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Funds sought

ANWA 'broke' future unsure

By Susan Enge
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PROVINCIAL

"I'm broke and so is ANWA," says Carrie Cotton, new president of the Alberta Native Women's Association. She hopes the proposal for funds, which are badly needed, is approved by the Secretary of State this month.

The association is undergoing a serious funding shortage as the executive and board struggle to secure enough money to keep the doors of its Edmonton office open.

"I have to straighten out our books and get something off the ground," says Cotton. She plans to deal with the task of improving relations with government agencies who previously assisted the organization and who are now reluctant to fund any of its programs.

"Quite frankly, I think the province has determined that nothing of value has been going on there. The province has consistently refused to fund that organization," says Marc Arnal, Secretary of State's regional director for the Alberta region.

Arnal says in the past, he may have had to "get a little tough" with the Native wom-

en's group by insisting audits be done or by "demanding that the group show some signs of doing something."

"I look at an organization's performance and my job is not to throw good government money out the window, my job is to ensure that the government is getting the best return in its investments."

Cotton agrees: "We have to be more accountable. We have to prove we're worthy and there's a place for us, that there's a need for our Native women."

Despite the record of this Native women's group, Arnal says he plans to "be totally objective" with their recently submitted core funding proposal.

Even though Arnal "was on holidays" when Cotton submitted the application, he's read their submission and expects it to be approved by Ottawa. However, he stated that future funding proposals submitted by this group will not be recommended by his office if proposals are based on "some pseudo-program."

Not only is Cotton trying to secure core funding from the Secretary of State, she is also trying to retrieve Bill C-31 files from the former president, Donna Weaslechild. Cotton says, she "can't find her" because she has moved and left no forwarding address. "We're quite sure she has them (files) because she was the Bill C-31 project co-ordinator."

Weaslechild agreed to hand over all documents of the Bill C-31 project to Cotton following a telephone conversation a few months ago but Cotton still doesn't have them.

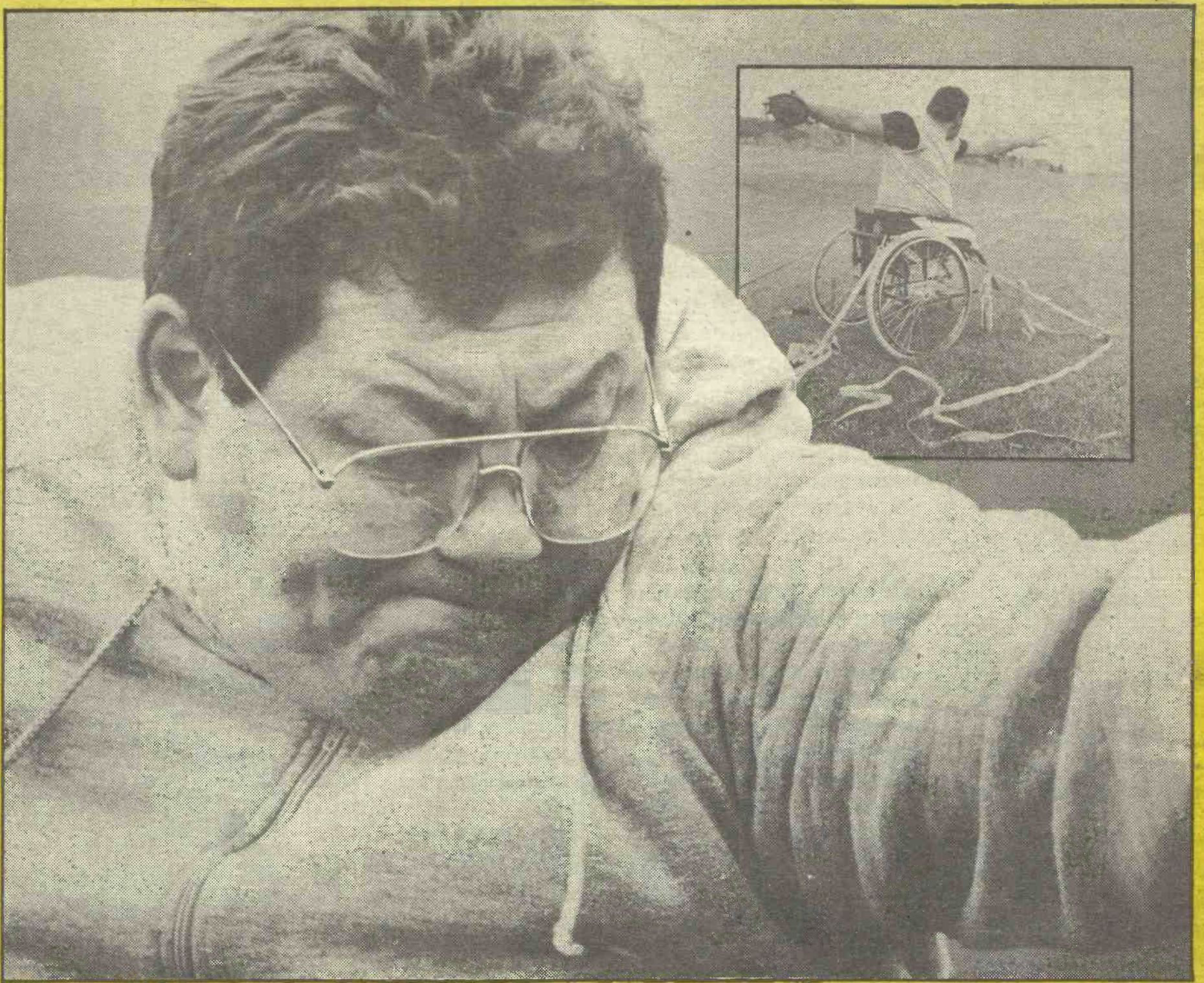
Information collected from Bill C-31 workshops by Weaslechild which were held across the province are needed by Cotton so that a final report can be prepared.

Records of the project's financial transactions are also in the hands of Weaslechild, says Cotton.

"We have an unaudited statement of how dollars were spent, but we have no receipts," says Cotton.

Cotton is uncertain about the date for ANWA's next meeting. She lives in Lethbridge, Alberta and plans to make her next trip to the Edmonton office some time next month.

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Have shotput, discus and javelin, will travel: Edmonton's John Belanger

Going for gold

By Kim McLain
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Long after the Olympic hoopla has left Seoul the world's best disabled athletes will fill the empty venues again. Among them will be one of Canada's best chances for gold: John Belanger, 40, a Metis man without legs.

In some small circles Belanger is famous, yet he's unknown in the eyes of the public. For a man who's literally "one of the best athletes in the world," he's had little glory.

At one time, when he had his legs, he was known around northern Saskatchewan as a rodeo cowboy driving chuckwagons.

"I was rank then," says Belanger from his Edmonton townhouse. "Life was just work and home, work and home."

Then one night in '72 Belanger rolled his car on the highway between Prince Albert and North Battleford. Somehow his legs got pinned under the muffler pipe. Both his legs burned to the bone; they had to be amputated.

"The accident changed my character...mellowed me out," he says.

Almost two years after the accident Belanger left the Saskatoon hospital to begin a new life.

"I just sat around, got drunk...got mad," he says. "For the first six years I was miserable. I asked myself why did it have to happen to me?" Today his only answer is "I guess it was just my turn."

"When a Native person gets injured it's a 'turtle effect'," says Belanger. "A lot of amps go home and stay home, they don't want the public to pity them." He

knows. For six months he closed himself in his mother's basement. Now he finds humor in that time: "I did carpentry...had that little room just the way I wanted it."

Then, six years ago, he and his family (wife Esther and son Darren, now 15) moved to Edmonton where he rediscovered sports. His life changed once again.

"I was at the bank cashing my pay cheque and this other double amputee asked me if I wanted a ride home," he recalls. The man's name was Roy Sherman.

He told Belanger about the Northern Lights wheelchair basketball team and the Canadian games for the physically disabled.

"I guess I could of been a 'turtle'," he says, but sports was the right vehicle to "get out, have some fun and compete."

Since then John has played with the Edmonton Northern Lights basketball club. The team is nearly a dynasty — they've won four consecutive national titles up to now.

He's also competed against the best Americans and Europeans in amateur field throwing events. He's the Canadian record holder in shotput, discus and javelin, not to mention the country's champ. In the last 'disabled Olympics' four years ago in New York, Belanger won bronze in shotput. Then, in the Can-Am Pacific games last year, also in New York, he won silver in the discus and javelin events and a bronze in shotput.

His motivation for competing in sports has changed too.

"I'm serious now," he affirms. "You wanna prove something now...that you're the best in the world."

Belanger departs Oct. 8 from Edmonton's international airport for Seoul, South Korea.



Medals galore: Belanger

Apeetogosan firings get flak

Willey charges wrongful dismissal

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The former president and chief executive officer of Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc., Jan Wil-

ley, is seeking \$55,850 for wrongful dismissal.

Willey claims his firing by the company on Aug. 31 was a breach of the terms of his employment agreement and was done without giving him proper notice.

In his statement of claim,

Willey claims that he was being paid \$63,000 per year plus benefits.

Willey and Stephan Crocker (manager of business development) were both fired by the Apeetogosan board of directors for Apeetogosan on Aug.

31.

Crocker is asking for more severance pay but has not filed suit against the company. "(My lawyer) wrote them (Apeetogosan) a letter on Sept. 9 and we are waiting for their response," Crocker said.

CLOSE TO HOME

Election block fails

By Keith Matthew
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EDMONTON

An attempt by former Metis Association vice-president, Dan Martel, to stop the Sept. 26 Zone 4 election for his replacement, and board of director's position, was defeated on Sept. 21 in the Court of Queen's Bench.

Madame Justice E.A. McFadyen dismissed the injunction but said Martel, who was removed from the association membership last June, is free to pursue reinstatement with the Metis Association of Alberta.

Colin Henderson, the lawyer for Martel, says, "They didn't grant the injunction and they didn't reinstate him. They said he has to reapply for reinstatement."

"She (the judge) cautioned Mr. Karoles (lawyer for the Metis Association) if they proceed with the election and Mr. Martel should be reinstated that the person elected should realize his position is in jeopardy."

He added, "there is a cloud hanging over this election."

Meanwhile, Martel and his wife Sharron Johnstone-Martel will try for reinstatement through the courts.

"We are not giving up, we are going to keep pursuing it," said Martel. He says he won't appear before the Elders Council which is set



Good and bad news: Martel

up to make decisions on reinstatement of memberships and other disputes.

Martel claims Ernest Primeau and Bill Flamond, who sit on the Elder's Council have told him "they don't understand what it is there for."

The council was established at the Metis Association's 60th Annual Assembly from July 6 - 9 in Lac La Biche.

He is also concerned about how the decision making process through the elder's council is arrived at. "According to the MAA Bylaws, the way it is structured is that the elders will make recommendations to the president and the president makes the decision. I can't agree with that. If he is going to let the elders make the decision then I will abide by that."

Metis Association lawyer, Ron Karoles, declined the opportunity to comment on the court case.

Martel was ousted after the board of directors for the MAA held a teleconference call on June 14 and Sharron Johnstone-Martel's membership was also revoked at that time after she, along with six other Edson local members, asked to examine association financial records.

Indian Affairs, Robert Connelly to answer some of O'Reilly's questions, who was refusing to do so under examination.

Statements Connelly made in his affidavit about the federal government releasing confidential land claims information to provincial governments directly conflict with his answers to O'Reilly, said Lennarson.

Although Connelly claimed geneology studies were completed by other bands filing for a land claims settlement, band lawyer O'Reilly upon examining him, found he also admitted the Lubicon's geneology study was unique.

"Connelly contradicted, in dramatic ways, his affidavit upon examination," said Lennarson.

The hearing will continue next month in Calgary.

Meanwhile, the Lubicon band continues with plans to set up blockades on roads that are within their claim area if significant gains are not made in settling their 48 year old dispute. The blockade is planned for Oct. 15.

Police want more public input

By Mark McCallum
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EDMONTON

City police are asking the Native community for help to improve the force's recruit process and a recent multiculturalism campaign.

Edmonton Police Chief Leroy Chahley says the force wants more participation to enhance a newly created multiculturalism program and get more Native recruits applying to join the force. There are currently 27 active members who are of Native ancestry working within the department in varying positions.

In a meeting at Edmonton's downtown police headquarters Sept. 13, Chief Chahley told representatives from a number of Native groups the force is hoping to attract more "visible minorities" and continue a learning process of the differing cultural groups in the city.

Minorities wanted

"We are asking you to become recruiters for us," Chahley told representatives of Native Outreach, Alberta Social Services, the Metis Association of Alberta, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre and Grant MacEwan's Native Women's Pre-employment Program. The meeting was also attended by a number of officials from the force.

Police officials have also met recently with Oriental and Black community leaders to discuss possible ways to improve the force's understanding of Edmonton's different ethnic groups. The force has already taken steps to break down any cultural barriers that might exist by creating a multiculturalism "awareness" program in 1985. And the department has completed the massive task of giving constables the mandatory 10-hour program, which has now been expanded to a two-day program that all new recruits must take before entering the force.

Cultures discussed

The program touches on several topics such as the past and current immigration policies, different cultural values and customs, the Charter of Rights, stereotyping and discrimination, as well as culture shock. "We also talk about Canada's Native people...the Treaties and effects of residential schools," says Recruiting Sergeant Ed Richard.

But, Metis association president Larry Desmeules questions whether the program accurately depicts the current Native community.



Working together: Native liaison Jim White and Jackie Virtue, pre-employment instructor

He says non-Native authorities have a tendency to put all Native people in one group, rather than understanding that there are several distinct Aboriginal groups with different dialects and customs, for example.

Deputy Police Chief Terry Dafoe insists that the force "understands there are many different groups of Aboriginal people." The deputy chief does agree, however, the force stills needs Native people with grassroot ties to help them create a more meaningful program. "I think what we need is someone from the Native community to tell us where they're at right now," he explained, adding the department is willing to work with Natives to further develop the program.

"I think we almost have to start over," adds Chief Chahley, explaining ethnic groups as a whole have suffered and may already be losing certain aspects of their culture. "I'm a Ukrainian, but I can't speak

my language because I think for a long time it wasn't a popular thing to do in the past."

The police force is also hoping to sway recruits from the Native community to join the department. Native Liaison constable Jim White says he and Recruiting Sergeant Richard are looking at the possibility of approaching reserves and other predominantly Native communities to present a recruiting package to interested parties.

Myths dispelled

Popular misconceptions about the department's recruiting requirements were dispelled at the meeting. For example, height minimums and "perfect" eye sight are not a part of the requirements to enter the force. At one time, such physical impairments would rule out some candidates and were part of the recruiting requirements,

but they have now been eliminated.

The basic requirements are a Grade 12 diploma or equivalent, good physical and mental condition, good driving record and no criminal record. Applicants, who must also be 18 years old and over, with criminal records may be considered if they are pardoned. Fitness requirements differ for men and women to compensate for physical differences.

"It's not an easy process," says Chief Chahley. "But, we want quality people in there...we are not going to compromise our requirements."

New police constables are now being hired at a rate of about 50 to 60 officers a year. First year constables are expected to each make about \$32,000 in the upcoming year. Fourth year constables will make about \$42,000 over the year but can make up to \$50,000 with overtime and court appearances.

TERRY LUSTY, Special to Windspeaker



Medical mixup: Mother Cynthia Simpson and baby

Baby survives near fatal dose

By Terry Lusty
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FORT McMURRAY, Alta.

A report from the Fort McMurray Regional Hospital admits error when a staff member gave the wrong medication to a newborn on May 4.

"At approximately 10-15 minutes of age the baby (Elvin Courtoreille Jr.) mistakenly received an intramuscular injection of ergonovine instead of Vitamin K," reads the report signed by Dr. R. Bains.

The baby's family, which maintains the error could have been fatal, have retained legal counsel but state they are not certain whether they will file a lawsuit. "It's simply a security measure to ensure that the baby's rights are protected," explains the child's grandmother, Mary Simpson, a registered nurse.

To her, the matter is inexcusable. It would never have happened, she charges had "the five rights been followed." In elaborating, she explains that standard practice in the administration of

medication is to check and double check that it is "the right type for the right person, in the right amount at the right time, and by the right route (by pill or injection)."

Last week the infant was in Edmonton undergoing further medical tests because "he has been shaking almost every day" for the last two months, says his mother, Cynthia Simpson.

She thinks the mistake could be the cause of the baby's tremors adding that she and the child's father are very concerned.

Although an EEG (electroencephalogram - recording electrical activity of the brain) and brain scan last week came up negative there is a possibility of future side effects, says the grandmother. "All the tests tell us is that there's no bleeding in the brain and there are no tremors or seizures at the time," she explains.

The family's lawyer says additional medical testing of the baby are forthcoming. Once all the results are in "we'll know where to go from there," he concluded.

Ermineskin elects new councillors

By Kelth Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, Alta.

Ermineskin band held elections on Sept. 14 for four councillors' positions, with 21 candidates running for the positions.

Elected to council for a three year term are Ken

Cutarm, Richard Littlechild, Maurice Wolfe and John Ermineskin.

They join Chief Eddy Littlechild, who was elected last year to office in an election solely for chief.

About 53 per cent of the eligible voters turned out to vote for council, with 464 people taking part.

CLOSE TO HOME

Election dispute settled

By Mark McCallum
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FORT CHIPEWYAN, Alta.

An election appeal committee has ruled a disputed Fort Chipewyan Cree Band election is valid and will stand.

The Sept. 9 election, which saw Matthew Lepine become the band's new chief, was disputed by some members of the Cree Band who believe newly adopted customary election regulations were not followed correctly.

Committee member Murray Peterson blames a "misunderstanding" of the new regulations for causing the dispute and creating some confusion about election guidelines.

"It's the first time the band has ever used the new election regulations. And, although the band voted unanimously to adopt the

new regulations, I don't think they were sure how it worked," explained Peterson.

A written appeal was later submitted to electoral officer Sheila Flett, who responded by appointing an election appeal committee to settle the issue. The written appeal was signed by one band member Lawrence Vermillion as well as the following candidates: Alec Courtoreille, Albert Gladue, Therese Tuccaro and Roy Vermillion. Billy Joe Tuccaro, the last remaining candidate of the five runners up, did not sign the appeal.

The five-member appeal committee, made up of Fort Vermillion Justice of the Peace, Neil White, Tall Cree band councillor Ron Loonskin as well as Fort Chipewyan residents Don Cohn, Carmen Steghuis and Peterson, decided to let the election stand but did

recognize points within the appeal as being valid after hearing statements from band members at a meeting on Sept. 19.

Those opposed to the election argued that the required 10 days notice of an election date was not posted and no advanced polls were held for band members unable to vote on election day are both infractions of the new regulations.

Peterson says the committee agreed that these infractions did happen but added they felt no intentional wrongdoings were committed. "Lateness of (the 10-day) notification was only by one day...and the band has never used advanced polls before," he explained, adding the turn out of voters at the election this year was in line with the average of past years.

"We didn't think these points made a significant

difference...the band chief that was elected won by a fairly good majority," he noted.

The Cree Band conducted the election, held Sept. 9 at Fort Chipewyan and the Peace Point Reserve, to cast votes for a new chief. Matthew Lepine won his bid for chief with a total of 79 votes cast in his favor. His nearest rival had 55 votes.

The committee decided to settle the dispute by acting on one of three options recommended in the regulations: "to uphold the grounds for an appeal but allow the results of the election to stand, as the infraction did not affect the result of the election..."

The position of chief was left vacant after Rita Marten resigned from the job Sept. 9.

The band is expected to hold another election in October to vote for vacant councillor positions.

OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS

Housing demand skyrockets

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

The Treaty 7 Housing Project can barely keep up with meeting housing needs for urban Natives since it opened last September.

The non-profit society, which rents bungalows to needy urban Native families in the city, has a backlog that goes back months, says acting manager Frances Weasel Fat. Project staff recently purchased 11 homes in Cardston.

Native families moved into 15 housing units purchased by the project last January in the city. About 500 applications were received from Native families in the city seeking housing, while 40 Blood Indian families in Cardston applied for housing.

The much-needed project has tentative plans of providing the same service in Calgary next year to meet the increasing number of Natives migrating to urban cities.

The housing project idea evolved from a housing survey commissioned by the Treaty 7 chiefs several years ago. "It (survey) identified a real housing need," said Weasel Fat. "The majority were living in slum housing and paying top prices in rentals."

The Treaty 7 office was then delegated to work with concerned individuals to look at ways to alleviate the situation, said Weasel Fat. After several meetings, a group of dedicated individuals started examining the idea of subsidized housing for urban Natives.

It was then that the group started setting up the organizational structure and other administrative matters before appointing a five-member interim board. Then the group approached CMHC for a loan guarantee to purchase homes to rent to Native families. Last September, the group received approval and later opened its office and then word spread quickly about its services.

Weasel Fat said the primary goal of the project is "to

get Native people out of poor housing situations and into better home environments." The project has shown that students have performed better academically because of their improved home surroundings.

The project also strives to improve relations when Native families move into non-Native neighborhoods. "We want them to be welcomed in a non-Native community and be treated just like anyone else," said Weasel Fat.

The project is careful to buy homes located in various part of the city so they don't create "an Indian ghetto."

When the housing project first started negotiating with Cardston real estate offices, they ran into a lot of opposition, said Weasel Fat. "Houses suddenly skyrocketed when they (agents) found out we were Native."

"We tried to downplay the racial overtones because our business is to purchase homes and not to solve racial problems," said Weasel Fat, who said they had originally sent out an agent acting on their behalf.

Since then, project staff have met with the town council because councillors were worried that problems may arise with the new Native tenants in town.

Also, the council is proposing a beautification bylaw which will force townspeople to upkeep their homes and yards.

The criteria of selecting applicants for

subsidized housing is based on strict guidelines. A profile of the family is prepared without the applicants name and is then submitted to the board. The board then assesses the applications on a number of points. "They (families) must demonstrate a real need," said Weasel Fat. Rent is based on 25 per cent of the family's income or the shelter allowance provided by Indian Affairs or social services.

All homes, which range in prices from \$40,000 to \$70,000, are renovated before families move into the new premises.

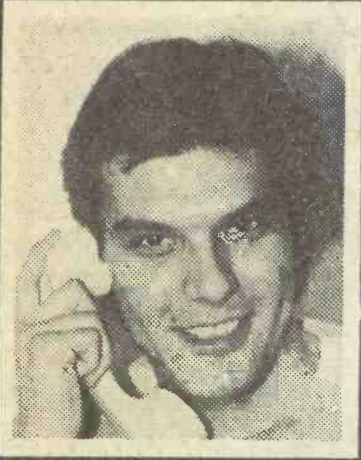
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GRASSROOTS



DROPPIN IN

By Mark McCallum

Student enrollments are up at *Peerless Lake*, thanks to a joint high school education program between the Northlands School Division and Alberta Vocational Centre (AVC) in this community.

High school enrollments have doubled each year since the program started two years ago. And this year is no different, says AVC instructor *Steven Ford*, adding they're expecting the program's first Grade 12 students to graduate this year.

Peerless Lake educators and students have made great gains in a short period of time. "Education is perceived much more positively. I think people here like what they're seeing," says Ford, explaining what seems to appeal to most students is "the convenience of having high school courses offered right in their own community." Students are no longer forced to travel to Slave Lake (250 km away) or Grouard (175 km) to complete high school studies.

Enrollments have jumped each year and more students are staying in school now. When the high school education program started, only two students were enrolled. Now, those same two students will likely be graduating this year, and a total of 14 pupils are enrolled in the program.

The unique program offers students correspondence courses. But unlike regular correspondent students, Ford explains students study under an instructor at all times, splitting class time between the Northlands and AVC facilities at Peerless Lake. Correspondent students usually study on their own without the aid of instructors.

Northlands Division principal *Gerry Zelinski* credits the students for having the determination to stick with the program. He says classes are usually divided between adults and youths, all from Peerless Lake. And, he notes this year a pair of mother and daughter pupils, *Marie and Marlene Alook* respectively, have both enrolled in Grade 10.

"We have quite a few mothers in the high school program with kids in lower grades," explains Zelinski, who says enrollments in lower grades also seem to be on the rise. Of the 96 pupils now attending elementary and junior high classes, 12 are Grade 9 students. "That's the biggest Grade 9 class we've ever had here," he says, adding before the high school program started only four students were in the class.

The Peerless Lake principal also feels enrollments have improved at this level because students are more optimistic that they will be able to continue their education following elementary and junior high studies.

"I think the program has become a solid part of the community and will remain that way," concludes Zelinski.

Fort McMurray: *Kym Jensen* says the Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre is expecting a moccasin-making course to be a big hit due in great part to the instructor, *Lenora Mulawka*. Pupils will learn how to bead and design their own moccasins at the friendship centre Oct. 17 - 27, explains Jensen, centre program director.

Attitudes change, enrollments double at Peerless

"What Lenora makes is just incredible and very artistic," adds Jensen. "She has a really good reputation around here."

And, it didn't take much to convince Lenora to head the moccasin-making class. Jensen explains the very talented Anzac woman "enjoys teaching it and likes to pass the art on."

People interested in taking this class should register now because the deadline is Oct. 12 and no more than 10 people will be allowed to enroll in the course. The reason only one class is being held is because "it's hard to find good instructors, especially now during the trapping season," says Jensen.

But, she adds a second moccasin-making class may be held if there is enough interest. By the end of the eight-day course, which is stretched out over a two-week period, pupils should all have their own moccasins.

And, now that the scaring season is near, friendship centre staff members are preparing to have a "hoot", a "Children's Halloween Hoot" at an Oct. 31 party at the centre. There will be games, lots of excitement, candy and prizes. Children of all ages are welcome to attend, but they must be registered with the centre before Oct. 27.



Needs help: White

Wanted: The *Jim Thunder* Run to New York is in need of a volunteer for the support team, accompanying Thunder on his journey to retrieve Chief Big Bear's sacred bundle from the New York City Museum.

The volunteer must be prepared to stay with the group for about two weeks, replacing an ill *Gerald Giroux* in the three-member support team.

The group would also prefer a Metis person for the volunteer position because they are trying to keep a balance and represent all Aboriginal groups on the trip. Giroux is the only Metis person now on the trip. Interested parties can

reach contact person *Russell White* at 471-3721.

The *Jim Thunder* run is also still in need of contributions, which are tax deductible by referring to charitable tax number 503-555-27. People are asked to forward contributions to: Big Bear Cultural Committee, c/o Bank of Montreal, 10405 - Jasper Avenue, Edmonton T5N - 3N4.

Peace River: Chase those "October boos" away at the Sagitawa Friendship Centre's Children's Halloween Party Oct. 31. Centre special projects coordinator *Kay Setz* says there will be plenty of games and treats for everyone. And, if you don't have a costume, Setz adds the centre will have people there to provide painted faces to suit the holiday season.

The friendship centre has a number of other activities planned for the near future like a Family Fun Bingo, to be held Oct. 14, once again on popular demand.

This is a chance for the whole family to try out their luck together, says Setz. She explains it created such a stir when the first one was held last May, the centre's staff decided it was time to hold another family bingo. "We had 87 kids alone at the last one," she notes.

A senior citizens' social party will also be held Oct. 29 at the centre. Tea, coffee and bannock will be served and Native handicrafts will be on display.

And, the 4th annual Sagitawa Native Arts and Crafts Sale will be held on Nov. 19. The sale will take place at the centre, where a big turn out of craftspeople is expected "because we don't charge them for space," explains Setz.

Get well soon: *Mr. Ben Courtoreille*, the former vice-president of the Metis Association of Alberta Zone 4, is in stable condition in the intensive care unit at the Charles Camshell General Hospital at Edmonton after suffering a heart attack recently. However, nurses say he is doing well and is able to see visitors.

Have a safe and happy week!



Stable: Courtoreille

Public Notice

"Open House"

Christina Lake Management Plan

An open house will be held to review the Terms of Reference for the Christina Lake Management Plan.

Wed. September 28, 1988 - 1 p.m.

Conklin School Gymnasium,
Conklin, Alberta

Public input regarding any issues or concerns is welcome.

For further information, please contact Alberta Municipal Affairs, Improvement District No. 18 North in Fort McMurray (743-7162); or Alberta Forest Service in Lac La Biche (623-5240).

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Calendar of Events

- Basketball Camp, Sept. 26-29, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.
- Christina Lake Management Plan "Open House," Sept. 28, 1 p.m., Conklin School Gymnasium. For further information, contact Alberta Municipal Affairs, Improvement District No. 18 North in Fort McMurray (743-7162) or Alberta Forest Service in Lac La Biche (623-5240).
- Sports Awards Night, Sept. 29, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Hobbema, Alberta.
- National Cultural Centres Directors' Conference, Sept. 26-30, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. Hosted by the Old Man River and Ninastako Cultural Centres.
- Joe Young Pine Memorial Rodeo, Oct. 1 & 2, Kainai Memorial Agriplex, Stand Off.
- Left-Handed Golf Tourney (All-Native), Oct. 1, Noon tee-off, Indian Lakes Golf Club, Enoch. Please pre-register with John Fletcher 435-4424.
- Roasting Memorial Tea & Round Dance, Oct. 8, Jim Rattlesnake Sports Building, Hobbema. Call Carol 585-4081/3800 or June 586-3682 or 585-4122.
- Native Education Conference, Nov. 1-3, Edmonton Convention Centre.

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OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS

New group vows to help migrating Natives

JACKIE RED CROW, Special to Windspeaker



Creating a cultural bridge: Long Time Squirrel

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

A newly-established committee comprised of Native volunteers has a goal to advocate Native concerns to the city council, says its chairman.

Pearl Long Time Squirrel, chairman of the seven-member committee, says its primary aim is to assist the increasing numbers of Natives migrating to the city to adjust.

"We want to improve the quality of life for all urban Natives," she said in an interview. "We want to help Natives by promoting new ways to help them adjust

when they come to the city by making them aware of the various social agencies available in the city."

She estimates there are about 5,000 Natives in the city migrating from reserves in southern Alberta as well as throughout western Canada.

Another goal of the committee is to promote Natives in "visible jobs in the city. There are no Native tellers or clerks, in the banks or post office," said Long Time Squirrel.

But she feels more encouragement is needed to persuade Natives to apply for these positions. "If they are qualified, then they should be encouraged to apply," she said. "And if

they are qualified, the city should give them a chance for employment."

However, Long Time Squirrel believes the city is "fair" and the formation of the liaison committee is "a good start."

In the past, there was no communication between the Natives, city council and the nearby Blood and Peigan reserves. "The reserves have always been there but they have never been close. The city council have never heard from the Native community. They would like to know more what Natives would like."

Long Time Squirrel stresses that the committee "is still in the talking stages." "It will work on preparing

resolutions and recommendations to city council to improve Natives' quality of life.

Alderman Bob Tarleck and Native Counselling Services of Alberta supervisor, Betty McArthur, were instrumental in initiating the committee last year. Darrel McKenzie, representing city hall, assists the committee in meeting their objectives.

Other committee members include Narcisse Blood, Faye North Peigan and Amethyst First Rider. Another committee member will be selected to replace Tony Calliou, who resigned last spring.

Napi centre wants to attract tourists

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

PINCHER CREEK, Alta.

The Napi Friendship Centre has taken a major step in capitalizing on the tourism industry in southern Alberta.

When a lot located west of the centre was for sale in April, the centre's executive

quickly moved to purchase it.

Executive director, Roberta Yellow Horn, said a special meeting was called to determine if the membership felt it was a good investment. With unanimous endorsement, the centre purchased the 1,500 square lot with a \$22,000 bank loan.

"We thought 'let's buy it...even if we don't do anything with it right now,'" said Yellow Horn.

The tourism initiative is a priority goal for the centre. In the future, a building is proposed to house a gift shop, art and cultural displays and possibly an art studio.

Yellow Horn stresses tourism plans are still in the development stage and the centre staging a fund raising campaign to pay off the loan before they implement any plans.

Yellow Horn says tourism is an untapped resource for the centre since it is located in an scenic part of southern Alberta. The area enjoys heavy tourist traffic, attracted to Head-Smashed-In-

Buffalo-Jump, the nearby Peigan reserve, Waterton Park and West Castle, a ski resort.

With thousands of tourists travelling through the town, centre staff want to entice visitors to stop in and learn about Natives' proud past and contemporary achievements in the community.

Earlier in the year, an evaluation and assessment of the existing programs offered by the centre was conducted by centre staff and the board of directors. Future trends were considered to realistically determine the long term needs of Natives.

"Friendship centres are very flexible. We tend to follow a trend. For instance, if the community wants more cultural or educational resources, we'll do our best to provide that service," Yellow Horn explained.

Traditionally, friendship centres are seen primarily as drop-in centres where Natives and non-Natives can meet on an informal basis to learn about and understand each other.

Although the centre is still providing that service, many are still confused about the friendship centre's role, she added.

A sign in front of the centre informs the public of upcoming events. "We want to emphasize 'we're here! We're here to provide a support system in such areas as social and cultural activities.'"

Yellow Horn points out there "is ignorance and a lack of understanding about Natives...I don't want to say there's racism in town."

Aside from the long-range plans, the centre offers a wide array of cultural and recreational activities for all age groups, says Quinton Crow Shoe, program co-ordinator. Best known is the Napi basketball tournament and the Christmas powwow held annually.

An informal survey taken each year to determine which activities were popular and suggestions by the membership are listed before the events calendar is produced.

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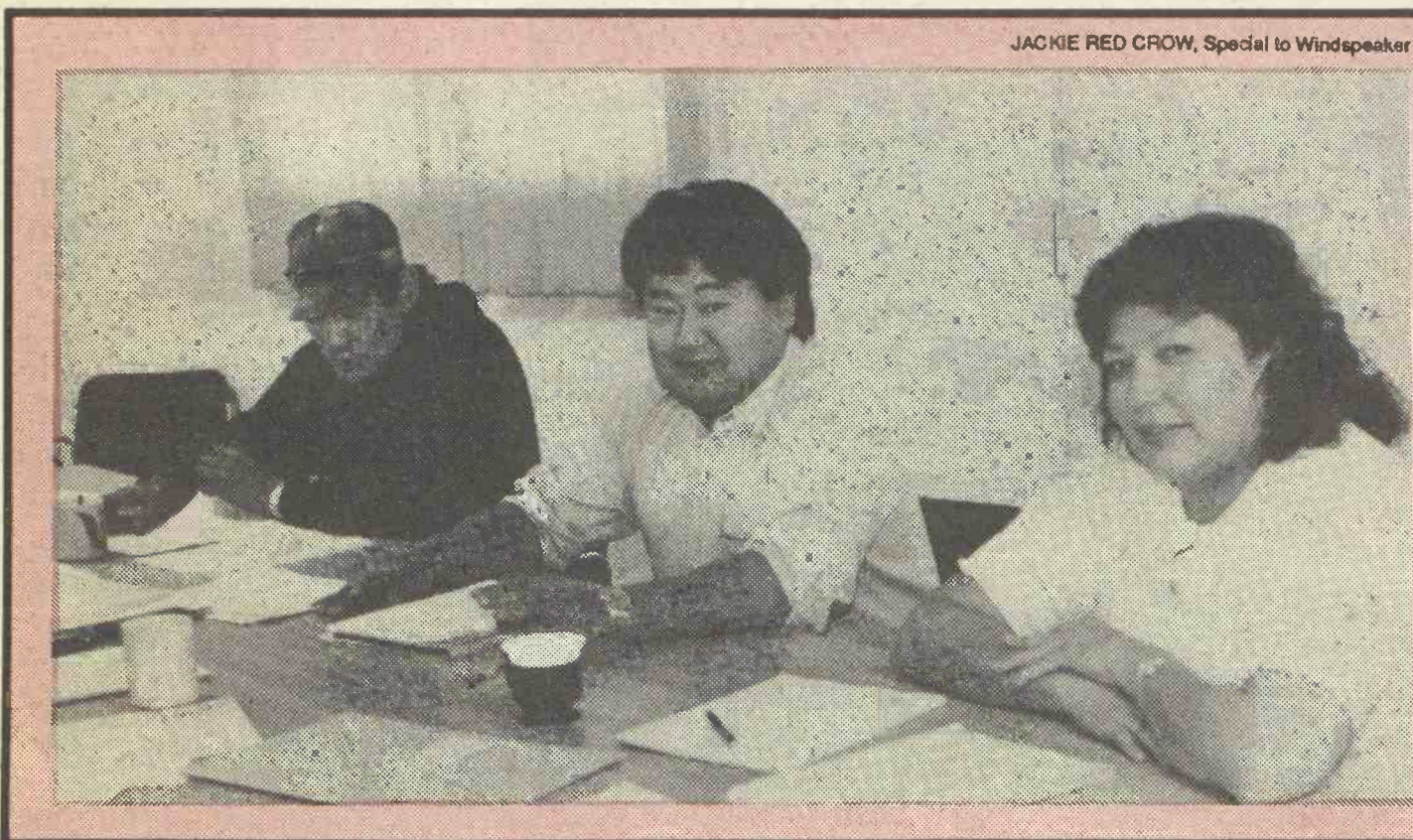
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Education taken over

Effective Sept. 1 the Peigan board of education took over the administration of post-secondary education funds. They join the Cree and Blackfoot in delivering this service in southern Alberta. The board of education are (left to right): Jerry Potts Jr., education coordinator Ben Kawaguchi and Sandy Grier.

Elder mourns loss of old ways

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE

Wallace Mountain Horse surveys the Moses Lake neighborhood from his living room window. Though the sight of children playing in the sun is a happy sight, his words are sad.

"Everybody is lost," he says. The Blood spiritual leader is mourning the loss of the Blackfoot language, values and beliefs. "You know, the young don't even understand Blackfoot. When I say something in Blackfoot, they ask 'what does that mean?'" Mountain Horse's voice surveys his annoyance.

"Many parents (Bloods) are raising their children to speak English instead of Blackfoot," he says. "Many of them don't raise their kids like they're supposed

to. They should teach their kids our own language as well as English. The kids know more about the white culture than ours."

Mountain Horse believes many Blood parents are "getting lazy" about their parental responsibilities. "They don't want to be disturbed from anything they're doing. Their kids will come in whenever they want. Nobody is guiding them."

He stresses that the family unit is breaking down and is the root of many social problems in the community.

"The kids are getting into bad things - stealing, shoplifting, getting into trouble with the law. Just look at the jails - there are many Indians in there," he says.

Mountain Horse relaxes as he muses about the past when elders were the teach-

ers of the community. "Our elders were the guiding force in our days. They taught us about life by example."

Mountain Horse, 63, was raised in the traditional Native way. He is a spiritual leader with the Horn Society, a religious society on the reserve and an instructor in pipe ceremonies. He still follows many of the Blood traditional beliefs.

Last spring, Mountain Horse set up a thunder tipi for four days to bring rain to the drought-stricken area of southern Alberta. He prayed and fasted for four days in his tipi to fulfill his wife's vision, although there were many misconceptions about his mission. He was ridiculed "from people who didn't understand it."

"Just by setting up the tipi doesn't mean it's going

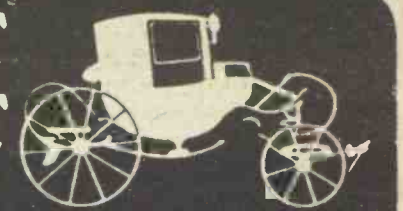
to rain. A thunder tipi serves two purposes - to bring or stop rain," he explains.

A few weeks after he took down the tipi, rain fell and his prayers were answered. But he said that more prayers and faith must be offered by the public so that "Mother Earth can get nourishment."

He remembers the Hungry '30s when food was scarce. "Those days were hard - food had to be rationed. We should never take for granted water."

"Today, you just turn on the tap for water. We should not fool ourselves. No water makes a lot of animals suffer - there's no grass, roots don't grow - everything. Let's strive by praying to make everything green next spring," he exclaims.

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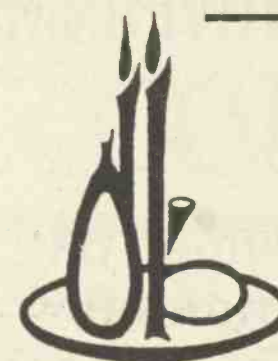
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SPORTS & LEISURE

Crane Rodeo Montour ride outshines all

By Terry Lusty
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBEBEMA, Alta.

With only two more rodeos left to contest, Indian cowboys were out in force at last weekend's Crane Rodeo Company rodeo at Hobbema's Panee Agriplex.

The Sept. 17-18 rodeo saw local boy Leon Montour make good as he won the honors of all-around cowboy after placing first in bareback bronc riding with a 78 on Honky Tonk and clocking 5.7 seconds to collect fourth money in steerwrestling.

Montour's bareback win assures him of a spot in the IRCA finals. The aggregate point leader, Kenton Randle, racked up a 74 on Scarface to grab second money in bareback and has now taken a commanding lead of more than 100 points over most competitors.

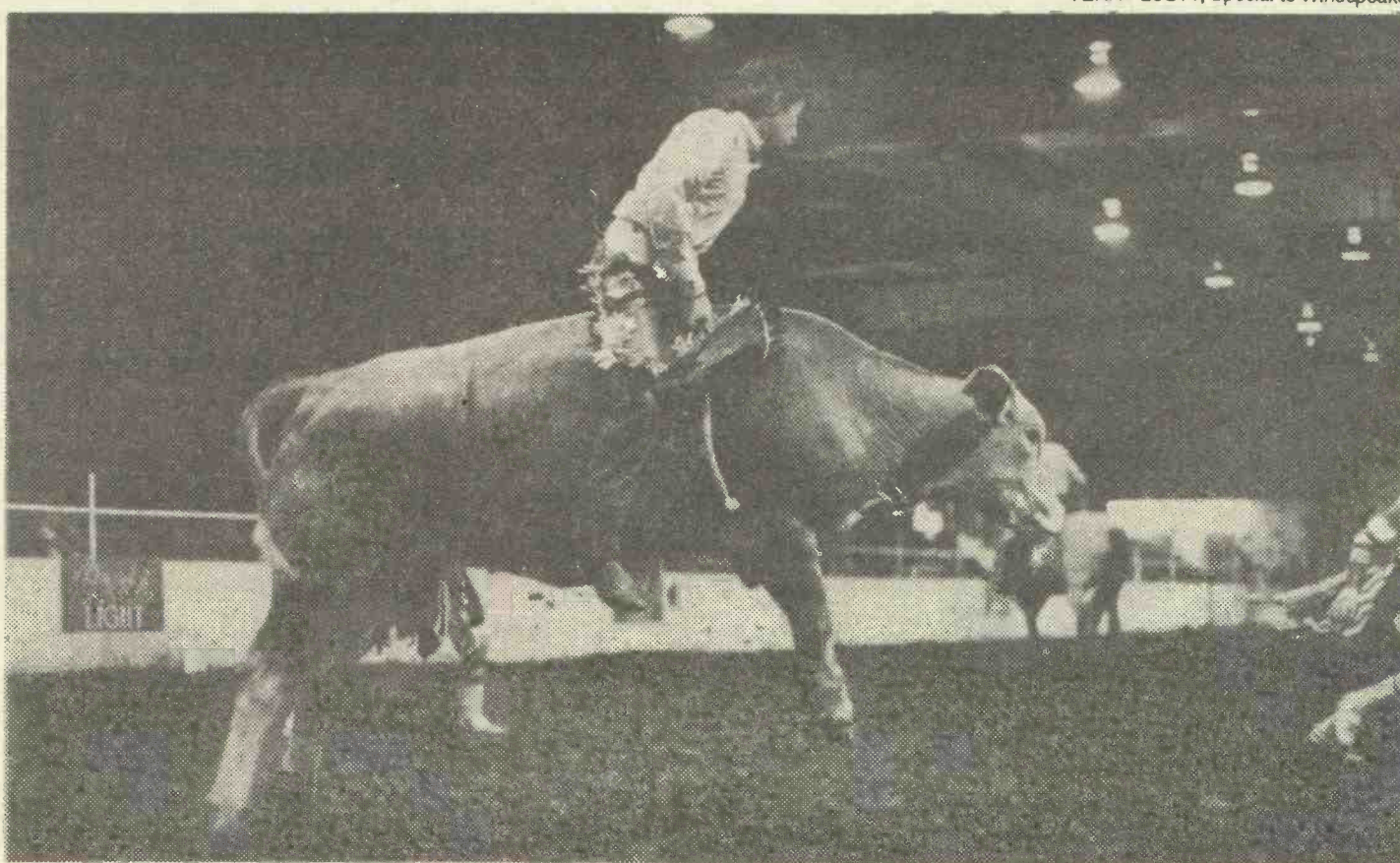
The luck of the draw plus personal skill resulted in a winning performance by Pat Hall of Browning, Montana, who came up lucky and in the money on Lucky Me. His 79

score topped Kim Colliflower's 75 and Lewis Littlebear's 69.

Littlebear, who ranks first overall on the circuit by more than 200 points over his nearest competitor, is not threatened despite his third place finish.

In the rough and tough bull riding, circuit leader Collin Willier of High Prairie continued his winning ways, coming up big with a 79 on Laredo. His nearest rival, Reid Reagan of Cutbank, Montana, scored a 74 on Burn Wrap. On the circuit, Willier also sports a comfortable lead of well over 200 ahead of his closest competitor, Sheldon Twigg of Cardston, who won the Indian Classic on August 7.

Chantelle Daychief and Carmin Houle (who won the Labor Day Rodeo at Louis Bull) continue to battle it out for first place overall on the circuit as they placed first and second respectively with a 14.411 and 14.816 in senior barrel racing. The two are likely to see action again next weekend, the last chance for either of them to add to their



No bum steer: Clayton Wildcat hangs on

total point scores.

In junior barrels, Cardston's Tia Fox ran a 14.441 to outdo Sarcee's Stephanie Simon who ran a very close 14.661.

Roping events saw Spike Gardipy's 8.7 second calf roping unbeatable. He was followed with a 12.6 by Jay Bob Lytle. The duo of Allen and Wright Bruised Head found their 5.9 seconds good enough to beat out second-place Ted Hoyt and Dick Powell's 7.0 in team roping.

Young Bobby Gottfriedson of Calgary scored a 70 in boys steer riding to better the 67 by circuit leader Max Big Throat of Cardston. Jason Rider and Jay Littlechild, who won the August 7 Indian Classic, tied for third and fourth.

The only remaining IRCA rodeos before the Oct. 7-10 season finals at Panee are Sept. 24-25 Fort Vermilion and the Diamond 5 rodeos. For the IRCA finals, only the top 15 in each event are eligible providing they have competed in no fewer than 12 IRCA sanctioned rodeos this year.

The North American Indian Championship is scheduled for Nov. 10-13 at Reno, Nevada, and the Indian National Finals at Albuquerque, New Mexico, go Nov. 17-20.

Results:

Bareback: Leon Montour, 78; Kenton Randle, 74; Byron Bruisedhead, 73.
Saddle Bronc: Pat Hall, 79;

Kim Colliflower, 75; Lewis Littlebear, 69.

Calf Roping: Spike Gardipy, 8.7; Jay Bob Lytle, 12.6; Slim Creighton, 13.0.

Boys Steer: Bobby Gottfriedson 70; Max Big Throat, 67; Jay Littlechild and Jason Rider split third and fourth, 66.

Steer Wrestling: Robert Bruisedhead, 5.0; Melton Louis, 5.4; Dennis Samson, 5.5.

Junior Barrels: Tia Fox, 14.411; Stephanie Simon, 14.661; Nicole Potts, 14.729.

Senior Barrels: Chantelle Daychief, 14.411; Carmin Houle, 14.816; Bernadine Labelle, 14.839.

Team Roping: Allen and Wright Bruisedhead, 5.9; Ted Hoyt and Dick Powell, 7.0; Jessie Starlight and Al Richter, 7.6.

Bulls: Collin Willier, 79; Reid Reagan, 74; Craig Cutknife, 72.

Get fit first, then seek gold says Olympian

By Kim McLain
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Native people can look forward to more Native athletes in the Olympics only after "we start addressing our own health issues," says Billy Mills, olympic gold medalist at the 1964 Tokyo Olympiad.

Mills, 50, is concerned about the state of the Indian nation's health. In an telephone interview from his California home, he points out the main offenders as alcohol and drug abuse, obesity, hypertension and diabetes.

"First we have to become healthy as individuals and as an Indian nation," he says, "then we can become fit, and then we can become competitive athletes."

The Sioux runner is especially concerned about Native youth. "It's very difficult for a child living around alcohol and drug abuse to develop personal goals in regard to academics and the sports world."

"In the United States we've made tremendous strides." He explains that the federal health department and tribal health units are working together to make the Indian nation healthier. "Many of our tribal leaders are finally beginning to focus on what it is to be a healthy individual."

"The sacred hoop has been broken and for it to be united again, various components are needed," says Mills. "And our own health is one of those components."

"Once the Indian nation is raised to the level of being fit we'll begin to see many, many, many more Alwyn Morris' coming to the top."

Mills is the only North American to ever win gold in the 10,000 metre race.

Kobza wants to ride bulls

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Correspondent

HIGH LEVEL, Alta.

Fifteen year old Darcy Kobza's holiday highlight was winning the junior steer riding event at the Louis Bull rodeo earlier this summer.

The Grade 8 High Level student says he began cowboying at the Paddle Prairie.

"I have relatives there and I also learned to rodeo at the Gary Houle rodeo school there," says Darcy.

Darcy adds this is only the start and it is his dream to become a top bull rider.

Darcy's parents Debbie and Currie Kobza, back their son 100 per cent as far as cowboying is concerned, but there are other things in life too, they say.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Top money rodeos to cap season

SPORTS
ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

The Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association (IRCA) will be sending our top cowboys to three gigantic American rodeos in October and November.

Five of the top IRCA cowboys will be eligible for a \$33,000 rodeo in Ogden, Utah. This event is hosted by the World Professional Rodeo Commission on Oct. 24-29.

Next is Reno, Nevada, where the IRCA will send the 1987 year-end winners, plus leaders to date and those who won over \$1,000 this season. The Reno rodeo is scheduled Nov. 10-13.

The weekend after Reno is the Indian National Finals Rodeo at Albuquerque. The IRCA will send the year-end winners and the winners of the IRCA finals rodeo. Their final is Oct. 7-10 at Hobbema's Panee Agriplex.

For more information about these events contact Monica Wilson, IRCA secretary, at (403) 653-4996.

The IRCA's northern counterpart, the Northern Alberta Native Cowboy Association (NANCA) phone number was disconnected at press time.

Barrhead: This town hosted the Wildrose Rodeo Association finals last weekend and Native cowboys grabbed a big chunk of the limelight by placing high in the standings.

In the saddlebronc event, Caslan's Dave McDonald won the final while Kikino's Arthur Peterson took the title in bareback. Goodfish's Dwayne Bull's team won the wild cow milking contest.

Lonnie Bellerose, the bullrider mentioned last week, tied for second spot. Bellerose got bucked off in his fourth and final go'round. Barry Jackson took first.

"It was one of the toughest pens I've seen this year," said one spectator. Franklin stock provided most of the

animals, featuring famed bulls like Jagged Edge and Waterhole. Incidentally, Bellerose rode Waterhole, scoring 73. Until that ride, the bull hadn't been successfully ridden.

Cadotte Lake: Concerned citizens here walked, ran and biked to raise about \$100 for cancer research in their first Terry Fox Run last Sunday afternoon.

Despite cool wind and drizzle, 42 people of all ages completed the 4 km course.

"That's a really good turnout," says Dave Holland, Cadotte school teacher. The population of the community is about 250.

The fun run began once Dave Cardinal, school board member, cut the ribbon to officially open the event. On hand to photograph the event were students Heather L'Hirondelle and Connie Sawan. Terri Williams stayed close to offer first aid if needed. School staff volunteers who co-ordinated the event were: Mark Bezanson, principal; Coleen Braun, Dave and Rosanne Holland.

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Power spiker: Edmonton's Darla Ferguson

Adults who showed their support by running or walking were: Delphine Williams, Matilda Merrier, Martha Bezanson, Mary Halcrow and Nancy Merrier.

Peerless Lake:

Baseball folk here defied weather to host a mixed slowpitch tourney Sept. 9-11.

"We were quite lucky...it looked like it was going to snow," says Gerry Zelinski, school principal. "It's normally cold up here this time of year."

Four teams turned out, two from Trout Lake, and two from Peerless.

In the final game the Peerless Lake Sluggers defeated the Trout Lake Normans with a score that sounds like basketball: 33-22.

Edmonton: The signs of Fall are here: the yellowing leaves, frosty mornings, Edmonton Spirits volleyball club.

The Spirits are looking for a few dedicated ladies to join says Darla Ferguson, spiker extraordinaire for the club. The Spirits intend to join the Alberta Volleyball Association league this year plus play a few tourneys throughout the season.

Last year, the Spirits won about two tourneys for every one they lost — the club dominated the Native ladies' volleyball scene.

Contact Darla at 488-8128 or Stephanie at 486-5282 for more information. But hurry, practices are starting now.



Signing autographs: Billy Mills, won gold in Tokyo '64.

Sioux Indian gold medalist recounts Olympic moment

By Kim McLain
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Aside from a brief moment of victory Sioux Olympian Billy Mills felt "alone" as he accepted the gold medal for winning the 10,000m race in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

"For a fleeting moment you know you're the very best in the world," Mills, 50, says in a telephone call from his California home. "Then almost instantly you feel that moment go away."

The next feeling Mills had was loneliness, even though he did feel a part of the American track team and a citizen of the United States.

"I felt alone because back then on the reservation nobody never knew what I was doing — the significance," he says. It was only after the games that his South Dakota neighbors became aware of his accom-

plishment.

"I also felt alone because nobody in society truly understands what makes an Indian person different from a non-Native person." For Mills, the Indian has the same "rights given" as the American public plus "rights retained." He explains Natives in the U.S.A. are "the only sovereign nation without representation in the American senate and congress." Difficulties arise as the government tell Indians "live by rights given," while tribal leaders tell their people "live by rights retained." Mills hopes that as Indians win medals in the Olympics they'll win some political rights too.

With each passing year, Mills becomes more and more of a legend since no North American has ever won the 10,000m race before or after him.

Mills now operates a successful insurance firm in Sacramento, Calif.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

Blood attends San Diego golf academy

Fox making golf full-time job



'Our first prodigy': Andy Fox, 19

By Kim McLain
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ESCONDIDO, Calif.

Little Andy Fox hasn't let down those people on the Indian golf circuit, those who called him their first prodigy.

"I remember once when I was about 12 or 13," says Fox, 19, in a telephone call from his California home. "There was this opening ceremony at an intertribal golf tournament at Waterton Lakes and they (the organizers) gave me the honor of teeing-off to start the event.

"I guess they thought I was one of the younger golfers that would go on in the golf career, as a player or a teacher."

Willie Littlechild, co-founder of the WIN Golf group, was there that day at Waterton.

"Andy was one of our first prodigies," says Littlechild. At the time — and still today — it was important to encourage the Native youth to excel. "We made sure every tournament had a junior category," says Littlechild. Now Fox, a Blood band member, is enrolled in the prestigious San Diego

Golf Academy to learn about the business of golf. He hopes to graduate in two years making golf his full-time job either playing professionally or operating a golf club. He moved to California just after he married his high school girlfriend four months ago. The young couple has an 11-month boy named Mitchell.

"I met him at a Valentines dance," says Cheryl Fox, 18, Andy's wife. "He's not a snob, doesn't brag. He's proud of himself but he doesn't let it get to him," says the newlywed. "I guess that's the way he was brought up; his family is the same way."

Fox's parents are Marvin and Lillian Fox. Marvin is well-known in Native golf circles.

Fox's mother Lillian says: "He's a real gentleman, a very calm person, kind of on the quiet side."

"I'm shy in a way," agrees Andy, but once he gets to know people that

changes.

"I like to have a lot of friends, I like networking to see what they're doing with their lives. I ask how they got there...did they set goals."

As for being Indian at the golf academy (population 150): "I'm proud of it...I don't see anyone denying me, I fit into the crowd. I make friends fast, I don't separate crowds," he says. "I enjoy going to school, it's not like high school where you dread getting up in the morning."

In five years Fox hopes to be teaching golf to Native youth on reserves. He explains "nowdays kids my age just kind of hang around not doing a lot," and for him "moving off the reserve opened my mind." It was after he moved to Medicine Hat five years ago he noticed his talents and skills and was able to take advantage of them.

For four years Fox made the Alberta junior golf team. Last year his team won in Quebec. At 17, Fox won the city junior championships between rival golf clubs. He now packs a class B5 enabling him to work as assistant pro in one of Medicine Hat's courses last summer. And, naturally, Fox has made his presence felt in the Native golf circuit, placing high in many tournaments.

"He was beating men while he was still in his teens," says Willie Littlechild. As for Fox's success in the golf world, Littlechild says: "I guess you don't know the impact (of encouraging athletes at an early age) until years later."

With Fox living in a climate where the average year round temperature is in the 70s, and palm trees outside his front window, some wonder if he'll bother coming back to Canada.

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Home-School Liaison Worker

The Native Education Project operated by the Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52 is recruiting an individual to work out of Rocky Lane and Fort Vermilion Public Schools. The successful applicant should have a strong background and interest in Native Education.

Additional skills preferred include:

- some university education
- outgoing personality
- willing to live in either Rocky Lane or Fort Vermilion
- ability to communicate with school personnel, students and parents

Interested applicants are to submit completed resumes by October 5, 1988 to:



R.N. Winsor
Deputy Superintendent
Fort Vermilion School Division No. 52
P.O. Bag #1
Fort Vermilion, Alberta
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Good News Party Line

National Cultural Centres Directors' Conference, Sept. 26-30, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel. Hosted by the Old Man River and Ninastako Cultural Centres from the Peigan and Blood reserve.

Left-handed Golf Tourney (All-Native), Oct. 1, Noon Tee-off, Indian Lakes Golf Club, Enoch. Please pre-register with John Fletcher 435-4424.

Native Education Conference, Nov. 1-3, Edmonton Convention Centre.

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Call or write the editor to include good news of non-profit events you want to share, courtesy of AGT.

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

The Northeastern Alberta Health Unit requires an Assistance Supervisor of Nursing. The incumbent will assist in planning, implementing, directing, co-ordinating, and evaluating the Community Health Nursing program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Registered Nurse with a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.
- Registered with the A.A.R.N.
- Professional experience, demonstrated ability in managerial skills and personnel administration, ability to work independently, and experience in community health.

This is a full-time position and will remain open until a suitable applicant is found.

Direct resumes to:

Rita Bell
Nursing Supervisor
Northeastern Alberta Health Unit
P.O. Box 1468
St. Paul, Alberta
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October 8, 1988

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*Tea Dance & Feast to Start
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All singers invited and will be paid.
Lunch will be served.

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more information call Carol 585-4081/3800
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