



Establishing a nation: Lawyer O'Reilly

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## Court systems abandoned

# Lubicons to set own laws

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EDMONTON

Lubicon Band members walked out of a Canadian court for the last time Oct. 6 after delivering a shocking statement in Calgary's Court of Appeal that they plan to establish their own Nation's law enforcement and court systems.

Canadian law will no longer be recognized by the people of Little Buffalo Lake.

James O'Reilly, Band lawyer, read a two page document in court to the presiding judge while a

dozen band members watched from the gallery. The submission presented by O'Reilly outlines the band's immediate intention of asserting their full aboriginal right and sovereign jurisdiction on traditional Lubicon lands.

"No Court in Canada can ever convince the Lubicons that these rights do not exist or that they are not a nation," said O'Reilly.

The band's submission to the court did not address the appeal to the More decision made last year permitting federal participation in provincial court action. Instead, O'Reilly said the Lubicon people are

fed up with seeking legal recourse to halt continued "destruction of their way of life" by increased development activity on their lands.

And, the Lubicons believe future court action filed to preserve and protect their land from further exploitation can only be "efforts made in vain."

"From this day, (the Lubicon Nation) will no longer participate in any Court proceedings," read O'Reilly in court.

The presentation took just a few minutes before the dozen Lubicon members who attended the hearing to lend their support walked out for good.

Band members who live in Little Buffalo Lake want aboriginal rights and title to 236 sq. km and management control to an additional 11,600 square kilometres of land they feel they are entitled to. Negotiations to settle the claim with the federal government are stalled until a mutually acceptable mediator is identified.

Preparations are being made by band members to block road access to the public without band permission. These blockades are scheduled to begin Oct. 15 as the Native people in Little Buffalo begin to assert jurisdiction on the disputed lands.

# Indian-owned air service upsets competition

By Lesley Crossingham  
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PEACE RIVER, Alta

Complaints from a local air charter company that their Indian owned competition is receiving "special" favors and upsetting the free enterprise system contains "taints of racism" says the president of the High Level Tribal Council.

In reply to recent news reports and a letter sent to the High Level town council by Bill Mitchell, man-

ager of Peace River Air Limited, Chief Bernard Meneen defended the Little Red Air Service which is owned by the Little Red River Band, members of the tribal council.

"The issue here to Peace River Air is down and dirty economics," he said in a press release. "If Little Red Air Services succeed, Peace River Air will lose revenue. We understand this is their attempt to influence opinion to support their cause. Our history is full of these examples."

Mitchell sent a letter to the town council saying business in the area declined "dramatically" after the start-up of the Indian air service. He warned that High Level could lose out as a base for charter services to Fort Vermilion where Little Red Air's four airplanes are based.

Peace Air has a fleet of 14 aircraft that are used for "med-evacs" and other medical transportation of mainly Native patients as well as flying government

officials to the Native communities.

But Mitchell complains that a recent "exorbitant" \$70 landing fee imposed by the band on the airstrips at Fox Lake and Jean D'Or Prairie reserves has made service to these communities uneconomical.

However, Little Red River band manager, Jim Webb counters that the landing fee is charged to all airplanes and that Peace Air is not being singled out.

"We have to cover the cost of gravel, clearing

brush and fencing off the area to keep the horses off the runway. We can't get any funding (from the government) for this maintenance," he said in an interview from his Little Red River office.

Mitchell also complains the band is muscling in on Peace Air's territory with plans to expand into the med-evac business. He claims there is only enough work for one company.

Mitchell also suspects the expansion of Little Red Air might be funded with public funds but he claims he has been unable to confirm this.

"If public funds are being used to foster and establish the growth of one entity at the expense of another one, that got there on its own, completely unaided, that's wrong," he says in his letter to the High Level council.

Webb points out that "Mr. Mitchell has chosen his words very carefully" and that his statements are "full of imagery and distortion."

"He's stirring up a controversy by threatening the community of High Level saying unless they support Peace Air's request to receive all medical transportation he may have to close the High Level office and shift to Fort Vermilion."

Webb also asserts that Mitchell has received several letters denying that Little Red River Air received any direct government funding.

"He has been complain-

ing for two years. He has been (informed by) the Department of Indian Affairs that it has not contributed any funds."

But Mitchell still maintains that he had not received any reply to his questions other than a denial from the Alberta government that Little Red Air has received a transportation grant.

"My letters are legitimate," he said in an interview from his Peace River office. "I was just asking questions."

Chief Meneen responds that Peace Air sees Indian people being useful only when they contribute to the off-reserve economy, but not when they move into creative forms of economic "self-sufficiency that competes with those who depend on his or her lack of success."

"The game has changed," declares Meneen. "We have gone to school and learned our lessons well. We also intend to be successful and we will be successful."

Meneen feels there are "taints of racism in this particular issue that we really do not want to escalate." But he adds that the bands of the tribal council have a land base with resources that will one day prove to be of extreme value.

"We have a resource of people who are growing in numbers and skills. Do not underestimate who we are and how hard we will work to maintain our lands and our people."

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## REACHING OUT

Rose Zoe, 22, tries to knock over tin cans in the Fifth Annual Special Persons Olympiad Oct. 1, 1988 at the Edmonton Institution. Looking on, at far left, is Native Brotherhood president Wayne Bruce. For more about the event, see pages 12 and 13.

- Photo by Terry Lusty

## CLOSE TO HOME

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A war of letters: Sharron Johnstone-Martel, left, and Thelma Chalifoux

## Community leaders battle with nasty letters

By Keith Matthew  
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EDMONTON

A bitter dispute between a member and former member of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) has erupted into a vicious letter writing campaign in which both sides personally attack each other.

The campaign involves Thelma Chalifoux, who was recently elected as one of the board of directors for Zone 4, and Sharron Johnstone-Martel, the president of Edson Local 44 whose MAA membership was revoked after she asked to see MAA financial records last June.

The war of letters, which contain statements about the past and present lifestyles of each writer,

began with a pamphlet containing 49 questions about association activities addressed to the MAA president Larry Desmeules from Edson Metis Local 44.

Then because, "the questions we asked never did get a response...we sent the letters to all of the locals in Alberta," says Johnstone-Martel.

When asked if she used funds from her local she said, "For the letter, yes, because our membership had passed the motion approving the letter and all of its contents. I never send anything out of here unless the membership has endorsed it at an officially called meeting or a board meeting."

Thelma Chalifoux replied by letter to the pamphlet containing the 49

questions. "I sent one letter, that was it. She (Johnstone-Martel) had a bunch of published letters and I finally got fed up and just answered it with one letter. It was time to straighten out the story and I did."

She adds, "I sent one letter to Sharron Johnstone and I sent it to all the locals in the Zone 4 area."

But Johnstone-Martel claims the letters were sent out to the Metis people of Alberta. "She sent them all across Alberta because I've got a copy of one of the envelopes from Zone 1 (Bonnyville - Lac La Biche).

As well, the president of local 18, Jim White, in Zone 3 (Calgary area) says he received the letter written by Chalifoux. "I received a copy and I think

most of the locals did (in Zone 3)."

Chalifoux says no MAA funds were used to mail her four-page response to the pamphlet mailed out by Edson Metis Local 44 although the letter is typed on MAA letterhead. "I just mailed them. I paid the MAA to use their postage machine because I don't like the taste of stamps, so I gave them the money and they used their postage machine."

Johnstone-Martel says she responded to Chalifoux's letter and distributed it to "just Zone 4."

Johnstone-Martel says the postage for this latest letter was paid for with her own family's "wieners and macaroni money."

As yet, neither party has sued the other for libel or slander.

## Hunters should avoid infected ducks

By Lesley Crossingham  
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EDMONTON, Alta

Duck hunters are being warned to beware of dead, dying or sick ducks as many are infected with botulism, a deadly disease formed in plants in shallow waters.

Forestry, Lands and Wildlife officials warn that hunters should be aware of the diseased ducks and report cases where a number of dead birds are found to the local Fish and Wildlife office. Hunters are advised not to pick up dead or dying birds.

Typically, a few birds get sick and then die from the toxic effects. The bacteria then reproduces in the carcass and insects spread the toxin over the water surface to other ducks. Death is rapid and can involve hundreds or even thousands of waterfowl in a few days.

But this year the disease has spread more rapidly than ever thanks to the warm, dry summer. According to Forestry, Lands and Wildlife

officials, the environmental conditions this year could result in disastrous losses in Alberta's duck population particularly as so many have been unable to breed because of dried up water holes.

According to the environmental group, Ducks Unlimited about 1,300 dead ducks were pulled from Whitford Lake, 50 miles east of Edmonton and 1,789 were removed from San Francisco Lake, 90 miles southeast of Calgary.

The disease is spreading right across the west as 1,000 ducks died in Netley Marsh south of Lake Winnipeg recently. In Saskatchewan an estimated 8,000 ducks have died of botulism or cholera this year.

However, hunters should be aware that the process of cooking destroys the botulism toxin so there is little chance of human poisoning. Healthy ducks, shot on the wing, should present no problem but ducks shot on the water may be diseased, so thorough cooking is advised.

## City friendship centre rents new building

The staff at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre are busy packing 25 years of memories as they move to a new temporary location situated at 11016 - 127 Street. The new building is about ten blocks away from the former location at Wesley United Church.

"We've gotta be out by Oct. 13," said Vic L'Hirondelle, president of the CNFC in the midst of packing. "We've been struggling to get a decent place where the rent is not bad," said president Vic L'Hirondelle.

The new facility will cost the centre around \$1200 a month in rent until sufficient funding can be identified to construct their

own building for which plans have already been designed.

Social activities the centre hosted over the years will be suspended until after the relocation. The Native referral program designed to help people find jobs in the city continues. Its senior citizens and housing registry program will also not be disrupted by the move, he added.

The centre was forced to close its doors when the board of directors failed to meet a deadline, imposed by the local Fire Prevention Council, to make necessary fire safety improvements. Renovations would have cost \$100,000, which the centre budget could not afford.

## Multicultural group seeks Native input

By Susan Enge  
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PROVINCIAL

Feedback from Native Albertans over a provincial multicultural policy is being sought by members of the newly established Multicultural Commission.

"There is racial discrimination in our province. It's not open, but it's hidden discrimination. It's a fact of life," said John Oldring, chairman of the commission in a press conference.

Oldring, an MLA for Red Deer South, believes there are barriers blocking ethnic or cultural groups from enjoying equal opportunities in the province which he says the Commission hopes to break down.

The Commission's mandate is to find way to promote tolerance and understanding between cultural groups that constitute the population in Alberta. It also hopes to find ways to enhance the cultural heritage, knowledge, traditions of various ethnic groups. Commission members will also outline

ways to preserve the art, history and language of these groups in Alberta.

"It saddens me to see us not utilizing our human resources," he said referring to certain "people with degrees driving taxis."

Recommendations prepared by Commission members will be sent to Premier Getty's office once completed. In the meantime, various cultural or ethnic groups will be consulted from all regions in the province.

Oldring said Native groups were sent invitations to participate in the consultation process set to begin this fall. Although the towns and cities listed on its agenda do not include any reserves or Metis Settlements, Oldring said he would be "prepared to sit down to consult" with any Native communities interested in contributing their ideas on a new multicultural approach in Alberta.

"The Indian and Metis are truly Native Canadians. We want them to be a part of the process and help establish the agenda and

the future," he said.

A major Native organization President denies receiving any invitation from the Commission.

"I don't see one here. But, I'm very skeptical about how we fit in or even whether we do fit in," said Larry Desmeules, president of the Metis Association of Alberta. From his personal point of view, Desmeules questions whether the Metis shares the same concerns as ethnic Canadians.

"There's nothing we have in common with them, that's the basic difference," he said.

Before a multiculturalism policy is developed, Desmeules feels very strongly that a "provincial policy on aboriginal affairs" should be completed beforehand.

The Canadian Native Friendship Centre also did not receive an invitation to participate.

"I don't know anything about it," said Vic L'Hirondelle, president of the CNFC.

The six member commission plans to complete its tour by middle Decem-

ber and finalize its report by early 1989. It will spend \$75,000 to finance the tour and an additional \$6 million to implement its policies and programs over a 5 year period.

The commission was established following the Alberta Cultural Heritage Amendment Act, passed by the Legislature of the Province of Alberta in 1987, and made law on April 1, 1988.

Interested participants can reach the commission by calling toll free number: 1-800-272-9679.

The Multicultural Commission will hold the following meetings in 1988: Grande Prairie on Oct. 27; Peace River on Oct. 28; St. Paul on Nov. 3; Athabasca on Nov. 4; Camrose/Stettler on Nov. 9; Red Deer on Nov. 10; Pincher Creek on Nov. 17; Lethbridge on Nov. 18; Medicine Hat on Nov. 19; Hinton on Nov. 25; Fort McMurray on Nov. 25; Fort McMurray on Nov. 26; Calgary on Dec. 1, 2, 3; Edmonton on Dec. 8, 9, 10.

## Winners announced

By Keith Matthew  
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EDMONTON

Election results for the Zone 4 by-election were announced by chief electoral officer Bruce Gladue on Oct. 4, confirming that Joe Blyan and Thelma Chalifoux won the two positions.

But, when asked for exact figures as to the number of votes each candidate received in the election, Gladue declined to release them. He would only say that Joe Blyan took the vice-president's position with 59 per cent of the vote,

Gordon Poitras received 28 per cent, and Russel Plante took 13 per cent.

Thelma Chalifoux won the board member's position with 51 per cent, Stanley Belcourt was second with 41 per cent and Stan Gladstone receiving just eight per cent.

According to Gladue, formal objections must be filed with the Metis Association of Alberta head office by Oct. 10.

The election was held on Sept. 26 to replace former vice-president Dan Martel who was stripped of his membership, and Leonard Gauthier who resigned as board member.

## CLOSE TO HOME

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New homes available for Natives: Doris Ronnenberg

## O'Sky-Ya houses available

By Lesley Crossingham  
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EDMONTON

Twenty houses are available for Native people in Edmonton through the newly formed O'Sky-Ya Housing Society run under the umbrella of the Native

Council of Canada (Alberta).

Chairperson, and president of the council, Doris Ronnenberg says application forms for the houses may be picked up at the society offices located at 414-10136 Street in Edmonton beginning Oct. 15.

The new units are being

funded by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and inspections will be carried out mid-October.

Ronnenberg congratulated volunteers and senior CMHC staff and added that any unsuccessful applicants for the homes will be kept on file for next year's allocation.

### Native Council of Canada (Alberta)

## Non-status Indian group in business, despite deficit

By Lesley Crossingham  
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EDMONTON

The Native Council of Canada (Alberta) continues to represent Alberta's non-Status Indian people despite a large deficit and the fact that no annual general meeting has taken place for more than two years, says its president.

In an interview from her new Edmonton office, Doris Ronnenberg, who was elected to a second term of office at the council's last assembly held at the Rafter 6 guest ranch at Seebe in October 1986, said the organization has not held an assembly under advice from the Secretary of State.

"We are arranging an assembly for November in the Treaty 8 area," she said. "We couldn't afford one on last year's budget and the government advised that we wait as we didn't want to add to the deficit."

Ronnenberg feels that despite the fact that the organization's bylaws state that an annual meeting must be held each year, getting into further debt would only jeopardize

further government funding.

Secretary of State programs officer Sam Metcalfe agrees with Ronnenberg saying the government made the decision not to press for an assembly during "many discussions with the organization."

"In light of the difficulties they are having in the past few years, particularly the deficit and writs from collection agencies...the decision was made," he said in an interview from his Ottawa office.

Metcalfe says that according to the contribution contract agreement signed between the organization and the government there is an "unwritten guide" to how much should be spent on annual meetings.

"Annual meetings are very, very expensive," he said.

Although both Ronnenberg and Metcalfe agree that the organization is in deficit, neither will release the exact deficit figures or details of their current funding agreement.

Metcalfe says he has had meetings with parties who claim the organiza-

tion owes them money. "We have had person to person meetings with various people in touch with various groups," he added.

In the organization's last assembly, held in October 1986, auditor Fred Dunn of Price Waterhouse said the council was teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. The deficit then stood at \$72,000 and the auditor urged delegates to submit to a "survival budget."

During the assembly the auditor complained that the council was disorganized and that "budgets aren't slush funds. You can't dip into money earmarked for certain projects for your own pet projects."

Shortly after the assembly Price Waterhouse were removed as auditors and are seeking judgement in a breach of contract lawsuit against the council.

Now Ronnenberg says the organization is receiving funding through various programs including health and child welfare and has been able to access funding for their newly formed housing corporation, O'Sky-Ya housing.

## Former AFN chief's money mismanagement reported

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Being investigated: David Ahenakew

By Lesley Crossingham  
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OTTAWA, Ont.

The RCMP investigation into alleged financial mismanagement of Assembly of First Nation funds continues this week with no charges laid despite newspaper reports that former chief David Ahenakew had spent about \$3 million on areas not covered by agreements.

A spokesman for the Ottawa RCMP economic crime division said the investigation is not complete and no conclusions can yet be drawn from information already gathered. He added that their report would eventually be submitted to the justice department along with recommendations for action.

Current Chief Georges Erasmus was unavailable for comment but AFN spokesman Elizabeth Thunder said many at the organization were distressed that the Ottawa Citizen newspaper had published the stories before the completion

of the investigation.

"Right now we are cooperating with the RCMP by providing information," she said.

In an earlier press release Erasmus stated that the RCMP were called in to investigate the alleged mispending shortly after he was elected chief in July 1985. Erasmus also stated that the assembly is not currently in a deficit position.

According to a recent report in the Ottawa Citizen the RCMP testified during a hearing that the assembly was subjected "to a massive strip of its assets during 1984 and 1985 through the use of fictitious contracts."

The newspaper further noted that according to a letter from the Secretary of State about \$3 million had been spent in "areas not covered by the agreements but the government continued to finance the assembly."

Former leader Ahenakew, who now lives in Saskatchewan was unavailable for comment at press time.

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Calls in RCMP: Georges Erasmus



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**YOUR WORDS**

**Spread of gossip disgusts reader**

Dear Editor:

I find it with great disgrace that Thelma J. Chalifoux, a long time member and now an elder of the Metis Association of Alberta should write such garbage about one of our Metis people.

I am under the impression an elder is to be looked upon, by the younger generation, as a person with wisdom, one who can guide us and one whom we can respect.

Digging into any person's personal past and writing it down so the whole of Alberta can read it, isn't in any way wise, respectable, nor is it the teaching of guidance. Is this what the younger generation is to be taught? To spread gossip? How

can the younger generation look up to you, Thelma, as an elder when you're teaching us to criticize and to humiliate on a personal basis? Is this what we are to teach our children? Weren't you young once, Thelma?

I sincerely hope the rest of our elders aren't so fast to dig into the past of our lives, especially to shame us. Otherwise, how are we to trust our elders?

Ella M. Barron  
Calgary

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Windspeaker is aware of letterwriting campaigns within the Native community. Please see story on page 2.*

**Inmate encourages students**

Dear Editor:

Hi, my name is Roderick Marble and I'm from Nova Scotia. I'm 19 years old and a Micmac Indian. I'm in jail - I've been in and out of jail for a long time.

I see the students doing their thing and achieving in your newspaper articles. I'm happy for what they're doing but for some

people, it's really hard. Like me, I've been doing drugs and booze for a long time. I can't write too good but I'm trying. I just would like to say to the students to hang in there and don't be a fool like me. Make a change to stay away from drugs and booze.

Your friend,  
Roderick Marble  
Nova Scotia

**How do you feel about abortion?**



Lucille Calihoo, Winterburn.  
"I don't approve of it. I like kids too much anyways."



Judy Hilbert, Edmonton.  
"Well, I really feel that the woman should be able to work out their own decision because it's their own body."



Olive Dickason, Edmonton.  
"In theory, of course, I should respect life, but in a crunch I would defend a woman's right to have an abortion to a certain point - within four months."



Muriel Stanley-Venne, Carvel.  
"It's a matter between the woman and her doctor."

**AS I SEE IT...**

**Who really carries the burden?**

Around the turn of this century, British poet and storyteller, Rudyard Kipling, advocated that it was the duty of Great Britain to carry "the white man's burden" by civilizing backward races. More recent history demonstrates that the colonizers who have "civilized" Kanata have ironically become "the Aboriginal people's burden."



Piepenburg

The sad reality is that the colonizers have prospered and the greater majority of the indigenous peoples have slid into persistent poverty. Why? The newcomers, whose feelings of cultural superiority still prevail, became intolerant in the new land. Today, there still exists latent and frequent racial discrimination. Besides, they have seized control of the First Nations' natural resources and imposed stern political power. And the very existence of "social darwinism" throughout Canadian history justifies vicious cultural and economic exploitation of the Aboriginals. It dictates that only the "fittest in society" can survive, and it proves that European colonizers were the *greatest predators* of the entire animal kingdom. Most Canadians are aware of the horrendous legacy given to the Aboriginals by the colonizers: rampant unemployment, high rates of incarceration - often the result of criminality associated alcohol or drug abuse, deteriorating health, TB, and sick racism that leads to abuse within a justice system that professes equality. The Donald Marshall and Helen Osborne cases will haunt this society for years! We can't deny these things. Remember the police attacks on the Restigouche fishermen a few years ago and the more recent police-Mohawk confrontation at Kahnawake!

There can be no social justice for Aboriginals until there is assurance of economic justice. As a gesture of sudden benevolence, Canada is "giving" the Aboriginals of the Mackenzie Valley \$500 million, various blocks of Aboriginal land, and certain royalty benefits, but the crucial question of jurisdiction goes begging. Twisted media coverage. The Dene and Metis Nations are, in effect, making concessions to Canada, while trying to retain enough for survival. There's the federal court decision that ruled oil drilling and production on Lubicon Lake Cree land could not be stopped because of the "national interest." The irony of naked exploitation and deprivation! When the Lubicons resort to "unconventional" militant acts, the popular media and the government will shriek that they were the "bad guys" all along.

Astute Alberta Aboriginal leaders and lawyers sought to entrench economic justice in the Canada Act when the British parliament was preparing to patriate it in 1982. This provision to guarantee equalization payments to First Nations, based on a set per cent of Canada's national income, was quickly wiped out. Too big a pill to swallow for the advocates of equality and fairness!

So, what are the possible remedies? Guilty consciences have led to an apology from a prominent Protestant church to the Aboriginals who were half evangelized. And parliament has at long last apologized to Japanese-Canadian victims. These are like salve on old wounds. Others advocate re-education based on tolerance and understanding. But what is most likely needed is more equitable distribution of power and wealth to alleviate the present misery of the First Nations. That will be a painful experience for the almighty and affluent. Think about it.

By Roy L. Piepenburg  
Honourary Senator of the Indian Association of Alberta

SUSAN ENGE, Windspeaker

YOUR WORDS

Writer releases Metis history book

Dear Editor:

I would be most grateful if you would offer me some assistance.

I am publishing a book about my family, entitled The New Nation, and would like to notify many relatives and other oldtimers about it, as they will be very interested in the genealogy section of my book.

The family members I wish to reach are; Ballendens, Bruneaus, Cardinals, Dumonts, Hodgsons, Lussiers and Rowlands.

My reason for writing this book is the grave situation that the Metis have faced for centuries. Now that situation is growing desperate.

In 1982 when Canada finally had her own constitution, the Metis, along with other aboriginal peoples, found that their rights had been excluded.

However, the constitution had made provisions for four summit conferences of Canada's first ministers and Native leaders, on Native rights. Incredibly, at all four of those conference, held in Ottawa, in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1987, Canada's first ministers voted against Native rights.

Ever since the founding of their nation, the Metis have struggled to eke out an existence. From the beginning fur companies, governments, and churches have taken advantage of the talents of the Metis people in order to benefit their own interests. In 1885 when Louis Riel led the Metis in their demands for fair treatment from the government of Canada, Ottawa's reply was a military army led by General Middleton, and the execution of Riel.

While our federal and provincial governments turn a

blind eye to the dire situation of the Metis, they are granting many rights and privileges, and abundant monetary assistance to new immigrants.

A valued part of the book is the genealogy section. It represents eight years of intensive research. This information was used in the formation of genealogy tables of early fur trading families and other old families in Canada. The tables have extreme historic value. In all cases I have indicated sources of my information.

We must continue to struggle, not merely to survive, but to gain our inherited rights, and to become an accepted part of Canadian society.

Sincerely, Mary M. Lee Calgary

Spirit Sings exhibit hides real story

A Native boycott has failed to dent the popularity of The Spirit Sings but something should still be done about it.

The Spirit Sings is the name given to the exhibit of 650 Native artifacts that have been borrowed from 90 museums and private collections around the world. The artifacts were made by Native people from every region of Canada. Most of them are 200 to 300 years old.

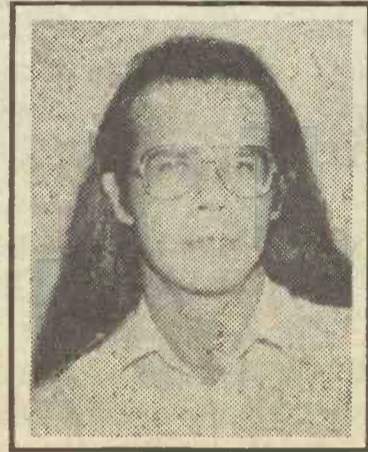
By all reports, the exhibit is a fantastic display of Native artistry and craftsmanship. The exhibit has drawn high praise but it probably has also triggered a lot of pat-on-the-back remarks, as in: "You got to admire those Native people, eh? I mean, they're really good with their hands."

The public may be awed by this special exhibition of old-time Native craftsmanship, but Native people aren't that surprised. We already know that the people who made these artifacts were pretty special people.

I haven't seen The Spirit Sings myself. I intend to, but I just haven't gotten around to it. I intend to see it even though I think The Spirit sings is a rip-off and an insult to Native people.

At best, the exhibit is a sad reminder of the fact that much of our cultural heritage has been stolen, borrowed, transferred, sold, lost or given away. At worst, the exhibit is a galling reminder of Canada's treatment of Native people - a history marked by thievery and oppression.

The bottom line, nevertheless, is that much of "our" cultural heritage is no longer "ours." The present "owners" of these artifacts come from 20 different countries around the world. They may own them, legally, but the artifacts still belong to the Native people of



INSIGHT By Owenadeka

Canada - no matter how they were acquired.

The Spirit Sings cries out for an appropriate Native response - but what?

One response, needless to say, would be a campaign to get these artifacts, and thousands of others besides, returned to their rightful owners. I understand that such a campaign has begun and that the national Native organizations have organized a meeting with the Canadian Museum Association to begin discussions on this and other issues later this fall.

But that campaign still fails to meet the challenge posed by the way The Spirit Sings deflects public attention away from contemporary Native people and contemporary Native problems. The appropriate response, therefore, would be to give the public a chance to see what a small slice of urban Native life is really like. The Spirit Sings, this exhibition of irrelevant beauty, needs to be balanced by a companion exhibit that would showcase the ugly and mundane realities of Native life.

A counter-exhibit would be exceedingly simple - a group of Native people would just have to "live" for some period of time in the goldfish bowl of a vacant downtown storefront. Passersby would see Native school children doing homework, Native teenagers hanging out, Native adults watching TV, Native grandmothers knitting. Native politicians could drop in to make a speech and Native

street people could drop in to tie one on or sleep one off.

A fitting slogan for the counter-exhibit would be The C.A.T.N.I.P. Stinks. (C.A.T.N.I.P. - Canadian Attitude Toward Native Indian People.) The C.A.T.N.I.P. stinks would be a powerful artistic and political statement, especially if it was just around the corner from The Spirit sings. For that matter, a counter-exhibit could be staged almost anywhere. Given the larger Native populations and the greater Native problems that exist in other cities, The C.A.T.N.I.P. Stinks might be even more effective elsewhere.

It certainly wouldn't be easy to stage The C.A.T.N.I.P. Stinks. At the least, the Native participants would have to overcome their natural shyness and expose themselves to public ridicule.

The benefits, however, would be substantial. The C.A.T.N.I.P. Stinks would educate a large segment of the public about everyday Native concerns. Who knows? It may even lead to friendships, alliances and maybe, even, a little progress in the cause of social justice for Native people.

Even if Native people didn't derive any immediate benefit, it would be worth doing to help Canadian society get an honest look at itself.

The Spirit Sings is an object of beauty. It's a beautiful garment made of beads and buckskin, fur and feathers - a garment that Old Lady Canada put on to welcome the world to the Calgary Olympics. Now that the party is over, maybe it's time we helped the Old Lady see the festering sore on her face.

...a sad reminder of the fact most of our cultural heritage has been stolen, borrowed, transferred, sold, lost or given away.

Handwritten text in a Native script, likely Cree or Ojibwa, arranged in several columns within a rectangular border.

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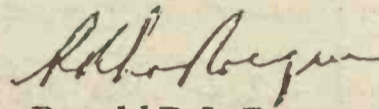
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The membership fee is \$20 and is good for one year from the date purchased. Children under 16 do not pay fees.

The main objective of the alliance is the promotion of the concept that Metis have within themselves the ability and resources to control their lives and that of their children.

If you feel that this is an organization that might be for you, give us the opportunity to prove it. The fierce pride that Metis once had is being rekindled and you should be a part of this reawakening.

If you have questions, please call or write to the alliance.



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## CLOSE TO HOME

# Indian Affairs tight-fisted say city welfare seekers

By Patrick Michell  
 Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON, Alta.

Natives living in Edmonton are being treated more fairly by Alberta's Social Services than by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), says an Alberta welfare advocate.

Brian Bechtel, spokesman for the Income Security Action Committee, says Natives on welfare are choosing Alberta Social Services over DIAND, because DIAND is not telling Natives what they are eligible to receive.

"We have worked hard pressing for improvements from the province and have seen some genuine response and maybe Indian Affairs has escaped the same scrutiny," says Bechtel.

An Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) official, Walter Janvier, adds DIAND is known for making "it very difficult to get assistance. It's like squeezing water out of rock. They don't tell you what you can



Walter Janvier

get, so you don't get as much, so people decide to go Social Services instead."

DIAND's provincial director for social development, Ron Dawson, said his department has "had some feedback from a few clients that weren't happy but we provide an appeal process that is available to anyone with concerns."

He adds that DIAND social service workers work closely with their clients. "Mr. Bechtel does not understand the degree of social contact that DIAND social services have with clients."

According to Dawson, DIAND social services uses the "case-work type of approach" where workers work with clients on a one-to-one basis.

Bechtel, who is also director of the Edmonton Food Bank, said DIAND policy is strict, making it hard for Natives to get emergency food vouchers, while Social Services has relaxed its food voucher policy.

Dawson disagreed, saying that DIAND will provide emergency vouchers to those in need. But he did add that DIAND does "concentrate on Indians on reserve, but we haven't got the time or resources to do the same sort of consultation off-reserve as on-reserve."

### CORRECTION

The Lasso Golden Eagles are from Beaver Lake, not Lac La Biche, as written in the Sept. 16, 1988 story Arrows Again by Bert Crowfoot.

In the Sept. 9, 1988 Sports Roundup, a photo identified as Rupert Arcand should have read George Arcand.

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# Metis community wishes newlyweds all the best

By Lyle Donald  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Well hello again, it's been a busy past month in the Metis community and first on the agenda are some special congratulations, starting with John and Beatrice Sinclair, who tied the knot last Saturday and made it legal. John is employed at Metis Children's Services and Beatrice is in college going for her bachelor of social work. They are both super people and I wish them all the best for the future.

Also, congratulations to our new vice-prez in Zone 4, Joe Blyan, and our board of director Thelma Chalifoux, who both walked away with the election last week. Both people have a lot of experience working in the Metis community, and will have plenty of time to prove themselves with two years left on their term of office. Good luck in these positions and let's get Zone 4 back working together and build a stronger community.



New boss: Roberts

My favorite part of the Slave Lake Friendship Centre's Cultural Days, Sept. 16-18, was to see the local square dance group the Swan River Reelers headed by an all 'round entertainer John Waniandy. This guy really gets around; if he isn't in a fiddle contest somewhere, he's playing organ at the pilgrimage, or in a jigging contest. The square dance group have only been together for a month, what they lacked in experience they made up for in effort and some pretty good look-

ing costumes.

A good time was had by all and I would like to congratulate the new friendship centre executive director Peggy Roberts and her staff and volunteers for a well-run weekend; you all deserve a pat on the back. It was also good seeing Slave Lake's local president John Meyers. I hope he remembers how to do that special Metis dance I taught him call the mop dance.

The Local 2085 Metis Cultural Days Miss Metis Alberta pageant drew contestants from all over Alberta, including Local 44

Edson, Paddle Prairie, and Kikino Settlements, and also an entrant from Bonnyville, and five from the city, including winner Twila Turcotte, 19. I don't know who asked Windspeaker's Keith Matthews to judge, because we had a hard time tallying up the scores on his sheet from him drooling all over the place.

Upcoming events: the Metis Association of Alberta, and the Metis National Council of Canada will be hosting a conference at the Saxony Motor Inn (156 St. and Stony Plain Road) Oct. 13-15. so you

can bet there will be a lot on the agenda, especially with a federal election to make some commitments for more rights and money to run our own programs. Also included is an entertainment evening for the delegates on Oct. 14, which will include entertainment from the CNFC Metis Jr. Square Dancers; a Metis fashion show, including Miss Metis Twila Turcotte; and the Leonard Lawrence Band from Slave Lake. Some tickets for the evening's entertainment and dance are available at the MAA office, 455-2200.

On Oct. 29, Metis Local

1928 is hosting their annual Halloween Howler at Goose Loonies (99 St. Argyll Road). Call Ron Gauthier for tickets at 454-7076. Also coming up is the 26th annual all-Native festival sponsored by the Canadian Native Friendship Centre Nov. 11-12. Included in the competitions are male and female vocals, square dance competitions, fiddling and square dance calling contests. Entries for the oldtime fiddle competitions will be taken by phone, 482-6051.

Well, that's it for now and I hope to see you at these upcoming functions.

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OUR PEOPLE

# Ex-streetfighter now delivers spiritual message

SUSAN ENGE, Windspeaker

By Bob Rupert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Sitting in jail more than 20 years ago, Rod Carter never in his wildest imagination thought he would become an ordained minister.

But he's come to understand the unusual and surprising side of God. Forty-year-old Carter has experienced God's racial transforming power.

He's come a long way since those ten rebellious years. The memories and scars from street fights, drunkenness, jail and prison remain. But the bitterness and hostility is gone.

Carter, a non-Native, credits much of his change to a Roman Catholic priest in the Northwest Territories.

"He was about as good as a human being as God ever assembles," says Carter.

Carter left that tiny Inuit village where he had taught school to enroll at university. He completed seminary and worked in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Following ordination in 1984, he served for three

years as minister at Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake reserves. He also helped develop urban Native housing in Kingston, Ontario, and was on the Board of Directors for Native Counselling Services there.

Since the government pardoned his criminal record in 1977, Carter has been carrying his story to others including prisoners, alcoholics, victims of violence, and street people.

"My basic spiritual training was completed in a prison cell, while university and Native spiritual leaders helped me refine and polish these basics," says Carter. He's worked as chaplain at Whitehorse Correctional Centre, Kingston Penitentiary and the federal prison for women in Kingston.

Carter doesn't pull any punches. He insists people take personal responsibility for change. He believes in positive thinking and development of personal potential. He discourages blaming others and making excuses and believes the greatest enemy dwells deep within ourselves. His guiding principles come from varied sources

including elders, the Bible, tough love and AA programs. He also finds great strength in country music which he finds relentlessly honest and helpful.

He assists people in discovering and being themselves. His own life on the wild side helps him relate to the people he helps. If he's meeting with an inmate at the Remand Centre, speaking at an AA meeting, or counselling a potential suicide, he understands the plight. He believes in dismantling any real or imagined evil forces.

His own journey has convinced him God truly does help those who help themselves.

Carter also meets with Native people in the city, newcomers to Edmonton, Native students or patients at Edmonton hospitals.

He appreciates Native culture and practices Native teachings and religious ways. Elders have taught him to be alert to the four negative forces: greed, hatred, jealousy and judgmentalism. four positive virtues to strive for are bravery, generosity, truthfulness and the rearing of children.

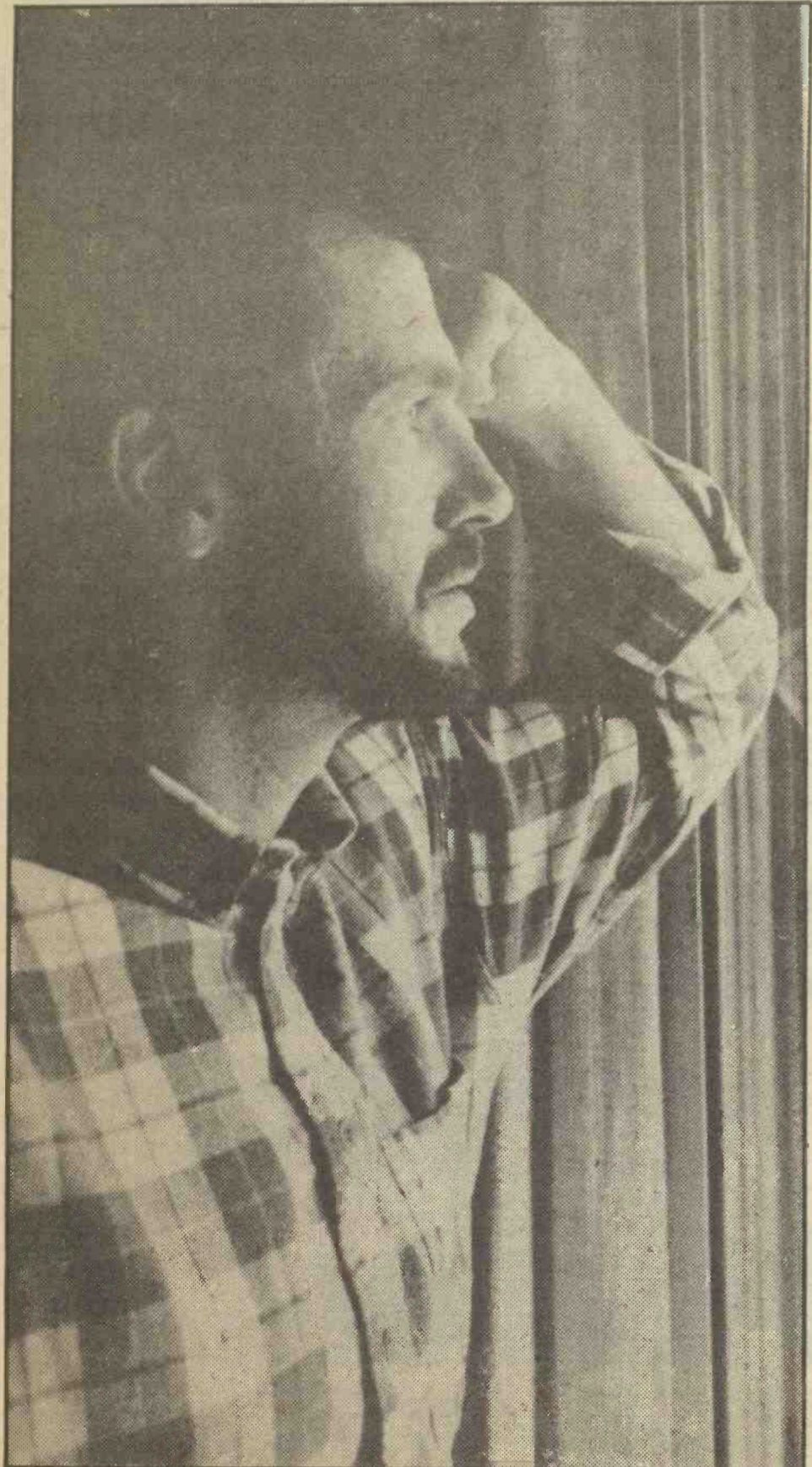
He works with a support committee of Native elders including: Edith Memnook and Homer Jackson from Goodfish Lake; John Samson from Hobbema; Floyd Steinhauer, all tribes presbytery minister from Saddle Lake and Chief John Snow, ordained United Church minister from Morley.

Carter sums up his ministry: "I'm just trying to give back something of what was given to me in many different ways by several people when I needed help. I've never stopped thanking God for their care and support."

"Indian spirituality and Christianity are separate but equal. Each have rituals and ceremonies which provide a deeper understanding of life; helps us through tragedy, and they share the same goals.

"I believe one can practice both religions. Through invitation I have been involved in Native spirituality; participate in their ceremonies and sweatlodges.

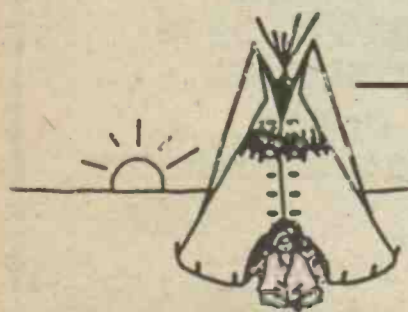
"I've studied under spiritual leaders and my Christian faith has been strengthened through the faith I hold in the ceremonies."



Surprising side to God: Rod Carter

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## OUR PEOPLE

KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker



Concerned about big issues: Nellie Carlson, 61

## Feisty granny given award for women's rights work

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Nellie Mildred Carlson, 61, appears to be a mild-mannered grandmother unconcerned about national Native issues. But don't let appearances deceive you — this lady can speak her mind.

She is one of five women from across Canada who will be receiving the Persons Award. The award is based on an Oct. 18, 1929 court case, in which women in Canada won the legal right to be recognized as persons, thus giving them the right to become senators.

The award will be presented by Governor-General Jeanne Sauve on Oct. 17 in Ottawa.

Carlson is being honored for her work with the now defunct Voice of Alberta Native Women (VANW) in which they lobbied to change Section 12-1(b) of the Indian Act which discriminated against Native women. She is unaware if VANW is active or not today.

However, Carlson is still involved in the political scene and takes part in meetings of the Indian Rights for Indian Women group. "We do have some sort of meetings once in a while. They are women who are not being reinstated as band members...there are still ladies who are being victimized."

When she was contacted by the Ministry for the Sta-

tus of Women about being a recipient of the award in September she was more "surprised" than anything and feels she did not do anything special to deserve the honor.

She says: "There are many other women who have done positive things for their community. It really isn't such a big deal. In reality, Indian women in Canada should have never lost their rights as Indian people."

She charges things really haven't changed since the inception of Bill C-31 which was passed on June 28, 1985.

"Our children are not band members and yet they (Indian bands) said in June 1987 the children would be reinstated as band members. That never happened, it is 1988 and their oil money or anything that is coming to them is held in trust," she says.

Carlson first became involved in the issue when she was elected to the executive of VANW in 1967. In 1968 the organization was approached by the Edmonton office of Secretary of State and asked if they could organize the first national Native women's conference.

The organization had a very limited budget to work with at that time which consisted of an \$8,000 grant from Secretary of State and \$1,000 each from both Edmonton and the province.

Carlson said that emotions ran high at this particular meeting where one participant is said to

have announced: "It is about time, we have too many blue-eyed, blonde haired squaws running around on our reserves."

She claims her reasons for becoming involved in the fight against 12-1(b) are personal and not because her husband is a non-status Indian. She says, "I owed my life to it."

Originally from the Saddle Lake band and now living in Edmonton, she is married to Elmer Carlson and together they had nine children.

When Bill C-31 was passed she says, "I was very glad. It is not a good bill but at least discrimination ended for Indian women."

"We have never been given the chance to create our own destiny. White men came here and they just shoved their own policies down our throats. They said 'here, we will give you a little puddle of money if you don't speak out,'" she says.

It was very hard for the Native women's group and there was never enough support. "You know, Indian people are their own worst enemies. They don't even get together to support each other. That is the worst part."

Her ultimate goal: "I want to see that only direct descendants of Indian people get Indian benefits to this land because we did so much. I know my forefather...his name is Chief Bobtail, he was one of them who signed the treaties. They gave up so much."

# Happy Thanksgiving

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A message from the Kehewin chief, council and band members.

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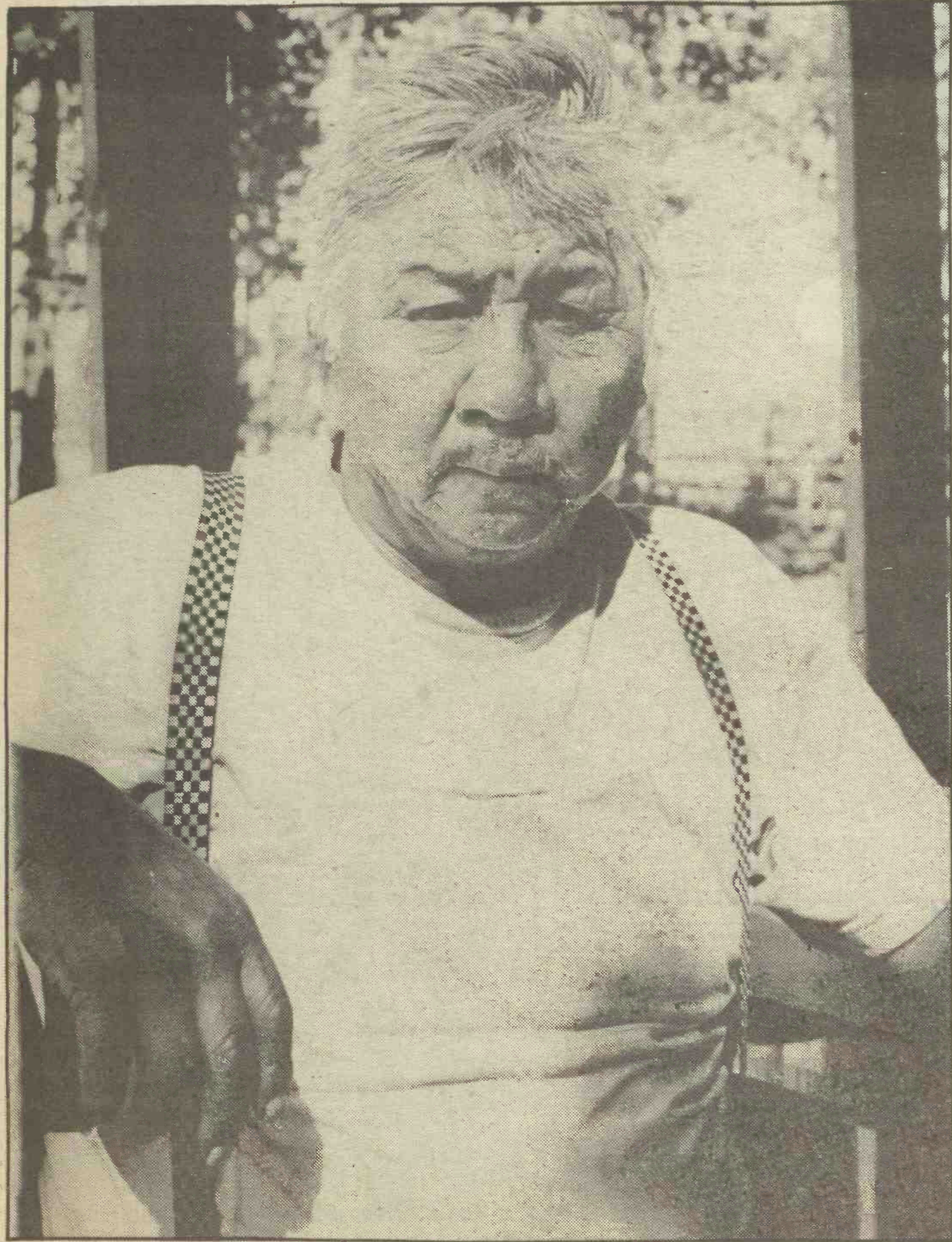
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THE ELDERS SPEAK

KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker



'It was our fault - us leaders': Thomas Auger

Youth can be saved

**Today's lost generation must return to reserve**

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WABASCA-DESMARAIS

Thomas Andrew Auger, 62, says today's younger generation must find their way back to the reserves.

"They are lost right now — most of our young people" but Auger hopes they can find their way back — one way is to return to their reserves. He adds "They have to go to the elders."

Auger speaks haltingly and in broken English. Cree is his first language.

Auger sat on council for 12 years and was chief of the band for six months. He was first invited to sit on council by Chief Maxime Beauregard who chose "six headmen" in 1965 to serve on council.

At the end of 12 years he decided not to run again. "I knew I wasn't doing anything good for my people." Times are changing and most of the people on council today are "well educated."

He's seen a lot of changes since he sat on council. A major issue today is a lack of proper housing. The social problems associated with living on a reserve also concern him. "It was our fault, I've said that too. We had a meeting on the drinking problem we are having. It was our fault — us leaders. Most of the reserves are the same."

"We tried here, me and my son...we used to take some kids out into the bush and teach them the Indian ways of culture. They used to love it, to be out in the bush. We would teach them how to dress up a moose, how to call a moose," he says.

Auger and wife Rita have

five children: Victor, Leonard, Lorraine, Donna and Monica. They also have 10 grandchildren and Auger would like to see them learn the Cree culture.

"That would be best for young people — to learn the Indian ways of life. Young people are different today. They are partially white people now. At their homes they talk English and not their Native tongue."

He points out the changes in lifestyle have had a detrimental effect on the language. "The elders (who are) older than me are better Cree talkers and they know how to say words better than me. Some of the things I wouldn't even know what they are talking about."

The traditional ways of gathering food are still fresh in his memory. Auger and his wife gather mooseberries, saskatoons, raspberries, blueberries and other edibles from the wild.

This past spring, Auger and his wife Rita collected sap from birch trees for syrup. He offers a tip for best results: "When you cook it don't use any sugar — use straight sap water." Next spring, he plans on teaching young people how to collect birch tree sap.

He learned from his father how to hunt moose and differentiate between a male and female moose's tracks.

He adds that the best parts of the moose are "the nose, eyes, jaws, tongue and the guts," the portions most hunters throw away. "That's a waste, the Indian people wouldn't throw it away."

He related a story about his cousins: "One time my dad was cooking squirrel mixed with potatoes. Some of my relations, who are kind of stuck up and would-

n't eat anything like that, went inside and asked if he had something to eat. My dad said, 'yes'.

"They didn't know what they were eating. So, they went home and told their mom, 'uncle got a moose and he fed us'. Auntie phoned my dad and said, 'What did you feed my kids?' My dad says 'squirrel meat mixed with potatoes' and the kids almost got sick.

"It was too late and they tried to throw up but they couldn't," he says with a hearty laugh.

Auger was born about 100 miles north of where he lives now on the Bigstone Cree reserve. His father, Gene Auger, trapped muskrat, lynx, fox and beaver and sold his furs to the Wabasca Hudson's Bay Company.

He received his schooling from St. Martin's Convent in Desmarais. After grade eight he quit to go to work. "When I was 16, I told my father that I had to leave home to go to work. So I went to Slave Lake and I hitch-hiked by horse team.

"I went to work for Swanson's Lumber Company for 60 cents an hour." Auger worked there for four years as a tree faller, working with a cross-cut saw, and as a mill worker.

After working in Slave Lake he moved back to Wabasca and worked as a freighter with a horse and wagon. There, he met his wife Rita, whose father owned the freight operation.

Today, Auger is still a member of the Bigstone Cree band with his wife Rita. He no longer hunts because of a stroke which partially paralyzed his left hand. Rita Auger was on council but was recently unseated in the Sept. 7 band elections.

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# Thanksgiving Day an everyday cultural tradition

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

In mainstream society, the celebration of Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving are major occasions but such was not the case in Indian Country until modern times.

Prior to the arrival of Europeans and the cultural heritage they brought with them, these celebrations were unknown to North American Indians.

Thanksgiving Day was first introduced by pilgrims at Massachusetts in 1621 when they celebrated their harvest with such foods as the American turkey, pumpkin and squash.

The special day extended north into Canada by way of Nova Scotia in 1750 and was declared a national holiday by parliament in 1879.

However, the occasion of giving thanks on the part of Indians has always existed. It's been a part of Indian culture since time immemorial and includes some minor and major events.

One of the most noteworthy times of the years on the western plains was probably the time of the Sun Dance. It is very significant and has been described by such noted historians as Diamond Jenness and David

Mandlebaum as the outstanding event of the ceremonial calendar in which the fulfillment of a vow came full circle.

Generally conducted in June or July, the Sun Dance was sponsored by an individual as thanks to the spirit powers for the safe delivery of a relative or friend from danger or difficulty.

The vow was not made for oneself but for another's sake and the reason behind it was often because the individual in question was embarking on a hunting or warring expedition.

The Sun Dance was a time when others were able to also fulfill a sacred vow or promise and to show

their appreciation to the spirit powers by undergoing the "torture dance."

As well, there were other times and means of extending thanks which were practiced throughout the year. On a more regular basis were ritual considerations involving pipes, sweetgrass smudges, cloth offerings, prayers, songs and feasts.

A variety of Plains Cree ceremonies included giving thanks to the spirit powers by way of the Bear dance, Bee dance, Elk dance, Give-away dance, Horse dance, Pipe Stem Bundle dance, Prairie Chicken dance, Round dance, Wetigo dance, and the

Smoking Tipi.

Fine Day, a renowned chief during the late 1800s, described the Bear dance as, "a dance for the recovery of a sick relative or for success on the warpath."

The aforementioned are not specifically meant to contrast to a general thanksgiving as most Canadians know it, but to exercise something similar on a minor scale.

Spring renewal rites also involve a thanksgiving of sorts for that was the time of year when nature rejuvenated itself for the good of all people and animals. When a fisherman returns a part of his catch to a lake or river, or when a hunter

leaves behind a bone or other animal part in a tree, that is a way of thanking the spirit of that animal while also recycling a portion of same.

As well, there are those who burn sweetgrass, sage or cedar daily or intermittently in making a request or in giving thanks for a favor from the spirit world.

The practice of gift-giving is a form of saying thanks in a round-about manner to someone for just being there, for being a friend.

So it is that the expression of thanks has and continues to thrive in Indian society without having to set aside any one particular day of the year to acknowledge the occasion.

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Unidentified inmate helps handicapped contestant

## Inmates help out dis

# REACHING

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

As Rose Zoe sits in her wheelchair, the red, white and blue ribbons pinned to her sweater flutter in the breeze.

The northern Native was just one of more than a hundred mentally and physically handicapped contestants who competed in the fifth Annual Special Persons Olympiad hosted by the Edmonton (maximum institute) Institute Oct. 1.

Originally from Lac La Martre, N.W.T., Zoe, 22, now lives in Sherwood

Park. Her ribbons, mostly red and blue, tell their own story. Here is a young woman who is a true winner at the special games, even though it's only her second year competing.

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Albert Dene, 23, (in black track suit with white stripe) looks on after throw



Dean Agecutay (far left) and Native Brotherhood prez Wayne Bruce speak with contestant

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# ACHING OUT

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"The involvement of Native inmates is well received; they have a lot of compassion for the young people." Schimmens fur-

ther credits them with performing most of the arranging and setting up of equipment and field services for the games.

The Edmonton Institute is the only maximum security prison in all Canada to host such an event. The concept originated at a medium security prison in Collins Bay, Ontario. It was introduced to Edmonton by Brian Stewart, who had transferred from there.

Despite some difficulty in first selling the idea to prison officials in 1984, the games are now an annual highlight which require several months of preparatory work.

Ron Lambrecht, special events coordinator for Gray Beverage, one of the sponsors, said their involvement is "a goodwill gesture for an event that gives great opportunity to individuals."

A similar message was echoed by Wayne Bruce, Native Brotherhood president who claimed "it's an opportunity to express caring, an extension of our Native traditions."

Bruce further claimed that their support helped the disabled athletes through the games and gave inmates a sense of accomplishment and of contributing to their fellowman.



Doing the long jump at Olympiad

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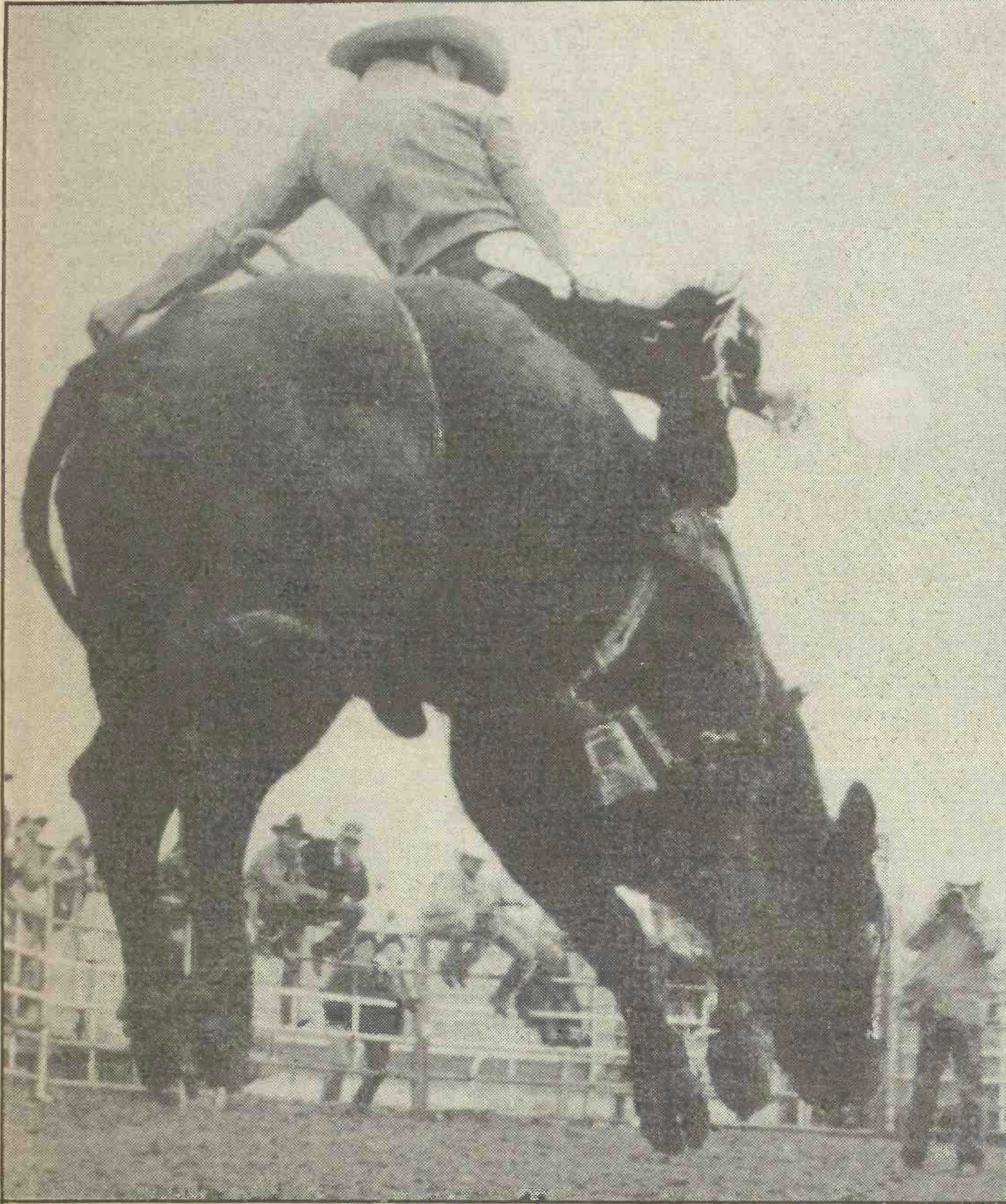
(back suit with white stripe) looks on after throwing a baseball in Olympiad game



Dean Agecutay scoops up ball thrown by Albert Dene at Fifth Olympiad

SPORTS & LEISURE

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Albuquerque bound: Collin Willier

# Hobbema rodeo sees 16 cowboys head south to New Mexico finals

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBHEMA, Alta.

The results are now official and 16 Indian cowboys have earned a berth at the Nov. 17-20 Indian National Rodeo Finals at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The 16 were determined at the 1988 finals for the Northern Alberta Native Cowboys Association (NANCA) rodeo Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 at the Montana band's Diamond 5 Rodeo arena.

With rodeo announcer Dave Arnold doing the honors and judges Gordon Crow Child and Norman Cox scoring, Hobbema's Leon Montour wound up with a total of 900 points and the season all around title.

In bareback, Kenton Randle was the big winner as he kicked out 200 points on three head giving him a 895 total for the season. However, he relinquished his seed to the finals at Albuquerque which moved

Brian Crane into second and Leon Montour into first for the national finals.

The qualifiers for the finals in calf roping are Hobbema's Dion Yellowbird with a 440 season total and Marcel Saulteaux who clocked 50.4 on three head.

The saddle bronc was taken by High Level's Richard Kipling with 675 and Paddle Prairie's Gordon Lambert who amassed 204 points on three broncs.

Cardston's Wright Bruised Head and Hobbema's Melton Louis learned how much of a struggle steer wrestling can be as they went into the finals tied at 300 points each and had to settle for a ride-off which Bruised Head won in a lightning quick 3.6 seconds. For the average, a 15.2 on three head by Leon Montour gave him second spot and it was this, coupled with the bareback, that earned him his all around crown.

Edmonton's Collin Willier, formerly of High Prairie, had no trouble in maintaining a wide margin over all other bull riders, be they on the NANCA or the IRCA circuit. He led the overall standings for both circuits by a sizable margin and kindly gave up his seed to the nationals with his 735 overall points because he is already assured a seat through the IRCA. This move put Paddle Prairie's Trevor Parenteau into the driver's seat with Reid Rea-

gan placing second.

The team roping went to Hobbema's Marcel Saulteaux (460 points) and Keith Johnson (380). The average was taken by fellow Hobbemians Dennis Samson and Earl Littlechild who stretched their three calves in a total of 28.5 seconds.

The final qualifying event to go to the national finals was the senior barrel racing which was captured by two Hobbema gals, Stephanie Wolfe with 465 total and Ginger Cattleman whose average on three runs was 46.552 seconds.

In the junior events, even though they don't get to go to Albuquerque, Marcy Tees of Slave Lake won the season with a commanding lead of 520 points in barrel racing. Nicole Potts of Ponoka followed with 48.68 on three runs.

In boys steer, a 540 total by Jay Littlechild put him into first over Morley's Steed Wesley who earned 196 points on three head.

The stock for this year's finals came from four contractors: Crane Rodeo, 7 West and Roastings from Hobbema, and Cox Rodeo from High Prairie.

The stock of the year was also selected at the NANCA finals and were: bareback bronc - Mount Paul from Roasting, saddle bronc - Bay Boy from Cox, and bull - Tex from Roasting.

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# Unplanned lunch leads marathoner to Gretzky's folk

Marathon man Allan Beaver, 24, would have never thought that a soup and sandwich in an Ontario cafe would lead to an afternoon visit with Wayne Gretzky's parents Walter and Phyllis.

The Cree runner was to meet Tom Longboat Jr. at the Brantford bus depot. Longboat — son of the only Indian to ever win the 1907 Boston Marathon — was going to show Beaver some of his dad's medals and trophies, but Longboat didn't show up.

Hungry and dissatisfied, Beaver went to a cafe next door to the depot.

Sitting next to him was an elderly couple, Warren and Marianne. They asked Beaver where he was from. After some conversation, the couple said they worked with Walter Gretzky at Bell Canada, except they were on strike right now. "Want to go meet the Gretzkys?" asked Warren. Of course Beaver said yes.

"They're down to earth people," said Beaver of the Gretzkys. Walter never tired of showing Beaver all the trophies and jerseys on display throughout the modest two-storey home. He showed Beaver the backyard skating rink that the Great One first played on — only now it's been turned into a swimming pool.

Mrs. Gretzky, Phyllis, made Allan and Walter a tomato and cheese sandwich on toast while the two talked hockey at the kitchen table.

Beaver says: "He (Walter) wasn't too impressed with Pocklington. He said Pocklington did the trade for the money — he knew Wayne wouldn't be worth anything to him in a couple years."

The hockey dad went on to say: "Wayne wanted to live in Edmonton all his life. He got paid for reading that speech. Pocklington hired a speech writer to make it sound like it was his own idea."

After lunch, the two drove around Brantford in Walter's Cadillac (contrary to popular belief, the Gretzky parents have only two cars), touring the town, said Beaver. They wound up at the Woodland Indian Museum. There, Walter pointed out the medals won by Tom Longboat nearly a century ago.

"It was just a super day," said Beaver in a visit to the Windspeaker office. "I felt like I was in a dream."



The two talked hockey: Allan Beaver and Walter Gretzky

**Alexander:** Congratulations to Jerome (Max) Yellowdirt — he's taken over Norm Kootenay's job of band recreation director. Norm's moved on to the band's farm manager position after six years in rec.

Yellowdirt's prime concern is keeping the Alexander youth involved with athletics and recreation. He intends to build relationships between Alexander and other communities by matching the youth there with other youth from Edmonton and area in friendly volleyball and hockey games.

Also on the agenda is an oldtimer's hockey tournament to maybe go Nov. 19-20. Yellowdirt wants interested teams to call him at 939-5887.

He's also looking for arena renters. He said he'd like to get seasonal renters and the general rate for ice time is \$60 per hour.

And his plan to put together a sports newspaper is still a go, "just on hold for financial reasons," he says.

Yellowdirt spent six years working with Native Counselling Services of Alberta until 1985. Since then he's "wanted to try something different," and has eased into the recreation field.



New rec man: Yellowdirt



SPORTS ROUNDUP  
By Kim McLain

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**Stand Off:** The Young Pine family hosted the second annual Joe Young Pine Memorial rodeo here Oct. 1-2. The event was a full-blown IRCA rodeo offering \$4,200 in prize money.



Barebacker: Bruised Head

Here's the winners: Jerry Thomas, bulls; Darcy Cressman and Byron Bruised Head split bareback; Lionel Wildman, saddlebronc; Ivan Bruised Head, steer wrestling; Clinton Bruised Head, calf roping; Evan Day Chief and Jim Gladstone, team roping; Tracey Vaile, senior barrels; Janelle Shade, junior barrels; and splitting the boys' steer riding three ways were Kevin Scout, Scott Bruised Head and Max Big Throat.

Trophy buckles went to all event winners. Roughstock was provided by Shade and Sons while Bob Wilson supplied stock for the timed events.

**Fort Vermilion:** The Fort Vermilion Indian Summer Rodeo drew crowds of spectators and hordes of entries from the top and bottom of Alberta, says Agnes Juneau, secretary for the event.

The IRCA event was held at the town sports complex Sept. 24-25.

Here's the winners: Fort Vermilion's Gary Smith, bulls; Fort Vermilion's Kenton Randle, bareback; Rocky Lane's Clarence Fournier, saddlebronc; Cardston's Clinton Bruised Head, steer wrestling; New Mexico's Jay Bob Lytle, calf roping; Morley's Bruce LaBelle and Arthur Wildman, team roping; Cardston's Chantelle Day Chief, senior barrels; Sarcee's Stephanie Simon, junior barrels; Hobbema's Terry Littlechild, junior steer riding. And in a special event for ten and unders — named the peewee "bull" riders — top prize went to Trent Fournier, seven.

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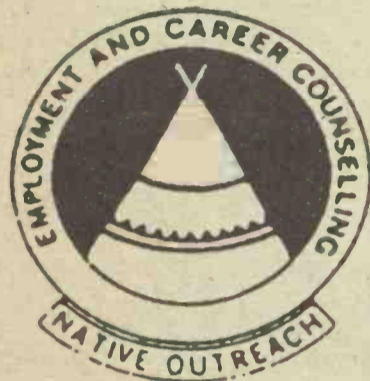
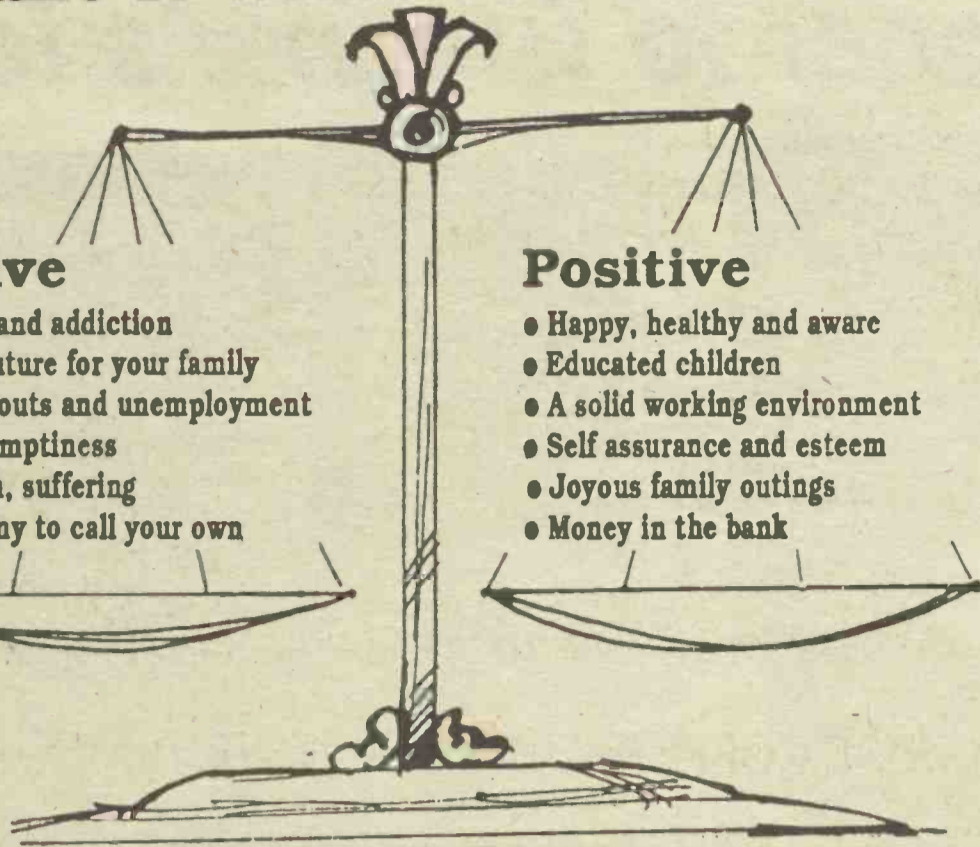
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**SPORTS & LEISURE**

**Inmates stage Outlaw Rodeo**

By Terry Lusty  
Windspeaker Correspondent

DRUMHELLER, Alta.

It may seem like something from out of a movie but prison rodeos have arrived in Canada.

Two weeks ago, Sept. 17, inmates at Drumheller Correctional Institute either watched or participated at the Inmates Outlaw Rodeo for the third time since 1982.

The rodeo, says prison recreation director Rick Trembecky, had its roots in Texas. "There, they used to contract outside cowboys to come in" to ride but eventually the inmates themselves took over.

What prisons here in Alberta had going for them, he continued, was a warden at the Edmonton Max who began to promote the idea back in 1979 until it came to pass.

Many of the contestants, about 70-75 per cent accord-

ing to Trembecky, had not had previous rodeo experience. Leonard Lightfoot, 29, is a good example. As this year's all-around winner, he placed first in cow riding and second in the wild cow race which is similar to the pro circuits wild horse race.

Lightfoot informs Windspeaker that he never tried to rodeo until he entered in 1985 on a dare. This year, he says, "I was too late to enter the bareback." He adds that he has given some thought to giving rodeo a try on the outside after his release.

At this year's rodeo, Philip Roasting won the wild cow race, Faron Dixon won in saddle bronc and Glen Aslak won on the bulls.

Equipment and stock for the rodeo are contracted from Big Country Rodeo Stock. The money is raised by the inmates themselves who chip in \$5 each. If one multiplies that by about 450 inmates, that's over \$2,200.

Trembecky says they have

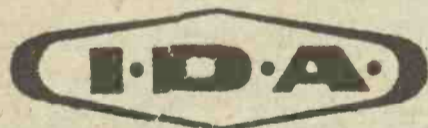
no concern about security because the rodeo is conducted within the prison walls. As for attendance and participation, anyone is eligible provided they do not have a medical problem or are in disassociation (the hole), claims Trembecky who adds that it is not compulsory for inmates to attend.

About 65 contestants took part this year with a good number of contestants in each event being Native. The rodeo has been held in '82, '85 and '88. The potential for it to become an annual event depends largely on funds and the absence of any major problems such as the riot which prevented last year's rodeo from occurring, says Trembecky.

The positive aspect of the event is "the rodeo takes the whole focus of the prison as such and puts it on the rodeo...people forget about the jail and enjoy themselves.

"It's our big social event of the year," he concludes.

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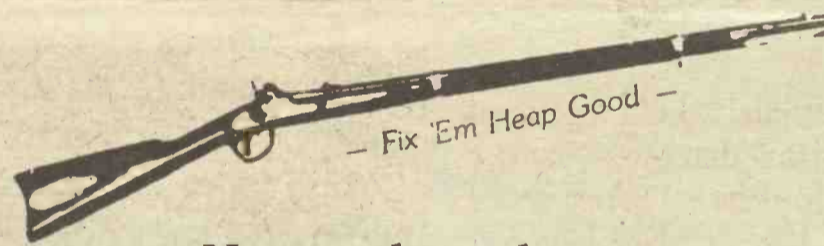


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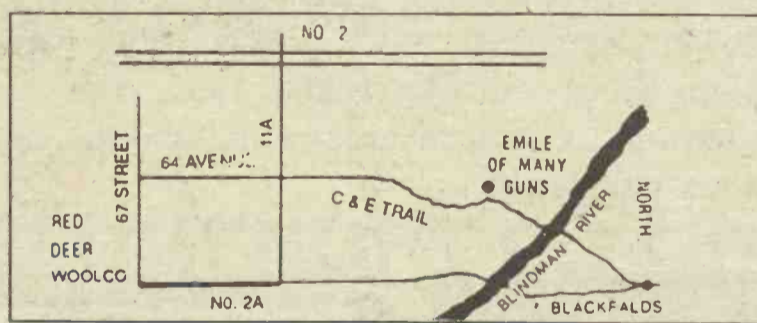
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Raking up the big tournament wins: Leo Sasakamoose

## Champion golfer in province a natural athlete, hates limelight

By Kim McLain  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Behind the mask of fierce concentration that Leo Sasakamoose wears on the golf course is a man who's, quite simply, relaxing and having fun.

He's not known as a "rah rah" kind of guy. Most on the Native golf circuit agree on one thing about him — he's quiet. And, quietly and surely, Sasakamoose has been raking up the big tournament wins for about a dozen years. He won four major titles in 1988, including the North American Indian championship. Sasakamoose doesn't know how many titles he's won but says: "I have a lifetime average of about four per year, going back four or five years, I might have won a few more."

"On the golf course Leo's quiet — he sticks to himself," says Kenny Sinclair, 29, a formidable competitor on the circuit. "He gets into his game."

"When I was younger Leo gave me encouragement, taught me to take your time," says Sinclair in a telephone interview from his Saskatchewan office. "He has a good mental attitude...he thinks positive. You can tell by the way he goes about his game...he doesn't get down on himself."

Sinclair has known

Sasakamoose for about ten years, witnessing win after win. "He never let it (winning) get to his head, he's humble — he let's his score do the talking."

Sasakamoose is a natural too.

"Don't let that weight fool you, he's very coordinated — a natural, like Jim Thorpe was a natural," says John Fletcher, long time friend of Sasakamoose. Fletcher recalls a time when marathoner Al Campbell, who always works out, challenged Sasakamoose to a game of face-paced racquetball. Campbell, who sometimes plays Edmonton Oiler hockey players, thought he might have an easy go with Sasakamoose. "Well," laughs Fletcher, "Campbell called me after the game and told me Leo waxed him!"

Fletcher says Sasakamoose doesn't like the limelight. "If he makes a speech, it'll be the shortest speech you'll ever hear."

Naturally, when Sasakamoose made his acceptance speech for the NIAA title at Wolfe Creek it was short, but humorous too, says Willie Littlechild, who met Sasakamoose at a golf tournament about 20 years ago.

The lighter side of Sasakamoose might get hidden behind his look of deep concentration and determination, but those who've been close to him have "enjoyed his humor all along," says Littlechild.

Sinclair recalls a pair of golf shoes that Sasakamoose used to wear. "Those shoes had about ten different colors," he says. "I don't know why he wore them — maybe to psyche out his opponents?" guesses Sinclair.

"Possibly," answers Sasakamoose in a telephone interview from his Edmonton office. "They looked good."

"You got to try different things — all for fun of course," he says.

"There are ways to manoeuvre the ball," he adds, like the way a pitcher puts junk on a throw. "You got to try these things."

"Golf for me," says Sasakamoose, "is a way of relaxing, being with friends, and it's a whole lotta fun. I like it, and I'm good at it."

"I look forward to playing with the older golfers — men like Wilf McDougall and Simon Three Fingers — they really add to the atmosphere. They're like a cushion, like your elders, I can look to their leadership and their presence."

Sasakamoose has watched the Native golf circuit grow bigger and stronger. He hopes that through golf, youth will continue to develop and experience some of the many benefits of the game. "Like pride from playing a good game," he says. "You can succeed in many areas, not only one...the rewards are there."

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BREAKING NEW GROUND

# Hobbema manufacturer taps into hovercraft market

By Mark McCallum  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, Alta.

A Hovercraft manufacturing plant is now operating at this reserve, making vehicles that "can go anywhere - anytime," boasts manager Henri Rossius.

The Hobbema manufacturers are producing "air cushion" vehicles capable of flying about eight inches above any surface (land, water and ice) in any weather condition, says Rossius.

The \$85,000 Hovercraft factory is called Air Creation and is owned by Hobbema's Eugene Samson. And although its grand opening was held Sept. 1, designers have been working on prototypes of the Hovercraft since last

May.

The designers have created two prototypes, called the Eagle. The Hovercrafts, now being manufactured at a rate of six units a month, vary in size, speed and cost. And Rossius notes the Hovercrafts are all made of aluminum... "light yet very durable."

Eagle One, the most affordable of vehicles at a cost of \$5,200 to consumers, is designed to carry one person, and its 35 horse power engine can propel the vehicle to speeds of about 50 - 55 km/h. The speed of the Hovercraft can also be increased by installing an engine with a greater horse power, says Rossius, adding such modifications also increase the cost of the vehicle.

The Eagle Two is a big-

ger machine, designed to carry heavy loads up to 800 pounds. The 55-horse power driven Hovercraft, valued at \$8,900, can seat two to four people comfortably and travels at speeds of about 45 - 50 km/h.

And a third prototype, the Eagle Three, is now being designed. Rossius explains this model will be built for speed and is expected to reach velocities of about 115 - 120 km/h. However, the Eagle Three does have one drawback; it does not have any storage space. This machine is expected to sell at \$9,000 to consumers.

The manufacturers are hoping the Hovercrafts will appeal to outdoor enthusiasts as well as the more serious business sector. Rossius feels Hovercrafts should be viewed as more

than recreational vehicles. He says the natural resources industry would benefit greatly by using the affordable Hovercraft to travel over the rugged

muskeg terrain of north.

Still, the Hovercraft is viewed mainly as a recreational vehicle. Rossius says it's great for travelling on water because there is

no chance of the Hovercraft getting tangled up with weeds. And, he adds the most attractive feature of the vehicle is its capability to operate in all seasons.

## Native women form society to ensure business success

By Dan Dibbelt  
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY, Alta.

A new society for women has formed in Calgary to foster success in business.

"We operate as a type of network of information," said Elsie Wingino, recently elected president of the Professional Society of Aboriginal Business Women (PSABW) and a businesswoman herself.

Wingino, like many of the association's members, was present when the idea for the group began.

"Many of us were Native businesswomen who had made it on our

own, the hard way," said Wingino. "We knew an organization like this could be of real help."

And so the small but dedicated group set up their present organization, always being careful not to duplicate services offered by other groups.

Though just over a year old the group has already put on a two-day seminar for Native businesswomen and is now looking to serve non-Natives as well.

"We didn't want to limit ourselves to just Native women," said Wingino. "There are other women in the business world from whom we could benefit," she added.

The group, made up of more than 150 members, survives because of the

sheer effort put into it by members. Membership is only \$10 a year but there are numerous nonpaying members; as of yet the group has not approached the government for funding.

"Our main objective right now is to become known," said Wingino. "It is a difficult problem for a young organization and it just takes time."

The basic objectives of the society are to support and facilitate the growth and development of aboriginal women in business; to act as a forum of discussion and interaction; and to conduct workshops, conferences and seminars.

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## BREAKING NEW GROUND

# Chief confident tourism project will pay off

By Mark McCallum  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ENOCH RESERVE, Alta.

Howard Peacock knows tourism is big business. That's why the Enoch chief feels a recently opened 18-hole golf course and luxurious club house at this reserve will only be the start of a diverse and profitable recreation scheme.

The Indian Lakes Golf Club, about three miles south of the Devon turnoff from Highway 16 west of Edmonton, opened on Sept. 2 to begin the first phase of a multi-million dollar recreation project.

A layout design of this massive project details a number of sights and options that will be available to tourists. For example, now that the golf course is completed, already two more courses are planned, bring the total number of holes for golfers to 45, once construction on this phase is finished within two years.



Multi-million dollar project begins: Howard Peacock

Even now, there is a fully-operational horse racing track on the reserve that will be open every Monday and Sunday until October. And an Indian Cultural Grounds, used in the past for Indian Days celebrations, will be further developed, featuring a permanent tipi structure and campgrounds.

Other phases of the project may also include a large boating and swim-

ming area, 240-stall recreational-vehicle parking area, tennis courts and an amusement park, complete with rides and a mini-train.

Chief Peacock told Windspeaker he hopes this will all amount to profit and jobs for the Enoch band, plagued with financial difficulties since the drop of oil prices. "The oil can't be there forever," he says. "It's going to dry up one year and that will be

it."

With the fall of oil prices, Peacock explains "this band has felt quite a pinch and the oil wells and revenues are depleting. But, in the meantime, we want to plan now while we still have a few dollars to develop something for the future."

Unemployment has also been high on the reserve since oil prices have dropped. "We laid off

quite a few of our band members," said Enoch council Clifford Ward, in an interview with the Edmonton Journal recently. "We figure it will employ 144 people if we do all the phases." Most of these jobs will be seasonal with about 24 being year-round.

Many of the management positions are expected to be filled by non-Natives, but Chief Peacock says a commitment has been made to train Enoch band members for these jobs, and the project is expected to be completely Native-run in the next five years.

Although financial figures and funding sources would not be disclosed, chief Peacock did say they hope to break even this year and improve profits as future phases progress.

Much will depend on the newly opened golf course, expected to accommodate about 40,000 rounds of golf a year. Present green fees are \$14 on week days and \$16 on

weekends but will be raised to market levels of about \$20 next year.

The project will be aimed at attracting visitors from nearby Edmonton, but they also plan to market it on an international scale to tourists. And, because more than half of the Enoch band's 1,000 members are under the age of 18, Ward believes the recreational project will also "cater to the younger people--keeping them busy and out of mischief."

The golf course was designed by American architect William Robinson, who also created the master plan for the Derrick Club. The challenging course features mature poplar and birch trees along fairways that total some 6,450 yards in all, filled with 56 sand traps and 10 water hazards.

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BREAKING NEW GROUND

# Wild rice project may mean jobs in '89

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PEACE RIVER, Alta.

If an experimental wild rice planting project proves successful in northern Alberta, it could provide employment to residents of the Zone 6 regional council of the Metis Association of

Alberta. "This fall, we will be planting eight different lakes then in the spring we will be monitoring them. Then in the summertime of '89 we will be harvesting," says project coordinator Diane Ireland.

Harvesting will depend on the growth of the rice, "we may harvest some of it if it's a very thick crop

and if not we will just let it replant itself."

The project will provide employment to one person during the experimental year, with eventual employment rising if the project proves successful.

"We tendered (the position) out to the Metis people of the zone and one person is going to be doing the three sections of

it — the planting, monitoring and harvesting."

The person hired will be working with district agrologist from Lac La Biche, Dave Burdek, who will provide training on the proper techniques of sowing and harvesting.

Burdek says market studies done in other provinces indicate "about 10 per cent of the people

have eaten wild rice...three quarters of the people interviewed didn't even know wild rice was available and that it was something that was good for you.

"There are people marketing nationally and internationally from other provinces and they are doing quite well at it."

But the market must be developed and is not an easy one to access. "It is not a real well defined, established market that you can phone someone up and you can sell everything you've got to them."

He says prices range between \$4.25 to \$4.75 per pound wholesale and \$9 to \$12 per pound retail. However, the health food stores market in California is quite lucrative. "We've heard it goes as high as \$18 to \$19 per pound."

But it remains to be seen whether northern

Albertans can tap into this market. "The success of the project is dependent upon if the rice will grow in the lakes" because not every lake is suitable for growing, says Ireland.

The rice will be sown by hand from either a rowboat or canoe "using about 90 pounds in three acres," of each lake.

If the project is successful "then we will probably look at accessing more lakes or planting a few more acres on the lakes," she says.

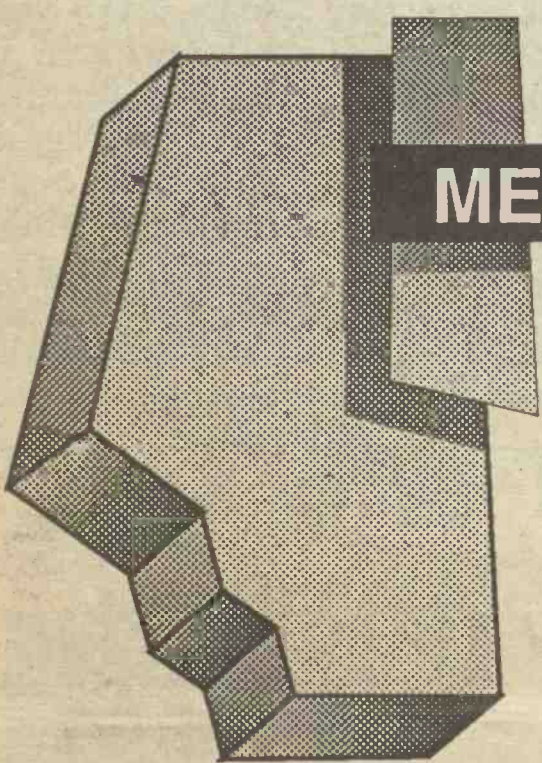
The pilot project is scheduled to begin this month with the rice sitting in water in preparation for the sowing.

"Basically, if it is successful in this experimental year then the intention is that the Zone 6 economic development corporation will take it over and utilize it as a business," concludes Ireland.

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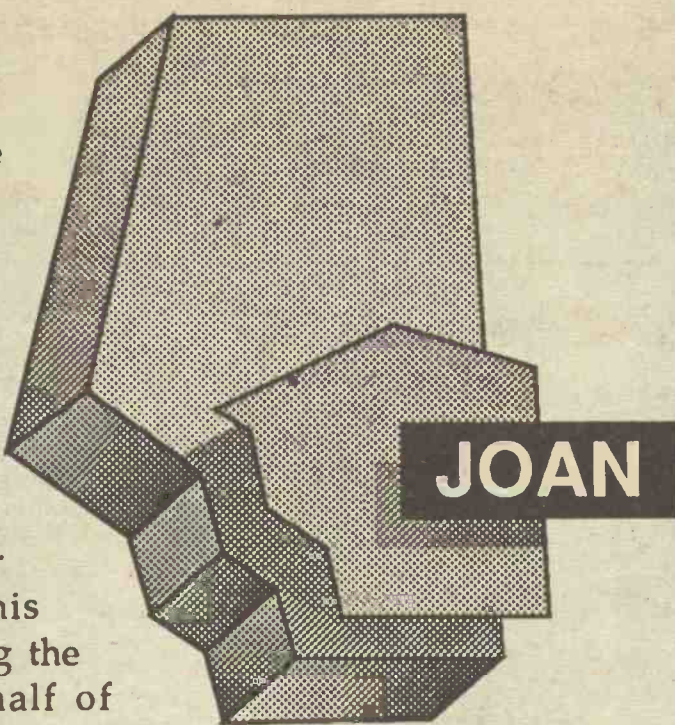
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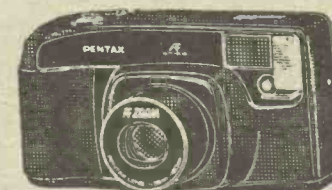
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**BREAKING NEW GROUND**

# Native Outreach programs help southern job-finders compete in labor market

By Jackie Red Crow  
Windspeaker Correspondent

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

Two new programs planning by Native Outreach this fall will help the Native jobless develop marketable skills, as well as instill confidence to increase their chances of competing successfully in the labor market.

Gina Tailfeathers, southern regional manager for Native Outreach, says Natives need to be more aggressive and promote their talents and skills. "I know that's a characteristic not often associated with Natives but we need to assert ourselves and learn to sell ourselves," she said.

A Futures Club and a job readiness program are the two new programs planned this fall. The Futures Club, aimed at Native senior and junior high school students, will help them get a head start in their career planning.

Tailfeathers says some Natives seeking jobs lack the necessary training and skills required in various jobs and they often are forced to return to school

to upgrade their skills. However, with the Futures Club she hopes to avoid that situation by getting more young Natives interested in exploring various professions and obtaining the necessary requirements before they go out in the job market.

The Futures Club will also help Native students prepare for higher learning. She said there is often a period of transition for new students entering universities or colleges. "It's really a shock - there is much more discipline needed than in high school," she said.

"I'm not going to force anyone to join - if they want to, they are more than welcome," she said. The club will meet weekly after school. The students will also have the opportunity to visit post-secondary institutions and meet various Native professionals who have gone through the system.

The job readiness program will assist unemployed Natives in acquiring or upgrading skills needed to compete successfully in the labor market. Such skills include

how to prepare a resume with a covering letter, how to prepare for a job interview and contacting various prospective employers and follow-up.

Tailfeathers said some Natives are content with applying to various employers and then hope they'll get the job. But, she believes they should do more. For instance, Tailfeathers suggests that job seekers should set time aside to talk with prospective employers to find out more about the job so they can access their qualifications and suitability.

She said there is often an "overload of applications for almost any job" and if job seekers talk to employers, they'll likely increase their chances of obtaining employment.

Native Outreach set a yearly goal of placing 504 Natives in jobs and so far have successfully helped 351 Natives obtain employment. Last year, the Lethbridge Native Outreach won a provincial award for the highest number of placements.

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Overload of applications: Gina Tailfeathers

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# Information lessens risk of AIDS infection

## What is aids?

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There is no cure for the common cold or influenza

- both caused by viruses. And so, the AIDS is also incurable. It is always fatal once it develops in the body. A cure for the AIDS virus or any other has defied science's efforts to find a cure.

This particular virus belongs to a recently-discovered class of viruses known as retroviruses - which all cause persistent

infection: once in the body, it is there for life. Another characteristic is that it operates slowly and may lie dormant and undetected for years.

## How does the virus work?

The virus inserts itself into human cells. It begins to multiply using the body's genetic reproductive mechanism which exists in

every cell. Once it establishes a mainhold, the virus begins to invade the body's T-cells, the body's main line of defense against all other infections.

People with AIDS thus have drastically weakened immune systems and are unable to combat common diseases which uninfected individuals fight off easily. **How is the aids virus transmitted?**

It is quite difficult to catch.

However, sexual intercourse is the main carrier of the virus because the exchange of body fluids occurs - semen and vaginal secretions are exchanged during sexual intercourse.

The virus, can also be

spread through infected blood transmissions. Blood transfusions using infected blood also spreads the virus unless the supplies are screened beforehand.

Users of intravenous drugs who share needles with others, remain very much at risk.

Mothers who are breast-feeding can also spread the virus to their baby if the virus has entered her body. About 50 per cento of infants born to mothers with AIDS develop the disease shortly after birth. Additionally, pregnancy can precipitate full-blown AIDS in previously healthy but AIDS carrying mothers.

**Myths: Aids is an African disease, and the Blacks are spreading it to us.**

TRUTH: Tests on stored blood samples show the first cases of infection appeared in Africa and America at about the same time - 1978. Although the virus is now more widespread in Africa than in the US, there are as many as two million Americans who are carriers.

**Aids is a gay disease.**

TRUTH: Heterosexual intercourse is the dominant mode of transmission and, although the first cases of AIDS in the West did appear amongst homosexuals, this is probably because gay men tend to have had earlier exposure to other diseases like hepatitis that also compromise the immune system. Because of this, gays succumbed to the new infection more quickly than 'straights' whose immune systems were generally in a better state of repair.

There have been no cases of AIDS being transmitted through lesbian sex. They are not considered a 'risk group' at all by medical experts.

**Aids is spread by casual contact - shaking**

hands with an infected person, sharing cutlery with an infected person, coughs and sneezes, from toilet seats, etc.

TRUTH: There are only 3 ways the virus can be transmitted to another human being: the first is sexual intercourse; the second is through blood transfusions where the blood is infected with the AIDS virus or sharing the use of needles and syringes; and the third is spread to infants born from infected mothers.

No cases of the virus being spread to family members who share toothbrushes or towels have been reported. No cases of the virus being spread in public baths or swimming pools, through coughs or sneezes have been reported. There are no recorded cases of infection through kisses.

**A Guide to 'Safer Sex'**

Since the fear of catching the AIDS virus by having sexual intercourse grows, does this mean we have to give up sex altogether, or else stick to just one partner?

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Avoid oral sex. Although the AIDS virus has been found in saliva, the portions are in minuscule quantities and presents very little risk. If in any doubt about yourself or your partner, avoid deep kissing.

(This information is from the magazine 'The New Internationalist', 1987.)

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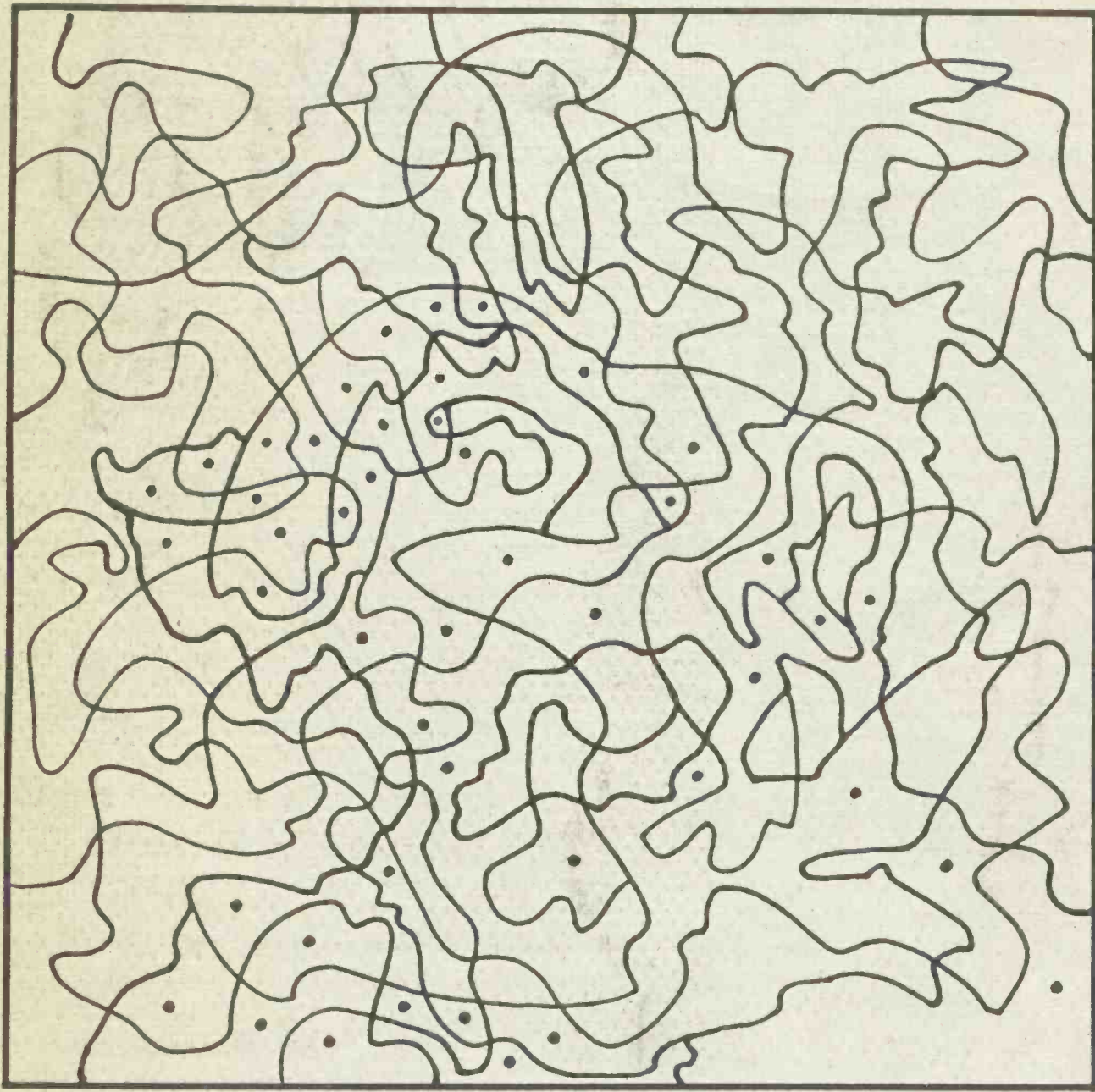
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# Invitation to all Native Artists

"NATIVE ART COLLECTION" CONTEST

Peace Hills Trust, a wholly Native owned financial institution whose purpose is to assist in the development of Native interest. While our primary objective is financial support, Peace Hills Trust also recognizes the importance of preserving and developing Native culture. As evidence of our continuing support, Peace Hills Trust is pleased to announce its Sixth Annual "Native Art Collection" Contest.

**ADULT CATEGORY**

1st PRIZE: \$2,000 2nd PRIZE \$1,000 3rd PRIZE \$500

Peace Hills Trust will again be offering the Children's Category in our contest. Through this, it is hoped that Native children will be encouraged to explore their culture and develop their artistic skills. The Children's portion of the contest will be divided in three groups: Kindergarten through Grade 3; Grade 4 through 6 and Grades 7 through 9. Prizes will be awarded in each of the three groups. Limit of one entry per child please.

**CHILDREN'S CATEGORY**

1st PRIZE: \$50 2nd PRIZE: \$30 3rd PRIZE: \$20

**RULES AND REGULATIONS: (Please read carefully)**  
To be applied in both categories.

Participation is restricted to Native residents of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Yukon, who have resided in the said Provinces or Territories for at least one (1) year prior to September 1st, 1988. Entries will be accepted from September 1st, 1988 to October 31st, 1988. Entries postmarked later than October 31, 1988 will not be accepted. Entries can be mailed or hand delivered during business hours to the following address: PEACE HILLS TRUST, CORPORATE OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KENSINGTON PLACE, 10011-109 STREET, EDMONTON, ALBERTA, T5J 3S8. All entries complying with the Rules and Regulations will be registered in the Contest by the Official Registrar, Mrs. Andria Collier-Potts. Entries except those of winners will be returned within a month of the closing of the Contest; providing the full name and address of the artist is supplied on the Entry Form. All winning entries will become part of the Peace Hills Trust "NATIVE ART COLLECTION" and its property. Winners will sign off to Peace Hills Trust, all rights of copyright and reproduction and will authenticate their pieces. All entries must be UNFRAMED paintings or drawings and may be done in oil, watercolor, pastel, ink, charcoal, etc... No size restriction. The artist may submit more than one entry and only the artist has the right to submit his/her own work WITH EXCEPTION OF THE CHILDREN'S CATEGORY WHERE SUBMISSIONS MAY BE MADE BY TEACHERS, PARENTS, OR GUARDIANS and are allowed only one entry. Pieces submitted to Peace Hills Trust's previous "Native Art Collection" Contests are not eligible. All entries must be accompanied with an Entry Form properly completed / a photocopy of the official Entry Form will be accepted. See your Community/Administration or Band Office for more details and Entry Forms or use the one attached to poster. Should you wish to sell your work while on display at the art contest, please authorize us to release your phone number to interested purchaser. Should you not complete that portion on the entry form we will assume you do not wish to sell your work. We recommend that entries submitted by mail be in a sturdy cardboard wrapping or crate to prevent damage. Peace Hills Trust assumes no responsibility as to entries misdirected, lost, damaged or delayed in the mail. NOTE: On insurance, Peace Hills Trust WILL NOT BE responsible for insurance costs incurred during transportation of art. During the Contest, all entries will be exhibited and the public is most welcome to visit the display at the above mentioned address during business hours. The Jury's decision will be final. All entries will be judged on the basis of appeal of the subject, its originality in the choice and treatment of the subject and the creative and technical merit of the artist. Winners will be announced during the Second Week of November 1988 and the results will be published.

**ENTRY FORM (Please Print)**  
Peace Hills Trust "Native Art Collection" Contest

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRESENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROV/TERR \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NUMBERS: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BAND/HOME COMMUNITY \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE OF ENTRY SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEDIUM(S) USED \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes, you may release my phone number to an interested purchaser.  
 Selling Price of Art \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 CATEGORY ENTERED: Adult  CHILDREN'S  GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE PRODUCED (approx.) \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

MAIL TO:  
 Peace Hills Trust  
 "Native Art Collection" Contest  
 10th Fl., Kensington Place  
 10011-109 Street  
 Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3S8  
 Attention:  
 Mrs. Andria Collier-Potts

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
 (403) 421-1606  
 1-800-661-6549

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

# Helping Alberta Industry

**Western Economic Diversification is listening to your ideas for:**

- **New Products**
- **New Technology**
- **New Export Markets**
- **Import Replacements**
- **Industry-wide Productivity Improvements**

Economic development and diversification are vital to Alberta and its future well-being. It can mean more job creation opportunities as our economic prospects improve and Alberta's products and services become more competitive at home and abroad.

The Federal Government's Western Economic Diversification Program is helping Alberta entrepreneurs with financial solutions as well as with direction and assistance in identifying alternate funding sources. W.D. is also playing an active role in advocating western interests in the formulation of national policies and programs.

For further information, please contact our Edmonton office at 495-4164.

**Western Economic Diversification Canada**

**Ministère de la Diversification de l'économie de l'Ouest Canada**



*Owner, Barry Ronellenfitch, is building on the entrepreneurial spirit in Calgary for ELP Products Ltd.*

**Barry Ronellenfitch had an idea for manufacturing an innovative new bicycle tire.**

Barry wanted to produce a bicycle tire that had no inner tube to puncture, a radical departure from the traditional rubber tire now in use. He approached Western Economic Diversification with a sound business plan. With W.D.'s help, ELP Products Ltd. is about to enter into further development and initial production. This venture is expected to create new job opportunities for Albertans and has significant international export market potential.



*Pat Harding is building on the entrepreneurial spirit in Edmonton for Harding Instrument Company Ltd.*

**Pat Harding had an idea but needed to expand.**

He needed to expand in order to develop new products, produce more goods for export, and improve quality assurance and marketing efforts. Harding turned to Western Economic Diversification. With W.D.'s help in the form of a repayable contribution, he is now able to provide new job opportunities for Albertans and could secure the company's leadership position in the electronic industry in western Canada.



*Ken Chapman is building on the entrepreneurial spirit in Lloydminster for O.E.M. Enterprises Ltd.*

**Ken Chapman had an idea to manufacture two-speed oil pump controller units.**

He wanted to develop and field test a two-speed oil pump controller unit for the oil industry. The successful testing would lead to manufacturing and marketing. Chapman contacted Western Economic Diversification for direction and assistance.

With W.D.'s help, he's able to develop and field test the units which could mean increased sales and more job opportunities for Albertans.



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