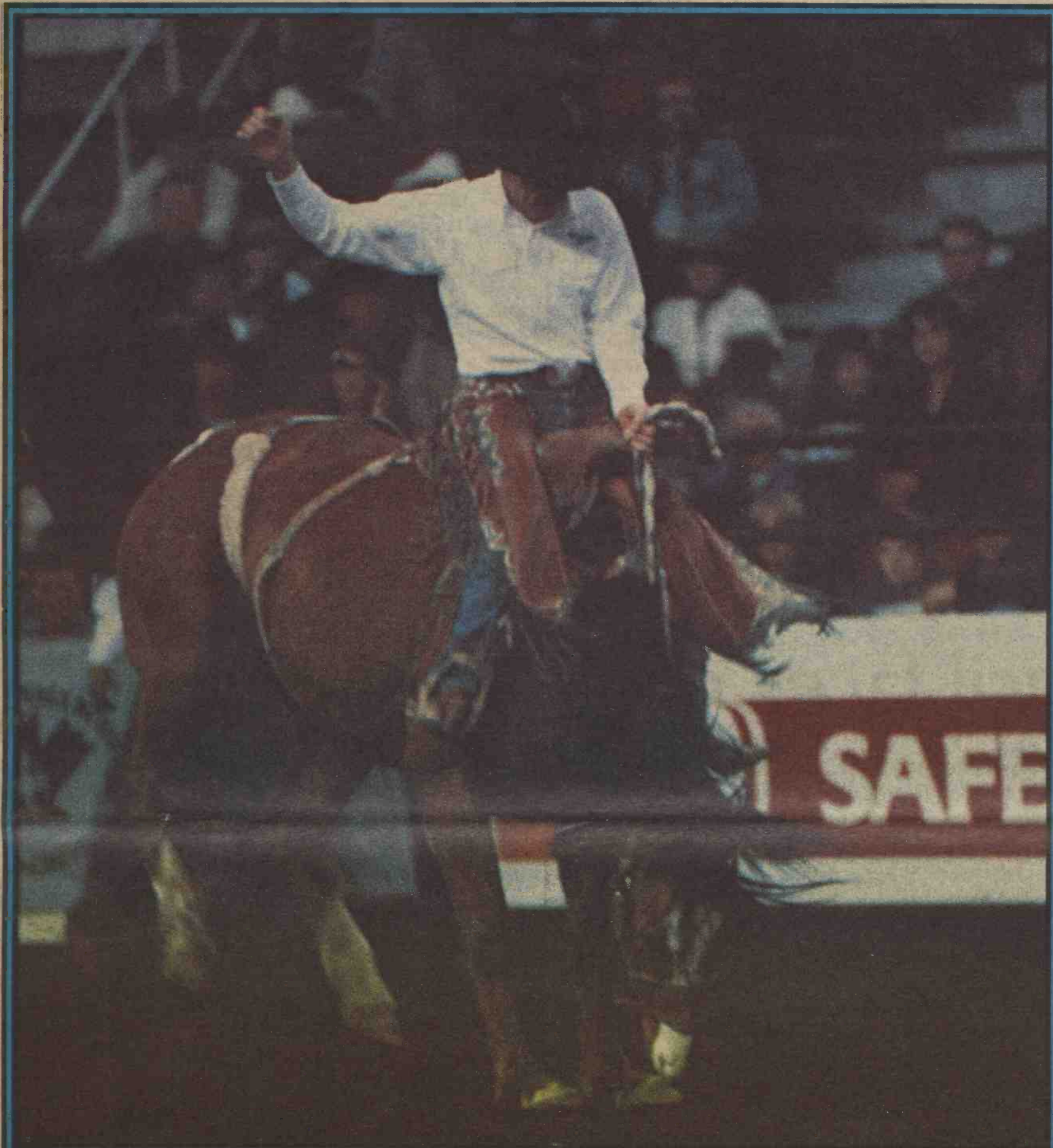
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In honor of National Addictions Awareness Week, Windspeaker asked readers to submit stories and poems on their own experiences with drugs and alcohol. The results were sometimes inspiring, sometimes gut-wrenching.

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Rob Dailly

A grueling ride

Shawn Henry of Williams Lake, B.C., competed in the saddle bronc riding at the 20th Canadian Finals Rodeo at Edmonton's Northlands Coliseum. Henry was one of four Native competitors this year at what promoters called the most successful CFR to date. See Pages R4 & 5.

New minister knowledgeable on Native issues

By D.B. Smith and Doug Johnson
Windspeaker Staff Writers

OTTAWA

Ottawa will be ready to implement every Native program outlined in the Liberal campaign policy guide if the money exists to do so, the newly appointed Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development said.

"It's fairly extensive," said Ron Irwin. "Everything from post-secondary education, the Aboriginal claims, Jean (Chrétien) wants them done with dignity and he wants them done quickly.... I think it's my job to make sure that everything in that platform is ready and if the money's there we should go with it."

The Liberals will also recognize Native self-government and Aboriginal rights because they are already in the constitution, he said.

"The Prime Minister's position (is) to not go back and say we're going to redo the constitution. He wants to get on with solving the problems with constitution with the Native community."

This is Irwin's first Cabinet appointment. The 57-year-old was a one-time parliamentary

secretary to Chrétien and also served as an MP between 1980 and 1984. He was also the first Liberal to call for Chrétien to replace former Liberal leader John Turner.

First Nations leaders in Irwin's home riding of Sault Sainte Marie said the new appointee has potential as Indian Affairs Minister because he has a fair understanding of Native issues. Irwin's law firm has also done some work with the Friendship Centre in the Sault.

"You don't have to explain C-31 ... or what's in the constitution or the Native treaties process," he said. "I've worked for First Nations, for Metis. I've done co-management models, I've done justice models."

Bill C-31 was a problem for many First Nations communities when it was introduced in April, 1985 because of the severe housing shortage, he said.

"Housing is a major problem. I'm interested in using Natives in the housing program, where there could be training."

Too few government programs geared towards the First Nations, such as housing or education, actually include Natives as working participants, he said.

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Churches downplay role in creating problems

Julie Vanderven
Windspeaker Contributor

OTTAWA

While residential schools undeniably contributed to the social problems of Native people, the negative impact is perhaps being exaggerated in some cases, said a high-ranking Catholic official.

To simply suggest Native problems were caused by residential schools seems to be denied by the facts, Vancouver Archbishop Adam Exner told the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

Native problems must be looked at in a broader perspective, he said, adding that residential schools were part of federal policies designed to assimilate Aboriginal people.

The Catholic position was heard during a special consultation in Ottawa, Nov. 8 and 9, between the Royal Commission and four of Canada's mainline

churches (Anglican, Catholic, United and Presbyterian.)

The Catholic bishops acknowledged social problems developed as a result of children being taken from their families and culture, and that some were physically and sexually abused. However, in areas that did not have residential schools, the Native people still suffer many similar social problems.

Researchers estimate a minority of Native children went to residential schools. Records show between one in six to one in 10 Native children attended.

Some good things happened too, added Exner. Stories of genuine love and friendship which took place between missionaries and Native people should not be dismissed with the bad.

In his opening remarks, George Erasmus, co-chair of the Royal Commission, said that during its travels across the country, the commission heard from more than 2,000 people. At each hearing, former residential school

alumni had spoken about the long-term negative impacts of the residential schools.

The four churches attending the special consultation were unanimous in declaring that the federal government and the rest of Canadian society share the blame in any damage to Native people. All denominations called on the government to fully acknowledge its responsibility for the damage done through the residential schools and other assimilation-oriented initiatives.

Funded by the federal government and run by the churches, residential schools were the most prominent feature in a set of policies designed to assimilate Aboriginal people and to eliminate Aboriginal culture.

The policies resulted in broken homes, loss of self-esteem, culture and identity and loss of spirituality. Residential schools are seen as a contributing factor to substance abuse, community and family dysfunction, and suicide in Native communities.

"Although they may have become a symbol of the disintegration of Native culture and a lightning rod for anger about this historical period, the residential schools were only a part of the overall government strategy to assimilate or integrate the Native people," said the Catholic brief.

"Neither justice nor healing can take place without significant participation of the federal government and the rest of Canadian society. Residential schools were manifestations of the wider problem of how government and the rest of Canadian society related and still relate to Native people."

The Royal commission said it recognized the churches have made significant efforts to change their relationship with Aboriginal peoples to one of partnership. The support of the churches with regard to Aboriginal land rights, health, education, environment, economic, justice and constitutional rights is seen as an important step in developing a new relationship.

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Blondin-Andrew pleased at appointment

By Doug Johnson
Windspeaker Correspondent

OTTAWA

MP Ethel Blondin-Andrew was appointed Secretary of State for youth and training in Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's new government Nov. 4.

Some Native leaders had hoped the Dene from the Northwest Territories would be appointed to head the Department

of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Ovide Mercredi has expressed his disappointment with the choice of Ron Irwin.

Mercredi and Chrétien met in the week preceding the Oct. 25 vote to discuss Native issues. The two men also talked about appointing an Aboriginal to head Indian Affairs.

But Blondin-Andrew said she was pleased with the posi-

tion and she does not want other people to be disappointed.

"I'm just really happy to be considered as part of the Secretaries of State. I'm a rookie. I only got here in '88 and I'm really honored to be considered for anything, really."

Although her own portfolio will take precedence, Blondin-Andrew said Native affairs will remain a personal priority.

"I'm always the conduit for that as well. But my area is going to be for youth and training

and I am really interested in pursuing those initiatives."

Getting the government up and running may take some time, she added. The Cabinet has not yet had the chance to meet as a political body.

"You've got to give us a bit of time, though, you know."

Blondin-Andrew's portfolio covers programs like apprenticeship training and the youth service corp.

Further details from her office in Ottawa were not available.

Inuit reject being labelled Aboriginals

By Doug Johnson
Windspeaker Correspondent

OTTAWA

Canada's Inuit do not want to be labelled Aboriginal.

"I have a very clear mandate from the Inuit leadership to inform you of our discomfort with the label 'Aboriginal people,'" said Inuit Tapirisat of Canada President Rosemarie Kuptana during her opening remarks before the final round of hearings by the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

"Being labelled as Aboriginal too often

means that Inuit concerns are lost in the shuffle of most governments and most Aboriginal policy forums. In many ways, the label Aboriginal is more of a hindrance than a help. It downplays our distinctiveness as a people and is too often used to rationalize the limitation or denial of our fundamental human right to determine our own future," said Kuptana.

The relationship between the Inuit and Canada has been different than that of other Aboriginal peoples. There are no treaties between the Inuit and the Crown. The Inuit also form a majority in most of their traditional lands and have only been heavily influenced by European ways since the end of the Second

World War.

They have also been fairly pragmatic in adoption of non-Inuit ways of doing things. The best example is that the legislative process for the new territory of Nunavut will be closely modelled on the British Parliamentary one.

Kuptana fears that by being labeled Aboriginal, the focus will be on "preconceptions of how we lived and thought before Europeans arrived." She would prefer to see the focus on fundamental human rights and an acceptance of non-ethnic processes.

The rejection of the label Aboriginal does not mean the Inuit do not feel for the situations of other Aboriginal peoples, added Kuptana.

MERCREDI PENS BOOK

Ovide Mercredi's new book, *In the Rapids*, is the story of the First Nations peoples, their experiences of history, their spirituality and politics and their relationship with Canada and Canadians. Co-authored by Native advocate Mary Ellen Turpel, it's also an intensely personal look at the Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

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SHARING SUCCESS

Pitfalls are something designer Carol Starlight-Mason knows about. After nearly a decade of constant business failures, Starlight-Mason, 37, has finally hit the big times with her Native and western style clothing company, Starfire. Her success story was one of several heard recently during the three-day national Aboriginal Women in the Workforce Conference 1993 in Edmonton.

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AD DEADLINES

The Advertising deadline for the December 6th issue is Thursday, November 25, 1993.

Blood council faces contempt charges

By Barb Grinder
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY

The contempt of court trial against Alberta's Blood Tribe Council began Nov. 5 in Calgary.

Chief Harley Frank received an injunction against the council following their attempts to oust him last spring. Council was served with four Federal Court orders forbidding it from removing Frank from office and holding a by-election to replace him.

Council ignored the orders and went ahead with the by-election, which saw former chief Roy Fox named during an election in which an estimated 15 per cent of eligible voters took part.

On day one of what promises to be a lengthy court battle, council lawyer Chris Evans tried

to halt the proceedings by claiming that no visible document had been served stating specific charges against his clients.

Justice Barbara Reed reserved decision as to whether a formal order had been issued, but said the trial would go ahead.

"Everyone knows what's been alleged," she said.

Councillor Randy Bottle and his lawyers have been arguing that Federal Courts have no jurisdiction in resolving the current leadership dispute.

Justice Reed asked why the council would have appealed an earlier ruling if they didn't recognize the right of the Federal Courts in the matter.

Chief Frank has been unable to perform official duties since spring. A banner welcoming Fox back hangs in the tribal administration building.

Council also ignored recommendations made by about 100 Blood Elders last April. Among

other things, the Elders recommended council be suspended and its members prohibited from holding office for two to five years.

The court suggested Elders be used to help solve the dispute, which first aired after Frank purchased a herd of buffalo for the tribe, supposedly without the current council's approval.

About 40 members of the tribe were outside the court on the first day, protesting the trial. The protesters were allegedly brought to Calgary from the reserve on a bus chartered from Carefree Express in Lethbridge at a cost of almost \$2,000.

The cost of the contempt trial has become one of the points of contention with Frank's supporters in the case. Council has asked for time to have all documents translated into Blackfoot, though all 12 councillors and their non-Native lawyers can

read only English. They also have asked for the proceedings to be translated into Blackfoot.

Many members of the tribe are afraid that council is simply stalling in hopes of delaying the procedures till November 1994, when a new election is due.

Costs of council's defense have been estimated at more than half-a-million dollars. Chief Frank is paying for legal services from private funds, although he's not received a paycheck from the tribe since the dispute began.

On the second day of the proceedings, Frank took the stand and claimed council was "incapable" of making responsible financial decisions. Cross-examination will continue in mid-February when the tribal resumes.

If found guilty, each member of the 12-man council is liable to a \$5,000 fine or up to one year's imprisonment.

NATION IN BRIEF

U.S. court overturns death sentence

The Montana Supreme Court has overturned the death sentence handed down to a Red Deer, Alta. man found guilty in the 1982 murder of two Montana Natives. Ronald Smith pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murdering Thomas Running Rabbit and Harvey Mad Man. At first asking for the death penalty, to which the court agreed, Smith later changed his mind and an appeal court ordered the re-sentencing. A re-sentencing was allowed because the lower court failed to order a new pre-sentence investigation report. Assistant attorney general Elizabeth Griffins says the case will be returned to Flathead County district court for re-sentencing but her office has not decided yet if it will seek the death penalty again. No date has been set for the hearing.

Quebec wants help fighting smuggling

The Province of Quebec wants the new Liberal government to implement additional tax measures to make cigarette smuggling less attractive, particularly

for Natives. Provincial Revenue Minister Raymond Savoie said police under his authority have not made the effort to stop Natives from selling contraband cigarettes. A TV news crew captured pictures of two Mohawks selling cigarettes by the roadside near Oka, Que. But the minister expects Ottawa to intervene and make smuggling less profitable by pushing for lower tobacco taxes. He also said he expects the province to adopt new legislation that would impose stiffer fines for possession of contraband. Quebec has also proposed chopping 75 cents off the price of a pack of cigarettes in the hopes that Ottawa will follow suit. The province loses an estimated \$450 million every year in tax revenue because of cigarette smuggling.

Feds clash with chiefs over fish

Thirteen Natives, including chiefs from the Afton, Membertou and Shubenacadie Nations in Nova Scotia, were stopped by Federal Fisheries officers at Ward's Rock Nov. 8 for fishing without federally issued permits. The 13 were from communities that don't have

agreements with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Union of Nova Scotia Indians reported. The group said, however, that they had permission from Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy. No salmon were taken and no equipment was seized but fisheries officials are still considering laying charges. The chiefs said they are upset at being "harassed" by the DFO into signing fishing agreements.

Gambling band suffers set back

The White Bear Band in southeast Saskatchewan has suffered a major set back in its quest for on-reserve gambling. The band is trying to re-install slot machines in their casino. But a ruling by the Saskatchewan provincial court on an injunction filed by the band to get the slot machines back has been delayed indefinitely. The slot machines were seized by RCMP last March in a pre-dawn raid on the reserve 200 kilometres southeast of Regina. The band says most of the money they make with the casino comes from slot machine revenue.

News

RCMP investigation ordered in Bill C-31 case

Judge fears witnesses who failed to testify may have been intimidated

EDMONTON

The first part of a trial over a controversial amendment to the Indian Act has concluded in an RCMP investigation of court conduct.

Judge Frank Muldoon ordered an RCMP investigation Nov. 4 into the possible intimidation of witnesses involved in Sawridge Band Chief Walter Twinn's constitutional challenge of Bill C-31.

Native Council of Canada (Alberta) lawyer Jon Faulds told the court that same day that his witnesses, Francis Jensen and Edith Crowchild, decided not to testify after a telephone conversation with the plaintiff's counsel of record, Catherine Twinn. Catherine Twinn, Senator



Walter Twinn

Twinn's wife, said she had spoken with the two women but emphasized that the witnesses called her.

Muldoon said, however, that the conversation represented a "violation of the client-solicitor privilege."

Two of the three witnesses for the Non-Status Indian Association of Alberta were also to appear in Federal Court that day, said that organization's lawyer Terry Glancy. But the women from the Tsuu T'ina reserve near Calgary failed to show up after they had been contacted by an as yet unnamed third party.

The association's third witness, Olive Golar, said an unnamed woman called her to say she would "do all right" if she did not testify, Glancy said. Muldoon referred to the incident as a "veiled threat."

RCMP from Edmonton's K

Division are investigating, said spokesman Sgt. Loran Thiemann. No further details were available at press time.

The investigation could result in charges of mischief or even contempt of Muldoon's court order forbidding witnesses to talk to each other.

The case, which got underway Sept. 20, involves a challenge by members of three Alberta bands to Bill C-31, the 1985 amendment to the Indian Act which restored Indian Status to disenfranchised Natives, many of them women who had married non-Indians and their children.

Many of the Indians who reclaimed their status under C-31 were immediately put onto band lists by the federal gov-

ernment. But Twinn, along with plaintiffs Bruce Starlight of the Tsuu T'ina Nation and Wayne Roan of the Ermineskin band, maintains that only bands can determine membership.

So far, more than 150,000 people have applied for status under C-31. Some 95,000 Natives across Canada have been re-instated. Approximately 10,000 of them are from Alberta.

Uncontrolled increases in memberships threaten the economic, cultural and social stability of bands, Twinn has said.

The NCCA and NSIAA are acting as interveners in the case to support Bill C-31.

The second half of the trial is currently scheduled to last three weeks. It reconvened in Ottawa Nov. 15.

Nurse-practitioner takes doctors to court

By Dora Wilson
Windspeaker Staff Writer

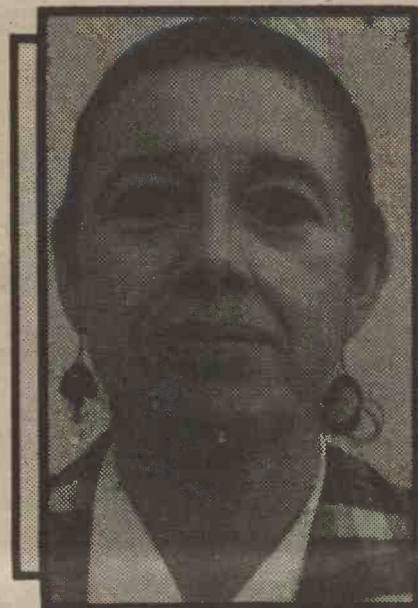
EDMONTON

A Metis nurse-practitioner who filed a \$75,000 lawsuit against the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta for interfering with her right to practise had her day in court earlier this month.

"The College of Physicians and Surgeons, in my mind, interfered in an area of jurisdiction that was not their's," said Joyce Atcheson. "As a registered nurse, my licencing body is the AARN, the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses, it is not the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta."

The dispute started in May 1991 when the Thickwood Family Medical Clinic in Fort McMurray cancelled its contract with Atcheson.

After receiving a letter of complaint from one of its members in 1991, the College of Physicians and Surgeons threatened disciplinary action against the clinic for allowing Atcheson to perform tasks the college said went beyond the scope of nursing and constituted the practise



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- Joyce Atcheson

of medicine without a licence. When the college ordered the clinic to stop the billing practice, the doctors terminated Atcheson's contract.

An expert witness for the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Nigel Flook testified on the role of a family physician and expertise in primary medical care. He said examples of a typical day's list of activities of two doctors were similar to what Joyce Atcheson was doing.

But, Atcheson was doing what she was hired to do, he said.

"As a nurse, Joyce Atcheson is a superb nurse, highly skilled."

Dr. Larry Ohlhauser, registrar for the college, testified during the Court of Queen's Bench

hearing Nov. 9-12 that Atcheson practised too independently.

While under contract to the clinic, Atcheson routinely conducted physical examinations, took blood pressures readings and pap smears, did breast examinations and assessed patients' conditions. She would also make recommendations for medication, but prescriptions were signed by the doctors. She consulted the doctors whenever she felt it necessary.

She never worked without at least one doctor present in the clinic. At the end of each day, a supervising doctor reviewed her cases.

Atcheson was paid \$25 an hour. Her case load was reviewed every three months and

she was to be paid 60 per cent of the Alberta Health Care billings made for her work by the clinic.

Atcheson, 46, received her nursing diploma in 1968 and graduated in 1975 from the nursing practitioners program at the University of Alberta. She received her master's degree in health science, with a specialty in primary health care, from McMaster University in 1988.

A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse with special training in primary health care. They often work in isolated areas where no doctors are available.

Atcheson has worked in the northern Alberta communities of Fox Lake, Assumption and Garden River. In Garden River, 800 km. north of Edmonton, she was the only health-care professional in a community of 380 people. A doctor flew in for three or four hours every two weeks.

"My concern is that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta interfered in my practise of nursing; they have identified it as the practise of medicine. If it is a practise of medicine, then they had an obligation in their mandate to protect the public, to charge me under the medical profession act if I was practising medicine with-

out a licence," Atcheson said.

"If I'm practising medicine without a licence in Ft. McMurray, then nurses who are working in isolated communities in northern Alberta and nurses who are working in sexually transmitted diseases clinics, penal institutions, home care, hospitals and any where a doctor does not see the client or the patient before treatment is initiated ... all those nurses are practising medicine without a licence," Atcheson continued.

There is a double standard in the health care services provided to the isolated Native communities compared to non-Natives in the south, Atcheson said. Medical care in isolated communities can be provided by anybody as long as they have a protocol agreement with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. But, the non-Native middle class society's health care has to be provided by a physician, Atcheson said.

Presentation of final arguments by the lawyers on this case will be made on Dec. 2.

Because of the importance of this issue, Justice Ellen Picard said she will likely reserve her decision until early in the new year.

Minister advocates participation

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"We built a bridge up our way at Guard River. This one bothers me. We built a bridge on a reserve and there were only two Natives on the whole project. I don't think that's right."

Reaction from Native leaders to the new Minister was mixed. Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Phil Fontaine, said the assembly was happy with the appointment.

"Our first bit of advice for Mr. Irwin is for him to take a very close look at his bureaucracy and begin to make major changes starting with the Deputy Minister and working his way down," he said.

The AMC expects Irwin to carry out promises made by the Liberals during the campaign, including dismantling Indian

Affairs, recognizing Natives' inherent right to self-government and removing funding caps on post-secondary education.

But appointing a non-Native to head Indian Affairs was a major "disappointment," said Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Ovide Mercredi.

"The government had a real opportunity to include First Nations, and Aboriginal peoples generally, in the decision-making process," he said. "The lack of consultations shows a lack of respect (for) the spirit of the campaign commitments."

As with the Manitoba chiefs, the AFN plans to work closely with the new government to ensure that the Liberals follow through on their Native policies outlined in their campaign policy document.

Band to defy province to open casino

By D.B. Smith
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WOODSTOCK, N.B.

A band in New Brunswick is going ahead with plans to launch a casino despite objections from the province.

Woodstock Band Chief Len Tomah met with investors Nov. 6 to discuss financing the casino, which is due to open next spring, despite warnings from Provincial Minister of Finance Allan Maher that only the province can license gambling.

"That's a contentious and touchy area as far as the provincial government goes," said band councillor Ray Tomah.

"But our position is that the province does not have jurisdic-

tion on Indian land. We are a federal responsibility and anything that we do on our lands is up to us."

The band has a survey conducted by the Union of New Brunswick Indians that suggests up to 40 per cent of the province's residents favor casinos.

But any gambling facilities not licensed by New Brunswick are illegal, Maher said. The province is the sole authority in authorizing gambling licences.

Since Indian reserves are in New Brunswick, the province retains the right to decide whether to license on-reserve casinos, he said.

Similar disputes over gaming jurisdiction between Natives and Saskatchewan erupted earlier this year. Casinos on the

Roseau River Reserve in Manitoba and the White bear Reserve in Saskatchewan were raided by RCMP and all gaming machines were seized.

But all Indian nations have the right to their own economies and to decide what they want to do on their land without government interference, Tomah said. The Woodstock are prepared for whatever response the province may have.

"We've been dictated to and governed by everyone else but ourselves."

The casino, which will be located adjacent to the Trans-Canada Highway, is expected to cost a minimum of \$5 million just to get up and running. The band cleared the land for the proposed development a year ago.

Our Opinion

Lack of Native cabinet ministers not surprising

The October election saw three Aboriginal Liberal candidates elected to Parliament. Elijah Harper, Jack Anawak and Ethel Blondin-Andrew, who are all from northern ridings, could prove to be a strong voice in Ottawa for Natives. But the strength may be a long time coming.

Many people were expecting Blondin-Andrew's victory to extend beyond her own riding and all the way into a Cabinet posting. But it was not to be. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien chose her for a Secretary of State position, not to lead the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as some Native leaders had hoped.

Certainly, Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi was disappointed. Mercredi had met with Chrétien in the week leading up to the Oct. 25 vote. It was rumored the two men discussed the role the First Nations would play in a Liberal majority government and the likelihood of having a Native as head of DIAND.

Mercredi called Chrétien's choice of longtime party-supporter and Sault Sainte Marie MP Ron Irwin a "disappointment." But consider Chrétien's options. Blondin-Andrew has only been in federal politics since 1988. In her own words, she's a rookie. Chrétien is building his Cabinet on the basis of merit and effort. In his own words, his ministers have to earn their seats in the inner circle.

Elijah Harper, as the so-called Native slayer of the Meech Lake Accord, should not hold his breathe in anticipation of a leading role in the Liberal government. Chrétien made it known even before the election was announced that any member of the party would have to tow the party line and that line once included Meech.

Anawak was the Northern Affairs critic for the Liberals when they were the official opposition. The only appointments left that he might still slip into (at press time) could be a chair of a House of Commons Committee, which doesn't include any extra pay, or a parliamentary secretary to a minister, which does include an extra \$10,000 a year. As with his former seat as an opposition critic, neither of the other two positions guarantee a future appointment to the Cabinet. So at best, Anawak's victory might garner him a promotion on the hill as a ministerial secretary. At worst, he stays in the backbenches.

Blondin-Andrew has done the best of the three. The new Prime Minister himself started building his reputation from a Secretary of State position and Blondin-Andrew should consider her appointment to the portfolio of youth and training as her own personal training for a future Cabinet position.

Her appointment to a secretary of state position should really come as no surprise, not even to Mercredi. There were, even before the final vote count was in, strong concerns of a possible conflict of interest if Blondin-Andrew was to lead Indian Affairs. Some northern leaders were concerned that having her as the Minister could present problems, particularly for the northern development section of that portfolio.

As it is, Blondin-Andrew says she will always be a conduit for Native and Northern Affairs and will assist Minister Irwin in his efforts regardless of her position in the government. Perhaps that's best.

Besides, if Chrétien has his way, there will be no Indian Affairs department left by the time Blondin-Andrew has earned her way to a Cabinet position. The PM has said he is all for disbanding the department and handing the responsibilities over to the First Nations. And the death of DIAND (and subsequently the Indian Act) is, after all, what many of us want more than anything else, anyway.



"LEAVING SO SOON? WHY, THE AGONY'S JUST GETTING STARTED!"

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Aboriginal soldiers paid a special price

In Remembrance Day celebrations across Canada, courageous men who fought for the freedom of their country were honored and remembered for their efforts. I attended a local ceremony in Penticton and couldn't help but notice that among the groups laying wreaths, there was not a delegation that represented the Native people.

The Native people of Canada were very active in defending their country and at quite an unjust price, I might add. At the time of enlistment, Natives were not considered Canadian citizens, and in order to acquire citizenship, they were required to give up their status, thus removing them from the rolls of Indian Affairs. Not only did they lose identities in accordance with the federal policies, they were also forced to assume Anglo Saxon names in registration.

When they returned from war they were not provided with the same veteran status as their comrades.

It's okay to enlist their services to fight for the country but when it comes to recognition and veteran provision, the government has again fallen short.

So the pomp of colonial regime has again excluded the Native people in recognition of their efforts to maintain the lifestyle of



MARLENA DOLAN

Canadians. Sounds about right. Historically all the Indians got for fighting colonial wars was a piece of worthless land as far away from civilization as possible.

My father served as a gunner during the Second World War and although speaking about it was very painful for him, I know he felt a sense of pride in serving for what he felt the war represented. That doesn't mean he felt good about the atrocities of the war, but it was the romance of defending their country that encouraged many to enlist.

To risk your life for the freedom of others takes courage and dedication to a belief system that is protective of your family and the future of your children. I respect the people who bravely confronted the enemy for my freedom as a Canadian and I feel their commitment to their country deserves the utmost respect. Why have the Native soldiers been deprived of their glory?

In my moment of silence I remembered the pain in my father's eyes when he spoke of the war and internal struggle he suffered in that aftermath. However, he was one of the fortunate men who served to protect their country. He was white and was eligible to claim his glory and receive the benefits of the soldiers wounded in battle.

War is nothing new to the Native warrior, he has bravely fought for what he believed to be the strength of his people - respect and recognition. I take a moment of silence to remember the courageous Native men who served in the wars of mankind. War does not discriminate by race or spiritual belief.

The eyes of yesterday's warrior are mirrors of horrors and injustices that we still battle today. Their strength has encouraged the continuance of our fight. To them we owe our courage.

Lest We Forget.

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Your Opinion

Take action, not drugs

Dear Editor,

I am Amber Dion and I want to write a little letter about what this whole Archie Comics thing means to me.

When all the commotion was going on because of our story we were interviewed by a numerous amount of people. Windspeaker Native Newspaper interviewed us, CBC Radio and CBC Television in Edmonton, as well as the Ottawa Citizen newspaper interviewed us.

Along with being interviewed, we also had a few reactions from the Archie Comic Book Company, Manitoba Social Services, and the Alberta Provincial Government Minister of Social Services.

When I first read the comic strip I felt really angry about what they said about us, as Natives. Also very hurt, and confused. I wasn't really sure what to do about it. But I'm happy and proud of what we did do something.

I also had some feelings when I wrote the letter to Archie Comics. I was really anxious about what we did and to see what would happen next. I was willing to defend myself with this.

A while passed and one day after I got home from school, my mother showed me an article that Windspeaker wrote.

I was really happy and grateful that Windspeaker was supporting us, and glad that



Amber Dion and Tarina Cardinal brought a racist comment in Archie Comics to national attention after starting a letter campaign and contacting Native media.

we were getting recognized for what we did.

This whole thing mixes in with drugs and alcohol like this. I think that some people use alcohol and drugs in a way to wash away their pain. If someone had a problem at home or maybe something else they would use alcohol or drugs to numb the hurt feelings. You shouldn't use drugs or alcohol in that matter. Also you don't need alcohol and drugs to have fun. They are not needed at parties or other occasions just to have fun. You can have lots of fun without them. So don't

abuse alcohol and drugs.

Let's show Archie Comic Books and companies like that, that we are better than what Archie portrayed us as.

This whole experience brought out my Native pride. Tarina and I would like to thank Windspeaker for what they did to expose the story right away and how you helped to follow up on the new developments. Young people unite against racism, drugs and alcohol! Hi-Hi!

Amber Dion
Hoselaw, Alta.

NWAC defended

Dear Editor,

After 19 years of struggle and the last 2 years of dictatorship, Native women from across Canada finally spoke out at the association's 19th Annual Assembly and demanded restructuring of Native Women's Association of Canada. It's about time that the power of the association was given to the provinces, and the association's board of directors make decisions regarding policies, positions, and any other business instead of a chosen few in NWAC's office.

The association is not immobilized, and the office in Ottawa is not empty, quite the contrary. In fact, the previous administration was operating at an almost nil capacity and was closed for 2 weeks after each annual meeting, plus NWAC is now operating in a very professional manner. We have very well-respected and qualified Native women who are assisting in restructuring NWAC.

For the first time in NWAC history we have prominent Native women who are volunteering their time. It is the first time that NWAC will be having active committees in place such as personnel, grievance, finance and restructuring committees. And the members of these committees are Native women from across the country.

Yes, we have a lot to be thankful for. We thank our Creator for opening our eyes to see the chaotic situation that

was beginning to happen. We are thankful to our Creator for giving us the strength, courage and wisdom to speak out and say enough is enough, and nip it in the bud, because our association was indeed on the route to destruction and would have certainly lost all respect. We thank our Creator for the ladies who spoke up because they are the saviours of our association.

I must stress that it was not "in house bickering" as stated in your paper but quite the contrary - the concerns affected all Native women across Canada and it was the majority of these women who brought about and agreed to the existing changes taking place within the association.

Invite Windspeaker to attend our Annual Assembly next year, which will be a 20 year celebration. I assure you that we will show Canada that Native women can work together, we will also prove to Canada that NWAC is the best organized association in Canada.

The unknown person who gave you the information in your editorial said "we were proud of NWAC, but now we are disappointed." To me this sound like a 12 year old with a "high pitched whine." We need mature Native women to run our association and that is why we got rid of 12-year-olds.

Clara Gloade, President
Nova Scotia Native Women's Association

Treatment centres needed for families

Dear Editor,

I have been sober going on my eleventh year now. I still find the ghosts from my alcoholic past catching up to me from time to time. I wrote (the enclosed) poem while I was in a family treatment centre in Williams Lake.

This was a great experience for me. I have come to know that an alcoholic has an effect on many people, mainly direct family members. The effects of alcohol have to be dealt with in such a manner that these people have a chance to work with and understand how this has affected the alcoholic.

To my knowledge there are only two family treatment centres in British Columbia. This is far too few. Individuals get into treatment centres only to go back to families that still carry bad feelings or hurt from the person, and sometimes nothing changes. My family now has a family

meeting bi-weekly to deal with any issues that arise.

This is all from going to a family treatment centre. Living sober is hard when you carry the fears you had in alcoholism into sobriety. It is hard to reach out for help when you still have these fears.

It is hard but not impossible. I have reached out my hand for help and my life improves daily.

I hope you get lots of entries for you contest, lots of words of wisdom from those willing to share a bit of their lives. I hope you enjoy the poem I have written. It has roots in the deep feelings I experienced while being in this family treatment centre. Some of us are just beginning to realize what home means to us again. Thank you.

James August
Chase, B.C.
(August's poem I Know Where Home Is can be read on Page 10.)

Promises of justice not enough

Dear Editor,

The recently released Cariboo-Chilcotin Justice Inquiry provides, once again, clear and cogent evidence of the systematic destruction of an Indigenous Nation. The report lists "the destructive legacy of the mission residential school, erosion of the traditional economic base and the supplanting of the systems of social control and political organizations by the non-native justice and political systems."

In response, B.C. Attorney-General Colin Gablemann promises reforms and an undertaking to seek a posthumous pardon from the federal Justice Minister for the Chilcotin chiefs who were hung in 1864 after accepting an

invitation to negotiate a Peace Treaty to end the war of resistance against the invasion of their country by miners.

If Colin Gablemann was sincere about wishing to move forward with respect and in good faith he would admit that these judicial murders took place under the auspices of a usurpation of jurisdiction by the colonial government.

As a matter of settled and binding international and constitutional law, BC's illegal assumption of jurisdiction constitutes usurpation as genocide. It continues to be the means by which Native resources are stolen, lands despoiled, and cultural difference exterminated. The white courts and Attorney-General have conspired to prevent

the paramount law protecting Native sovereignty from being addressed on its merits. The conspiracy is coordinated, monolithic and well documented. Its object is forcing First Nations to negotiate the surrender of their unrelinquished countries, upon the basis of a fraudulent devaluation of their existing rights in law.

These crimes by the non-Native legal and political establishments must be exposed so that the holocaust of Indigenous societies can finally end, racial reconciliation begin, and the rule of law operate as something other than a mask for the abuse of power.

John Shafer
Victoria, B.C.

Archie apology meaningless

Dear Editor,

I have recently read the "comic" and the apology by the publishers of Archie Comics.

I was appalled that such a "comic strip" would be published by anyone in this day and age. I was even more appalled that Mr. Silberkleit referred to this comic strip as making reference to going Native. As far as I am concerned, when you make reference to something, it is a mere comment. These people have dedicated an entire comic strip section to "going Native."

Whether or not Mr. Silberkleit has personally answered a million letters of complaint and written this apology in your paper makes no difference to me - a slap in the face is still a slap in the face, and I do not understand how a company that has been around for 52 years dealing with the public could not know that this comic strip would be offensive to our people and to many other non-Native people.

Whether or not the original writer of this story is still alive is beside the point. These publish-

ers should not have to make their writers aware of the fact that racism is insulting and cannot be passed over as "an innocent mistake."

As far as I am concerned, Mr. Silberkleit, neither myself nor my son (and he is 13) nor any of my future grandchildren will ever buy any of your comic books again and I will make my reasons known to anyone who wishes to ask.

Erma Robinson
Concerned parent and teacher
Port Alberni, B.C.

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December 28 - 31, 1993,
Tsuu T'ina Nation, Alberta

Oki. Can you spare a moment? I want to tell you of a story of this young woman. She came from a family of six. This young woman grew up surrounded by alcohol, which sparked violence and then a broken home. You know, with all the struggles and hardships this young woman's family went through, they came out on top. Sure, her family has flaws and they know that, but then you consider the possibilities people can have when they can let go of the past and look to the future with a clear mind. Anyway, three of her sisters are doing well. Two of them are in school, one is getting her Bachelor's in Special Education and the other is upgrading and is a recovering alcoholic. The other sister works for the government. Her two brothers are expanding their horizons, one went back to school after a long vacation and the other is in recreation. Her mother is an alcohol counsellor and recovering alcoholic and her father is retired and living the good life.

Well, you must know this woman by now. It's me! But this is only one family journey from alcohol and drug abuse. To me, alcohol can give you a limited amount of everything. If you do choose to live one day at a time then things will start to happen but patience and time will tell. I pray for those who have just started a new life and I hope that they will have the same opportunities I had.

Court a success

St. Therese Point, Man. - Nine years ago, the community of St. Therese Point designed and operated a youth court. Since they started, the youth crime rates have been chopped in half. The court deals with youths that are charged with theft, break and enter or willful damage under \$1,000. The sentences are not as stiff as the judicial systems the provinces have. The



PEOPLE & PLACES
by Ethel Winnipeg

sentences range from community service like picking up garbage or chopping wood or helping the disabled and elderly people. Other sentences are teaching the youth skills in building or trapping or traditional chores. Cool Idea!

Winners galore!

Everywhere across Canada - Let's start from the east - but not too far east like China. The Nechi National Addictions Awareness week's 1992 (am I a year behind?) winners for community participation. The Maritime provinces all combined to award the Metepenagiag School of Red Bank, New Brunswick for community services on their week's events. The community of Anukjuak won for the province of Quebec. Coming towards the west is Espanola Mental Health Unit of Espanola in Ontario. Manitoba awarded the Little Saskatchewan Band of St. Martin for raising the awareness of healthy living and addiction. Then we come into the flatlands of Canada - yes, you got it - Saskatchewan, the province awarded the Kinistin Band of Tisdale for their involvement with the week's events. Traveling to Alberta, you come across the national and provincial award winners. Yeah, you got it right, it had to be the northerners from Peace River (do you think the name has something to do with it?) Across the Rocky Mountains and B.C. awarded the Kermode Friendship Centre from Terrace, B.C. for their efforts in raising awareness. You can't forget the communities from the land of

the midnight sun. The Northwest Territories and Yukon, they awarded the communities of Upassuraakut (NWT) and Teslin Tlingit Council of Teslin (Yukon) for the involvement.

Next year, I'll announce the winners from this year, OK?

Poetry to set the mood

This poem is to celebrate the freedom from alcohol and drug abuse. This one is from Emily Laroque from Waterhen Lake, Saskatchewan.

A tribute to National Addictions Week

*Smudge with the fresh essence
aroma of Sweetgrass
Clasp my hand during the healing
walk as the drum begins to rhythm
and beat
Hand and hand let's together
journey to remain within the Circle
of Hope
Our bilateral goal is balancing our
mind, body and spirit.*

*All First Nations from coast to coast,
keeping the circle strong
Let's hold our feathers with dignity
and granting integrity
Alcohol is not Aboriginal
Addictions are tombs of agony*

*Creator, Oh, Great Spirit - through
the wisdom words of Elders
"Your guidance and strength is
essential"
I have a dream - it's a vision just like
Chief Mercredi's
Spoken words on National news
"we must begin to heal our
Communities before Self-
government"
"Yes, to be united, powerful, culture
and identity to be intact."*

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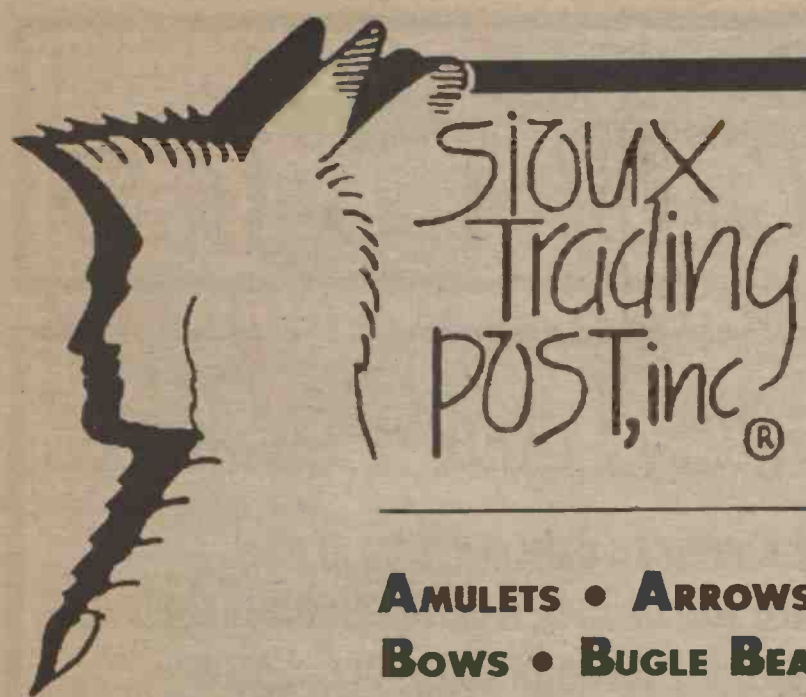
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Economic assimilation may be inevitable

By D.B. Smith
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Economic assimilation and self-government may go hand-in-hand whether First Nations' leaders like it or not.

Native economies will have to assimilate with the non-Native business world if the First Nations want to create a strong base for self-government, said Ovide Mercredi, Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

"In certain areas, we have to assimilate. There's just no way out of it. I don't see any way of becoming self-reliant unless we become part of the economic system."

If Native leaders concentrate solely on Indian rights, nothing is going to improve, he said.

"The recognition of the rights by themselves will not create self-reliance in our communities. It's important that we balance the demands in terms of rights and also addressing the practical needs of the people."

Reluctance to go into partnerships between Native and non-Native businesses is more often found among Aboriginals, who of them see it as assimilation.

Assimilation only becomes a problem when it involves the loss of Native philosophy, ideas, culture, language and spirituality, he added. If they give up their language, Natives will lose the fundamentals they need to remain a distinct people.

"(But) getting involved in an economic enterprise, you have to assimilate to the economic system. You can't avoid it."

Mercredi was speaking to a breakfast gathering of university students in Edmonton Nov. 3 during a promotional tour of his new book, *In the Rapids*, which he wrote in conjunction with Native rights advocate Mary Ellen Turpel as a way to reiterate the



Ovide Mercredi
First Nations viewpoint.

The AFN will also begin to work together with the new Liberal government to progress on the implementation of the Indian treaties, the inherent right to self-government and social and economic needs in the Indian community, Mercredi said.

Proceeds from the sales of *In the Rapids* will also serve as a means of generating money for programs aimed at reducing solvent abuse and suicides in First Nations communities. Those funds will likely find their way to communities like Davis Inlet in Labrador, where solvent and alcohol abuse amongst the 550 people is rampant.

Davis Inlet Chief Katie Rich recently resigned after months of struggling with federal and Newfoundland officials to bring much-needed relief to her impoverished community 330 kilometres north of Goose Bay.

"I feel sorry for Katie," Mercredi said. "A lot of times, you have no power to make changes because the change has to be made by the other side, which is the federal governments and provincial governments. I know that she's tried very hard to create a better life for the people in Davis Inlet. But the resistance is always there and there's been very little progress made in the last few months. I think she's very discouraged."

Ovide Mercredi's book a portrait of Native peoples

REVIEW

In the Rapids
By Ovide Mercredi and Mary Ellen Turpel
Viking, 248 pages, hardcover, \$25.99

An Elder from Morley, Alta. once had a vision.

Everyone in Canada, Native and non-Native alike, was entering a great rapids. The safest route downstream was unknown to any of the travellers, as were the danger zones. But the journey would have to be made nonetheless.

Ovide Mercredi's new book, *In The Rapids*, is one man's best guess at the safest route.

Co-authored by Native advocate Mary Ellen Turpel, it's the story of the First Nations peoples, their experiences of history, their spirituality and politics and their relationship with Canada and Canadians. It is about painful experiences of the past and hopes for the future. And it is, at times, an intensely personal look at the Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

In his exposition on the history and folklore of the people of Turtle Island, Mercredi reveals an image of himself and Natives in Canada stranded at a crossroads.

Behind them, he writes, lie many of the traditional ways of Native life that no longer work in a post-colonial, post-industrial Canada. Ahead of them are varying and uncertain futures as a people with the inherent right to govern themselves but no economic base on which to build.

The book itself is not a complex literary work. Mercredi's writing style is straightforward, even dry at times. And seasoned Native affairs veterans may see many sections of the book as redundant - more of the same rhetoric about Indians and Ottawa.

But *In The Rapids* paints a strong and engaging picture of the history of the citizens of the First Nations and their struggle to remain a people. It will undoubtedly reach its target audience - those not familiar with Native affairs and those who have forgotten.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Hard work yields success

By Heather Halpenny
Windspeaker Contributor

Customer service, experience with a line of work, competitive prices, honesty and hard work are some of the keys to success in business.

Ask Blaine Morris. At the top end of the province, in High Level, Alta., Morris has been operating Northern Tire and Auto for a year and a half.

Morris, a Metis from the Yukon, judges that his business is now well established in High Level. Sales levels have now surpassed his original projections and the business is operating at a profit. He attributes his success to many things.

"There are very few people that work as hard as I do. I work at least 10 hours per day, a minimum of six days per week and most Sundays you will find me around the shop." Customers from John D'or Prairie, Assumption, Meander River or Garden River may arrive just at closing time or late on Saturday with

vehicles needing repair.

"To be good in business you must be prepared to offer good service. Many of my customers come from surrounding communities and need to get back home. So I make the repairs, even if that means I must stay late Friday night or come in on Sundays. Customer satisfaction is everything in this business."

As well as offering good customer service, prices must be competitive.

"When I first arrived in High Level I noticed that there was only one tire shop. Boy, were their prices high because the nearest competition was in Peace River. Customer service was terrible. You always had to wait to get any work done. I thought that there was a sufficient market in High Level for a second tire shop and I knew I could be competitive with my prices."

He believes honesty is the best policy.

"In a small community you must charge everybody the same rate. People talk and if you charge one person one price and some-

one else a higher price, word will get around."

Morris, a journeyman mechanic originally from Carcross, Yukon, is not new to business. He has owned several service stations in the Yukon and was a mechanic in Cochrane, Alta. before moving to High Level.

He applied to the Aboriginal Business Development Program for a contribution and went to his bank for financing.

"The banker knew the community and he saw that there was an opportunity for a second tire shop. But he wanted a business plan and so did ABDP.... for a while it was nip and tuck. Some days I didn't know if the loan and grant was going to be approved."

Morris does mechanical work and his wife Gwen does the books.

"I don't like the paper work. But you know, the books have to be done, otherwise you are not managing the business."

(Heather Halpenny runs Crocker Consulting Inc. The Edmonton number is 432-1009.)

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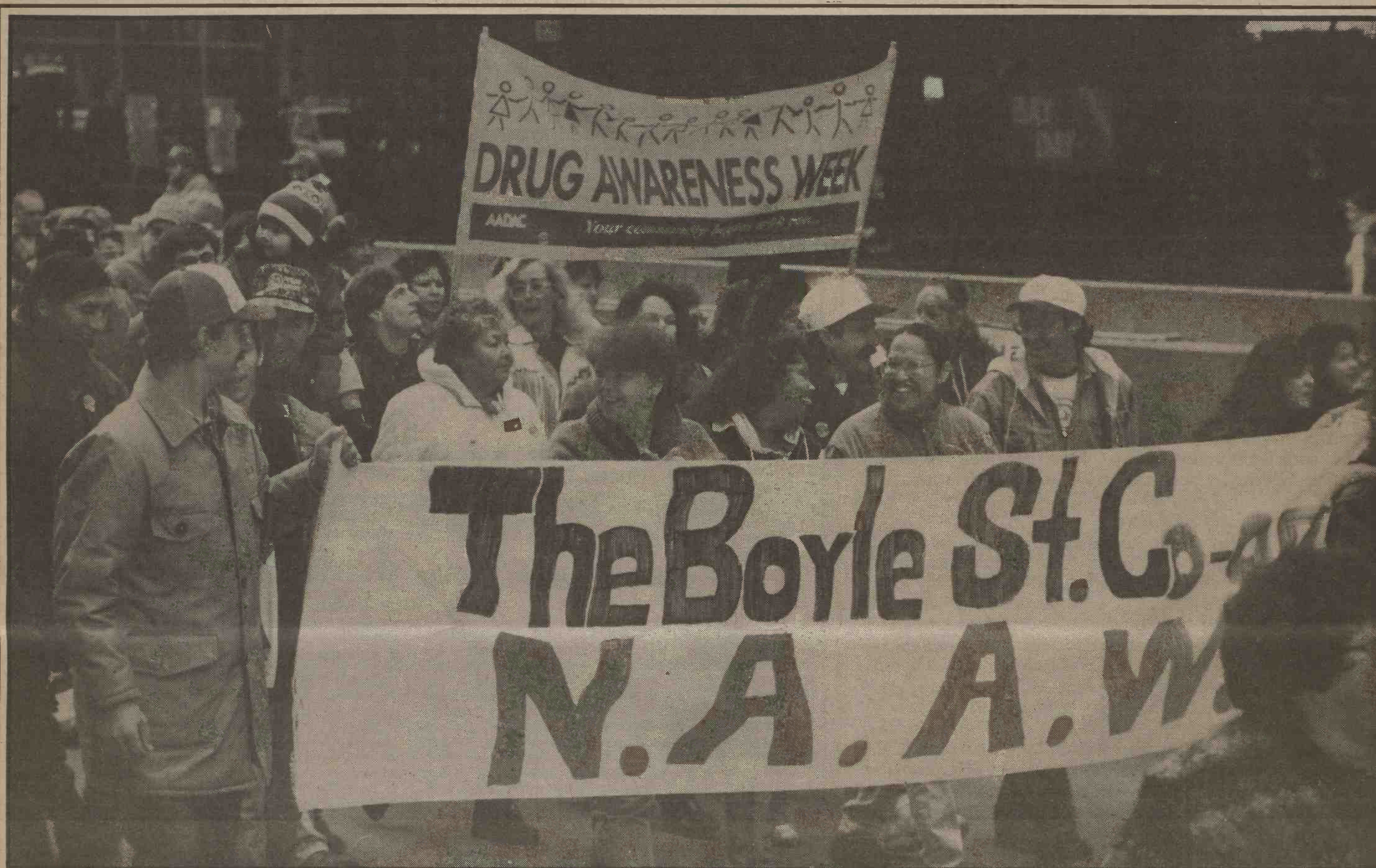
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Celebrating sobriety

Leah Pagett

Cheerful members of Edmonton's inner city agency, The Boyle Street Co-op, take part in the Nov. 15 Walk Sober/ Join The Circle celebration during National Addictions Awareness Week. More than 300 people joined the co-op in celebrating sober living and Native heritage.

DOTC lay off tribal police over funding

By Dina O'Meara
Windspeaker Staff Writer

BRANDON, Man.

Tribal police services have been cancelled on eight Manitoba reserves, leaving residents without police surveillance, and relying on RCMP from near-by communities to attend emergency calls.

A funding crunch forced the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council to lay off all 26 tribal police officers serving their jurisdiction, said chief executive officer Kathy Whitecloud-Roth.

The council is demanding an additional \$500,000 from provincial coffers to fund the police force until the fiscal year-end, next March 31.

The lay-offs were announced after a Nov. 9 meeting with provincial Justice Minister Rosemary Vodrey failed to produce an agreement about funding.

Currently the tribal police force is funded through the federal and provincial governments. Manitoba has granted \$150,000 a year since 1978 toward the force, which provides regular policing services to communities.

An agreement with provincially-contracted RCMP has the larger force taking over cases such as armed robberies or murders.

"Negotiations are at a stand-off right now. The entire police department is shut down," said Bruce Spence, with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

"The RCMP are providing police services on emergency basis to the communities in the DOTC."

The federal government is currently negotiating with First Nations and provincial leaders to establish a tripartite funding agreement for all tribal police forces across Canada.

Such an agreement would see the feds shoulder 52 per cent of funding, with the prov-

inces and First Nations supplying the remaining 48 per cent funding.

The DOTC is blaming the Manitoba government for the stalled talks.

"Due to the unfair stance and lack of good faith exhibited by provincial representation at the negotiating table, the DOTC removed their representation until such time a meeting could be convened with the Attorney General of Manitoba to clarify key points in negotiating," read a statement from the council.

The DOTC has said it would be cheaper for the province to grant the additional funds than to have 16 to 18 more RCMP officers brought on to take over tribal police duties. Such a move would cost an estimated \$1.6 million per year.

A meeting with the Attorney General scheduled for Nov. 14 was cancelled until further notice.

In the meantime, police emergencies on the eight reserves are being handled by

RCMP from near-by communities, not by additional staff, said Sgt. Wyman Sangster.

"Detachments near the communities are taking all the complaints. They are being looked at when we can get to them," he said.

But he believes no extra officers will be called on board because the force is under severe budget restraints as well.

"The difficulty would be finding those positions at the moment," he said.

Since the lay-offs, local RCMP have taken over the responsibility of basic policing in the reserves, additional duties which are shoved to the back burner in order to deal with the additional emergency calls, he said.

"The tribal police provided that basic service and people got used to it. But now they can't have it until we have the resources to provide it.

The DOTC tribal police was the first to be established in Canada, in 1977.

Vaccine tested

SASKATOON, Sask.

A study is under way in Saskatoon to test how Natives respond to meningococcal meningitis vaccines.

Approximately 180 children, Native and non-Native, will have blood samples taken in the voluntary test which will compare antibody levels in the two groups. A joint group from the Laboratory Centre for Disease Control in Ottawa and the University of Saskatchewan is directing the study.

Previous studies have indicated Aboriginals have less protection from the disease after vaccination than non-Natives. Agencies should take notice and develop better immunizations if the study proves Native people have a decreased immunological response to such vaccines, said study spokesperson Dr. Cory Neudorf. A second series of blood samples will be taken four weeks after the vaccination.

Northern Briefs

New legislature opens

The days of carrying out weighty government procedures in school gyms are over for the Northwest Territories legislative assembly. A new, \$25 million building has been inaugurated in Yellowknife as permanent home to the territorial government. The structure stands testimony to the northern traditions which make the government unique in Canada, built to remind the viewer of an igloo. It is bound by cast zinc, mined in the High Arctic, and is built to last at least a hundred years, said Michael Ballantyne, speaker of the legislative assembly.

Inuit leader charged

Paul Quassa, the president of Nunavut Tunngavik land claim organization, has stepped down temporarily after an incident resulting in Iqaluit RCMP laying two charges against him. Nunavut Tunngavik executive members asked Quassa to step down until his case was heard in court after Quassa was charged with abandoning a child and resisting arrest Nov. 8. Iqaluit Staff Sgt. Jack Kruger said the charges stem from an incident outside the town's Royal Canadian Legion during which a child under the age of 10 was left in a car running outside the legion. Quassa was charged with resisting arrest after two officers entered the legion to find him. Quassa will appear in territorial court Dec. 6. He is head of the largest successful land claim in North American history, Nunavut, which covers 2.2 million square kilometres, and which will become Canada's third territory in 1999.

Town council deposed

The municipal government of Iqaluit has been dissolved after the town falling into "financial ruin", say government officials. Mayor Charlie Ruttan, the deputy mayor, seven councillors and the town manager were laid off Nov. 12 and replaced by an NWT official from the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. The town of 3,500 residents owes the territorial government more than \$6 millions in funds borrowed to finance a new subdivision. Ruttan claims the town was not that much in the red. He may seek legal action against the territorial government for forcing him into retirement without prior notification.

Thin ice claims two lives

An evening ride from town back home ended in tragedy for two young Dettah men. Harry Crookedhand and Bernie Martin were snowmobiling across Yellowknife Bay at approximately 8 p.m. Nov. 12 with James Toby when the accident happened. One snowmobile went through a patch of thin ice, with the second following. Toby was able to escape and go for help, while Crookedhand stayed behind to try and rescue Martin. Toby returned within minutes to find that Crookedhand had also fallen in the ice. His body was retrieved immediately, however divers only located Martin's body the following afternoon. Yellowknife RCMP say the accident was the first of the season. "It's almost an annual event," said Sgt. Wylie Grimm. "Every year we lose a few people before the ice thickens, and all the education programs don't seem to be helping."

Disappearances investigated

Four cases of suspicious disappearances have been reopened by RCMP in the Northwest Territories. All four involved women between the ages of 15 and 24 who disappeared from 1988 to 1991. All were last seen in the Yellowknife vicinity. Police have not ruled out the possibility of a serial killer.

Babies sweet enough

Giving honey to infants can be deadly

EDMONTON

The Edmonton Board of Health is urging parents not to give honey to their infants after a baby contracted Infant Botulism, or food poisoning, from honey put on her soother.

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ized or not, should be avoided for children under the age of one," said Deputy Medical Officer of Health Dr. Karen Grimsrud. "The child in question spent over a week in the hospital because of muscle weakness as a result of toxin produced by the bacteria in honey."

Muscle weakness can cause difficulty breathing if chest muscles are affected, or cause choking if throat muscles are affected.

The bacteria cited is present in

10 per cent of all honey. While this type of poisoning is rare, 94 per cent of all cases occur in children under the age of six months.

This type of poisoning is rare and completely preventable by not giving babies honey, say health board officials. The Edmonton child is expected to make a full recovery, however there have been cases where symptoms were severe enough to cause death, said Grimsrud.

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Central Canada

Athletes on the run in Kiwi Land

By Dina O'Meara
Windspeaker Staff Writer

AUCKLAND, New Zealand

Participating in the 1993 Sacred Run in New Zealand was truly meant to be for a group of young athletes from central Canada.

Left penniless and ticket-less after their trainer failed to show on the eve of the run, the youths were the recipients of a wave of financial support that floated them to New Zealand and back.

More than \$14,000 were donated to the First Nations Running Club, with an additional \$15,000 granted through the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

"The response was just tre-

mendous," said Larry Diamond, a sponsor of the running club. "We got people from all over Canada calling in with help, from Ontario to the Yukon."

The first indication Diamond got that something was wrong was when the teens phoned his office in downtown Winnipeg asking if anyone was going to pick them up from the airport. Their trainer, Tom Wesley, hadn't shown at the appointed time, and they were stranded. The two girls and four boys, aged 14 to 20, were put up in a hotel overnight, then billeted in city homes. The girls returned to Ontario, but the boys remained with hopes the 23-year-old trainer would arrive.

Wesley didn't appear, and Diamond started contacting the media and other Native organi-

zations to raise money for the trip. The story of the stranded Native runners attracted immediate attention, and the response was overwhelming.

A group of businessmen from Indianapolis donated \$10,000. And Canadian Airlines took \$1,000 off each ticket and threw one in for free.

Within six days, a total of \$30,000 had been collected for the team. They arrived in New Zealand Nov. 7, one day before the 9,000-kilometre run began.

While Native organizations gave what they could, non-Aboriginal donations were surprisingly generous, said Diamond. So much so that extra money has been placed in a trust fund to sponsor runners for the third leg of the sacred run, to take place next year in Africa.



Morning

Roy Thomas, an Anishnabe artist living in Thunder Bay, Ontario, made his first drawings in the snow with the tip of a burnt stick.



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Sports

Canadian Finals Rodeo XX hugely successful



Joseph Fox

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By R. John Hayes
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The 20th Canadian Finals Rodeo at Edmonton's Northlands Coliseum was hailed by organizers and cowboys alike as the most successful yet.

The crowd for the Sunday performance didn't push the total attendance over 80,000, as promoters had hoped. But the numbers were still higher than the 1992 CFR, the most successful up till this year.

Fan favorite bull rider Daryl Mills of Pink Mountain, B.C. provided several good shows. Mills rode a huge, tawny bull called Tidal Wave, owned by Vold Rodeo Ltd., on Saturday night.

It was the same bull that ended the competition for Jay Soukup of Eckville, Alta., on Thursday night, by inflicting him with the worst injury of the week.

With Soukup and the week's biggest crowd looking on, Mills mastered the ton of muscle and hormones, scoring a hot 91 points and setting a CFR record for consecutive successful rides at 17.

After the standing ovation, Mills gave the prize money, nearly \$3,500 for the ride, to Soukup. It was most electric moment of the CFR.

But Sunday afternoon Mills rode Sugar Ray, a bull unriden

in 1993. Sugar Ray, also owned by Vold Rodeo, was too much for the man from Pink Mountain. The crowd sagged as he was thrown, ending his record string (but keeping Sugar Ray's streak of 33 successful rides alive).

Mills tipped his hat to the bull and left with second place. Wayne Joyal of Calgary was bucked off as well on Sunday, but his commanding lead built during the first three go-rounds was just enough as he edged Mills by five points for the championship.

Lowell Johnston of Oyen, Alta., hung on for third place and Glen Keeley of Nanton, Alta., finished fourth. Rookie Rick Henderson, a Metis rancher originally from Shell Lake, Sask., had a tough week and finished out of the money.

The best moments of the last go-round were provided by Edmontonian Roger LaCasse in the bareback riding.

Montreal-born LaCasse, who came west to become a rodeo cowboy, rode Greg Kesler's Three Stars Skoal to earn 82 points. After a few seconds, the horse stopped and seemed ready to roll, but LaCasse stayed up, brought the horse to its feet and earned the biggest cheer of the afternoon.

It was enough to push LaCasse into fourth place over the week, 15 points behind winner Darrell Cholach of Okotoks, Alta., who came into the final go-round in first place and

stayed there.

Canadian Professional Rodeo Association president Jim Dunn of Airdrie, Alta., and Robin Burwash, also of Okotoks, finished tied for second five points back.

Kenton Randle of Fort Vermilion, last year's Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association champion in the event, qualified for the CFR in his first full year as a pro on the big circuit.

The heavy equipment operator took home some money in the second and third go-rounds, finishing tied for third and fourth on Thursday and Friday, but injuries limited his effectiveness, especially later in the week.

Rod Hay of Mayerthorpe came into the final day guaranteed first in the saddle bronc. He'd finished first or tied for first in the first four go-rounds, building a huge 100-point lead over Guy Shapka of Alix, Alta., and 75 over Rod's older brother Denny. Rod won the final go-round as well, capping a brilliant week. Denny placed second and Shapka stayed in third.

In other adult events Darren Zieffle of Consort, Alta., won the calf roping, Blaine Pederson of Amisk, Alta., won the steer wrestling, and 17 year old Nikki Ree of Bentley, Alta., won the ladies barrel racing.

The two novice event winners were Davey Shields of Hanna, Alta., in the bareback riding, and Christopher Bews of Longview, Alta., in the saddle bronc.

Final CFR scores

Bareback Riding	Darell Cholach, Okotoks, Alta.	115 points
Calf Roping	Darren Zeiffle, Consort, Alta.	135 points
Novice Bareback	Davey Shields, Hanna, Alta.	320 points
Novice Saddle Bronc	Christopher Bews, Longview, Alta.	300 points
Boys' Steer Riding	Dennis Morton, Del Bonita, Alta.	150 points
Saddle Bronc	Rod Hay, Mayerthorpe, Alta.	210 points
Steer Wrestling	Blaine Pederson, Amisk, Alta.	165 points
Ladies Barrel Race	Nikki Ree, Bentley, Alta.	125 points
Bull Riding	Wayde Joyal, Calgary, Alta.	130 points
All-round champion:	Steve Dunham, Turner Valley, Alta.	40 points
Canadian high point award:	Blaine Pederson, 135 points	
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Sports

Cowboys rope the Canadian Finals Rodeo

By John Hayes
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The 1993 Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton saw four Native competitors, each a rookie at the CFR.

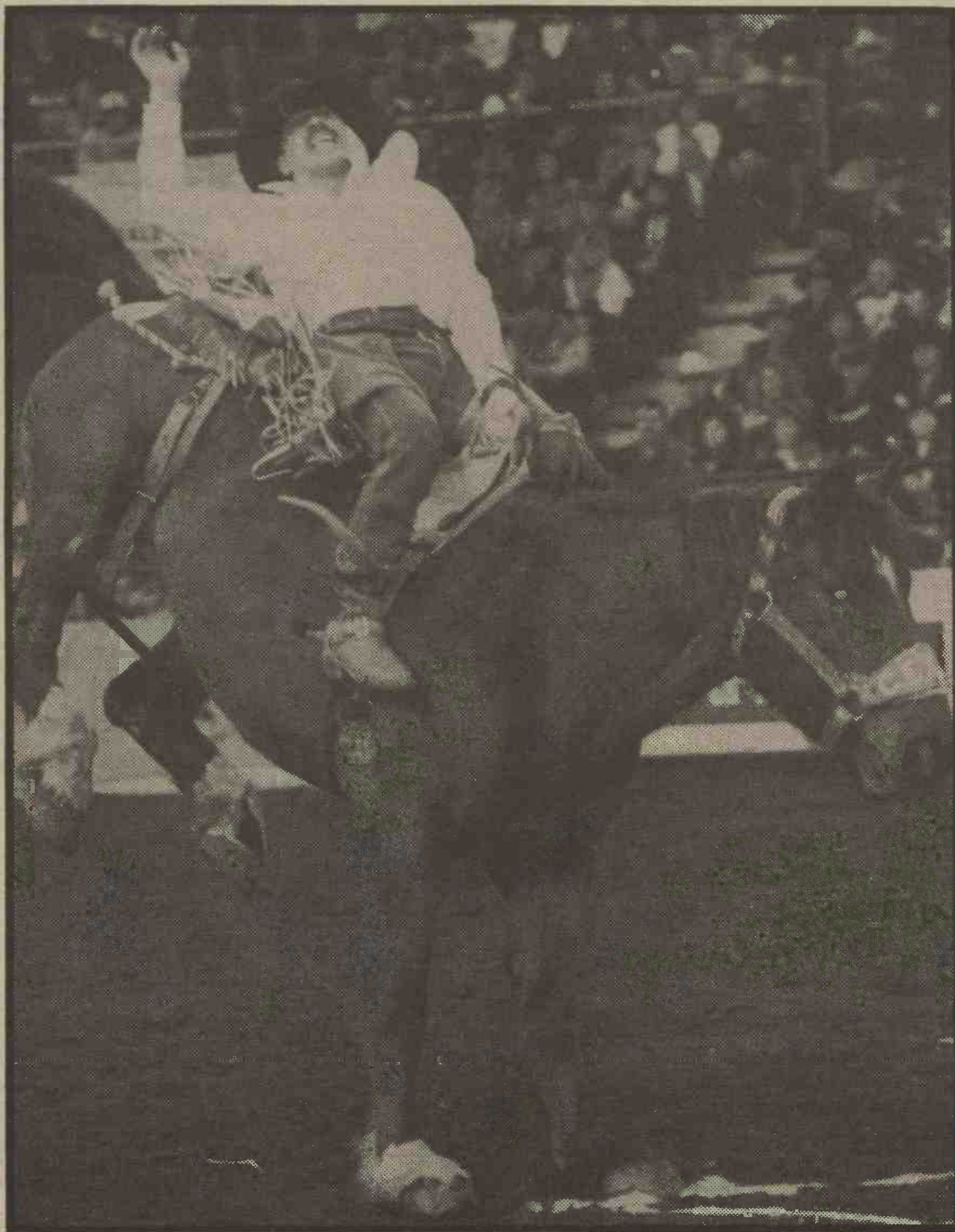
Kenton Randle of Fort Vermilion, Alta., competed in the bareback riding, Shawn Henry of Williams Lake, B.C., in the saddle bronc, Rick Henderson of Shell Lake, Sask., in the bull riding and Joseph Fox of Morley, Alta., in the boys' steer riding.

Making the CFR was an achievement for each of them; only the top 10 in each event - the top six in the steer riding - are invited to CFR.

Randle had a good year, except that he tore his left bicep early on and carried the injury with him through 1993. Randle came into 1993 with a career earnings of \$2,920, but he made \$8,812 this year, and was able to qualify for the CFR on that basis.

"I was drawing fairly decent all year. And I rode down the middle," he said, indicating he didn't get the few real tough horses nor any that were poor stock.

Half of the marks in an event are given based on the performance of the stock; a docile or lazy horse or bull will do nothing for a cowboy. And drawing a killer every time would wear anybody out. Randle placed at 19 of the 44



Rob Dailly

Kenton Randle

rodeos have more than a single go-round: in 65 rodeos in Canada in 1992 there were 208 performances.

The 5'10", 185 lb. cowboy describes his best ride of 1993 as his Calgary Stampede date with High Chaparral Copenhagen for which

horse two weeks earlier at Swift Current, Sask., that Randle injured his shoulder and arm. It was a sweet victory for the two-time World Indian National Finals champion. He plans on finally taking the doctor's advice and resting his arm over the winter,

Shawn Henry has been a pro for two years, and he took career earnings of \$2,163 into 1993 and added \$10,699 to that this year. Henry's best ride of '93 was at the PNE when he drew Kingsway Skoal, the runner up for the world's best bucking horse. He scored an 82 there, and won the Sundre, Alta., rodeo on him. The horse, said Henry, has a huge heart and is "really hard to track." The 5'11", 180 lb. cowboy says he was thrilled to be back at the CFR; he had been in Edmonton in 1986 as a novice saddle bronc competitor. Rick Henderson had a "real good" spring, but struck a cold streak through June. The bull rider says he loves the feel of riding, along with the excitement and the challenge. His best rides were when he drew Verne Franklin's Candyman at Cloverdale, B.C., in May and Dirty Harry at the Calgary Stampede. On those occasions, he felt more in control than normal.

Henderson won \$11,017 in 1993, which he added to his previous career earnings of \$23,625. He hopes to be able to travel to the U.S. for some of the bigger money events there in 1994, but plans on being in Regina and Hobbema later this year. At 5'11", 168 lbs., his goals are to return to the CFR "and do better, to win it," and to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

The story in the boy's steer riding was tiny Joseph Fox of Morley, Alta. Little Joe was the smallest competitor in the CFR,

pounds. He turned 13 on the last day of the competition and managed to finish third in his event, against older and bigger boys.

The Grade 7 student took up rodeo four years ago, essentially teaching himself to ride, and eventually hopes to become a bull rider. Fox takes rodeo seriously: he entered 28 rodeos and placed in five of them, earning \$1,694 before the CFR. It was nothing for Joe: he won four of the rodeos in which he placed.

But this month Fox finished way back of winner Dennis Morton of Del Bonita, Alta., who edged Trevor Wittmack of Consort, Alta., by five points.

Fox looks forward to coming back in 1994 bigger, better, with more experience. "I'd like to come back and win, I guess," he says.

According to CPRA president Jim Dunn of Airdrie, Alta., that's what will happen for each of the four if they're successful again next year. The CFR is a big rodeo and it was the first year for each of them, he said.

"My first year I didn't do as well as I wanted to. I had the jitters, like I'm sure they did, at least a bit. But it's been a learning experience and they'll do better because of it."

Of course, that's if they can get back. The toughest part of the CFR is probably qualifying for it. Each of them must avoid injury, draw good stock, and make the most of their opportunities. If they can do that, they'll be back and be much more successful

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Prairies

Women entrepreneurs share triumphs

By Gina Teel
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

When Doreen Janvier returned to her reserve two-and-a-half years ago, the normally prudent 29 year old threw caution to wind and quit her job with Syncrude Canada.

Janvier, who returned to her namesake's reserve after a 15-year absence to support family members enrolled in drug and alcohol awareness counselling, said the visit awakened a strong desire to help her people.

"My vision was to help my people in the community, help them overcome their unemployment and alcoholism and help them start to care for themselves," she said.

Eight months later, Janvier established DMJ Enterprises. Now a contract firm with the oil-sands based Syncrude, DMJ is responsible for the daily operation of three heavy equipment washbays—a contract worth more than \$1.5 million in 1992. In keeping with her vision, the soft-spoken entrepreneur created full-time employment for 26 members of her community, who, on average make \$16.40 an hour.

"Now the employees are constantly looking for ways to improve their lives," she said. "They often discuss their hopes and plans with me and ask my advice."

Janvier's success story was one of several heard recently during the three-day national Aboriginal Women in the Workforce Conference 1993. More than 150

delegates from across the country attended the conference at the Convention Inn in Edmonton, Alberta.

Speaking during a workshop on creating business, Janvier stressed the importance of not giving up even when faced with seemingly overwhelming odds.

"Don't ever lose sight of your dream," she says. "If you have a dream, you can succeed," she told the audience.

To emphasize, Janvier touched on the hardships she encountered on her way to the top. She left the reserve in 1978 at age 14 to complete her education - and was the only one of 10 siblings to do so. Subsequently, she lost touch with her community. Forming DMJ was a nightmare, she says, basically due to a lack of business experience.

Being the only female in an all male work crew initially posed some problems. She has also experienced resentment, anger and jealousy from people in her community since forming DMJ.

"It's like they think that now I am in business and I'm too good for them," she said. Likewise, her relationship with her band has fallen through.

Still, Janvier says fulfilling her dream has been worth the pitfalls.

"It's a big responsibility because I know that I'm an example

for young people in the community," she said. "I know that many people look up to me."

Pitfalls are also something designer Carol Starlight-Mason knows about. After nearly a decade of constant business failures, Starlight-Mason, 37, has finally hit the big times with her Native and western style clothing company, Starfire.

Today, Starlight-Mason's company makes \$28,000 to \$30,000 a month. Her husband works for Starfire full-time. Her collections have been shown throughout the U.S. and Canada, and the clothing line is being sold in exclusive, high-priced boutiques in Japan and on Rodeo Drive in Los Angeles.

But it wasn't always that way. Starlight-Mason didn't seriously begin to experiment with designs and patterns until after marriage and infant rearing. She enrolled in Form and Function Design Academy in Calgary and though she graduated two years later with top honours, her goal of designing clothes was interrupted by an unexpected divorce.

Starlight-Mason spent the following years scrambling between a day job at a clothing manufacturer to support their kids and sewing her designs at night for a small clientele. But the hard work paid off - in 1988 she landed a contract as the Winter Olympics

fashion co-ordinator.

"That experience alone taught myself much about time management, organizational skills and most importantly about people," she said.

Two years later, Starlight-Mason formed Starfire, and admits that she was "very naive about government funding." Starlight-Mason submitted five business plans over three years, all of which were rejected. In turn, she took out a personal loan. Though business was brisk, delivery dates and businesses failing to pay caused cash flow problems, resulting in the cancellation of a significant order from department store giant J.C. Penny and pressure from the bank. "I felt beaten. I just didn't want to go on," she said. But with the help of two close friends and much determination, Starlight-Mason was able to turn her fledgling company around.

"I can't begin to tell you how important it is to do your homework," Starlight-Mason told the all-female audience. She implored participants to develop and hone their creative skills, and learn all aspects of running a business.

"And when it comes to the point when you are ready to start your own business, go ahead and do it. Don't stop to think about it because if you do, you'll talk yourself out of it because there are more cons than pros."

Starlight-Mason added the experience has taught her a lot about being a Native woman.

"As Native women, I've found that we've had insurmountable odds against us like broken marriages, broken homes, abusive relationships," she said. "But I've

discovered that we have staying power and we take what comes and get through it the best we can."

Eleanor Grandjamb shares that sentiment. She started her marketing and media services business three years ago after a surprise divorce.

"I said it's either do or die. I either go on welfare or do something about my situation," she said.

Grandjamb, who had worked for the Alberta Indian Investment Band for nine years, decide to put her B.A. degree to work and started up PDQ, (Pretty Darn Quick.)

Things went so well at that business that she set up another, with most of her work coming from her own Saddle Lake Reserve. Grandjamb says the experience has been gratifying.

"There are some difficulties when getting started, such as working 16 to 18 hour days, seven days a week," she said. "But it's been fun, it's been exciting."

She explained the importance of networking, and told participants that now is an exciting time to be in small business.

"We are not stuck in the traditional businesses. Women are now getting into trucking, and I think you're going to see more and more of this," she said.

Like Janvier, Grandjamb says her successes have resulted in resentment, put-downs and anger from some members of her community.

But she doesn't let it get in her way.

"Sure it's there," she shrugged. "But you don't have to be a part of it."



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Maritime Briefs

Crime doesn't pay

A woman who issued almost \$30,000 of bank money to herself will pay for the ill-gotten wealth with an eight-month jail term. The 34-year-old Micmac from Membertou, Nova Scotia was in charge of disbursements to the reserve's post-secondary students. In 1990 she continued listing a couple studying at the University of Regina as recipients, although they asked to terminate the assistance, and pocketed the money herself. The scam worked until the husband re-applied for an educational grant and band officials became suspicious.

Fishery on the fly

Assets from the defunct Golden Eagle salmon farm in Cape Breton have been bought back after being placed in receivership in April. The move signals a positive future for the Micmac-run fishery, now called Eskasoni Fisheries, which was restructured in June. Golden Eagle incurred debts totalling \$5 million after being bought by the Eskasoni band in 1991. The fishery filed for bankruptcy in February and Chief Alison Bernard bid on the farm, with hopes that new management and a leaner workforce would turn the farm around. Today the firm, with a staff of 60, down from 100, is showing a small profit.

New Brunswick chief elected

The Pabineau Micmac First Nations recently re-elected Benjamin Paul for a sixth two-year term as chief. Paul has also served a past vice president of the Union of New Brunswick - P.E.I. First Nations, and is director-general of the North Shore Micmac District Council. The council, representing seven bands, has a mandate to enhance Native social, cultural and educational prospects.



Bert Crowfoot

Now, let me see...

Johnny Samson, from Hobbema, Alta., leans back to consider a customer's question during the recent Native Art and Craft Sale, held in Edmonton. Hundreds of pre-Christmas shoppers flocked to the three-day event where dozens of exhibitors showed their wares.

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Prairie Briefs

Meningitis strikes Manitoba child

The death of a non-Native six-year-old girl from meningococcal meningitis has sparked a panic run for vaccines against the deadly disease among non-Native and off-reserve residents in The Pas. The Flin Flon, Man. girl died Nov. 14. More than 900 people requested the vaccine during the second week of November, and the waiting list is growing, said the doctor in charge of a special meningitis vaccination clinic. Dr. Sandy Banks said the girl's death triggered groundless fear among the city population, who are willing to pay a \$25 fee to be inoculated. The vaccine is not covered by Medicare unless deemed necessary for public health reasons. More than 75,000 children in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are the targets of a massive month-long immunization campaign to control the spread of the disease on reserves and areas of Saskatoon, Sask.

Sawan tries the Supreme Court

After failing to regain custody of the child she put up for adoption two years ago, Tina Sawan is going to appeal to the Supreme Court. The half-Cree Alberta woman recently lost her case in British Columbia where a court ruled the boy had bonded with his non-Native adoptive parents, James and Fay Tearoe of Victoria, B.C. and should stay with them. The boy's father was also non-Native. Although Sawan

was raised in white foster homes and lives off-reserve, her lawyer argues the boy should be returned because he is partly Native and the adoptive parents can't teach him Native culture. Sawan's bid to have the case heard in the Supreme Court may be short-lived as she has been refused funding from Legal Aid and is searching for resources. The Tearoe's lawyer says the issue could be resolved out of court as they have always favored an open adoption.

Native recruitment cut

Federal budget cuts have put handcuffs on Manitoba's plans to increase the number of Native RCMP officers. The national recruitment plan, which doubled the number of Native officers in Manitoba in two years, has been cancelled. The death of the program is part of a campaign to slice \$32 million from the RCMP federal budget in 1994.

Buses to run again

Communities in northern Saskatchewan will have links to the outside world again after being cut off by the provincial highways department. On Aug. 31, the department slashed \$50,000 in subsidies to 14 feeder bus lines. The cuts virtually severed Sandy Bay's contact with the outside world, said Mayor Corney Ballantyne. But the department has granted temporary licences to private operators in Sandy Bay and Deschambault

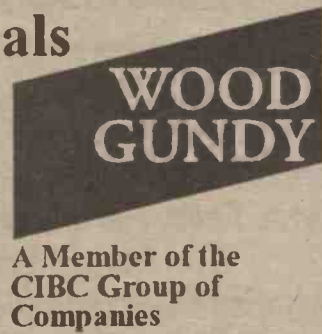
Lake on a month-long trial basis. Then they will determine whether the service can be operated as a private enterprise without government subsidies. A meeting between private bus lines, representatives of Saskatchewan Transportation and the highways department is scheduled for the end of the month to hash out strategies to restore bus services.

Gamblers group opens Alta. branch

Substance abusers are shifting their addiction to become compulsive gamblers, said an Alberta counselor at the launching of a provincial branch of the Canadian Foundation on Compulsive Gambling. The non-profit group estimates that three to five per cent of people who gamble will become addicted, and as many as 55,000 Albertans are already hooked. Maggie Hodson, director of the Nechi Institute on Alcohol and Drug Education, said many Aboriginal people are trading drugs and alcohol for gambling. Approximately 2,600 video gambling terminals operate in the province, with government lottery officials planning on adding 6,000 more by 1995. Alberta lacks any treatment programs designed specifically for the compulsive gambler, except for Gamblers Anonymous, said foundation director Mickey McNab. He wants to increase public awareness about the addiction and raise money, perhaps through provincial lottery funds, to establish treatment programs.

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Lee's Story

I saw a boy named Jagor. He looked so sad walking down the streets alone. His father was always high on drugs and couldn't take care of Jagor or himself. Lee loved his son but didn't

do anything with him. He was so high on drugs sometimes he didn't know who Jagor was. Lee's ex-wife Kelly threatened to take Jagor away but he didn't care. When his ex-wife did take Jagor away for two weeks he finally realized how much he loved and missed his son.

One night Lee couldn't think and left to go to a bar where they sold drugs. As he pulled out his wallet to pay for the drugs a picture of Jagor fell out. He looked like his father in a suit. At that moment he finally realized that he might lose his son forever. He was determined to get Jagor back. When he got home he called Kelly and asked to talk to Jagor. On the phone Jagor was quieter than usual. He told Jagor that he was thinking of getting Jagor back and trying to stop doing drugs.

Kelly agreed to let Jagor stay with Lee for a week and see if everything was OK.

He got to know Jagor better and it felt good but he couldn't stop thinking about taking drugs.

Maybe just one and Jagor wouldn't know. He reached for the drugs and Jagor entered the room.

The smile on Jagor's face disappeared and Jagor ran out of the house. Lee called after his son but Jagor kept on running. Lee sat alone that night wondering where Jagor had gone.

After awhile the phone rang and it was Kelly. Kelly told Lee that Jagor was safe and she also had some surprising news. She was pregnant with Lee's baby. It hadn't been too long since Lee and Kelly broke up but Lee hadn't expected that. Lee swore he would quit drugs if Kelly would come back with him.

It was a hard struggle for the next few months but Lee finally did it and now he has another son named Marx.

Junior First Place winner
(Author wishes to remain anonymous.)
David Meekis Memorial School
Deer Lake, Ont.

Addicted

When I see my mom drinking everything goes out of me.
Telling myself I am nothing, but a drink means more to her than I do.
Getting addicted more and more.
She's going to get ill, I think to myself
Wishing to myself I wouldn't have to learn such a thing
Who knows, probably I already have learned such a thing.
Wishing I never have to see her again doing such a thing.
She doesn't know I care about her,
Trying to tell her to quit but she won't listen to me.
I am trying to save her.
She's in a deep dark black hole - it won't let go of her.
She still has a chance which I hope she will make it.
Or else me and my family will be affected.

Junior Second Place winner
(Author anonymous.)
David Meekis Memorial School
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Think Back

A few years ago when I was still a child
I usually saw my dad drunk with his friends.
My mom always tried to keep him away from us,
me and my brothers. When he sometimes came in when he's been drinking alcohol he would be nice to us, he would give money, but he wasn't himself. I would cry because he was scaring me by how he acted and has I think I wonder why I cry. One time my dad hit my mom, he was not himself again, like I said, he hit my mom. My dad walked out and he laid on the snow and cried.
My dad hit my mom and my mom was crying, my dad was crying too but outside on the snow.
I would never forget that night - maybe
I lost a part of me.
Now my parents stopped drinking a long time ago!!

Junior Third Place winner
(Author anonymous.)
David Meekis Memorial School
Deer Lake, Ont.

Alcohol and drugs

When I see a drunk person on the streets
I often want to cry
They chase the awful life themselves
As to live and let die.

Who would want to do this?
I often wonder why
To pursue such a day
To drown away a cry.

These people don't know better
And think they know it all
But what does it really do?
Just makes them fall and fall

I would like them to heal
almost like a tide
Washing out sorrows
Which are locked inside

Despite the hurtful feelings
Which makes them want to shout
May all these people
Find their own way out.

Minor Third Place winner
Tarina Cardinal, 14
Bonnyville, Alta.

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Alcoholism

What is alcohol you ask?
Alcohol is a drug
That you drink out of a flask
No, alcohol is worse
It's like a mad scientist
Creating a monster
A monster
that lives inside you
A monster
that rips and eats at your soul
A monster
if not controlled
or put to rest
could and will destroy you.

What is alcohol, you ask again?
Alcohol is a mass murder
of thousand ... millions.
Alcohol devours lives
and spits them out on the pavements of
the cities and the towns.
Alcohol is evil, evil and huge
so colossal that it has swallowed up
entire cultures ... entire people.

You still insist on asking the question!
You are still waiting for an answer!
Look at what happens to people who
have this disease
They end up destitute and homeless
They watch their family dissolve in a sea
of violence.

Alcohol becomes their only friend
but they will always be alone.
As they sit in a dark and lonely existence.
Their only friend becomes
their worst enemy as it watches
them wither and die.

Minor First Place winner
By Robert J. Wallas
Grade 10, Port Hardy Secondary
School, Port Hardy, B.C.

Age no barrier to wisdom

At a young age I became involved with drugs and alcohol and to this day at age 15, I still continue as a teenage alcoholic. I have many dreams and goals for myself. Less than a half a year ago my father and friend of mine who was the councillor of the Eagleview Comprehensive High School helped me realize that I was special, and that I have a future.

I might be young but in my 15 years, I have accumulated a lot of information from schools and daily life. When people say you learn from your mistakes, it really means a lot to me because only the Creator knows my mistakes. I entered the Poundmaker's Adolescent Treatment Centre as the first female enrolled into the program and at the time I was 14 years old. Since then, I have relapsed many times, not remembering who I was and what I went through to gain the strength that as a young Native woman I need in order to continue my sobriety.

Going through and completing treatment has helped me even though it was difficult. I will always remember those three months of learning, sharing, dealing with certain feelings, and also learning to accept my addictions.

One special teaching for me from one of the Elders was about the sweetgrass, which has three

parts. The part that one can not see very well was called the sweetgrass trail. The trail to sobriety is the hard but good life. The other two were dropped off places that led to other roads that were too easy and included drugs and alcohol. The Elder who talked to the group was Henry but after awhile I called him grandpa or moosim because we became close. Now I know that the sweetgrass trail is the Indian trail and I know the true meanings, and how hard it is to stay on that special trail because it is easy to fall off and follow the others.

To be totally honest, after leaving the treatment centre I was really baffled about how I was going to stay sober when both of my guardians were still alcoholics and my mother, who I live with now, has been sober for a number of years. My mother could have been a good role model for me to help me to continue working on my relapse prevention program, but I didn't seek her help. The one thing I know is that I'm probably on my own in reaching my goals and the things that I want to accomplish in life. I need to find outside people who can support me, especially someone who is there for me to talk to, like a support person or someone my own age.


I have always needed someone to talk to and when there wasn't anyone, I left to figure out things on my own.

Alcoholism and other addictions have played a major role in the Aboriginal nations. My theory is that if we can heal our people of drugs and alcohol, we as the Indian people of North America can be great leaders once again. I am young and I know of other people who need help in overcoming their addictions. Not only do alcohol and drugs affect one personally, they reflect upon others also. Alcohol and drugs have been medically proven bad for human health. While in the treatment centre I learned that alcohol and drugs can also affect one physically, mentally and emotionally. Only I can determine if I am ready to change my life, 'cause getting rid of drugs and alcohol was and is my choice.

There are organizations and people who can help those who still suffer with drugs and alcohol. One special person wrote this on my marbelling out day and it keeps me thinking about the trail I need to follow:

May the sun shine upon you
wind at your back
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Minor Second Place winner
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I Know Where Home Is

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It was safe there,
comfortable
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I remember -
kind of
Then someone came.
We moved.
At our new home
there was wine and beer
and no more food.
I think that's when I started gettin
lost.
Confused, a wanderer in my mind
I helped them later,
to drink all that wine and beer.
That's all in the past now.
Yeah! all in the past.
But what happened?
I'm sober now,
but my soul still hurts.
I have no more mommy or daddy,
and I'm short a few brothers and
sisters.
Where is my mommy and daddy?
You know it can get better,
if you learn to reach out your hand,
swallow a little pride,
ask someone for help.
I think I'm getting close to home.
Soon I'll remember.
Then my children
will know what it is like,
I can teach them what I had,
long time ago
I know where home is.

Senior Second Place winner
James August
Chase, B.C.

Despair

Tormented screams of a lost soul
reach my ears and I cringe.
Who has fooled with the supernatural
forces?
Why have they awakened the peaceful
dead?

Death in my family has taken its toll
As I grasp for my bottle to my last
binge
My mind is devoid of familiar faces
and I no longer care of what's been
said.

What has taken place recently to cause
this alcohol rampage?
Befuddled thoughts float in and out of
my mind.

Why has my happiness suddenly
turned into an uncontrollable rage?
Slowly, my past begins to unwind.

Tears of frustration, pain and sorrow
fill my eyes.
No longer do I feel like standing tall.
Wretched images of a better time fade
and I realize
I really am losing it all.

Helpless and bitter, I stumble along
the street.

I mumble obscenities at the rest of the
human race.

I feel so tired and Oh! So beat!
Maybe I'll drink myself into oblivion
and disappear without a trace.

Senior First Place winner
Sarah Jane King
Red Lake, Ont.



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A Fool That Learned

When I was young life was just a
game I'd play,
I would always fool around and get my
own way.
I took advantage of life and had a lot of
really good times,
Getting high, getting drunk and shame-
lessly committing crimes.
I thought I was too smart to ever get
caught,
But it happens to the best of us, and it
happens a lot.

Today those days are gone, the
memories will just live on.
Now looking back holding enduring
feelings which I hid,
Shamefully regretting the stupid things
I did.
I realize there's more to life than just
having fun,
Sooner or later life's got to be faced
Decisions made to things that must be
done.

Yes, life behind these bricks and
bars,
Can leave nothing but madness, sad-
ness, and scars.
Here I am all alone with such an empty
heart,
Looking and acting so together
But really falling apart.
So go and have a real good time, we'll be
waiting for you here,
In this place where you're only a number
and nobody really cares.

I was given advice but was never
concerned,
You could call me a fool,
But I'm ... a fool that learned!

Senior Third Place winner
Robert Syliboy, Dorchester Peni-
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Program Manager: LouAnn Stacey

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Sate'shen:naiien Newsletter:

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Sate'shen:naiien newsletter is a bi-monthly publi-
cation. It's primary goal is to educate the public
on the many aspects of alcohol and drug abuse,
and the methods of prevention by promoting a
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- Drug & Alcohol Information
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- Resource Networking
- Promotion of dry & healthy activities
- School liaison & afterschool programs
- Technical assistance

On the road to recovery

Drinking mothers may damage unborn children

By Linda Caldwell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Children born to mothers who drink heavily start life already disadvantaged.

They suffer from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and according to Dr. George Brenneman at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, there are three main areas where the children have problems.

First, they are born small and never really catch up in size. Central nervous system damage means they may be retarded, have a smaller head or smaller brain than average and they may undergo behavioral changes.

Finally, they have certain facial deformities characteristic of FAS children: the natural bridge of the nose is flattened; the upper lip is thin and smooth - there is no indentation between the nose and the upper lip.

"When those three groups of findings are present, then those together along with a history of the mother drinking alcohol, the diagnosis is FAS," Brenneman said.

Many children may have less obvious damage, which is called Fetal Alcohol Effects. FAE may be much more widespread than FAS.

"There may be 10 children with Fetal Alcohol Effects for every one FAS

case, but that has not been successfully tested," added Brenneman, Associate Director, Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Health at the university.

"It doesn't always show up at birth or early infancy - it may not show up until the individual has to rely on his intellect or cognition," said Brenneman, who is also a pediatrician.

One FAE symptom is hyper-activity; another is a difficulty in the ability to reason through things in school, which may not show up until the third grade. FAE children may not be able to fully understand all the information they are given or they may be hyper-sensitive to stimuli such as bright lights and loud noises.

One of the most frightening things about FAS and FAE is that no one really knows how much alcohol a woman can safely drink without harming her unborn child.

"Women who abuse alcohol, who are addicted to alcohol, have a very high risk. The risk in women who drink rarely - that risk is very low," said Brenneman.

But the best prevention is abstinence.

"There should not be any second-guessing. The recommendations should be that all women avoid alcohol totally during pregnancy," he said.

Most of the preventative measures,

such as putting warnings on the dangers of alcohol consumption for pregnant women on liquor bottles, don't work for addicted women.

"The answer is to identify those women when they're pregnant, and get them to treatment. And to tell them that if they stop drinking at any time when they're pregnant, the risks to their baby are reduced."

What is also needed are treatment programs the women will willingly go into. Many women who drink are afraid to admit it in case authorities take their baby away. A lot of alcohol treatment programs don't know what to do with the infants, so they put the children in foster care and send the moms to treatment.

The answer, Brenneman said, is to have treatment programs that allow mothers to keep their babies.

Although FAS seems to be more prevalent among Native populations in the States, Brenneman cautions people against taking those statistics too seriously. There are two FAS children per 1,000 born in the general population, but among some Native groups in the U.S. Southwest, the number is six or eight per 1,000.

But the problem in some Native groups has been more heavily studied than in the general population.

"There may not be that much difference."



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Drinking while pregnant can cause the baby to be born retarded, with facial deformities and small in size.

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On the road to recovery

Native spirituality guides alcoholic's path

By Kim Heinrich
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Ray Cardinal sits on the bench where he decided to end a lifetime of self-destructive behavior. He remembers how he felt that day. And once again, he feels lonely.

It's been two years since that pivotal moment at Urban Manor, an Edmonton-based home for hard-to-house alcoholics and substance abusers. Cardinal, a Cree from Alberta's Saddle Lake Reserve, was suffering the effects of yet another disorienting hair spray hangover.

"I was literally sick and tired of living. I just let go and said 'You can have me whoever you are.' Then something inside me took over and said 'Try it my way.'"

He's sorry to say his experience wasn't more dramatic.

"I wish I could say I saw a ray of light or something," he says, laughing. "But I wouldn't want people to go looking for it." He hasn't had a drop since.

Cardinal's alcohol addiction began in his early teens. At 16, he suffered the first of what would become a series of alcohol-related accidents. He climbed into a car with his young cousin. Both drunk, they went for a joy-ride which led to a high-speed police chase and ended with a devastating car accident. Cardinal's hip was permanently damaged; today, he depends on crutches to walk.

Drinking, he says, was a disease that affected him physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

It overtook his ambitions. He was just short of credits needed to complete high school. He enrolled in two drafting courses — one at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and the other at Keyano College in Fort McMurray — but left both incomplete.

Cardinal's not exactly sure why he drank. But he says he was continuously aware of how he wasn't a part of the "dominant society."

"When I grew up I had to deal with racism. Kids made fun of the color of my hair and my skin. I studied European history and I was taught my culture was a culture to be civilized." He felt this



Kim Heinrich

Ray Cardinal, 41, sits on a bench at the Urban Manor, an Edmonton-based men's residence for hard-to-house alcoholics and substance abusers, where he decided to go sober on Dec. 5, 1991.

discrimination deprived him and his people of basic rights which include "belonging and security."

In his early 20s, he found himself in a common-law relationship and had a child, but found he couldn't handle family responsibilities. He hasn't seen his son, Jason Quinney, in five years.

Cardinal ended up on Edmonton streets, panhandling for money and pushing shopping carts up alleys to look for bottles to cart to the nearest depot.

If ever given warm clothes in the dead of winter, he'd take them to pawn shops. He was usually too intoxicated to feel the cold. When a passer-by offered him a warm lunch instead of money, he'd accept — but only out of respect. It wasn't food he wanted. He was too ill to have an appetite.

"My whole system would crave a drink and if I didn't get any, I'd either end up in hospital

hair spray and water it down with a gallon of water."

But the flip side of these "cheaper" alcohol products is that they're extremely dangerous. They're not regulated for consumption. And they contain dangerously high concentrations of alcohol as well as chemicals that can poison the human body. Many of Cardinal's drinking buddies have died from alcohol poisoning.

Kenny Dumont, one of his closest friends, was one.

"When I met Kenny, I could see a lot of him in me," Cardinal says. "He had polio as a child. We both had physical handicaps."

To this day, Cardinal draws strength from Dumont, who supported him during the first stage of his sobriety.

"I'm glad for what you're doing with yourself, Ray," Dumont had said. "But with me, it's too late." Four months later, he died from alcohol-related diseases.

Staying sober was no easy task, Cardinal says. "I went cold turkey. But a few days later I went into withdrawal and became very scared and angry." He knew he needed medical attention so he checked himself into the Boyle-McCauley Health Clinic where he was nursed by a woman he will likely never forget.

"Her name was Lois. She spoke to me with real feelings and caring," he says. Having been a street person for so long, it was hard for him to trust.

Lois Jack says she distinctly remembers Cardinal checking into the clinic. "Ray's weight was dropping. He was retaining fluids. His gums were bleeding. He was having withdrawal seizures. These are all classic symptoms of alcoholics. And he was scared. He knew that if he didn't change he wouldn't survive," she says.

Jack attributes Cardinal's success at staying sober to his "inner spirit."

"Both Ray's intelligence and his inner spirit are what pulled him through all of this," she says. "We just helped guide his path. We showed him things he could hold on to along the way." If the inner spirits of people like Ray

can be woken, Jack says, they too can recover.

Today, instead of waking up wondering where he's going to get his next drink, Cardinal thanks the Creator for blessing him with another day. He also gives thanks to his father and his late mother for supporting him throughout his life.

"My Creator kept me alive for a reason. I've gone back to my Native spirituality and I'm being directed through that." He's currently working with a men's healing circle at Edmonton's Boyle Street Community Services Co-op Ltd. and he goes regularly to traditional sweats.

As well, Cardinal attends a 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous program. "The 12th step is to help those who come looking for direction. I feel I have a responsibility to help urban Natives."

Contrary to what some professionals may recommend, Cardinal still visits Urban Manor. He hasn't forgotten his past, nor has he forgotten his old friends, even if they were his drinking buddies.

Susan Shaw, Urban Manor director, says it's not always easy for past residents who have chosen sobriety to return. "But Ray is welcome because he doesn't judge anyone. The residents here are very proud of him."

Cardinal says his lesson in life is best revealed in a story he heard one evening at a lecture:

A man stands by a river in front of a tall tree. Water begins to rise around him so he starts to climb the tree. He continues to climb, with the water rising around him, until he can't go any further. He sees a canoe floating towards him from the distance. But he doesn't reach for it. Three more canoes float past. He doesn't reach for any of them. The water keeps rising.

In the end the man drowns. And he asks the Creator — "Why did you let me drown?" The Creator responds — "I sent you four canoes."

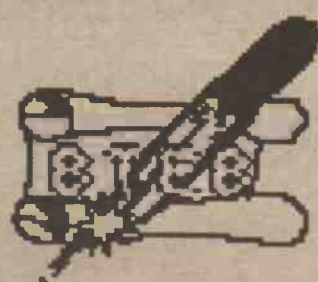
Ray Cardinal says he's convinced someone is taking care of him. But at the same time, he knows he has a responsibility to take part in his own destiny.

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On the road to recovery

School beats bar stool

By Heather Andrews Miller
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Duane Janvier has accomplished more in three short years than a lot of people do in a lifetime.

In October, the 21-year-old successfully completed the cooking program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, the final step in a dream Janvier barely began to envision in 1990.

Today, Janvier is a young man with a bright and promising future. But it wasn't always so.

Janvier left school in the middle of Grade 11, disenchanted with the whole learning process.

"It got in the way of my party time," he laughs. At 16, he had no direction to his life other than having a good time.

"I'd work at any job, just long enough to get some money, and then I'd quit and live it up till the money was gone," he says. He and his friends hung around the pool halls and cafeterias of small towns in northeastern Alberta near his home on the Cold Lake First Nations reserve.

But slowly he began to consider his life.

"There was only unemployment at home on the reserve, especially for someone like myself, someone with no skills, so there was no future for me there."

But cooking professionally appealed to him. The creativity the young Chipewyan man later exhibited in the classroom is an ability he comes by naturally - his father is Alex Janvier, the renowned artist.

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Heather Andrews Miller

Duane Janvier, left, learns from NAIT instructor John Butler.

Cooking Course. Janvier enrolled and was happy to find many other Native students there.

Being back at school was a "little scary at first," but after the first few weeks, Janvier settled into a regular schedule and began to enjoy his studies.

The next year, he headed to Edmonton to attend the NAIT cooking and baking course.

"I was pretty apprehensive about living in the city, but I knew I was getting close to my goals and wouldn't let anything stop me." He found he liked city life.

"The year was very demanding, though. We started classes at 7 a.m. and went steady until 1 or 2 p.m." The students in the cooking classes produce the

noon meal for a large portion of the 1,500 staff at NAIT.

Janvier is looking forward to contributing to the assembly of a cookbook of traditional North American Aboriginal foods.

"With a little modern innovation, many traditional dishes can be modified to be made in today's kitchens, and it would be fun to research and refine the original cuisine," he says.

He's looking forward to one day owning his own restaurant, although he wants to work for many different employers first.

"Hopefully, the business could be located back home, to be a part of economic development on the reserve and to create some jobs," he says.

Ben Weenie, a resident of Sweetgrass Reserve was the 1992 recipient of Health and Welfare Canada National Addictions Awareness Award. The award, which is intended to recognize a First Nations individual who has contributed to the advancement and innovation of new ideas in the field of substance abuse was presented at the "Healing Our Spirit" international conference.

Ben served as Director of the BIHC Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Abuse Centre from 1981 - 1987. From August, 1987 to June, 1992, he was Executive Director of the BIHC Inpatient Treatment Centre. His extensive knowledge and experience in implementing a cultural component into treatment of alcohol and drug addictions contributed greatly to the success and achievements of the treatment centre. Ben also served as Addictions Consultant with Battlefords Tribal Council Indian Health Services Inc. from August 1992 to March 1993.

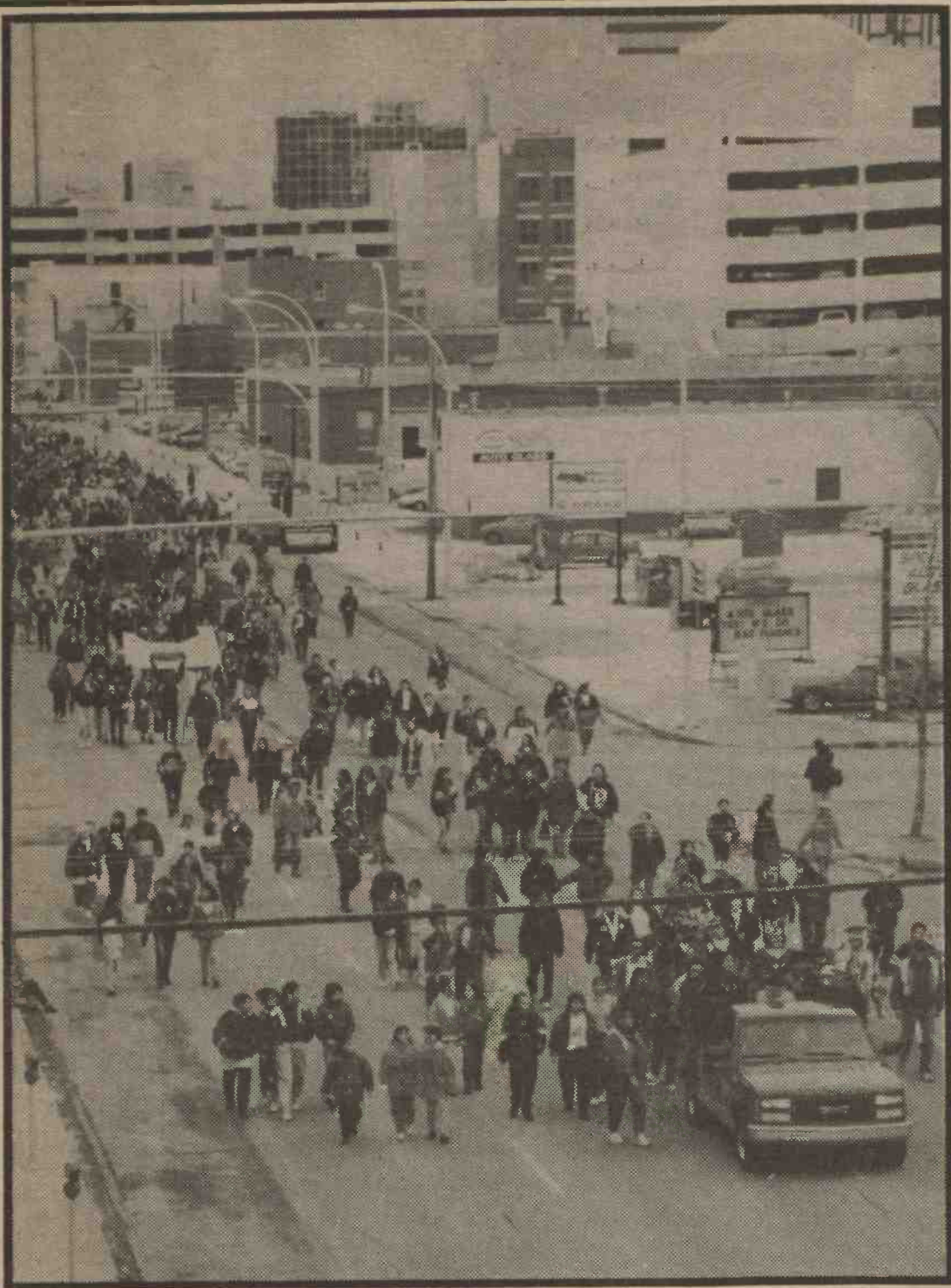
Ben has a keen interest in working with the youth. He founded the "Eagle Flight Society" with the goal of promoting the Indian culture to non-native society. This group of dancers and singers, who have performed at numerous events, provides an opportunity for native youth to regain their cultural identity.



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Bert Crowfoot

Walking the sober walk

Hundreds of people in Edmonton took part in the sober walk during National Addictions Awareness Week. Organized by the Nechi Institute at Poundmaker's Lodge treatment centre, the walk has grown in six years from 25 to 1,225 communities with almost 900,000 people taking part last year.

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Interested candidates should forward a letter of application, Curriculum Vita and three letters of reference by the closing date of November 26, 1993 to:

Manager, Human Resources
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Room 118 - College West
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For more information call Dr. David R. Miller, Head, Department of Indian Studies at (306) 779-6222 after November 15, 1993.

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Although local Ojibwa communities and Elders are the well-spring nourishing the Native Philosophy Project, the Project is particularly interested in the underlying philosophical assumptions (if any) common to all, or almost all, Native world views. Applications for Visiting philosophies of any of the Native and non-Native peoples of North, Central or South America.

Deadline for applications is January 15, 1994 (similarly in 1995 and 1996) for residencies beginning in September of that year.

For further information contact:

Dr. Connie Nelson
Director of Research and Graduate Studies
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Australian broadcasters win UN award

By Doug Johnson
Windspeaker Correspondent

OTTAWA

A pair of Aboriginal broadcasters from Australia are the 1993 winners of a United Nations award sponsored by a Canadian company.

Freda Glynn and Philip Batty are the recipients of the McLuhan Teleglobe Canada Award. The award, consisting

of \$50,000 and a silver medal, honors those who have contributed to a better understanding of the influence of communications media and technology on society.

Glynn and Batty were instrumental in setting up the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association, based in Alice Springs. The association runs a 24-hour satellite service carrying television and radio programs produced by Aboriginals. The service reaches al-

most all of the Aboriginal communities in Australia, covering a land area the size of Western Europe.

The two have also worked to establish more than 100 Aboriginal media associations throughout Australia. These associations produce hundreds of hours of radio and television programs in nine Aboriginal languages.

Glynn was educated in the town of Alice Springs and has a degree in social welfare. She

devoted 10 years to the development of the CAAMA and now sits on several boards and does consultant work.

Batty has an arts degree in film and television and a graduate diploma in education. After working to set up the CAAMA he became the director of the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute in Adelaide.

The award was established in 1983 by the Canadian Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cul-

tural Organization and funded by Teleglobe. It is presented every two years. The award is named after Canadian communications philosopher Marshall McLuhan.

Glynn and Batty will be presented with the award in Montreal on Nov. 24 by Montreal Mayor Jean Doré. While in Canada the two will meet with colleagues in the field of Native broadcasting and deliver a lecture at the University of Toronto.

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