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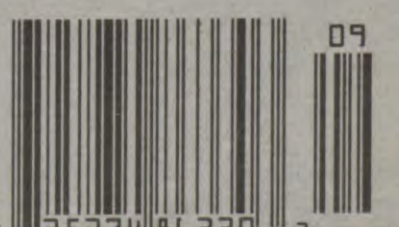
Rhonda Paul holds her baby Eva while participating at the Paul Band Powwow held in Alberta in August.

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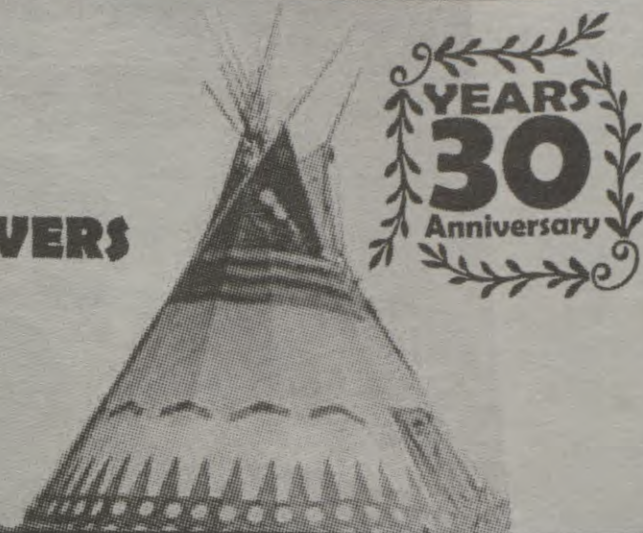
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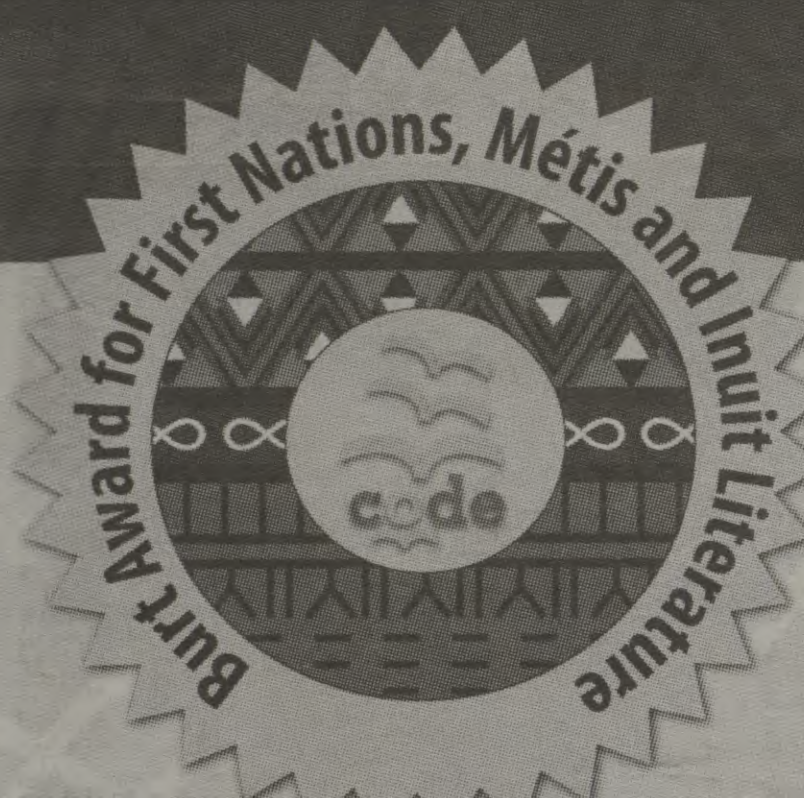
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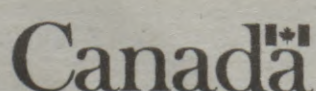
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"How," asks Eriel Deranger, "do you change the game?" With piercings, thick-rimmed glasses and a tattoo across her heart—"Love Is The Movement," its cursive letters read—the 33-year old Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation activist is not one you'd expect to be working in her Band office.

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Akivah Starkman, executive director of the Indian Residential School Adjudication Secretariat, said the group is expecting to receive close to 30,000 applications by the time the Independent Assessment Process deadline passes Sept. 19, which will well exceed the first estimates of 12,500.

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When the federal Police Officers Recruitment Fund concludes, that loss of funding will have an immediate and obvious impact on policing in Treaty 3.

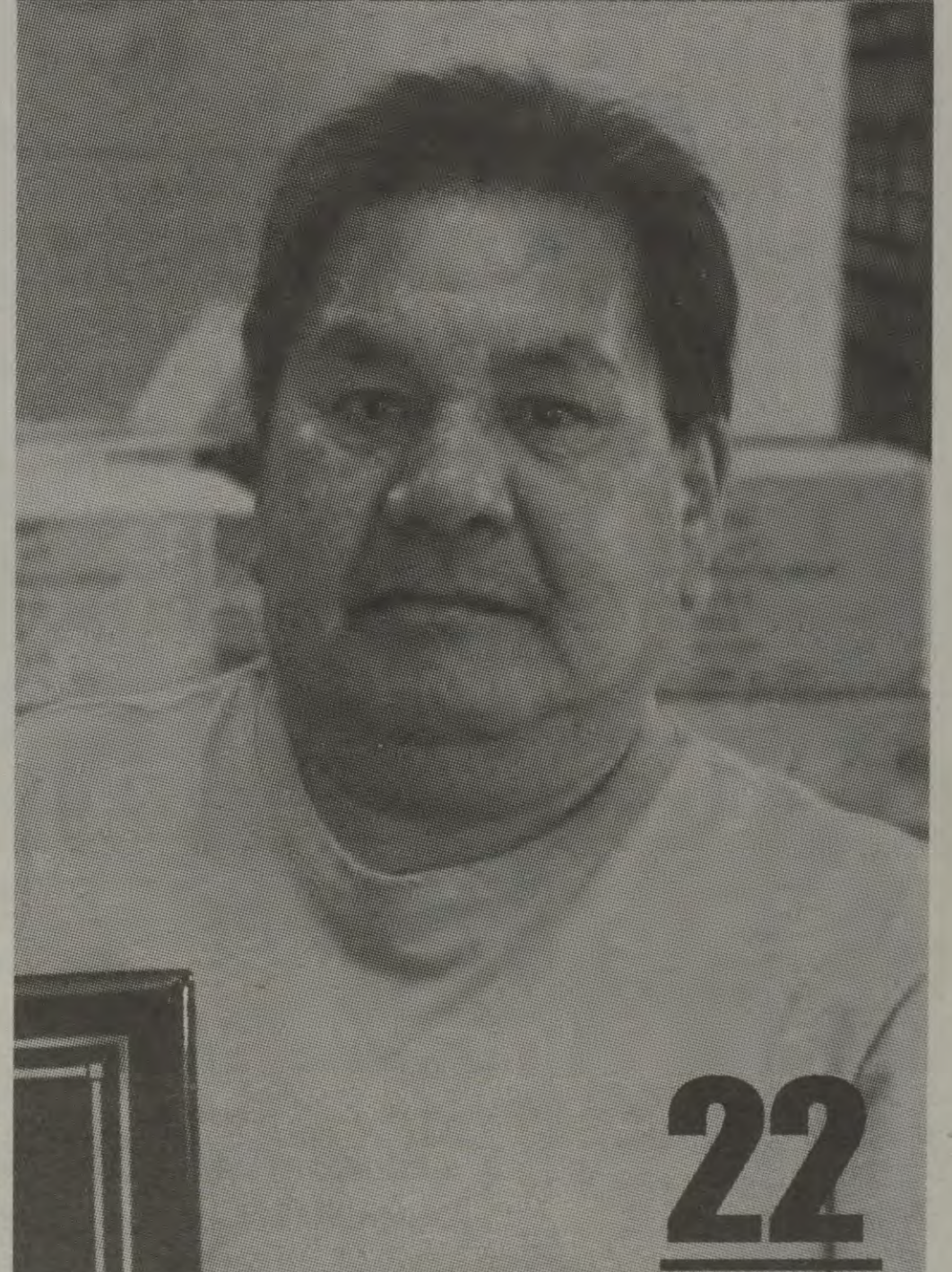
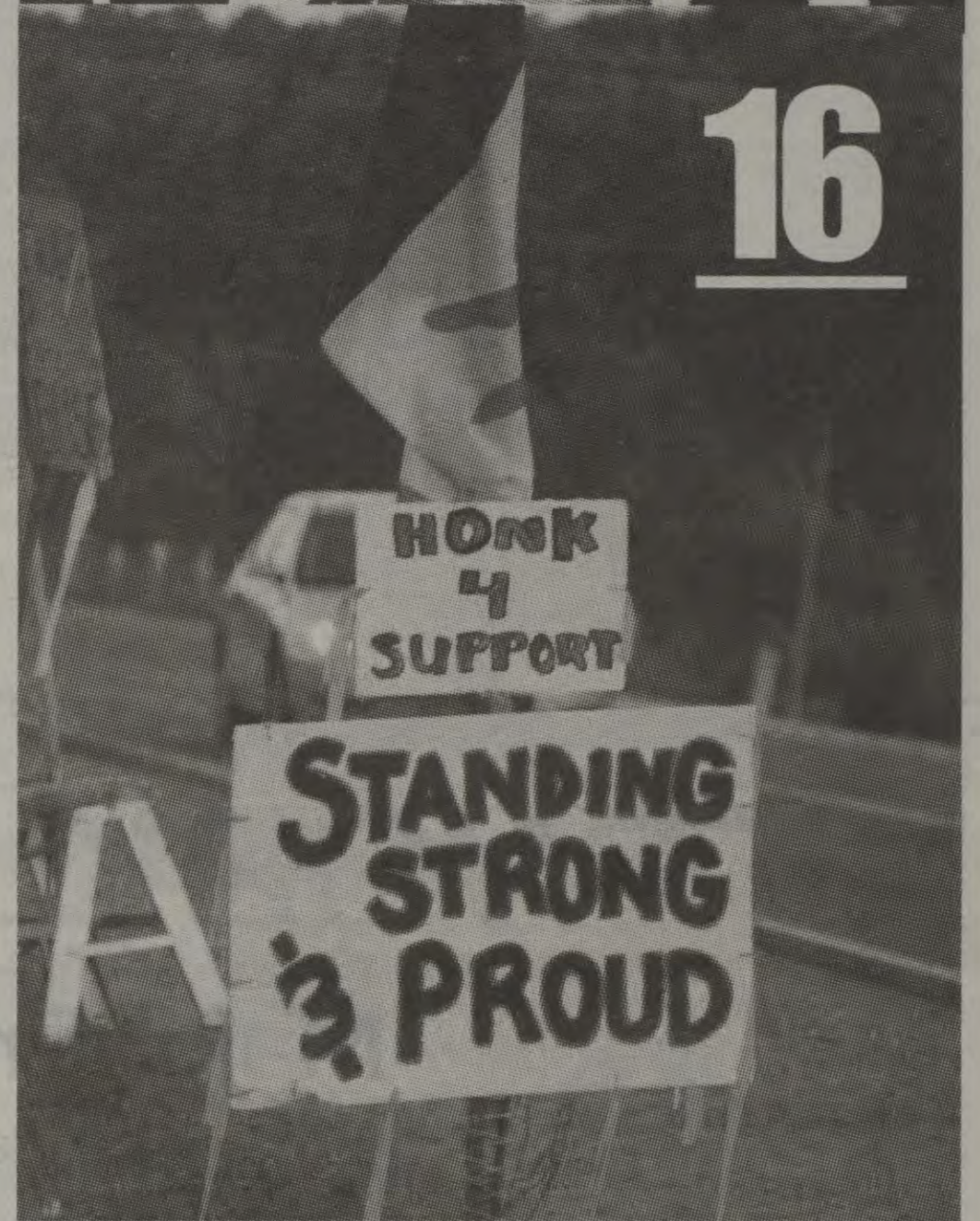
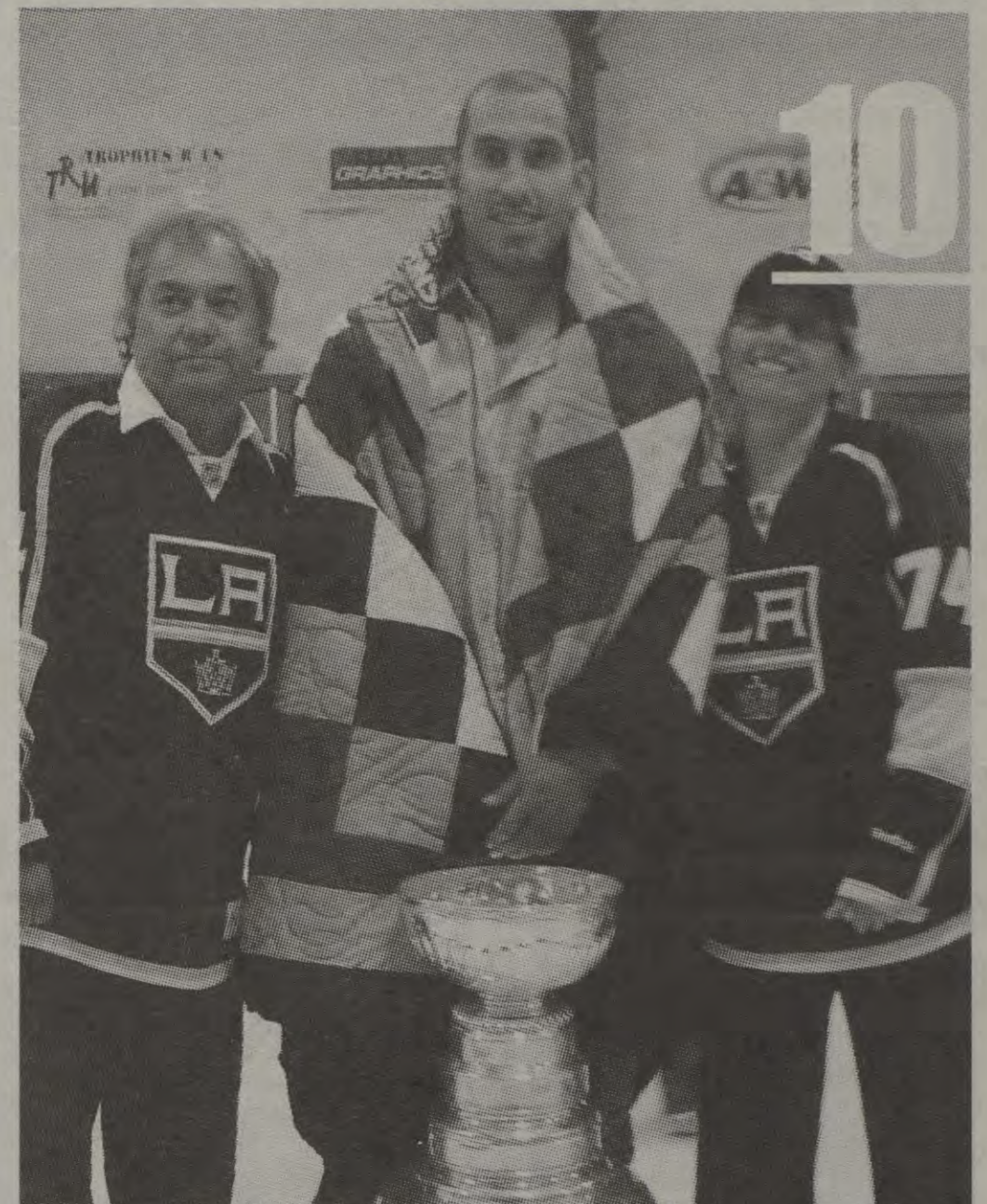
UN will support Aboriginal women by studying the violence that surrounds them 11

The federal government has balked at the push to secure a commitment of a national inquiry into murdered and missing women, and the chance to learn more about the violence that surrounds Aboriginal women and girls in Canada. But the United Nations is tackling the issue head on.

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The violent death of well-loved Ojibway community leader Andrew Mixemong this summer in Midland, Ont. has left younger brother Wayne pondering the meaning of it all. "I think Andrew was showing us to love each other, and especially to honour and love our women who look after Mother Earth's water, traditionally."



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Take that first step towards a changed world

If readers have been spending the last short days of summer down at the local river or lake (and who could blame them) they may have missed the dust-up over the name of an Ottawa minor league football club called the Nepean Redskins.

A man named Ian Campeau, a card-carrying Nipissing Ojibwe, also known as Dee Jay NDN from the band A Tribe Called Red, has been campaigning to convince the team to change its name to something... well... something that isn't a derogatory description of the Indigenous people of North America.

It had been a slow-moving campaign that began a year or so ago, but it got a boost from a slow-moving Ottawa city councillor, whose response to an email from Campeau was, let's say, like throwing gasoline on a fire.

Jan Harder is the city councillor. She represents the ward of the city where the football team operates. When asked for her support of a petition urging the name change, she told Campeau he could go kick stones down the road.

"You won't get it (support) from me or anyone else I know," she emailed back, telling Campeau that he was looking for trouble where none existed.

Well, Harder now knows a little about trouble. Campeau put her response online and all of a sudden Campeau had a slew of pals standing behind him all calling for the team to do the right thing.

Harder, for her part, however, was slow to clue in to the shift in the direction the wind was blowing. She compounded her first error in judgement by likening Campeau's campaign to a witch hunt. Even if the name was racist, which it's not, she said, the cost to change it would be too expensive to 'rebrand' the team and too much of an expense for the volunteer organization to shoulder. Regardless, it wasn't

her issue to be concerned with, she told media.

Of course, she's been proved wrong. Oh so wrong. Whether the name change was an issue of city council, it was still her issue as a human being. That's the problem here. For decades the football team has been operating under the name, changed in the 1980s for some reason from the Barrhaven Buccaneers. For decades people have been flocking to the game to watch their team, probably never thinking twice that the name of their team was, in fact, passing along the slang racial descriptor to their kids as being acceptable, and even equating it in their minds to something fun.

Campeau is one person who chose not to ignore something that was not right. We congratulate him on the stand he took, and for harnessing the powers of social media to get his word out. There's talk as we go to press that the team's management is meeting to discuss changing the name. Well done Mr. Campeau and friends.

And what is truly inspiring is that they are not alone. It's been a long time coming, but people are pushing back, saying, 'I'm not going to sit by and let this stuff slide anymore.'

Take for example the restaurant menu of Holy Chuck's on Young St. in Toronto, which was changed in August because one person (and that person's like-minded friends) decided it just wasn't right that one of the burgers there was called The Dirty Drunken Half Breed.

Now, it didn't take the restaurant owner three decades to come to the right decision and change the menu after he was made aware that the name of the burger was offensive. Yes, you read that correctly. The owner said he had no idea that the term half-breed was a derogatory term for the Métis people, and, in fact, didn't even know that Métis people existed.

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THE EDMONTON JOURNAL REPORTS THAT

a new land-use plan for Alberta's Lower Athabasca region is being soundly rejected by the chief of Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. Chief Allan Adam said the plan will impact the treaty rights of Aboriginal people and this will likely be met with action. "If confrontation has to take place, confrontation has to take place," he said. "What else are we supposed to do?" The plan is the first of seven regional plans for the development of industry, conservation and recreation areas in Alberta. Adam said the plan fails to address the "staggering number of concerns" that were raised by the First Nation during the three-year consultation process, and is instead a government plan "to annihilate our lands and our future." The plan does not do enough to protect wildlife and treaty territory. Adam said the consultation process was "a big waste of time." First Nations concerns were not taken seriously, he said.

MEMBERS OF SAUGEEN FIRST NATION,

located about 400 kilometres northwest of Thunder Bay, are walking to Ottawa to gain equal housing rights for First Nations people who live off reserve, CBC reports. Darlene Necan was among those who built a house this spring for an Elder who was living in an old chicken coup. Now she says there are others who need her help and are living in make-shift shacks next door to the Saugeen First Nation. And Ottawa, she said, needs to hear about it. Last year, she and a group of others decided to build a home for a 74-year-old. The cut the logs from the bush and raised funds for nails and shingles by accepting donations on the side of the highway. Necan said the housing crisis in First Nations across Canada made her realize a need for other solutions. "We gotta do something," she said. "We can't just sit and wait for Indian Affairs to do this by their rules. We cannot do that anymore. We have to stand up on our own feet." Necan said years of writing letters to politicians haven't improved the housing situation and maybe her walk to Parliament Hill will show government that First Nations are dedicated to finding—and being part of—the solution. The group hopes to be in Ottawa by September's end.

FIRST NATION LEADERS WILL GATHER IN

Ottawa/Gatineau from Oct. 2 to Oct. 4 for a chiefs' assembly on education where strategies will be developed to identify critical areas, such as treaty rights, jurisdiction, funding and language. "First Nations leaders established education as a key priority, with our ultimate goal being First Nations control of First Nations education," said National Chief Shawn Atleo. "Our direction forward must address the treaty right to education, First Nation jurisdiction over education, fairness and equity in funding and resources to support language and cultural instruction." This gathering was called for at the last Annual General Meeting and the AFN notes that it will be organized with no government support and will be completely self-sufficient. In Budget 2012, Canada committed to explore new funding mechanisms for First Nations education and promised \$275 million over three years. First Nations have documented the underfunding of First Nations education for many years now, reports the AFN. An AFN survey of more than 450 First Nation communities conducted in 2011 found that 47 per cent (or 219) First Nation communities indicated the need for a new school. Of those 219 communities, 70 per cent have been waiting more than five years for a new school and 13 per cent have been waiting for more than 20 years. "First Nation schools and infrastructures require predictable, adequate and stable funding, supported by strong First Nations systems, delivering a curriculum that respects our rights, our languages and identities and strengthens the fabric of our families and communities," said Atleo.

THE MONTREAL GAZETTE REPORTS THAT

the only time an Aboriginal issue was raised during the recent Quebec election, it infuriated the First Nation and Inuit communities in province. PQ leader Pauline Marois said her party would make it mandatory for political candidates to pass a French exam in order to run for public office, and that would include Aboriginals, because "the common language here is French." Not so, said Ghislain Picard, grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador. "The language of Quebec isn't just French. It's Inuktitut, Cree, Atikamekw and a swath of other Native languages that were spoken here long before French ever was." The next day Marois said the proposed law would only apply to "new arrivals" in Quebec, but the backtracking did little to appease Aboriginal groups. "I would like to hear (Marois) try to speak Inuktitut," said Rhoda Angutiguluk, the mayor of Kuujuarapik. We only began learning English in the early 1960s. Most of our elders are unilingual Inuktitut speakers and children have only really been learning French since the 1990s." Fortunately for Marois, First Nation people don't really take part in mainstream elections. Kahnawake Grand Chief Mike Delisle said "You stay in your canoe, we'll stay in ours. We're our own nation, our own people. So when the PQ speak of a distinct society, it's kind of a term they borrowed from us. We've been calling ourselves a distinct society for centuries."

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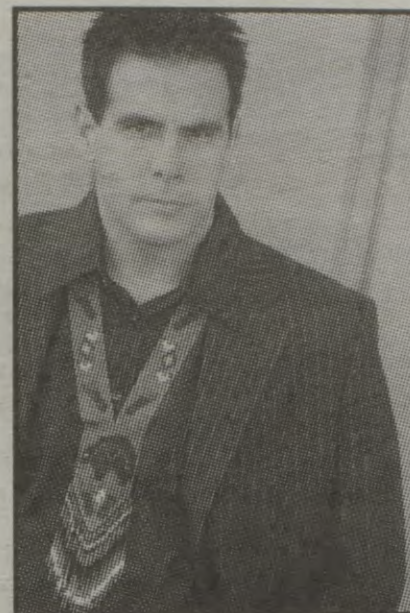
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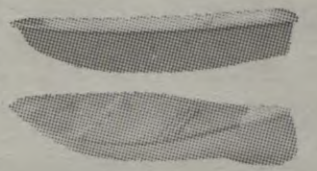


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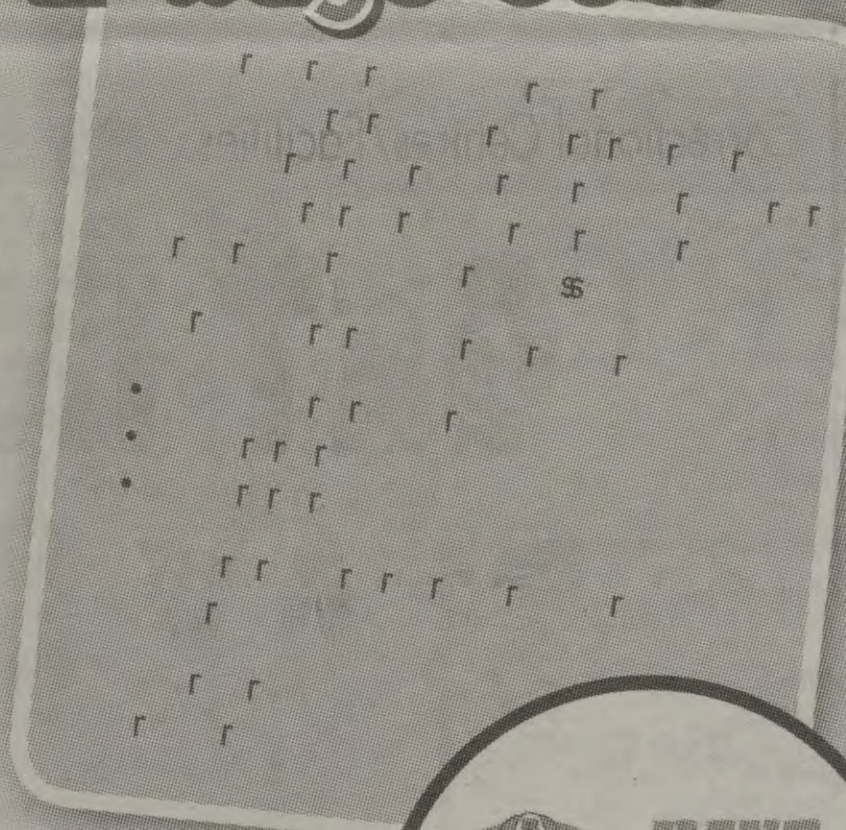
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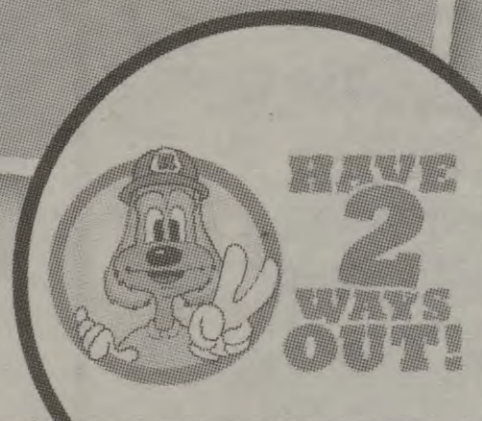
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Activism is in the blood, says tar sands warrior

By David P. Ball
Windspeaker Contributor

Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Alta.

"How," asks Eriel Deranger, "do you change the game?"

With piercings, thick-rimmed glasses and a tattoo across her heart—"Love Is The Movement," its cursive letters read—the 33-year old Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation activist is not one you'd expect to be working in her Band office.

But in the foremost Indigenous community battling the Alberta tar sands, the world's largest industrial project, the mother of two has for years wondered how to change the system.

Deranger has learned the tools of international Indigenous law; she's campaigned to reform global banks; she's worked as a land claims researcher; and she's held positions in some of the biggest environmental organizations.

Today, alongside her partner Kelsey, her 13-year-old daughter and her 16-month-old son, Deranger has returned home to northern Alberta to fight the powerful oil and gas sector.

"We've been inundated with green-washing and propaganda from government and industry for so long, it's not until our people start getting sick and losing their ability to go hunt and fish that we start to notice it," she tells Windspeaker, leaning on her table.

"We're learning the hard way, but at least we have some leaders willing to go out on a limb and take those chances, speak out, and say, 'Enough is enough.'"

"It can be rough, talking to people up here. The rivers, lakes and marsh systems they used to go to when they were younger don't even exist anymore. Those parts of the Delta don't even exist anymore—they've dried up."

Pausing to collect her thoughts, Deranger admits, "We're a little screwed."

Despite the dark humour, Deranger exudes energy and purpose. There's fight in this young warrior; a fight she says she learned from her upbringing.

While Deranger's story is unique, she represents a new

generation of young activists defending their territories using whatever tools are available across the country.

"Activism runs in my blood, I guess you could say."

Deranger's parents—members of the American Indian Movement (AIM), a militant Native rights group started in the '60s—met at Wounded Knee during the famous armed standoff at Oglala, on North Dakota's Pine Ridge reservation.

"After everything fizzled out, and Anna-Mae (Aquash) died, the whole thing went crazy," Deranger says. "My mom said, 'I've gotta get out of here.' And my dad replied, 'Just come with me—we'll go back to the bush. We'll go live on my trapline.'"

And so Susana Deranger left her homeland behind and eventually ended up raising Eriel's older sister in the woods near Uranium City, Sask. After meeting at the confrontation at Wounded Knee, her parents would soon face a new threat: the Dorado mining company.

Exploiting a legal loophole at the time allowing family members to sell off their entire families' land rights under certain circumstances, the company convinced Eriel's uncle—whom they found in a bar—to sign away their traditional trapline. Only one month before Susana gave birth to Eriel, armed Dorado security guards arrived.

"In the middle of the day... Dorado... forcibly removed my family from our trapline," Deranger said. "After that, we moved around quite a bit, but we spent a lot of time going back and forth, spending time on our traditional land, and understanding where we came from."

"My mom thinks that I've always been feisty. Growing up, my mom never stopped fighting... I always joke that arts and crafts for me growing up wasn't typical. It was making placards and banners, and helping come up with chants for protests and rallies. I was involved in occupations of Indian Affairs offices, at sit-ins at the Legislature buildings, in protests that took over the streets. That's the backdrop to how I grew up: the framework that we have rights to the land."



PHOTO: KELSEY CHAPMAN

"We have real rights, real power," Eriel Deranger says.

Through her organizing, Susana Deranger met renowned Anishinaabe author and activist Winona LaDuke. Decades later, the one-time U.S. Vice-Presidential candidate would come to know Eriel too, through her work with the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN). "Eriel's a remarkable young woman," LaDuke told Windspeaker from her home on White Earth nation in Minnesota. "She's a really committed person from a beautiful community."

"She was raised in a community that was basically taken over by mining companies—they were basically driven out as a child. Then she moved to another community that's now in the middle of the tar sands battle. So, her whole life, she's fought the largest corporations in the world. She's very smart and also very strong."

Though Deranger has worked for the Rainforest Action Network (RAN) and even as the Sierra Club's interim Executive Director in its Prairie office, she doesn't call herself an environmentalist. To the core, her fight is primarily to defend

her territories, and Indigenous people's right to self-determination.

"We have real rights, real power," she said, explaining old Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's current lawsuit against Shell's oil sands expansion plans. "It's about understanding our power."

"We are key stakeholders—we are owners of this land. Our treaties and the Constitution dictate that we have the right to do this, and we're going to challenge this as far as we have to. We'll take it to the highest levels of the courts, if that's what it's going to take. We're shifting away from necessarily challenging current governments to uphold this. We're challenging the system as a whole, which is obviously flawed, to try to uphold our rights."

Her education in international Indigenous law, as well as her experience pushing global financial institutions to embrace Indigenous free, prior and informed consent, encouraged her to target the corporations and financiers behind the tar sands, not simply the governments approving and

regulating the projects.

"How do you change the game?" she says, repeating her question. "You go to the people with the actual money."

"We're going directly to the source."

But the struggle for Native freedom, Deranger believes, is not one of convincing governments, corporations or non-Aboriginals to respect Indigenous rights.

Just as she benefited from her mother teaching her about the 1763 Royal Proclamation and the treaties as a child ("This stuff was drilled into my head!" she chuckles), Deranger says that Indigenous people still need to educate themselves and each other.

"The Indian Act is an example of how segregation still exists in this country," she said. "Unwrapping all that and digesting it all is really hard, but once we get through that, the process of decolonization can begin."

"We have to talk not just to government and the settler community. First Nations need to understand our rights."

Oneida 101, Language and Cultural Revival

By Shirley Honyust
Windspeaker Contributor

London, Ont.

Graduation from Oneida Language 101, under the tutelage of David Kanatawakhon, was a significant day in the history of a First Nations community, Oneida Settlement, located about 30 minutes southwest of London.

About 50 students made up the class.

The endeavor flourished from efforts between David Kanatawakhon, Mohawk Language Professor at the University of Western Ontario, and the like-minded vision of the Oneida Language and Cultural Centre.

Kanatawakhon is a fluent speaker and teacher of the Mohawk Language. He hails from Tyendinaga.

For two years the seed germinated while David Kanatawakhon learned to wrap

his mind and his tongue around the stresses and glottal stops of the Oneida language with his mentors there. Four of those mentors became students themselves of Oneida 101: Olive Elm, Barbara Schuyler, Norma Jamieson and Rosabell Antone, all from Oneida Settlement.

These helper/students, each fluent in speaking the Oneida language, were able to enhance the efforts of Kanatawakhon by offering individual tutoring and mentoring to other students

during class time, while at the same time achieving the benefit of their own certification.

Through these combined efforts Kanatawakhon was able to fulfill his goal of turning Mohawk language materials into Oneida language materials and offer this course in the fundamentals of reading, writing and speaking the Oneida language.

His talent and expertise were recruited by the Oneida Language and Cultural Centre in collaboration with Dr. Susan Hill,

director of First Nations Studies at the University of Western Ontario.

Dr. Hill offered congratulations and acknowledgements for the efforts of all students who attended and completed the five-week intercession program, and to their instructor who has a gift for both teaching and learning new languages. This particular session culminated in a pot luck dinner with speeches delivered by both students and instructors.

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Abuse in the schools more widespread than first thought

By Shari Narine
Windspeaker Contributor

WINNIPEG

Akivah Starkman, executive director of the Indian Residential School Adjudication Secretariat, said the group is expecting to receive close to 30,000 applications by the time the Independent Assessment Process deadline passes Sept. 19, which will well exceed the first estimates of 12,500.

"I think that it appears, based on the numbers, that the incidents of abuse may have been more widespread than initially anticipated," Starkman said.

As of mid-July, close to 28,000 claims had been received under IAP, said Starkman, with more than 16,000 claims dealt with and more than \$1.5 billion in compensation paid out. The average amount of compensation is \$117,000, which includes legal costs.

"The vast majority of people who do file an application with this process do end up receiving compensation," Starkman said.

The growth in the number of claimants, he says, is from more schools being added to the original eligible list, awareness being raised through events undertaken by both the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the IRSSA, and projections having been made based on similar experiences in other countries.

The Common Experience Payment was paid to students

who attended a designated residential school. The average payment was close to \$21,000. Of the anticipated 80,000 surviving residential school students, 78,000 filed for CEP.

Residential school survivors who are still awaiting court decisions on whether their schools qualify for federal compensation may have some leeway even though the deadline for applications for the Independent Assessment Process and the Common Experience Payment are later this month.

"If the court decided to add a school recognized under Article 12, we would expect that the court would give direction to Canada on how that would be handled following the deadline," said Joan Katz, director, Resolution East, Settlement Agreement Operations, Resolution and Individual Affairs Sector, with Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada.

While Sept. 19 is the deadline for IAP applications, it is also the extended deadline for CEP applications, if former students were unable to submit their applications due to disability, undue hardship or exceptional circumstances. Otherwise the CEP application deadline closed Sept. 19, 2011.

Under Article 12 of the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, students can apply to add schools to the approved prescribed list of residential schools.

Schools need to meet a two-part criterion in order to be

included: the child was taken away under the authority of the federal government to attend a residential school and the federal government was jointly or wholly responsible for the operation of the residential school.

The application to add the school is assessed by the federal government and if unsuccessful may be brought before the court.

"We have a number of cases before the court right now," said Katz.

As of July 12, Canada had added just six new schools to the approved list and those only for a specified period of operation. The court added an additional two schools, also for a specified period of operation, bringing the number of recognized institutions to 138.

A decision by Canada is pending on three other schools. More than 1,500 schools have been suggested for the approved list. Many were turned down because they were day schools or operated solely by the province, territory, church or private organization. A handful was already included in the IRSSA. IAP payments are made to those who suffered sexual, serious physical or emotional abuse while attending a designated residential school. Former students must make an appearance in front of a quasi-tribunal which is "claimant-centred," said "By that we mean... it's an adjudication process that is fair and neutral for all the parties."

Oneida 101, Language

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Hill secured the establishment of Oneida language as an official university credit course to be offered by the Department of First Nations Studies, with Oneida Fairgrounds Hall being the designated satellite location.

Beyond the academic reasons for having Oneida language taught in the home territory, there were further social and cultural side effects: new friends were made, networks were established, and learning became an enjoyable experience rather than a chore.

It also became crystal clear that the oral tradition of learning will be enhanced, not obliterated, by learning to read and write the language and put it into print.

Student Luke Nicholas, who is from Oneida, spoke passionately about his good fortune in growing up surrounded by adults and Elders who spoke Oneida, and about his ongoing struggle to reach their level of fluency.

"All the money in the world can't bring back our language. Only we can do that; only we can make that happen... and I believe that if our ancestors could be with

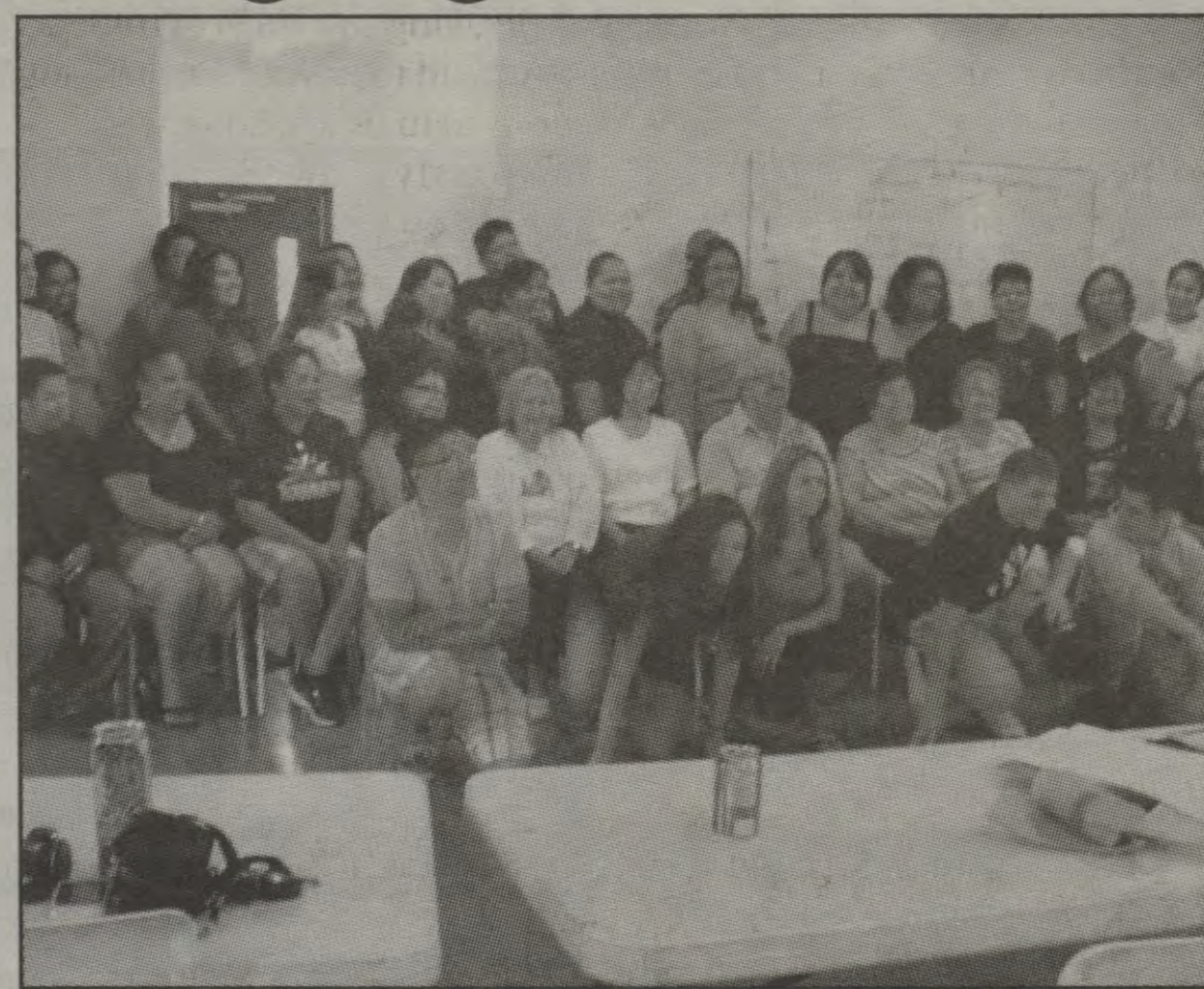


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Graduation class from Oneida Language 101, under the tutelage of David Kanatawakhon

us today and see what we have accomplished in terms of reviving and practicing our language, they would be so proud."

As Kanatawakhon took the stage, he spoke about the energy and enjoyment he had as a teacher of the Oneida language. He acknowledged that he has been coming to visit in the Oneida community off and on for years

and has always been treated to the best of kindness and hospitality by his Oneida friends.

His message, along with his words of congratulations, was that the students should continue to use their language and learn more, engage others including our children and grandchildren, take advantage of every opportunity to learn a few more words.

Windspeaker News Briefs

TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION (TFN) AND

Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will see up to eight affordable family homes built within the TFN community. The agreement follows discussions held over the past few months, including a community meeting in June, where nation members were briefed on the Habitat for Humanity family-partner model. "As a growing community with a range of housing needs, Tsawwassen First Nation is excited about our collaboration with Habitat for Humanity," said Chief Kim Baird. "We felt the Habitat for Humanity model would be a great one for our community as it would provide TFN members with the opportunity to volunteer and learn valuable skills on a home-construction site," said Doug Raines, chief administrative officer of TFN. Across Canada, other Habitat for Humanity affiliates have achieved success in working with First Nations, said Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver CEO Tim Wake. Habitat works with partner families on affordable home ownership solutions. The families provide no down-payment, get no-interest mortgages, and payments amount to no more than 30 per cent of a family's gross income. There is 'sweat equity' involved, however, and 500 hours of volunteer time are required. TFN partner families will be selected by the end of 2012, and construction will begin in spring 2013.

TALL CREE FIRST NATION,

located near Fort Vermillion, Alta. has partnered with Native American Resource Partners Canada Inc. to create Tall Cree Energy, which will pursue the development of resource projects both on and off Tall Cree's reserve lands. The nation has secured with the partnership both the industry expertise and investment capital necessary to evaluate and fund associated exploration and development costs. Tall Cree Energy will initially be focused on oil and gas opportunities and, depending on its success, will also evaluate other energy related investments. "Resource development on First Nation lands in Alberta has been occurring for years and First Nations have rarely been involved in any meaningful way," said Chief Rupert Meneen. "When our nation made the decision to pursue energy development we knew that we wanted to be involved in the process and wanted to participate in not only the potential royalty revenues generated from development but also to have commercial participation in the form of ownership in an energy company. He said Tall Cree is eager about the job creation opportunities that successful development will create. "The formation of Tall Cree Energy is a big step in securing our future and we look forward to working with NARP on evaluating and developing our nation's natural resources."

THE CARCROSS/TAGISH FIRST NATION

(C/TFN) met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and John Duncan, minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on Aug. 21 to see if they could get negotiations for fair and equitable funding for the First Nation back on track. The C/TFN is a self-governing First Nation located in the Yukon's southwest. Their territory surrounds a portion of the Klondike highway that runs from Skagway, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon, including the Nares River Bridge, which is a vital gateway for Yukon commerce and trade. The meeting with Duncan took place in Whitehorse before a Conservative Party fundraiser attended by Prime Minister Harper on C/TFN territory. "We had a frank and honest discussion with Minister Duncan," said C/TFN Khà Shàde Héni (Chief) Danny Cresswell. "He listened and assured us that he would immediately look at C/TFN funding and, if it was unfair compared to other self-governing Yukon First Nations, he would fix it." The C/TFN chief was a guest at the fundraiser where he spoke to Prime Minister Harper, handed him a letter that explained the funding disparity and the need for the government to resume negotiations. "Prime Minister Harper acknowledged that there was a funding issue, and that Minister Duncan would resolve it," said Cresswell. "We have heard promises like this before from the federal government, but coming from the Prime Minister, we trust that Minister Duncan will be true to his word and work towards a speedy resolution of fair and equitable funding for our First Nation."

THE MOHAWK COUNCIL OF AKWESASNE

has responded to the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) Limited's plans to permanently locate its toll booth plaza in the City of Cornwall at the base of the new 3 Nations Bridge. "The best location for the toll booth plaza is at the former Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Port of Entry on Kawehnoke," said Grand Chief Mike K. Mitchell. "SIBC's proposal to permanently locate the toll booth plaza on Canal lands in Cornwall will cause great economic harm to businesses and recreational facilities located in Akwesasne along the Seaway International Bridge corridor and will hurt the economic relationship between the City of Cornwall and the Akwesasne community" said Mitchell. Kawehnoke Chief Brian David said "I would just like to remind the Seaway International Bridge Corporation that the community of Akwesasne has a continuing claim interest in all of the lands north of Cornwall Island, alongside the St. Lawrence River," said David. "The SIBC had the opportunity to negotiate with us. Now this will be an additional issue to be negotiated as part of our claim's agenda... We weren't even given the courtesy of being consulted on the decision, even though there is a statutory obligation to do so called the 'Duty to Consult.' Unfortunately, the time to consult has come and gone," he said.

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Lord Stanley's cup travels to Canada's reserve communities

By Sam Laskaris
Windspeaker Contributor

Thanks to members of the Los Angeles Kings, Aboriginal people in various parts of Canada have had up-close encounters with the Stanley Cup this summer.

A tradition is that each member of the National Hockey League championship squad gets to spend one day with the prized trophy during the off-season.

The roster of the Los Angeles squad, which captured the Stanley Cup in early June, includes two Aboriginal players, Jordan Nolan and Dwight King.

During his day with the Stanley Cup on Aug. 20, Nolan, who is Ojibwe, took the trophy to his hometown, the Garden River First Nation in northern Ontario.

Five days earlier, King, who is Métis, had brought the famous mug to the Flying Dust First Nation, located just northeast of Meadow Lake, the small Saskatchewan city he is from.

And although he is not Aboriginal, Kings' defenceman Willie Mitchell spent part of his day with the cup, Aug. 12, celebrating on the Namgis First Nation in British Columbia, near his hometown of Port McNeill.

Nolan's celebration attracted about 500 people, including his father Ted, a former NHL player and coach.

"It was a really exciting day for the community," said Craig Sayers, a councillor with the Garden River First Nation and Jordan Nolan's first cousin. "You could see the pride in everybody."

The day started off with a pancake breakfast. During the day, the 23-year-old Stanley Cup champion addressed a pair of crowds, first the youth from the community and later on the elders.

Nolan also visited the Garden River bridge, which has the words 'This Is Indian Land' inscribed on it. He took numerous photos with the cup on the bridge.

Later that afternoon, Nolan took the cup to his parents' house for a private party.

Sayers was thrilled his cousin brought the trophy to his First Nation.

"He's a living role model from Garden River," Sayers said. "It's the hardest hockey tournament to win in the world. He climbed atop the mountain."

Sayers was not able to see any of Nolan's playoff games in person this past season, but he was one of about 25 people from Garden River who ventured to Detroit to watch the Kings in a regular season contest. As it turned out, Nolan was a healthy scratch for that match.

"It was the one game they didn't play him," Sayers said.

Nolan had started this past season with the American Hockey League's Manchester Monarchs. The Kings called him

up to the NHL in February, where he remained for the rest of the season. Nolan had four points in 26 regular season games with the Kings. He added a pair of points in 20 playoff matches.

Like Nolan, King, who is also 23, was also called up to Kings via the Monarchs in February. He appeared in 27 regular season matches and earned 14 points, including five goals. He added eight points in 20 post-season contests.

King spent about half an hour with the cup at the arena on the Flying Dust First Nation. He came to the community after three hours of signing autographs and posing for pictures in Meadow Lake.

"By then he was kind of whipped and tired," said Flying Dust First Nation Chief Jim Norman, who is also King's uncle. "We didn't want to keep him much longer."

Afterwards King took the cup to a family dinner and celebration in nearby Bear Lake, the Métis community where his parents live.

Though brief, Norman said the celebration on the Flying Dust First Nation was a thrill for all.

"It was a lot of excitement," he said. "I think (members of the community) were amazed. I talked to some of them who were just honoured to have him here. Here was a guy they watch and follow on television and he was here with them."

As for Mitchell, a 35-year-old defenceman, though he's not Aboriginal he felt it was important to bring the cup to his roots.

"He was born and raised in this area," said Namgis First Nation Chief Bill Cranmer.

Mitchell arrived in the First Nation community, located in Alert Bay, via a helicopter. He joined a standing room only crowd of more than 1,000 people in the Namgis First Nation Big House.

"Crowd control was our hardest job," Cranmer said. "But he allowed everybody to get close to him."

Mitchell was also presented with an Aboriginal vest. He also donned a headdress and danced with members of the Namgis community.

Mitchell was also bestowed with an Aboriginal name—Xanyadzam—which translates into somebody that is amazing.



Willie Mitchell visits Namgis First Nation with the Stanley Cup.

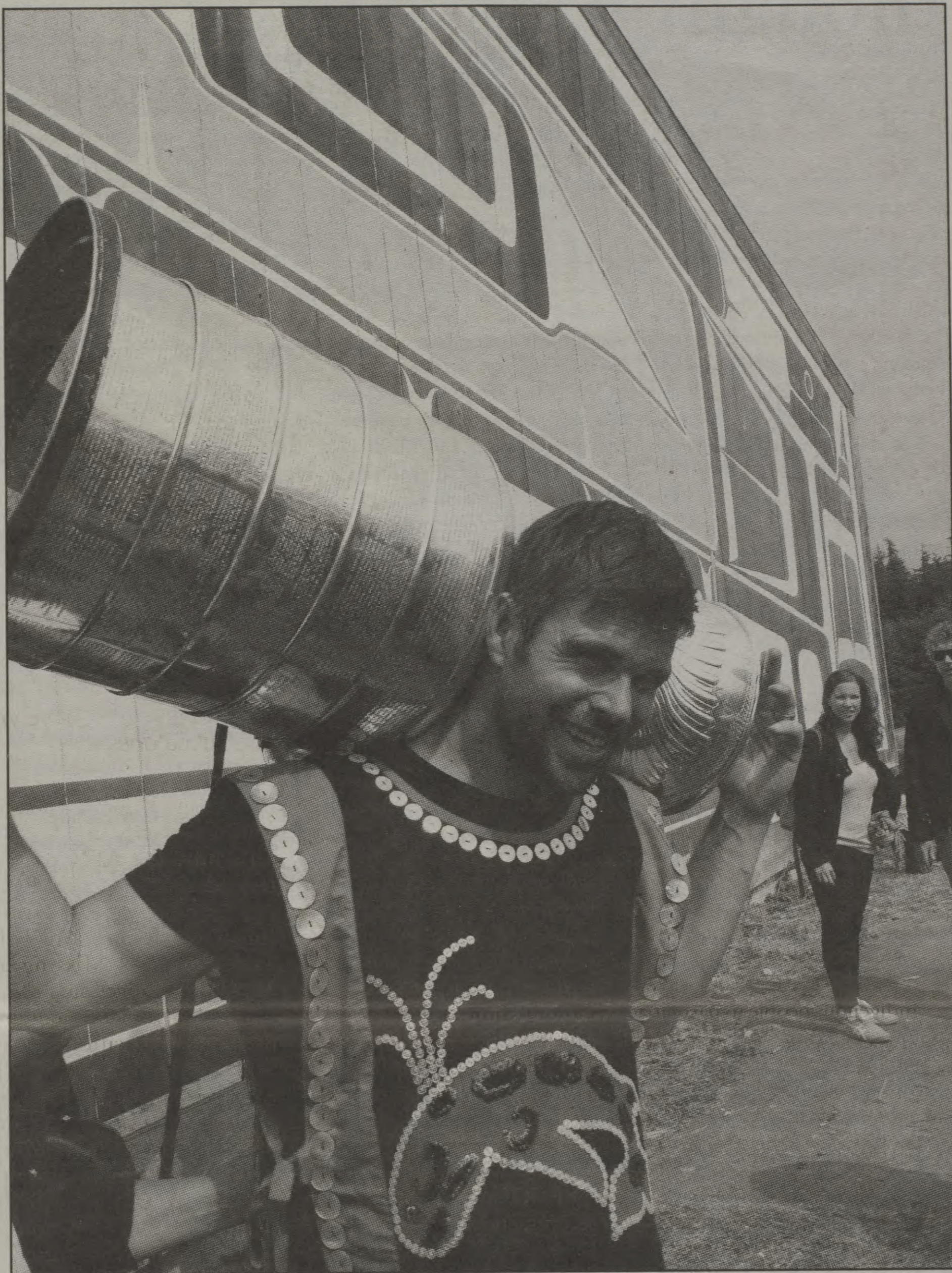


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Willie Mitchell leaves the Namgis big house with the Stanley Cup. Although he is not Aboriginal, the Kings' defenceman spent part of his day with the cup celebrating on the Namgis First Nation in British Columbia, near his hometown of Port McNeill.

"Our people are great hockey fans," Cranmer said of those in his community. "A bunch of them were cheering for the Vancouver Canucks in the playoffs. But when they got beat out they were cheering for Willie Mitchell."

Mitchell, who has been a pro for 13 years, spent four seasons with the Canucks, from 2006 through 2010. This past year marked his second with the Kings.

Mitchell registered 24 points in 76 regular season games this past season. He added three more points in 20 playoff appearances.

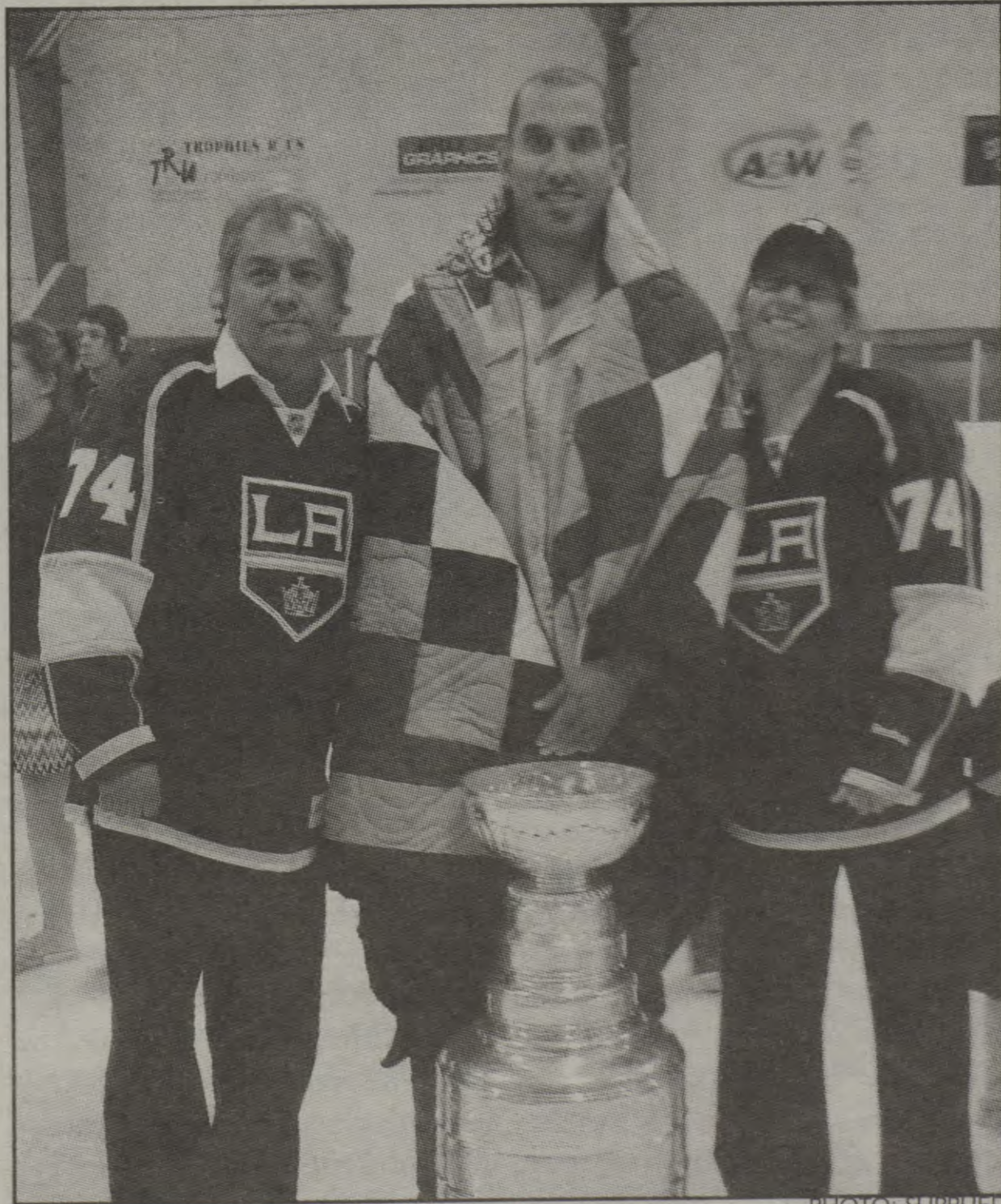


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Dwight King (center) was presented a traditional quilt from Chief Jim Norman (left) and Brenda Norman.

UN will support Aboriginal women by studying the violence that surrounds them

By Shari Narine
Windspeaker Contributor

GENEVA

The federal government has balked at the push to secure a commitment of a national inquiry into murdered and missing women, and the chance to learn more about the violence that surrounds Aboriginal women and girls in Canada. But the United Nations is tackling the issue head on.

"This year, our new topic is murdered and missing Aboriginal women. It is our upcoming assignment and we will be looking at it globally," said Chief Wilton Littlechild, who was recently appointed president/rapporteur to the UN's Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He has served on EMRIP since 2011.

EMRIP, which meets in Geneva, provides the UN Human Rights Council with thematic advice in the form of studies and research on the rights of Indigenous peoples. Last year, EMRIP presented recommendations on four "very important agenda issues," said Littlechild: The planning of the 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples; the rights of Indigenous people to participate in decision-making; the role of languages and culture in the promotion and protection of the rights and identity of Indigenous peoples; and the undertaking of a questionnaire to seek the views of the UN members on best practices regarding possible appropriate measures and implementation strategies to attain the goals of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Expert witnesses will be called on to look into the barriers Aboriginal women face in the justice system, from investigations to the courts to incarceration.

"These issues I'm familiar with (nationally and) I can deal with



PHOTO: FILE

The faceless dolls project was undertaken by the Native Women's Association of Canada as a way to give grieving family and friends an opportunity to remember loved ones.

from a global perspective," Littlechild said.

He emphasizes that his focus will be on more than what is happening in Canada. Littlechild, who also serves as commissioner with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, will hear from expert witnesses ranging from Indigenous peoples to academics in his coverage area of North America, western Europe, New Zealand and Australia.

EMRIP will make recommendations to the UN Human Rights Council based on the information it gathers.

But the Canadian government isn't looking for similar guidance from its Aboriginal groups.

An appeal by Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo to premiers and territorial leaders at the recent Council of the Federation meeting did not result in support for a national inquiry

into violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

In July, the AFN passed a resolution calling for the RCMP to "establish a National Integrated RCMP and Police Task Force on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, in order to coordinate the several specific initiatives being carried out between the RCMP, other police services, First Nations and government officials, including those in Vancouver, the "Highway of Tears" in northern British Columbia, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Whitehorse."

The Chiefs-in-Assembly resolved to "make a personal and public declaration to take full responsibility to be violence free and commit to taking all actions available to them to uphold and ensure the rights of Indigenous women and girls."

The AFN's resolution was welcomed by the Native Women's Association of Canada, the only national organization with a team

working to raise awareness and do research on the issue of missing and murdered Aboriginal women. NWAC said the AFN's resolution "goes further than most" as it also directs the AFN to convene a national forum and Special Chiefs Assembly on Justice and Community Safety in 2012/2013 and to collaborate with NWAC to include a focus on murdered and missing women and girls.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, as well as the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, have added their voices to the call for a national inquiry focusing on the reasons why Aboriginal women fall victim to violent crimes at such an alarming rate.

"All of our regions in Canada, I believe, are saying this is an epidemic. We can't wait until the next person goes missing to raise the issue again. So we think a national inquiry is what should happen, because at the end of the

day, there are just too many missing Aboriginal women and in particular First Nations. Until we do something about it, nothing will happen (and) the cycle will continue," said FSIN Vice-Chief Morley Watson.

In 2009, close to 67,000 Aboriginal women ages 15 and older reported being the victim of violence in the previous 12 months, according to a report released in 2011 by Statistics Canada. Overall, the rate of self-reported violent victimization among Aboriginal women was almost three times higher than the rate of violent victimization reported by non-Aboriginal women.

Lack of governments' support for a national inquiry does not surprise Watson, who says that if "it's their daughter missing or their mother, I'm sure they would share a different view. We always have to wait until it happens to someone else, then we have to start the process all over again."

Police an essential service, yet funded by grants

By Shari Narine
Windspeaker Contributor

KENORA

When the federal Police Officers Recruitment Fund concludes, that loss of funding will have an immediate and obvious impact on policing in Treaty 3.

"That's 10 per cent of our (police) service basically," said Treaty 3 Police Chief Conrad DeLaronde.

In 2008, the federal government allocated \$400 million for a five-year period through the Police Officers Recruitment Fund. That money was transferred into trust funds for the provinces and

territories to use.

"The objective was to provide one time support to provinces and territories to assist them in recruiting 2,500 police officers across the country, given that policing in Canada is a provincial responsibility," said Jessica Flack, spokesperson with Public Safety Canada.

Treaty 3 accessed that funding, which was capped at \$100,000 per police officer. Through the policing service agreement that exists with the Ontario and federal governments, Treaty 3 was able to top up the money to \$140,000 to cover the costs associated with each officer.

Treaty 3 added seven officers to

their police service and utilized them throughout the Treaty 3 region, incorporating them in with the rest of the officers.

On March 31, 2013, that funding comes to an end.

"We lose our ability to ensure the safety of all 23 communities we serve.... It puts communities at risk. It puts officer safety at risk," said DeLaronde.

The downsizing will mean policing services for Wabaseemoong First Nation will have to be returned to the Ontario Provincial Police.

"That way, we're not compromising our ability to provide a police service to the rest of the communities we serve," said

DeLaronde. "To take seven officers, one from this location, one from that location, then the quality of service suffers in the rest of the communities."

The OPP is funded differently than Treaty 3 Police Services and has more money, said DeLaronde.

However, there are other issues. "It will provide a significant policing pressure for them because they don't have the resources in place. It's going to impact their ability to provide policing services to the rest of the area they're responsible for," he said. "The community does not want the OPP policing their community. They want Treaty 3."

While DeLaronde is confident

OPP will provide services at the same level Treaty 3 does, he notes that the cultural component will be lacking.

DeLaronde has lobbied both the federal and provincial governments asking "for serious consideration to provide permanent funding" for the seven officers under the service agreement. DeLaronde said he heard back from Madeleine Mueller, provincial minister of Community Services and Correctional Services, indicating that the matter has been taken under advisement but that the province needs federal support to move ahead on the issue.

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Rejection of fish farm lawsuit 'judicial violence': KAFN elder

By David P. Ball
Raven's Eye Writer

Vancouver

A legal showdown over open-net fish farming in B.C. is looming with Kwikwaka'wakw/Ah-Kwa-Mish First Nation (KAFN) announcing it will fight for its right to launch a class action lawsuit at the Supreme Court of Canada.

After B.C.'s Court of Appeal ruled on May 3 that Indian Act Bands are forbidden from launching class-action proceedings on behalf of "Aboriginal collectives"—siding with the government—the case has major implications for Aboriginal people.

"What the Court of Appeals decision has done is it effectively said that First Nations ... are second-class procedural citizens," said Reidar Mogerman, the lawyer for Kwikwaka'wakw/Ah-Kwa-Mish First Nation (KAFN).

"Because where an ordinary Canadian is a person defined by the legislation who can bring forward class proceedings, the court said a First Nation is so special—it's so hard to figure out who they are—that they can't be one of the entities that joins in a class to litigate.

"That is a huge issue for First Nations; they need all the procedural tools they can get their hands on."

In her ruling, Justice Nicole Garson concluded that an "Aboriginal collective"—defined in this lawsuit as all nations impacted by fish farming in B.C.'s Broughton Archipelago—could not sue the government because it is "not necessarily a legal or organized entity" and that therefore the KAFN band "is not necessarily the proper entity to assert an Aboriginal right."

"There is no evidence that the 'aboriginal collectives' who are class members are organized in a way that could confer legal status on them," Garson ruled, backing the government's appeal against KAFN's class-action lawsuit. "The class is comprised



KAFN Chief Bob Chamberlin

PHOTOS DAVID P. BALL

of parties that do not have the capacity to sue."

For KAFN Chief Bob Chamberlin, named the representative plaintiff on behalf of all Indigenous people impacted by fish farms, banning his nation from suing is discrimination against Aboriginal people.

"The issue they take [is] with how we presented ourselves as First Nations to the courts," said Chamberlin. "I say to Canadians and to British Columbians alike: if our First Nation decides to present itself to anybody, anywhere, under any circumstances, it is our call.

"We are not going to be dictated to by the courts; we are not going to be dictated to by the government about how we organize ourselves. We presented ourselves as we did, as we traditionally did amongst ourselves. For the courts to decide that is not good enough, that it is inappropriate ... that's wrong."

For KAFN Hereditary Chief Bobby Joseph, a retired commercial fisherman and traditional harvester, the Crown would commit an injustice if it

refuses to certify the lawsuit.

"I'm so afraid that if the Supreme Court doesn't allow this appeal to open a legal recourse for us it would be a form of judicial violence against a group of people who should be afforded the same opportunity to seek remedy in our courts, like all other citizens," he told Windspeaker. "We've been excluded too long. Now we're trying to create inclusion."

Joseph said that, before the arrival of nearly 29 open-net fish farms in the KAFN territories, he and his family caught an abundant supply of wild food from the ocean.

"I've watched, right before my eyes, a demise of a lot of the ocean life, a lot of the fish, crab, shrimp, all those species, since the advent of fish farms," he said.

"We rely so heavily on the salmon—it actually reflects our very souls. I don't want our communities to die once that resource fades forever.

"It's so central to our lifestyle, it would be a tragedy to lose it all."

The lawsuit, which has been working its way through the courts since a judge approved it

in December 2010, strives to protect wild salmon stocks from fish farms, which KAFN and environmentalists believe are causing the devastating decline of the species through disease transfer and sea lice.

"We asked to get an answer in court to the question: What impact are salmon farms having on wild salmon?" said Mogerman. "That is a huge scientific question that has been bouncing around for too long. We want someone who has the authority to close it out, and that's the court.

"The question of salmon farms and their impact on salmon is a system-wide question. It's a question that runs throughout the province, and it needs a system-wide answer [for] all the nations who are impacted by the fish farms. That way there's a single answer that is final and binding on government."

The right to sue as a class will have many ramifications for all First Nations, Mogerman said, citing the Northern Gateway pipeline as a project impacting many bands along its route. Likewise, Chamberlin pointed to child apprehension and

residential schools as examples where multiple bands are impacted by government policies.

Garson's decision is an example, Chamberlin added, of Canada's history of preventing Indigenous access to the legal system, harkening back to the long-time ban on hiring legal counsel, only overturned in 1951.

"When we have not given up our title, and our opinions about what we want to see happen in our territories are disregarded, I can see that the Doctrine of Discovery is still very much alive in Canada," Chamberlin said.

"We are still not seen as people to be respected for our opinions of what we wish to see in our areas, our territories, where we've been from the beginning of time. (Our) desires for our own territories are being completely, systematically and consistently disregarded by Canada.

"We are not willing to pretend that salmon will bounce back. We are not willing to take a chance with the life-blood of our people."

A GITXSAN LAND CLAIMS NEGOTIATOR IS IN FAVOUR

of the plan by media mogul David Black to build a refinery in Kitimat for the crude that Enbridge plans to pipe from the Alberta tar sands. This would mean that refined products like gas, diesel and kerosene would be exported on supertankers along BC's coast, instead of the raw bitumen that is at the heart of Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline proposal. Elmer Derrick believes the jobs that would come with the refinery, should it be built, would reduce significantly First Nations unemployment.

"I think he made a bold move and it's commendable," said Derrick about Black. "The whole thing about adding value to Canadian products is very important for me because we can't just continue to ship raw materials out for other people to add value to," Derrick told the Terrance Standard.

The plan would require 6,000 workers for construction and provide another 3,000 permanent jobs afterward.

"I always laugh at the statistics that Canada puts out about unemployment," said Derrick. The recent unemployment report shows a rate of 11.9 per cent for July for the North Coast and Nechako region, which covers just west of Vanderhoof to Haida Gwaii. Derrick said on First Nations reserves, that percentage skyrockets to about 75 per cent. Derrick said he's talked to a number of Aboriginal leaders who are quite interested in the plan. He said he even hopes to help find financing for the plant.

THE COASTAL FIRST NATIONS UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORTS THE

NDP's plan in British Columbia to establish a "made in BC" Northern Gateway Project review process, said executive director Art Sterritt. "First Nations and all British Columbians have been waiting for the Liberal government to provide leadership on this issue and they have steadfastly failed at every turn,"

he said.

NDP leader Adrian Dix promised that if he is elected premier next May, an NDP government would withdraw from the current environmental assessment of the project and set up an independent review.

The current National Energy Board review process is seriously flawed, according to Sterritt. "Enbridge is not respecting First Nations' Aboriginal rights and title, which includes meaningful consultation and prior informed consent for the project."

Sterritt said the Northern Gateway project is dangerous and short-sighted and would only make oil companies rich and leave oil spills in its wake, as well as cause environmental destruction and long-term economic damage to local communities, he said.

"Mr. Dix's plan would ensure that all the work we have completed in the last decade would result in a sustainable economy on the coast."

Tsleil-Waututh Nation, however, is calling on Dix to clarify what a "made in B.C." assessment of the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline would look like, and also that it would apply to Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project. The nation opposes the Kinder Morgan pipeline, the end of which would be in the heart of Tsleil-Waututh territory.

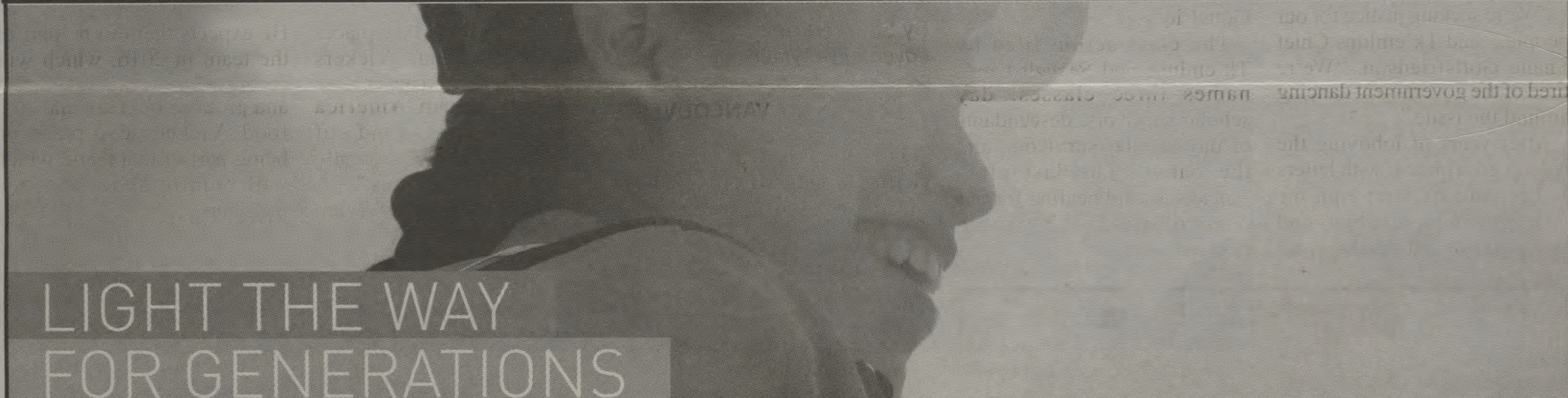
"We commend Adrian Dix's decision to withdraw from the federal government's Enbridge Northern Gateway review process. We, too, feel that the federal process is flawed," said Chief Justin George. "However, his announcement falls short. We need to know if the NDP's proposed assessment would also apply to Kinder Morgan's plans."

Also lacking in Dix's announcement was mention of First Nations' legal rights. "Governments have a legal obligation to consult with First Nations," said George. "Should the B.C. NDP form government, we look forward to working closely with them to ensure that meaningful government-to-government

consultation with First Nations occurs."

SINCE THE 1970S, POLLUTION IN COWICHAN BAY ON VANCOUVER

Island has caused a ban on the shellfish harvest. But with efforts from government agencies, forest companies, conservation groups and First Nations like the Cowichan Tribes, a shellfish harvest could be a reality by 2020. "Those clams are the canary in the coal mine," said Chief Harvey Alphonse. "When we can eat them again, we will have come a long way toward cleaning up this magnificent watershed." The Cowichan Valley Regional District and the Cowichan Tribes announced a two-and-a-half year, \$200,000 project that will begin to identify contaminants in the Bay, and their sources, and begin to clean up the waters there and the two rivers that drain into it. Water samples taken upstream from Cowichan Bay will determine a baseline. In year one, they will focus on the lower watershed and expand from there. The Cowichan Watershed Partnership Project "is intended to assess the watershed to figure out where we need to set priorities," said John Deniseger, head of the environmental quality section of the provincial Environment Ministry. "Water runs downhill and ultimately runs into the bay," he said. "It's about many small sources of contamination." A major player in the endeavor is the Joint Utilities Board, which runs Duncan's sewage-treatment system. The board has committed to get the wastewater treatment discharge out of the Cowichan River. Jean Crowder, MP for Nanaimo-Cowichan, said the partnership is "a really important first step." It's unclear the role of the federal government, she said, until new fish regulations that are part of Bill C-38, the omnibus budget legislation that included changes to the Fisheries Act, are announced. "Bill C-38 definitely is going to change the way we look at fish habitat," she said.



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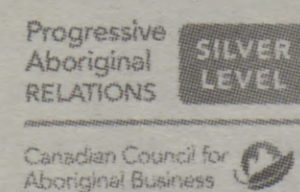
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BC bands launch day scholar class action

By Shari Narine
Raven's Eye Writer

Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Indian Band

Joan Jack is confident that another class action launched in federal court will only strengthen the position of day scholars and day school students as they seek recognition and compensation for the abuse they suffered in federally-funded schools.

Jack's law firm has been acting on behalf of day scholars and day school students since filing the McLean Day School Class Action in federal court in Winnipeg in 2009.

In August, the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Indian Band and Sechelt Indian Band filed a joint claim class action in federal court in British Columbia on behalf of both bands' students who attended Indian residential schools as day scholars.

"We must remember there were four national class actions in the residential schools and 17 individual ones before Canada would even step up to the negotiating table," said Jack, referring to the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA), which was signed in 2007.

"We're seeking justice for our people," said Tk'emlups Chief Shane Gottsfriedson. "We're tired of the government dancing around the issue."

After years of lobbying the federal government with letters and resolutions from both the Assembly of First Nations and provincially, Gottsfriedson said

the two bands are taking the final step.

"Now the only action we have is to fight for our people through the court system, and Canada should be ashamed of itself for doing that," he said.

Gottsfriedson said the decision was made not to join the McLean Day School Class Action because "our strategy is different than other ones."

Both Tk'emlups and Sechelt Indian Bands were sites of Indian residential schools that were included by the federal government on the prescribed approved list of schools under the IRSSA. However, children who attended these residential schools during the day and went home in the evenings—referred to as day scholars—are not eligible for Common Experience Payments, unlike their residential school counterparts.

They could qualify, though, for compensation under the Independent Assessment Process. Many day scholars suffered physical, sexual and emotional abuse. All were exposed to loss of their culture, language and way of life.

"When our day scholars went to school, that was not the type of education we envisioned that they would receive," said Gottsfriedson.

The class action filed by Tk'emlups and Sechelt bands names three classes: day scholar survivors, descendants of day scholar survivors, and the bands. The last class "speaks toward healing for our communities," said Gottsfriedson.

He is confident that support received from the AFN, the First Nations Summit, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations will help the cause.

"I can say there's one hell of a movement going across the country now because there's lots of class action suits. We're working hard to bring more awareness about who was left out," said Gottsfriedson.

Canada has 30 days to respond to the Tk'emlups and Sechelt Indian Bands class action.

Meanwhile the McLean Day School Class Action is gathering more information before it proceeds.

Jack says after the claim was filed, the federal government's response was to ask for more information on the students involved and what schools they attended.

Jack filed the class action at the direction of Ray Mason, president of Spirit Wind, an organization in Manitoba that supports all Indian school survivors. Mason was one of the residential school survivors who

was part of the Canada-wide action that led to the IRSSA.

"When we set out, our original personal mission was to help all survivors. It was Canada that separated us," said Mason, who attended three different residential schools over a 12-year period. He has friends and family who are day scholars and day school students—students who attended schools that operated solely during the day and had no residences—and knows they suffered like he did.

The apology issued by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in 2008 did not acknowledge day school students or day scholars.

The McLean Day School Class Action is the only national class action suit and has 11,000 signatories to date. More survivors are expected to sign up. Until recently when Jack began requesting new signatories ante up \$25 for administration costs, all the work undertaken had been at Jack's expense. The recent AFN national chief candidate said she has borrowed \$150,000 to keep her law firm operating and cashed in her Great West Life

pension.

She points out that as part of the IRSSA settlement, lawyer Tony Merchant, who represented the survivors, "negotiated \$45 million as a pre-settlement amount for his firm, because for 20 years he worked without pay."

To raise the \$350,000 needed to keep moving forward, Mason sent out letters asking "every local First Nation/Inuit/Métis government in this great country ... to contribute a minimum of \$500 to our cause (so) we would meet our goal and have our day in court!"

"There was very little that came forward," he said. "I'm very disappointed. After all, we've been working at this for years and years at a volunteer basis."

Jack said she will continue to push for the federal government to take responsibility.

"No justice, no peace," said Jack. "It's not going to go away. The fact (is) that the ... purpose of the day schools was the same as the residential schools, which was to kill the Indian in the child, to assimilate us, to fill us with cultural shame."

Chefs prepare to conquer the world

By Shari Narine
Raven's Eye Writer

VANCOUVER

This October in Erfurt, Germany, judges from around the world will see what Aboriginal cuisine looks like. Four years from now, they will taste it.

The 2012 World Culinary Olympics is the second step in a three-step, 10-year plan formulated by Chef Ben Genaille to bring Aboriginal cuisine to the fore.

The journey began in 2007 when Genaille's five-member Aboriginal culinary team began training with the Canadian National Team.

The next year, they accompanied the national team to the World Culinary Olympics, also held in Erfurt, as support members. The national team garnered five gold medals and came in fifth in the world in that competition.

"The intention was to go there in 2008 with the national team, see the big show first hand and have more of an understanding of what it takes to perform at that level and the organization that goes along with it," said Genaille.

Culinary team member Faith Vickers didn't make the 2008 trip, but she joined Genaille in a scouting trip to Erfurt in May, where they checked out the location for accommodations, sites for preparation and practice, and where the

competition would take place.

"It was amazing," Vickers said, noting she had never been outside of North America before. "I was kind of overwhelmed and really, really anticipating and nervous."

Aboriginal Culinary Team Canada—all members are from British Columbia—will join five provincial teams to represent Canada in regional competition. Regional competition is cold food, which means food displayed and not eaten.

Vickers will be preparing tapas or bite-sized hors d'oeuvres; six that can be eaten cold and six that can be eaten hot. There will be five of each.

"It's a lot of work, a lot of little pieces, but I've been doing a lot of practising on it so I think I've got it down," she said. She expects team members will be awake 24 to 48 hours straight leading to the day of the competition, preparing their plates. Glazing will be left for the last minute to give the food as fresh an appearance as possible.

Joining Vickers on the team are Paul Natrall, who will be preparing a platter display for eight people; Samantha Nyce, who is in charge of a five-course plated meal, which includes appetizer, soup and dessert; and Jessica Knox, who may do pastry or provide support. A pastry chef may be added to the team.

Genaille has also invited two young Aboriginal chefs from Winnipeg as support members.

He expects them to be part of the team in 2016, which will compete in the national class and produce both hot and cold food. Vickers also plans on being part of that team, which will require about a dozen members.

Like every chef, Genaille is tight-lipped about his menu and ingredients.

"Judges are looking for something they haven't seen," he said. "(Our) coolers when we travel will be sealed and we're not sharing that information with anybody."

The Aboriginal culinary team will be taking the key ingredients from home, because they are "very unique to the Aboriginal world" and are not available to purchase in the local markets. Genaille teases that "we are hoping to have" oil from the Oolichans, cuckolds from Haida Gwaii, herring from the Nisga'a, as well as moose meat.

Between each Olympics, there are international events that teams can attend. While the Aboriginal culinary team did not make any international appearances between 2008 and 2012, Genaille said that that will change over the next four years.

Money and time are also issues, as all this is a volunteer venture. Genaille is organizing local fundraisers and working on getting sponsorship dollars to help cover the approximately \$40,000 it will cost to make the trip to Erfurt.

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Chefs prepare to conquer the world

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While it will be a long journey for his team from the World Culinary Olympics of 2008 to what he hopes to be the pinnacle in 2016, the journey has been even longer for Genaille.

A Cree from Manitoba, Genaille grew up hunting and fishing, preparing traditional Aboriginal fare. He turned that love of food into a career and became a cook/chef 30 years ago. He has "worked in every ethnic restaurant" and cooked in kitchens in Vancouver restaurants that received rave reviews and awards. But that wasn't enough.

After 18 years in the kitchen, he took a business management course and began teaching troubled youth at Picasso Café in Vancouver.

"Getting into teaching and working with youth at risk ... is an amazing experience," he said. "That's a lot more rewarding for me at this point in my life."

He took his training to the Musqueam Indian Band in Vancouver, starting a culinary program that grew in popularity. The food became a tourist attraction in a city that is open to varying ethnic fare.

Genaille then taught at Vancouver Community College and Northwest Community



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Chef and team manager Ben Genaille (third from right) with students from the Aboriginal Culinary program.

College (in Terrace, BC).

"It's about evolving Aboriginal cuisine to make it mainstream. Using the techniques that we learn as cooks, to work with food and applying that to Indigenous ingredients; ingredients that have always been part of North America," said Genaille.

Competition in the World Culinary Olympics is about

more than promoting Aboriginal cuisine and getting it into the mainstream, he said.

"I tell these young competitors that they are role models in the Aboriginal world and we need to encourage other young Aboriginal kids to be interested in cooking and see where it can take you," he said.

Vickers gladly takes on that position both at home and

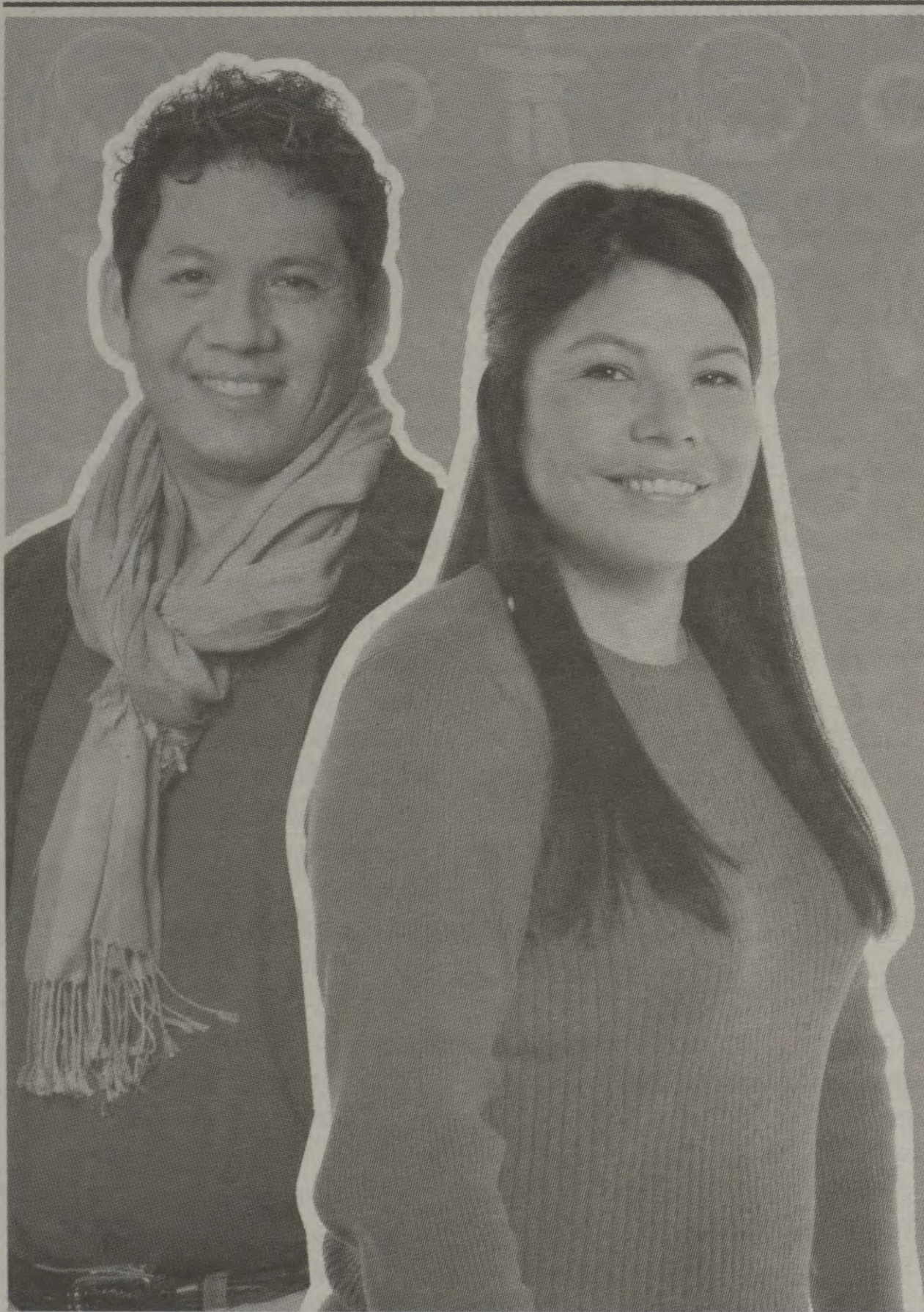
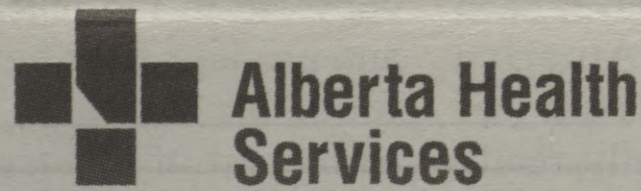
abroad.

"I'm beyond excited," she said. "I'm scared but we've done a lot of practising and I know we're going to do well. We've worked really hard and, I think, we're not only looking to walk home with the gold but to sharing our food. I think that's my personal main priority. Showing these people what Aboriginal people and their

food is like."

The team will be in Erfurt from Oct. 4 to Oct. 11. The World Culinary Olympics take place from Oct. 6 to Oct. 10. An Elder will be accompanying the group to "keep us all healthy and grounded," said Genaille.

The last time an Aboriginal culinary team from Canada competed in the World Culinary Olympics was 1994.



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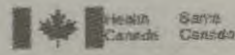
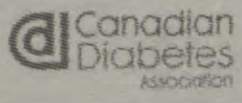
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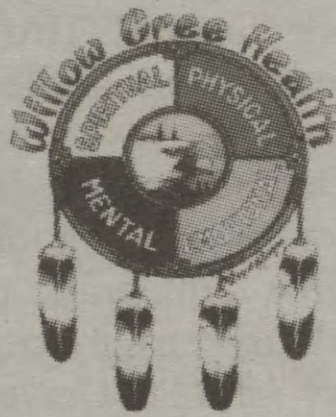


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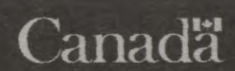
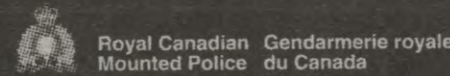
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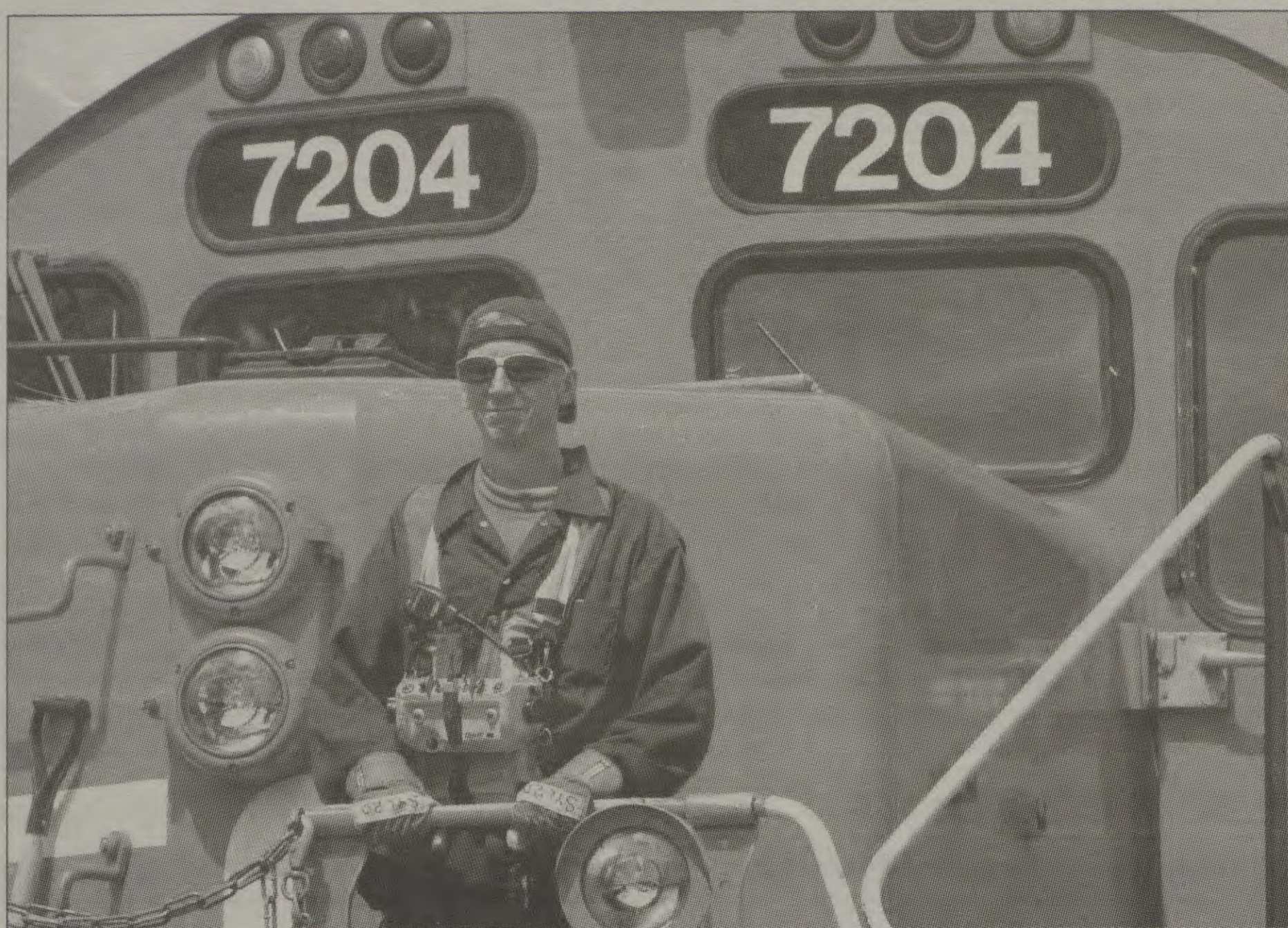
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Nomination results for upcoming Métis election mixed

By SHARI NARINE
Sage Contributing Editor

SASKATOON

The once put off election for the Provincial Métis Council for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan has yielded mixed results for nominations.

While choices for the executive positions are healthy – including six vying for the title of president including incumbent Robert Doucette – out of 12 regions, only five are holding elections. Two regions had no nominations filed, while five others saw nominees awarded the regional director's position by acclamation.

"In the democratic process, it's always nice to have a choice," said Ian Craven, chief electoral officer and partner with MNP-LLP.

Doucette, who has held the position of president for the past five years, will be heading to the polls against Maureen Belanger, Raymond Laliberte, Bryan Lee, Wayne McKenzie, and Mavis Taylor. Taylor recently held the position of director for Western Region 1, while Lee was president of Local 108 Fish Lake.

The position of vice president is being sought by three new candidates upon the retirement of Alan Morin. Vying for the position are Darren Deschambeault (Prince Albert), Dale McAuley (Cumberland House) and Gerald Morin (Saskatoon).

Incumbent Max Morin is fighting against three others for one position of secretary: May Henderson (Saskatoon), Roxanne Kennedy (North Battleford) and Tammy Mah (Prince Albert).

For treasurer, Louis Gardiner is attempting to keep his position against Guy Bouvier (Meadow Lake) and Morley Norton (Regina).

In by acclamation are incumbents Lennard Morin (Eastern Region 1), Helene Johnson (Eastern Region 2), and Billy Kennedy (Western

Region 1A). Also in by acclamation as new directors are Chester J. Herman for Northern Region 2 and Lela Arnold in Western Region 3.

"Being acclaimed is not necessarily a bad thing," said Craven. "It could be that they're doing a really exemplary job."

The only regional director election that involves an incumbent is taking place in Western Region 2, where Darlene McKay is attempting to hold on to her position against Janice Henry; both women are from Prince Albert. In Eastern Region 2A, Patricia Bigstone and Derek Langan, both from Yorkton, are running. In Northern Region 3, candidates are Glen Hector McCallum (Pinehouse Lake) and Ric Richardson (Green Lake). The candidates for Western Region 1 all hail from Meadow Lake: Michael Bell, Wally Chatelaine and Henry (Guy) Tourond. In Western Region 2A, Penny Hurton (Saskatoon) and Wayne Whitford (Biggar) are the candidates.

No nominations were received for Eastern Region 3 and Northern Region 1.

MN-S by-laws call for by-elections to take place after the general election to fill those still-vacant seats, says Craven.

The election will be held Sept. 8. Advanced polling took place Sept. 1. All Métis citizens, 16 years and older and residing in Saskatchewan, are eligible to vote.

The past five years for the MN-S has been plagued by dissension among members of the Provincial Métis Council, resulting in lack of quorum at many meetings and the inability to make decisions. The lack of cohesion was never more prominent than when the original May 30, 2012 election date was set aside by a judge after legal action was taken by MN-S members Bob McLeod and Ron Lamabe. McLeod served as director for Western Region 2A.

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(From left) Dr. Angelina Weenie, Department Head of Professional Programs at First Nations University of Canada; Dr. Lynn Wells, Vice President Academic at FNUUniv; Dr. Fay Myers, President of Parkland College; and Gwen Machnee, University Program Coordinator at Parkland College signed an agreement at Fort Qu'Appelle between the two educational institutions.

FNUUniv, Parkland College enter into agreement

This fall, the First Nations University of Canada will launch a four-year Bachelor of Indigenous Education program at Fort Qu'Appelle in partnership with Parkland Regional College. "Community-based programming is central to the First Nations University of Canada's mission. Educating students in their communities leads to greater retention resulting in graduates staying in their communities upon completion. This partnership is another important step in extending the reach of our programs," said Dr. Lynn Wells, Vice President, Academic at FNUUniv, in a news release. "This is a program which I am confident will yield many benefits for both the First Nations and non-First Nations communities in our area," said Gwen Machnee, University Program Coordinator at Parkland College.

Flooding assistance needed from provincial, federal governments

The James Smith Cree Nation has received help from the provincial and federal governments to temporarily address the issue of flooding which has become a growing health crisis. Funding will be used for roads, houses and schools. Flooding and washed out roads caused the First Nation to issue an evacuation order Aug. 3 for nine homes and 123 band members. Evacuees stayed in hotels in Melfort. At least nine homes in the community had drinking water contaminated when flood water leaked into their cisterns and in mid-August, a child had to be airlifted from the community after becoming sick from drinking contaminated water. Last month the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program met with leadership to review the rising crisis. The provincial program provided \$110,000 to repair damage from previous years of flooding. The money falls well short of what is needed to repair the damage that the band's independent engineer suggested would cost a minimum of \$3.2 million to meet safety standards.

Action on NRTA discussed by western treaty nations

The western treaty nations gathered in Prince Albert Aug. 6-9 where discussion centred around the Natural Resources Transfer Agreement, which shifted control of Crown land and natural resources from the federal government to the provincial governments in 1930.

"One thing is certain at this point, we are not asking the governments to begin the revenue sharing agenda, as we are going ahead and dealing with industry with or without the governments of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta and Canada. We still have the rights we inherited from our ancestors to proceed in this manner," said Brian Hardlotte, Vice-Chief of the Prince Albert Grand Council. The input from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba First Nations was compiled and will go to the third summit in Alberta in 2013, where a draft document will be drawn up and voted on.

Controversy surrounds land sale at Fur Lake

The Mistawasis First Nation is interested in purchasing protected lakefront Crown land near Shellbrook with plans to build cabins and develop the lakefront property as a way to create jobs and revenue for its community. While a portion of the region is already developed, the land in question is protected under the provincial Wildlife Habitat

Protection Act. The First Nation has received support from the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Saskatoon Tribal Council to purchase and develop the 28,000 acres. A management plan was created for the land, which sits in the transition zone between aspen parkland and the boreal forest, in the mid-1990s, indicating that there is a "high habitat capability for wildlife" including black bear, beaver, coyote, mink, otter, muskrat and wolf and northern flying squirrel. There is also an "abundant bird population" ranging from ducks to grebes to great-crested flycatchers. The Fur Lakes purchase would be funded with part of the band's \$17-million specific claim settlement. In 2001, the band received the money as compensation for the forced surrender of large portions of its land base between 1911 and 1919.

FNUC, fired executives reach settlement

The First Nations University of Canada reached an out-of-court settlement with two of its former senior officials. Charles Pratt, former president, and Allan Ducharme, former VP of administration, were put on leave and then fired in 2010 following allegations of misuse of funds and submission of inappropriate expense claims. Both men denied the allegations. Ducharme filed a statement of claim in court, while Pratt sought arbitration over the firings. Details of the settlement were not released. "(FNUUniv) wishes to make clear that neither Mr. Pratt nor Mr. Ducharme were found to be in dereliction of their respective duties nor guilty of any financial impropriety," said an Aug. 3 news release from the university. "Similarly, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Ducharme would like to publicly express their confidence in the university's current board of directors, its administration and its academic personnel."

MLTC to establish renewable energy project

The Meadow Lake Tribal Council is undertaking its largest project ever. The Meadow Lake Bioenergy Centre will run on bark, branches, sawdust and wood chips from the NorSask Forest Products sawmill. It will generate up to 36 megawatts of renewable low-emissions power, which is enough to power roughly 30,000 homes. The bioenergy centre will receive \$499,000 from the federal government. The MLTC Resource Development Inc. has signed a 25-year power purchase agreement with SaskPower, the primary supplier of electricity in Saskatchewan, a first of this size for a First Nation corporation in the province.

"This project is the culmination of our investment in, and a commitment to, MLTC's growth that will generate many economic opportunities for our First Nations," said Eric Sylvestre, Tribal Chief, in a news release.

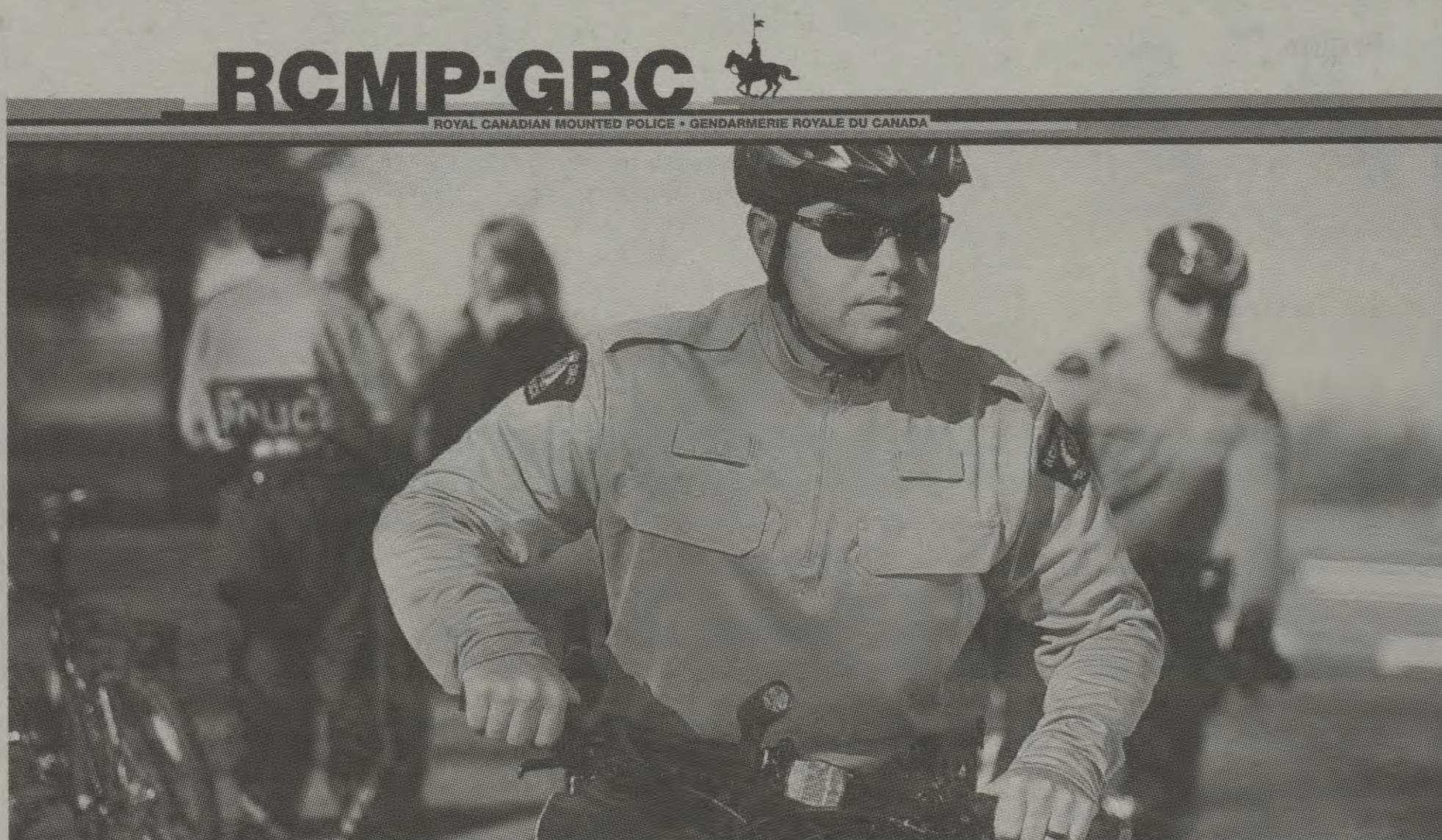
New project announced to address homelessness

Funding from the federal government to Methy Construction and Maintenance Corporation will provide Aboriginal people who are homeless with new transitional housing. Methy Construction is receiving over \$445,000 in Homelessness Partnering Strategy funding to create four transitional housing units for single-parent Aboriginal families who are homeless. The HPS provides structures and supports that help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency. The HPS encourages a housing-first approach, recognizing that housing stability is an important first step in addressing homelessness. It is also necessary for the success of other interventions such as education and training, the development of life skills and the management of mental health issues.

Grassroots opposition continues against nuclear waste storage

Dene, Cree and Métis Elders gathered in South Bay Aug. 3-6 with grassroots activists who are worried that their communities may become home of a potential nuclear waste site in northern Saskatchewan. The federal Nuclear Waste Management Organization is planning a deep geological repository to place all of Canada's nuclear waste underground in the rock. In the latest stage of the decades-long search for a long-term nuclear waste disposal site, NWMO has received expressions of interest to host the site from the Saskatchewan communities of Pinehouse, the English River First Nation and Creighton. Interest from several places in Ontario has also been expressed. Sixty per cent of eligible voters in Pinehouse signed a petition against nuclear waste disposal in northern Saskatchewan. The Committee for Future Generations, a grassroots organization in the region, presented the petition with more than 12,000 signatures to the provincial legislature last year. Opposition continues to grow in Pinehouse and around the province.

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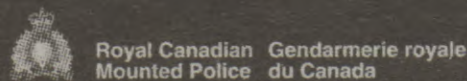
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Hoop Dance Troupe part of Diamond Jubilee Celebration

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The Constable Robin Cameron Education Complex Hoop Dance Troupe performed during a ceremony at the Diamond Jubilee Celebration held at the Brandt Centre in Regina on Aug. 11. The Diamond Jubilee Celebration told a story that is steeped in history and tradition, but one that also celebrates Canada's future. The troupe is named after Cameron, who was born on the Beardy's Okemasis First Nation. Cameron and patrol partner Const. Marc Bourdages died in July 2006 as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty in Spiritwood.

Housing cuts will aggravate poor living conditions

By SHARI NARINE
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SASKATOON

First Nations in Saskatchewan are well on their way to becoming the new Attawapiskat.

"There are a lot of our communities that are very, very close to having the same situation as we saw in Ontario and I'm sure there are many regions in Canada that can come forward and say we are in the same situation as what Canada saw when they saw the housing conditions in (Attawapiskat)," said Morley Watson, Vice-Chief with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

Watson said Saskatchewan First Nations' housing and financial personnel will be

gathering shortly to develop a strategy to help raise awareness about the deplorable living conditions on reserves.

"We're going to have to draw attention to Canadians about our communities. Our calls (to government) are following upon deaf ears and ... we're going to have to get this issue out and ... let the rest of Canada know the housing dilemma our First Nations people continue to face," he said.

He points out that only after Attawapiskat Chief and council brought the issue to the attention of the general Canadian public did Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada step in and take action. Attawapiskat declared a state of emergency on Oct. 28, 2011, over unsafe living conditions as

members were living in tents and sheds and multiple families were crowded into single homes. ANAC put a third-party manager in place and moved in 22 modular homes at \$2.2 million, repairs were carried out on the DeBeers ATCO trailers, renovations begun on three houses, and the healing lodge was retrofitted. The federal court recently ruled that ANAC's approach to third-party management of Attawapiskat First Nation was "unreasonable in all the circumstances of this case."

"The demand for adequate housing in our First Nations communities continues to grow and unfortunately the (band) councils aren't given the resources," said Watson.

Currently, there is a shortage

of 11,000 homes on reserves across the province. Prince Albert Grand Council, which is Saskatchewan's largest tribal council, has an occupancy rate double the national average, and estimates its member communities require 4,000 new units just to meet the off-reserve rate.

Lack of adequate housing – both in numbers and conditions – has resulted in members living off-reserve in urban centres, overcrowding, and living in units that are uninhabitable.

"We continue to try and convince government that housing is a good investment because when you have overcrowding or when you have people in deplorable conditions, there is a cost, and that normally is a health cost," said Watson.

He says that housing on reserves is not the only issue facing First Nations. Affordable housing in the cities is also a concern for band members who have to seek accommodation elsewhere.

First Nations hold that shelter is a Treaty Right. However, says the FSIN in its news release, the Crown has always maintained it is a social program. Oral histories, which have been upheld in court, clearly demonstrate the Treaty Elders had reason to believe shelter was promised by the Crown.

"We try to convince them that adequate housing doesn't cost anybody anything. It saves money in the long run because you have healthier people, healthier families and healthier communities," said Watson.



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Rejection of fish farm lawsuit 'judicial violence': KAFN elder

By David P. Ball
Raven's Eye Writer

Vancouver

A legal showdown over open-net fish farming in B.C. is looming with Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-Kwa-Mish First Nation (KAFN) announcing it will fight for its right to launch a class action lawsuit at the Supreme Court of Canada.

After B.C.'s Court of Appeal ruled on May 3 that Indian Act Bands are forbidden from launching class-action proceedings on behalf of "Aboriginal collectives"—siding with the government—the case has major implications for Aboriginal people.

"What the Court of Appeals decision has done is it effectively said that First Nations ... are second-class procedural citizens," said Reidar Mogerman, the lawyer for Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-Kwa-Mish First Nation (KAFN).

"Because where an ordinary Canadian is a person defined by the legislation who can bring forward class proceedings, the court said a First Nation is so special—it's so hard to figure out who they are—that they can't be one of the entities that joins in a class to litigate.

"That is a huge issue for First Nations; they need all the procedural tools they can get their hands on."

In her ruling, Justice Nicole Garson concluded that an "Aboriginal collective"—defined in this lawsuit as all nations impacted by fish farming in B.C.'s Broughton Archipelago—could not sue the government because it is "not necessarily a legal or organized entity" and that therefore the KAFN band "is not necessarily the proper entity to assert an Aboriginal right."

"There is no evidence that the 'aboriginal collectives' who are class members are organized in a way that could confer legal status on them," Garson ruled, backing the government's appeal against KAFN's class-action lawsuit. "The class is comprised



KAFN Chief Bob Chamberlin

PHOTOS DAVID P. BALL

of parties that do not have the capacity to sue."

For KAFN Chief Bob Chamberlin, named the representative plaintiff on behalf of all Indigenous people impacted by fish farms, banning his nation from suing is discrimination against Aboriginal people.

"The issue they take [is] with how we presented ourselves as First Nations to the courts," said Chamberlin. "I say to Canadians and to British Columbians alike: if our First Nation decides to present itself to anybody, anywhere, under any circumstances, it is our call.

"We are not going to be dictated to by the courts; we are not going to be dictated to by the government about how we organize ourselves. We presented ourselves as we did, as we traditionally did amongst ourselves. For the courts to decide that is not good enough, that it is inappropriate ... that's wrong."

For KAFN Hereditary Chief Bobby Joseph, a retired commercial fisherman and traditional harvester, the Crown would commit an injustice if it

refuses to certify the lawsuit.

"I'm so afraid that if the Supreme Court doesn't allow this appeal to open a legal recourse for us it would be a form of judicial violence against a group of people who should be afforded the same opportunity to seek remedy in our courts, like all other citizens," he told Windspeaker. "We've been excluded too long. Now we're trying to create inclusion."

Joseph said that, before the arrival of nearly 29 open-net fish farms in the KAFN territories, he and his family caught an abundant supply of wild food from the ocean.

"I've watched, right before my eyes, a demise of a lot of the ocean life, a lot of the fish, crab, shrimp, all those species, since the advent of fish farms," he said.

"We rely so heavily on the salmon—it actually reflects our very souls. I don't want our communities to die once that resource fades forever.

"It's so central to our lifestyle, it would be a tragedy to lose it all."

The lawsuit, which has been working its way through the courts since a judge approved it

in December 2010, strives to protect wild salmon stocks from fish farms, which KAFN and environmentalists believe are causing the devastating decline of the species through disease transfer and sea lice.

"We asked to get an answer in court to the question: What impact are salmon farms having on wild salmon?" said Mogerman. "That is a huge scientific question that has been bouncing around for too long. We want someone who has the authority to close it out, and that's the court.

"The question of salmon farms and their impact on salmon is a system-wide question. It's a question that runs throughout the province, and it needs a system-wide answer [for] all the nations who are impacted by the fish farms. That way there's a single answer that is final and binding on government."

The right to sue as a class will have many ramifications for all First Nations, Mogerman said, citing the Northern Gateway pipeline as a project impacting many bands along its route. Likewise, Chamberlin pointed to child apprehension and

residential schools as examples where multiple bands are impacted by government policies.

Garson's decision is an example, Chamberlin added, of Canada's history of preventing Indigenous access to the legal system, harkening back to the long-time ban on hiring legal counsel, only overturned in 1951.

"When we have not given up our title, and our opinions about what we want to see happen in our territories are disregarded, I can see that the Doctrine of Discovery is still very much alive in Canada," Chamberlin said.

"We are still not seen as people to be respected for our opinions of what we wish to see in our areas, our territories, where we've been from the beginning of time. (Our) desires for our own territories are being completely, systematically and consistently disregarded by Canada.

"We are not willing to pretend that salmon will bounce back. We are not willing to take a chance with the life-blood of our people."

A GITXSAN LAND CLAIMS NEGOTIATOR IS IN FAVOUR

of the plan by media mogul David Black to build a refinery in Kitimat for the crude that Enbridge plans to pipe from the Alberta tar sands. This would mean that refined products like gas, diesel and kerosene would be exported on supertankers along BC's coast, instead of the raw bitumen that is at the heart of Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline proposal. Elmer Derrick believes the jobs that would come with the refinery, should it be built, would reduce significantly First Nations unemployment.

"I think he made a bold move and it's commendable," said Derrick about Black. "The whole thing about adding value to Canadian products is very important for me because we can't just continue to ship raw materials out for other people to add value to," Derrick told the Terrance Standard.

The plan would require 6,000 workers for construction and provide another 3,000 permanent jobs afterward.

"I always laugh at the statistics that Canada puts out about unemployment," said Derrick. The recent unemployment report shows a rate of 11.9 per cent for July for the North Coast and Nechako region, which covers just west of Vanderhoof to Haida Gwaii. Derrick said on First Nations reserves, that percentage skyrockets to about 75 per cent. Derrick said he's talked to a number of Aboriginal leaders who are quite interested in the plan. He said he even hopes to help find financing for the plant.

THE COASTAL FIRST NATIONS UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORTS THE

NDP's plan in British Columbia to establish a "made in BC" Northern Gateway Project review process, said executive director Art Sterritt. "First Nations and all British Columbians have been waiting for the Liberal government to provide leadership on this issue and they have steadfastly failed at every turn,"

he said.

NDP leader Adrian Dix promised that if he is elected premier next May, an NDP government would withdraw from the current environmental assessment of the project and set up an independent review.

The current National Energy Board review process is seriously flawed, according to Sterritt. "Enbridge is not respecting First Nations' Aboriginal rights and title, which includes meaningful consultation and prior informed consent for the project."

Sterritt said the Northern Gateway project is dangerous and short-sighted and would only make oil companies rich and leave oil spills in its wake, as well as cause environmental destruction and long-term economic damage to local communities, he said.

"Mr. Dix's plan would ensure that all the work we have completed in the last decade would result in a sustainable economy on the coast."

Tsleil-Waututh Nation, however, is calling on Dix to clarify what a "made in B.C." assessment of the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline would look like, and also that it would apply to Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project. The nation opposes the Kinder Morgan pipeline, the end of which would be in the heart of Tsleil-Waututh territory.

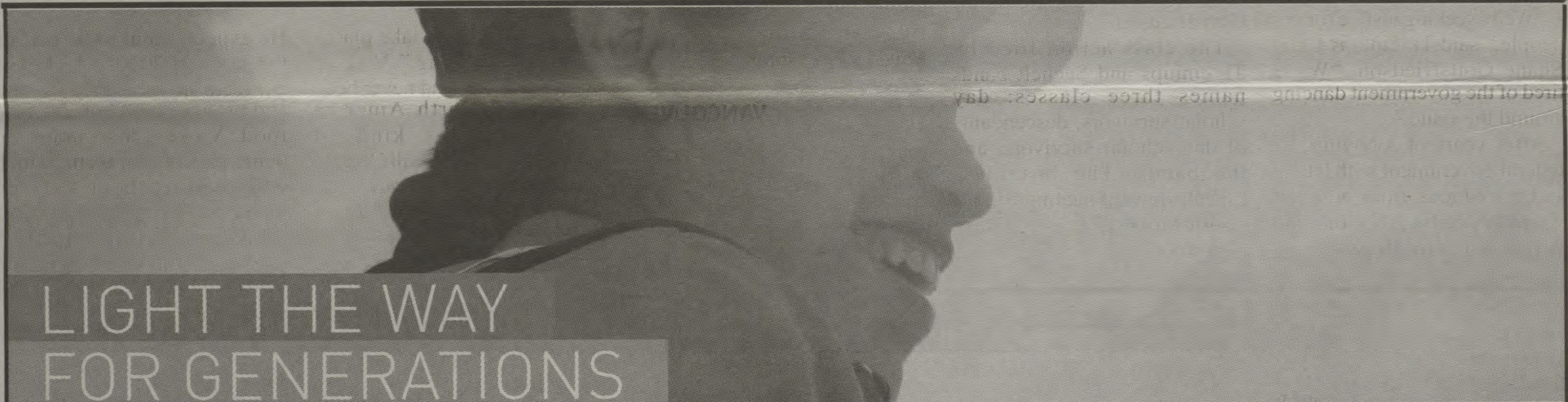
"We commend Adrian Dix's decision to withdraw from the federal government's Enbridge Northern Gateway review process. We, too, feel that the federal process is flawed," said Chief Justin George. "However, his announcement falls short. We need to know if the NDP's proposed assessment would also apply to Kinder Morgan's plans."

Also lacking in Dix's announcement was mention of First Nations' legal rights. "Governments have a legal obligation to consult with First Nations," said George. "Should the B.C. NDP form government, we look forward to working closely with them to ensure that meaningful government-to-government

consultation with First Nations occurs."

SINCE THE 1970S, POLLUTION IN COWICHAN BAY ON VANCOUVER

Island has caused a ban on the shellfish harvest. But with efforts from government agencies, forest companies, conservation groups and First Nations like the Cowichan Tribes, a shellfish harvest could be a reality by 2020. "Those clams are the canary in the coal mine," said Chief Harvey Alphonse. "When we can eat them again, we will have come a long way toward cleaning up this magnificent watershed." The Cowichan Valley Regional District and the Cowichan Tribes announced a two-and-a-half year, \$200,000 project that will begin to identify contaminants in the Bay, and their sources, and begin to clean up the waters there and the two rivers that drain into it. Water samples taken upstream from Cowichan Bay will determine a baseline. In year one, they will focus on the lower watershed and expand from there. The Cowichan Watershed Partnership Project "is intended to assess the watershed to figure out where we need to set priorities," said John Deniseger, head of the environmental quality section of the provincial Environment Ministry. "Water runs downhill and ultimately runs into the bay," he said. "It's about many small sources of contamination." A major player in the endeavor is the Joint Utilities Board, which runs Duncan's sewage-treatment system. The board has committed to get the wastewater treatment discharge out of the Cowichan River. Jean Crowder, MP for Nanaimo-Cowichan, said the partnership is "a really important first step." It's unclear the role of the federal government, she said, until new fish regulations that are part of Bill C-38, the omnibus budget legislation that included changes to the Fisheries Act, are announced. "Bill C-38 definitely is going to change the way we look at fish habitat," she said.



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BC bands launch day scholar class action

By Shari Narine
Raven's Eye Writer

Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Indian Band

Joan Jack is confident that another class action launched in federal court will only strengthen the position of day scholars and day school students as they seek recognition and compensation for the abuse they suffered in federally-funded schools.

Jack's law firm has been acting on behalf of day scholars and day school students since filing the McLean Day School Class Action in federal court in Winnipeg in 2009.

In August, the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Indian Band and Sechelt Indian Band filed a joint claim class action in federal court in British Columbia on behalf of both bands' students who attended Indian residential schools as day scholars.

"We must remember there were four national class actions in the residential schools and 17 individual ones before Canada would even step up to the negotiating table," said Jack, referring to the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA), which was signed in 2007.

"We're seeking justice for our people," said Tk'emlups Chief Shane Gottsfriedson. "We're tired of the government dancing around the issue."

After years of lobbying the federal government with letters and resolutions from both the Assembly of First Nations and provincially, Gottsfriedson said

the two bands are taking the final step.

"Now the only action we have is to fight for our people through the court system, and Canada should be ashamed of itself for doing that," he said.

Gottsfriedson said the decision was made not to join the McLean Day School Class Action because "our strategy is different than other ones."

Both Tk'emlups and Sechelt Indian Bands were sites of Indian residential schools that were included by the federal government on the prescribed approved list of schools under the IRSSA. However, children who attended these residential schools during the day and went home in the evenings—referred to as day scholars—are not eligible for Common Experience Payments, unlike their residential school counterparts.

They could qualify, though, for compensation under the Independent Assessment Process. Many day scholars suffered physical, sexual and emotional abuse. All were exposed to loss of their culture, language and way of life.

"When our day scholars went to school, that was not the type of education we envisioned that they would receive," said Gottsfriedson.

The class action filed by Tk'emlups and Sechelt bands names three classes: day scholar survivors, descendants of day scholar survivors, and the bands. The last class "speaks toward healing for our communities," said Gottsfriedson.

He is confident that support received from the AFN, the First Nations Summit, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations will help the cause.

"I can say there's one hell of a movement going across the country now because there's lots of class action suits. We're working hard to bring more awareness about who was left out," said Gottsfriedson.

Canada has 30 days to respond to the Tk'emlups and Sechelt Indian Bands class action.

Meanwhile the McLean Day School Class Action is gathering more information before it proceeds.

Jack says after the claim was filed, the federal government's response was to ask for more information on the students involved and what schools they attended.

Jack filed the class action at the direction of Ray Mason, president of Spirit Wind, an organization in Manitoba that supports all Indian school survivors. Mason was one of the residential school survivors who

was part of the Canada-wide action that led to the IRSSA.

"When we set out, our original personal mission was to help all survivors. It was Canada that separated us," said Mason, who attended three different residential schools over a 12-year period. He has friends and family who are day scholars and day school students—students who attended schools that operated solely during the day and had no residences—and knows they suffered like he did.

The apology issued by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in 2008 did not acknowledge day school students or day scholars.

The McLean Day School Class Action is the only national class action suit and has 11,000 signatories to date. More survivors are expected to sign up. Until recently when Jack began requesting new signatories ante up \$25 for administration costs, all the work undertaken had been at Jack's expense. The recent AFN national chief candidate said she has borrowed \$150,000 to keep her law firm operating and cashed in her Great West Life

pension.

She points out that as part of the IRSSA settlement, lawyer Tony Merchant, who represented the survivors, "negotiated \$45 million as a pre-settlement amount for his firm, because for 20 years he worked without pay."

To raise the \$350,000 needed to keep moving forward, Mason sent out letters asking "every local First Nation/Inuit/Métis government in this great country ... to contribute a minimum of \$500 to our cause (so) we would meet our goal and have our day in court!"

"There was very little that came forward," he said. "I'm very disappointed. After all, we've been working at this for years and years at a volunteer basis."

Jack said she will continue to push for the federal government to take responsibility.

"No justice, no peace," said Jack. "It's not going to go away. The fact (is) that the ... purpose of the day schools was the same as the residential schools, which was to kill the Indian in the child, to assimilate us, to fill us with cultural shame."

Chefs prepare to conquer the world

By Shari Narine
Raven's Eye Writer

VANCOUVER

This October in Erfurt, Germany, judges from around the world will see what Aboriginal cuisine looks like. Four years from now, they will taste it.

The 2012 World Culinary Olympics is the second step in a three-step, 10-year plan formulated by Chef Ben Genaille to bring Aboriginal cuisine to the fore.

The journey began in 2007 when Genaille's five-member Aboriginal culinary team began training with the Canadian National Team.

The next year, they accompanied the national team to the World Culinary Olympics, also held in Erfurt, as support members. The national team garnered five gold medals and came in fifth in the world in that competition.

"The intention was to go there in 2008 with the national team, see the big show first hand and have more of an understanding of what it takes to perform at that level and the organization that goes along with it," said Genaille.

Culinary team member Faith Vickers didn't make the 2008 trip, but she joined Genaille in a scouting trip to Erfurt in May, where they checked out the location for accommodations, sites for preparation and practice, and where the

competition would take place.

"It was amazing," Vickers said, noting she had never been outside of North America before. "I was kind of overwhelmed and really, really anticipating and nervous."

Aboriginal Culinary Team Canada—all members are from British Columbia—will join five provincial teams to represent Canada in regional competition. Regional competition is cold food, which means food displayed and not eaten.

Vickers will be preparing tapas or bite-sized hors d'oeuvres; six that can be eaten cold and six that can be eaten hot. There will be five of each.

"It's a lot of work, a lot of little pieces, but I've been doing a lot of practising on it so I think I've got it down," she said. She expects team members will be awake 24 to 48 hours straight leading to the day of the competition, preparing their plates. Glazing will be left for the last minute to give the food as fresh an appearance as possible.

Joining Vickers on the team are Paul Natrall, who will be preparing a platter display for eight people; Samantha Nyce, who is in charge of a five-course plated meal, which includes appetizer, soup and dessert; and Jessica Knox, who may do pastry or provide support. A pastry chef may be added to the team.

Genaille has also invited two young Aboriginal chefs from Winnipeg as support members.

He expects them to be part of the team in 2016, which will compete in the national class and produce both hot and cold food. Vickers also plans on being part of that team, which will require about a dozen members.

Like every chef, Genaille is tight-lipped about his menu and ingredients.

"Judges are looking for something they haven't seen," he said. "(Our) coolers when we travel will be sealed and we're not sharing that information with anybody."

The Aboriginal culinary team will be taking the key ingredients from home, because they are "very unique to the Aboriginal world" and are not available to purchase in the local markets. Genaille teases that "we are hoping to have" oil from the Oolichans, cuckolds from Haida Gwaii, herring from the Nisga'a, as well as moose meat.

Between each Olympics, there are international events that teams can attend. While the Aboriginal culinary team did not make any international appearances between 2008 and 2012, Genaille said that that will change over the next four years.

Money and time are also issues, as all this is a volunteer venture. Genaille is organizing local fundraisers and working on getting sponsorship dollars to help cover the approximately \$40,000 it will cost to make the trip to Erfurt.

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While it will be a long journey for his team from the World Culinary Olympics of 2008 to what he hopes to be the pinnacle in 2016, the journey has been even longer for Genaille.

A Cree from Manitoba, Genaille grew up hunting and fishing, preparing traditional Aboriginal fare. He turned that love of food into a career and became a cook/chef 30 years ago. He has "worked in every ethnic restaurant" and cooked in kitchens in Vancouver restaurants that received rave reviews and awards. But that wasn't enough.

After 18 years in the kitchen, he took a business management course and began teaching troubled youth at Picasso Café in Vancouver.

"Getting into teaching and working with youth at risk ... is an amazing experience," he said. "That's a lot more rewarding for me at this point in my life."

He took his training to the Musqueam Indian Band in Vancouver, starting a culinary program that grew in popularity. The food became a tourist attraction in a city that is open to varying ethnic fare.

Genaille then taught at Vancouver Community College and Northwest Community



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Chef and team manager Ben Genaille (third from right) with students from the Aboriginal Culinary program.

College (in Terrace, BC).

"It's about evolving Aboriginal cuisine to make it mainstream. Using the techniques that we learn as cooks, to work with food and applying that to Indigenous ingredients; ingredients that have always been part of North America," said Genaille.

Competition in the World Culinary Olympics is about

more than promoting Aboriginal cuisine and getting it into the mainstream, he said.

"I tell these young competitors that they are role models in the Aboriginal world and we need to encourage other young Aboriginal kids to be interested in cooking and see where it can take you," he said.

Vickers gladly takes on that position both at home and

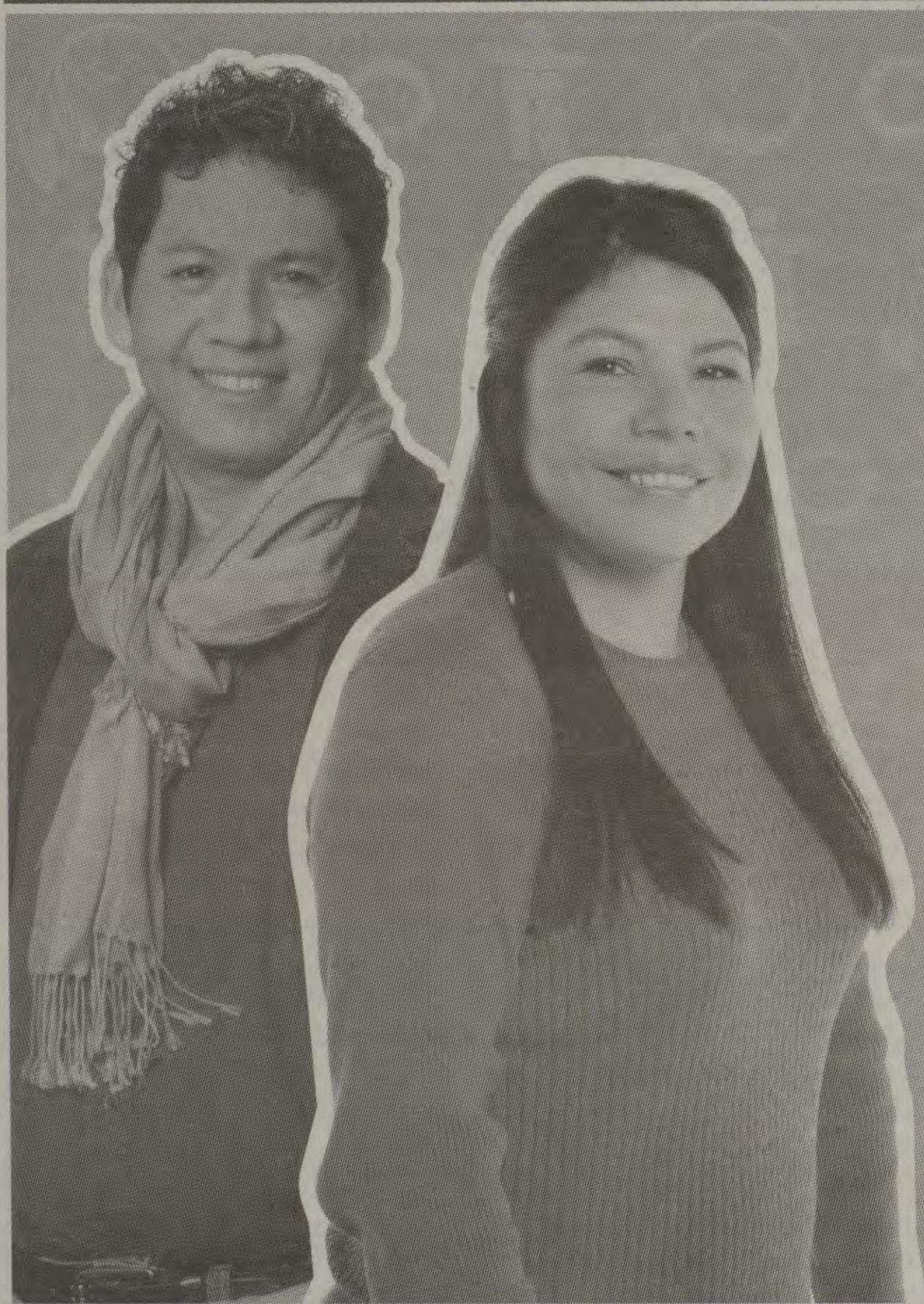
abroad.

"I'm beyond excited," she said. "I'm scared but we've done a lot of practising and I know we're going to do well. We've worked really hard and, I think, we're not only looking to walk home with the gold but to sharing our food. I think that's my personal main priority. Showing these people what Aboriginal people and their

food is like."

The team will be in Erfurt from Oct. 4 to Oct. 11. The World Culinary Olympics take place from Oct. 6 to Oct. 10. An Elder will be accompanying the group to "keep us all healthy and grounded," said Genaille.

The last time an Aboriginal culinary team from Canada competed in the World Culinary Olympics was 1994.



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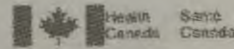
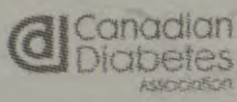
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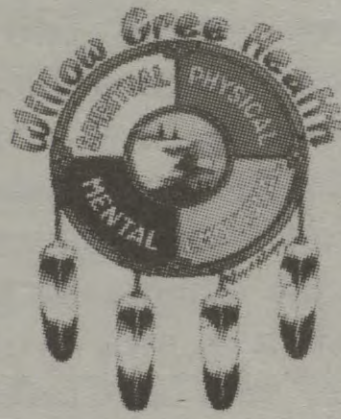


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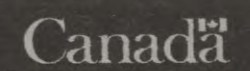
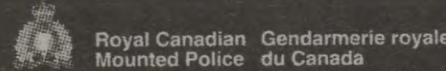
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
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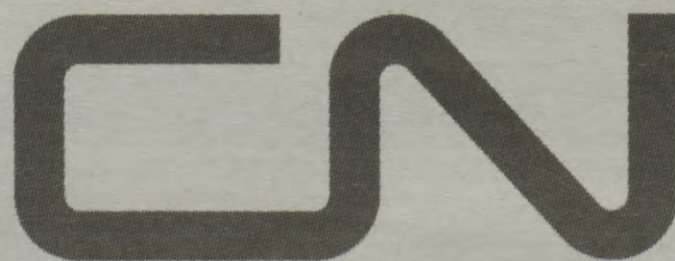
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Nomination results for upcoming Métis election mixed

By SHARI NARINE
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SASKATOON

The once put off election for the Provincial Métis Council for the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan has yielded mixed results for nominations.

While choices for the executive positions are healthy – including six vying for the title of president including incumbent Robert Doucette – out of 12 regions, only five are holding elections. Two regions had no nominations filed, while five others saw nominees awarded the regional director's position by acclamation.

"In the democratic process, it's always nice to have a choice," said Ian Craven, chief electoral officer and partner with MNP-LLP.

Doucette, who has held the position of president for the past five years, will be heading to the polls against Maureen Belanger, Raymond Laliberte, Bryan Lee, Wayne McKenzie, and Mavis Taylor. Taylor recently held the position of director for Western Region 1, while Lee was president of Local 108 Fish Lake.

The position of vice president is being sought by three new candidates upon the retirement of Alan Morin. Vying for the position are Darren Deschambeault (Prince Albert), Dale McAuley (Cumberland House) and Gerald Morin (Saskatoon).

Incumbent Max Morin is fighting against three others for one position of secretary: May Henderson (Saskatoon), Roxanne Kennedy (North Battleford) and Tammy Mah (Prince Albert).

For treasurer, Louis Gardiner is attempting to keep his position against Guy Bouvier (Meadow Lake) and Morley Norton (Regina).

In by acclamation are incumbents Lennard Morin (Eastern Region 1), Helene Johnson (Eastern Region 2), and Billy Kennedy (Western

Region 1A). Also in by acclamation as new directors are Chester J. Herman for Northern Region 2 and Lela Arnold in Western Region 3.

"Being acclaimed is not necessarily a bad thing," said Craven. "It could be that they're doing a really exemplary job."

The only regional director election that involves an incumbent is taking place in Western Region 2, where Darlene McKay is attempting to hold on to her position against Janice Henry; both women are from Prince Albert. In Eastern Region 2A, Patricia Bigstone and Derek Langan, both from Yorkton, are running. In Northern Region 3, candidates are Glen Hector McCallum (Pinehouse Lake) and Ric Richardson (Green Lake). The candidates for Western Region 1 all hail from Meadow Lake: Michael Bell, Wally Chatelaine and Henry (Guy) Tourond. In Western Region 2A, Penny Hurton (Saskatoon) and Wayne Whitford (Biggar) are the candidates.

No nominations were received for Eastern Region 3 and Northern Region 1.

MN-S by-laws call for by-elections to take place after the general election to fill those still-vacant seats, says Craven.

The election will be held Sept. 8. Advanced polling took place Sept. 1. All Métis citizens, 16 years and older and residing in Saskatchewan, are eligible to vote.

The past five years for the MN-S has been plagued by dissension among members of the Provincial Métis Council, resulting in lack of quorum at many meetings and the inability to make decisions. The lack of cohesion was never more prominent than when the original May 30, 2012 election date was set aside by a judge after legal action was taken by MN-S members Bob McLeod and Ron Lamabe. McLeod served as director for Western Region 2A.

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(From left) Dr. Angelina Weenie, Department Head of Professional Programs at First Nations University of Canada; Dr. Lynn Wells, Vice President Academic at FNUUniv; Dr. Fay Myers, President of Parkland College; and Gwen Machnee, University Program Coordinator at Parkland College signed an agreement at Fort Qu'Appelle between the two educational institutions.

FNUUniv, Parkland College enter into agreement

This fall, the First Nations University of Canada will launch a four-year Bachelor of Indigenous Education program at Fort Qu'Appelle in partnership with Parkland Regional College. "Community-based programming is central to the First Nations University of Canada's mission. Educating students in their communities leads to greater retention resulting in graduates staying in their communities upon completion. This partnership is another important step in extending the reach of our programs," said Dr. Lynn Wells, Vice President, Academic at FNUUniv, in a news release. "This is a program which I am confident will yield many benefits for both the First Nations and non-First Nations communities in our area," said Gwen Machnee, University Program Coordinator at Parkland College.

Flooding assistance needed from provincial, federal governments

The James Smith Cree Nation has received help from the provincial and federal governments to temporarily address the issue of flooding which has become a growing health crisis. Funding will be used for roads, houses and schools. Flooding and washed out roads caused the First Nation to issue an evacuation order Aug. 3 for nine homes and 123 band members. Evacuees stayed in hotels in Melfort. At least nine homes in the community had drinking water contaminated when flood water leaked into their cisterns and in mid-August, a child had to be airlifted from the community after becoming sick from drinking contaminated water. Last month the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program met with leadership to review the rising crisis. The provincial program provided \$110,000 to repair damage from previous years of flooding. The money falls well short of what is needed to repair the damage that the band's independent engineer suggested would cost a minimum of \$3.2 million to meet safety standards.

Action on NRTA discussed by western treaty nations

The western treaty nations gathered in Prince Albert Aug. 6-9 where discussion centred around the Natural Resources Transfer Agreement, which shifted control of Crown land and natural resources from the federal government to the provincial governments in 1930.

"One thing is certain at this point, we are not asking the governments to begin the revenue sharing agenda, as we are going ahead and dealing with industry with or without the governments of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Alberta and Canada. We still have the rights we inherited from our ancestors to proceed in this manner," said Brian Hardlotte, Vice-Chief of the Prince Albert Grand Council. The input from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba First Nations was compiled and will go to the third summit in Alberta in 2013, where a draft document will be drawn up and voted on.

Controversy surrounds land sale at Fur Lake

The Mistawasis First Nation is interested in purchasing protected lakefront Crown land near Shellbrook with plans to build cabins and develop the lakefront property as a way to create jobs and revenue for its community. While a portion of the region is already developed, the land in question is protected under the provincial Wildlife Habitat

Protection Act. The First Nation has received support from the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the Saskatoon Tribal Council to purchase and develop the 28,000 acres. A management plan was created for the land, which sits in the transition zone between aspen parkland and the boreal forest, in the mid-1990s, indicating that there is a "high habitat capability for wildlife" including black bear, beaver, coyote, mink, otter, muskrat and wolf and northern flying squirrel. There is also an "abundant bird population" ranging from ducks to grebes to great-crested flycatchers. The Fur Lakes purchase would be funded with part of the band's \$17-million specific claim settlement. In 2001, the band received the money as compensation for the forced surrender of large portions of its land base between 1911 and 1919.

FNUC, fired executives reach settlement

The First Nations University of Canada reached an out-of-court settlement with two of its former senior officials. Charles Pratt, former president, and Allan Ducharme, former VP of administration, were put on leave and then fired in 2010 following allegations of misuse of funds and submission of inappropriate expense claims. Both men denied the allegations. Ducharme filed a statement of claim in court, while Pratt sought arbitration over the firings. Details of the settlement were not released. "(FNUUniv) wishes to make clear that neither Mr. Pratt nor Mr. Ducharme were found to be in dereliction of their respective duties nor guilty of any financial impropriety," said an Aug. 3 news release from the university. "Similarly, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Ducharme would like to publicly express their confidence in the university's current board of directors, its administration and its academic personnel."

MLTC to establish renewable energy project

The Meadow Lake Tribal Council is undertaking its largest project ever. The Meadow Lake Bioenergy Centre will run on bark, branches, sawdust and wood chips from the NorSask Forest Products sawmill. It will generate up to 36 megawatts of renewable low-emissions power, which is enough to power roughly 30,000 homes. The bioenergy centre will receive \$499,000 from the federal government. The MLTC Resource Development Inc. has signed a 25-year power purchase agreement with SaskPower, the primary supplier of electricity in Saskatchewan, a first of this size for a First Nation corporation in the province.

"This project is the culmination of our investment in, and a commitment to, MLTC's growth that will generate many economic opportunities for our First Nations," said Eric Sylvestre, Tribal Chief, in a news release.

New project announced to address homelessness

Funding from the federal government to Methy Construction and Maintenance Corporation will provide Aboriginal people who are homeless with new transitional housing. Methy Construction is receiving over \$445,000 in Homelessness Partnering Strategy funding to create four transitional housing units for single-parent Aboriginal families who are homeless. The HPS provides structures and supports that help people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency. The HPS encourages a housing-first approach, recognizing that housing stability is an important first step in addressing homelessness. It is also necessary for the success of other interventions such as education and training, the development of life skills and the management of mental health issues.

Grassroots opposition continues against nuclear waste storage

Dene, Cree and Métis Elders gathered in South Bay Aug. 3-6 with grassroots activists who are worried that their communities may become home of a potential nuclear waste site in northern Saskatchewan. The federal Nuclear Waste Management Organization is planning a deep geological repository to place all of Canada's nuclear waste underground in the rock. In the latest stage of the decades-long search for a long-term nuclear waste disposal site, NWMO has received expressions of interest to host the site from the Saskatchewan communities of Pinehouse, the English River First Nation and Creighton. Interest from several places in Ontario has also been expressed. Sixty per cent of eligible voters in Pinehouse signed a petition against nuclear waste disposal in northern Saskatchewan. The Committee for Future Generations, a grassroots organization in the region, presented the petition with more than 12,000 signatures to the provincial legislature last year. Opposition continues to grow in Pinehouse and around the province.

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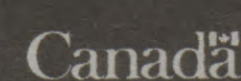
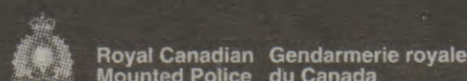
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Hoop Dance Troupe part of Diamond Jubilee Celebration

The Constable Robin Cameron Education Complex Hoop Dance Troupe performed during a ceremony at the Diamond Jubilee Celebration held at the Brandt Centre in Regina on Aug. 11. The Diamond Jubilee Celebration told a story that is steeped in history and tradition, but one that also celebrates Canada's future. The troupe is named after Cameron, who was born on the Beardy's Okemasis First Nation. Cameron and patrol partner Const. Marc Bourdages died in July 2006 as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty in Spiritwood.

Housing cuts will aggravate poor living conditions

By SHARI NARINE
Sage Contributing Editor

SASKATOON

First Nations in Saskatchewan are well on their way to becoming the new Attawapiskat.

"There are a lot of our communities that are very, very close to having the same situation as we saw in Ontario and I'm sure there are many regions in Canada that can come forward and say we are in the same situation as what Canada saw when they saw the housing conditions in (Attawapiskat)," said Morley Watson, Vice-Chief with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

Watson said Saskatchewan First Nations' housing and financial personnel will be

gathering shortly to develop a strategy to help raise awareness about the deplorable living conditions on reserves.

"We're going to have to draw attention to Canadians about our communities. Our calls (to government) are following upon deaf ears and ... we're going to have to get this issue out and ... let the rest of Canada know the housing dilemma our First Nations people continue to face," he said.

He points out that only after Attawapiskat Chief and council brought the issue to the attention of the general Canadian public did Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada step in and take action. Attawapiskat declared a state of emergency on Oct. 28, 2011, over unsafe living conditions as

members were living in tents and sheds and multiple families were crowded into single homes. ANAC put a third-party manager in place and moved in 22 modular homes at \$2.2 million, repairs were carried out on the DeBeers ATCO trailers, renovations begun on three houses, and the healing lodge was retrofitted. The federal court recently ruled that ANAC's approach to third-party management of Attawapiskat First Nation was "unreasonable in all the circumstances of this case."

"The demand for adequate housing in our First Nations communities continues to grow and unfortunately the (band) councils aren't given the resources," said Watson.

Currently, there is a shortage

of 11,000 homes on reserves across the province. Prince Albert Grand Council, which is Saskatchewan's largest tribal council, has an occupancy rate double the national average, and estimates its member communities require 4,000 new units just to meet the off-reserve rate.

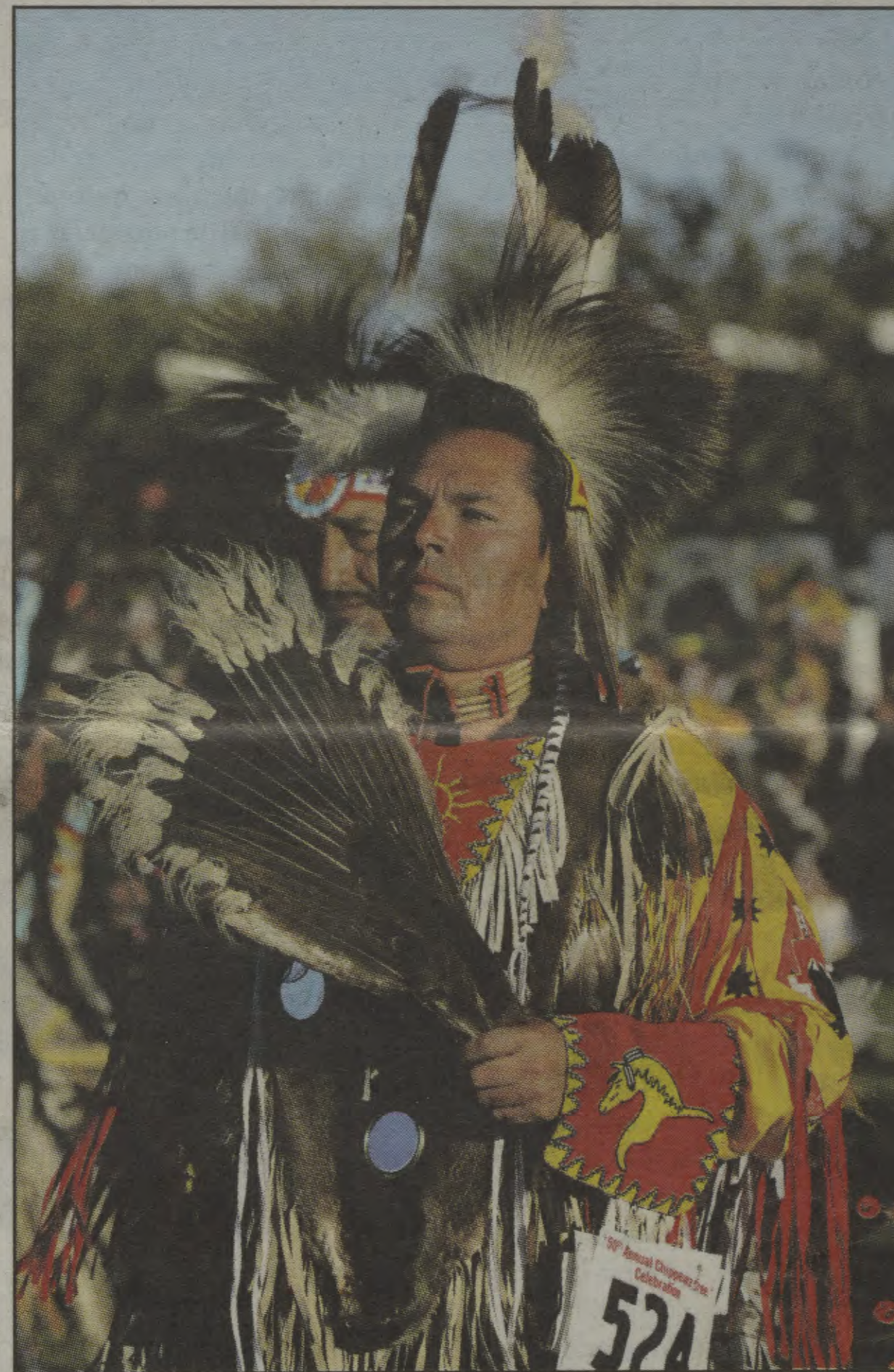
Lack of adequate housing – both in numbers and conditions – has resulted in members living off-reserve in urban centres, overcrowding, and living in units that are uninhabitable.

"We continue to try and convince government that housing is a good investment because when you have overcrowding or when you have people in deplorable conditions, there is a cost, and that normally is a health cost," said Watson.

He says that housing on reserves is not the only issue facing First Nations. Affordable housing in the cities is also a concern for band members who have to seek accommodation elsewhere.

First Nations hold that shelter is a Treaty Right. However, says the FSIN in its news release, the Crown has always maintained it is a social program. Oral histories, which have been upheld in court, clearly demonstrate the Treaty Elders had reason to believe shelter was promised by the Crown.

"We try to convince them that adequate housing doesn't cost anybody anything. It saves money in the long run because you have healthier people, healthier families and healthier communities," said Watson.



[strictly speaking]

Midnight anywhere in Canada

Anybody familiar with Woody Allen's recent "Midnight In Paris" will understand my nostalgia. It tells of a man magically traveling back to the 1920s where he would rub elbows with such seminal artists as Hemingway, Picasso, Dali and Fitzgerald who had no idea they were in a defining time.

Upon reflection, the end of the 1980s and early 1990s were to me like the 1920s of Paris. While I have little interest in travelling back to those long gone days of 10 cent chicken wings and leaner tummies, I do remember socializing and partying with the likes of little known Native actors and writers like Tomson Highway, Daniel David Moses, Graham Greene, Gary Farmer, and others. We'd all sit around wondering why we weren't rich and famous, and bitching about how expensive chicken wings were.

Today, we're just wondering why we aren't rich.

To most Canadians today, these names are well known and prime examples of Aboriginal excellence. To me, that special era was the beginning of what I refer to as the Contemporary Native Theatrical Renaissance.

Someday books will be written about those halcyon days, of "The



THE URBANE INDIAN Drew Hayden Taylor

Rez Sisters" and "Dances With Wolves." Over the years, this kind of Indigenous cultural renaissance has spread to a variety of other disciplines and fields, far too numerous to mention.

But this wasn't always the case. Growing up on the Curve Lake First Nation (back then before the political renaissance when it was simply called a reserve), such national and international examples of Indigenous talent and expertise were unknown to me.

As a struggling young writer trying to find his voice, it was disheartening that there were very few literary role models of Aboriginal descent for me to emulate and embrace. There was the odd book, most notably Marie Campbell's "Halfbreed" or the fabled "Tales From The Smokehouse," written by the great

Aboriginal author Herbert T Shwartz, but even those didn't make their way to our small village library or the school library till long after I had left to find my own personal renaissance.

Luckily, today's First Nations youth is not suffering that same fate. There has been a humongous shift in the larger Canadian Aboriginal universe.

As a result, there are numerous masters of many disciplines frolicking about in Canadian society. There are fields of study where you can't shake a Ph.D. without hitting an Aboriginal expert (that is to say, an expert that is Aboriginal, not an expert on Aboriginals).

There's a prominent non-Native woman in the States, an ex-con of some sort I believe, who is famous for saying 'It's a good thing.' Up

here in the Native community, we think it's a great thing. And every year, it's celebrated and broadcast on television for Canada to appreciate.

As a freelance writer, one of the projects I have been privileged and honoured to be involved with is the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards. I have written the show for the last two years. This is a gala evening that celebrates the highest achievements of Aboriginal people in 14 challenging and diverse fields like medicine, arts, law, business and commerce, education and politics. This is truly an expression of the renaissance at its finest.

For thousands of years, Native people were highly successful as businessmen, artists, politicians, soldiers, and displayed a plethora of other highly sought talents. Past and present, you could not survive in this country that would eventually be called Canada without a healthy and vast knowledge of the land.

Then, through no fault of our own, there was a multi-generational dip, a black hole if you will, in social, political and artistic accomplishments due to the supposed and questionable educational environment supplied

by residential schools.

Keeping with the renaissance metaphor, those could be considered as the Dark Ages that preceded the European Renaissance. Ironically, it was the church that kept the light of civilization burning during the original Dark Ages (several murderous Crusades notwithstanding), and then a few hundred years later in residential schools, the churches were the ones peeing on the Aboriginal light.

Still, it burned bright and today it continues to light the path.

In today's world, it's been said education is the next buffalo – free range and plentiful. The more you consume, the healthier and stronger you become. My people, the Ojibway in central Ontario, never had the buffalo but we understand the symbolism. When necessary, we substitute deer, pickerel or KFC. And as you know, you can't have a decent renaissance without a good meal.

A lot has changed since my childhood in Curve Lake, and my young adulthood in the big city. Maybe someday Woody Allen will do a movie about those decades long past.

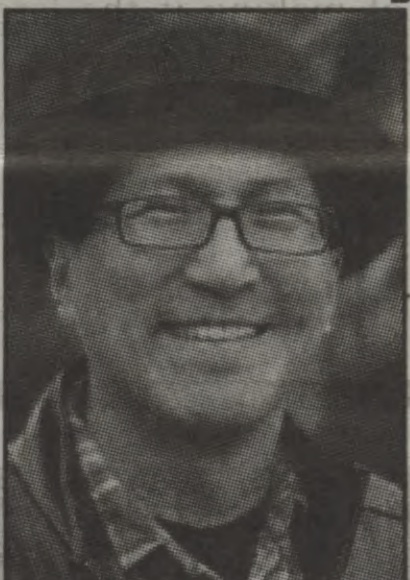
Midnight In Toronto. I want Johnny Depp to play me.

A thousand ways can connect you to the spirit

There are three traditional hand drums in our home. Two were gifts and one was made by my wife a handful of summers ago. They hang on our walls as reminders that we're supposed to be prayerful, to be in gratitude and live our lives as though they were a ceremony.

When we center our lives on the traditional teachings within those drums everything is harmony. We use them at gatherings and ceremonies or whenever the feeling of praise and thankfulness hits us. They're good friends and their comforting presence is a blessing. I always feel empowered when I play them, uplifted, made more.

For a long time I had no access to the drums of my people. I was gone for over 20 years, lost in the maze of foster homes and adoption and I was effectively removed from all things Ojibway. But when I found my way back in the late '70s I found my way back to traditional teachings and the vibrant culture of my people. My life became better, happier, more fulfilled and when I learned to drum and sing with it, I found a measure of redemption I had



WOLF SONGS & FIRE CHATS

Richard Wagamese

ached for.

Nowadays, singing with a drum is natural and my wife and I often collaborate and sing and drum together. It's wonderful. There is a resilient strength in drumming that feels right to us.

Maybe it's the echo of the eternal heartbeat within it that resonates with us so maybe it's just the knowledge that we are engaged in something tribal, something real, something ancient and something infinitely healing. Either way we are heartened and happy when we drum.

But there's also a traditional African drum, a djembe, that came into my life a little over a year ago. Its head is made of goatskin and its body is the

hollowed out trunk of a tree. There's a hefty webbing of rope that keeps everything in place and provides a carrying sling. It has nothing to do with my Ojibway roots or heritage but it still affects me in the same good way.

I've listened to African music over the years and part of my music collection is devoted to it. I've always found something similar in the tribal inflections in the music and the rhythms have always entranced me, whether in the guitar of Ali Farka Toure or the mande, the gourd harp, of Toumani Diabate.

But until that drum came into our home I'd never considered how much that form of expression might fulfill me. I

mean, I'm a North American Indian after all.

But when I sit and play that drum and allow myself to just express my emotions through it, the time just slips away and I become transported just like I do when I use our traditional instruments. There's joy to be found there and nowadays my life would be less without that African drum.

I sat on our deck one sunny day in mid-morning. My wife was away and I was lonely. But it was a glorious spring day and I began playing a soft, slow beat on that djembe drum.

I closed my eyes and just allowed it to flow out of me. I beat out that solitary rhythm and I was swept up in its spell, scarcely able to believe that it was coming from me. I don't know how long I sat there with my eyes closed and my face raised to the sky and my hands beating out that soft rhythm, but I do know that nothing else existed in my world except that sense of communion with the drum and the sky.

When I stopped and looked around me it was the same day,

but the lonely feeling had vanished. In its place was a sense of order, of belonging, of being connected – exactly the feelings I get from using an Ojibway drum.

There was no place for loneliness in that. There was no place for emptiness and there was definitely no place for self-pity. Instead there was only room for gratitude and a sense that Creation was smiling and that I was an essential part of that glee.

There are a multitude of spiritual tools in this world. There are thousands of ways to be connected to spirit. I learned some time ago that I limit myself when I tell myself that I can only express myself with Native things.

The truth is that there is no one race of people, no band, no tribe that has a claim on the experience of the spiritual or a claim to owning the right way.

Because it's all about spirit. There's no color or no race in spirit – there's only connectedness and celebration and we all need that.

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This is an ignorance that, to many, is astounding in itself and not to be believed, but we will give him the benefit of the doubt, given the sorry state of education in Canada regarding

first peoples, and because when it was pointed out to him, he removed the offensive burger names (yes, there were others).

The point is, someone decided to take a stand, and,

low and behold, others were quick to stand up too and presto-chango, something wrong is now right.

This month in Cranbrook there was push back against the local Royal Canadian

Legion newsletter that contained a joke about killing Indians. One person complained, and the newsletter was recalled, and the policy of the legion was adjusted so that the main office is now to review

the local chapters' newsletters before they are published.

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Reamus Wilson — [windspeaker confidential]

Windspeaker: What one quality do you most value in a friend?

Reamus Wilson: That would depend on the friend, but generally I'd say honesty.

W: What is it that really makes you mad?

R.W.: I wouldn't use the word 'mad' but I dislike the denial of family, on any level.

W: When are you at your happiest?

R.W.: When I am closest to my children ...

W: What one word best describes you when you are at your worst?

R.W.: Focused.

W: What one person do you most admire and why?

R.W.: My Mother, without a doubt. She's my mother!

W: What is the most difficult thing you've ever had to do?

R.W.: Let love go.

W: What is your greatest accomplishment?

R.W.: My Children, of course!

W: What one goal remains out of reach?

R.W.: Unite Native America!

W: If you couldn't do what you're doing today, what would you be doing?

R.W.: I'd probably be Grand

Chief of Native America, maybe the first Native Prime Minister of Canada or something along those lines.

W: What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

R.W.: Don't eat yellow snow.

W: Did you take it?

R.W.: Yes, but the banana-flavored snow cones are tempting.

W: How do you hope to be remembered?

R.W.: I hope to be remembered by my children as a proud father.

Reamus Wilson is the designer and sole proprietor of Ya-Native.com, a Website that shines the spotlight on Native Canadians and Native Americans. If it's Native-related, he wants to have it there as a resource. He believes Native people needed a social media networking platform to showcase all the talent out there.

Wilson was born and raised in Victoria, B.C., is a Gitksan by heritage and a member of the Lax Seel Wilp, from the Kispiox Village in the Tsimshian Territory. He was raised by his mother and has a younger half-sister and many step siblings. "I am a proud father of two handsome boys and a beautiful baby girl. Family is my life. I try very hard to set a good example and lead a healthy lifestyle for my children to follow." He says, "I studied to be a welder,



Reamus Wilson

PHOTO: SUPPLIED

paramedic, commercial seafood diver, dive-master, PC technician, website designer, SEO, Social Media Technician, and a Network/ Internet Security Specialist. I appreciate labour-intensive work to keep the body strong, which includes iron work, construction, boat building, and carpentry. I also have an entrepreneurial spirit where I've partnered up to establish ventures in pet food manufacturing, computer/network repair services, moving company, small

business digital solution services, SCUBA dive chartering, and currently I operate a sole-proprietorship boarding company while I wait for my 'one special client' that will make my Social Media Management Services flourish."

As for what he does in his spare time, he continues to focus on the growth of Ya-Native.com in the hopes of making it the largest Native Social Media site that offers Natives the opportunity to connect with their own culture.

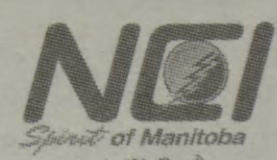
He says of the site itself, "Originally I established profiles on Facebook and MySpace to centralize and collect digital materials of Native America. The profiles were an instant sensation and gained popularity immediately. I expanded my digital search to over 40 additional social mediums and Ya-Native.com became the unique hub to the largest Social Media Network where I can showcase any digitalized material that will interest Native America."

[radio's most active]

ABORIGINAL RADIO MOST ACTIVE LIST

ARTIST	TITLE	ALBUM
Ali Fontaine	Say it to Me	Ali Fontaine
Conrad Bigknife	Single Tear	Single
Pura Fe Trio	Endless Possibilities	A Blues Night In N.Carolina
Jerry Sereda	My Heart's Got A Memory	Turn The Country On
Beatrice Love	Not Your Typical Girl	Single
David St. Germain	Come Home	My Country Song
Darrellyne Bickel	The Good In Goodbye	Single
Shane Yellowbird	Sedona Arizona	It's About Time
Amanda Rheame	Let Yourself Breathe	Light Of Another Day
Savannah Rae Boyko	Sick Obsession	Savannah Rae Boyko
Ron Loutit	The Two Step	Where I Come From
Crystal Shawanda	Closer	Just Like You
Donny Parenteau	Fiddleback	To Whom It May Concern
The Mosquitoz	Drenched	Single
Murray Porter	I Feel Lucky	Songs Lived & Life Played
Indian City	Supernation	Supernation
Leanne Goose	Some Days	Single
C-Weed Band	Forever and a Day	Forever
Digawolf	Ela	Nake De
Flying Down Thunder & Rise Ashen	Path Of Truth	One Nation

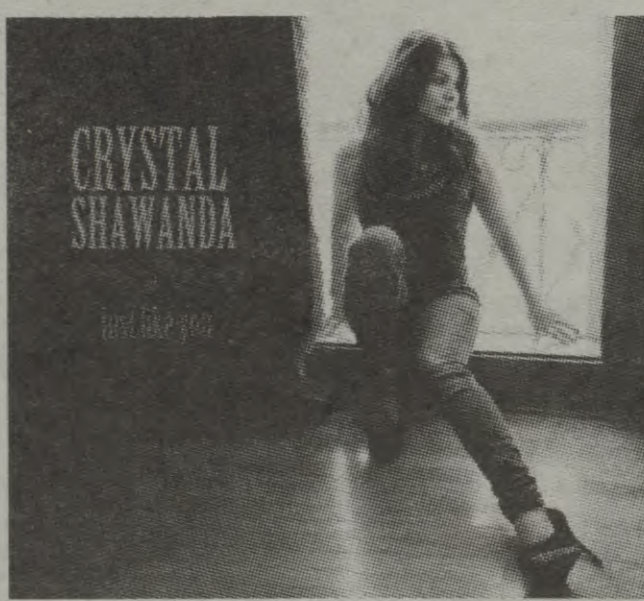
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OUR PICK

Artist— Crystal Shawanda
Song— Chains
Album— Just like you
Year— 2012

It seems there is always one or two Aboriginal music artists that get to make a serious dent in mainstream radio airplay at any one time and these last few years, Ontario's Crystal Shawanda is the Aboriginal community's music superstar. Crystal makes warm and inviting music that fans easily embrace along with their other country superstars. Fame has not changed this approachable queen



of country, who presents down-home singing with a lot of class. Shawanda's newest CD was released this year and firmly established Canada's connection with Nashville. Shawanda has a full rich voice with just enough twang to establish her credibility as a country singer, a step above the many pop country singers that are filling mainstream radio charts. I wish I could tell you about the depth of the songs and musicianship. Instead, I'll give you a taste, as this album leads off with some country classic guitar on "Closer", a great opening to what follows. "Someone Who Loves You" gives that swaying song that will have you tapping your feet. "Beautiful Day" slows down to give you a breather, no less melodic than what came before, in celebration of how even a normal day can be great. Following this you will find a foot stomping, down and dirty, groove laden song, "Chains." This song will encourage more dancers on the floor increasing their sway factor as it follows a deep throbbing rhythm that completely rocks. "Just Like You" will easily be the soundtrack of many people's lives both musically and lyrically. Shawanda includes all the requirements of a masterpiece country album from broken hearts to barn burning dance songs. But be warned, it won't be hard to find a few music players stuck on repeat. For an artist that is reaching the top of the music success ladder, you will not feel she is out of reach because in truth, in her heart and life's tribulations, through her original songs, she is Just Like You.

Review by : K. Kantan

Chief dismisses 'wild accusations' of intimidation

By Jennifer Ashawasegai
Windspeaker Contributor

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION, Ont.

Smoke from the sacred fire and sage smudges swirled in the breeze during the Elders' Council held in Sheguiandah First Nation, Ont. on Aug. 10.

Elders from the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising First Nations (UCCMM) met on the side of Highway 6 in front of the Elders' building in Sheguiandah, a protest site where members had been camping for 18 days. A few tipis are up, along with a few tents where people have been sleeping.

The situation was serious enough to warrant Elders from other communities from around Manitoulin Island to attend.

Signs dot the side of the highway for passersby to read and honk for support. Written across the signs are sayings like, 'A chief is supposed to give to his people, not take,' and 'We accept your resignation.'

Protesters want Chief Orville Agounie to resign his position. Members tell stories of intimidation, job dismissals and lack of accountability from the chief and his brother, who is also a member of council.

The local newspaper has reported that the chief is also facing charges of assault against two people. The alleged assaults are against a youth and an Elder, according to community members at the protest site.

Two elected councillors, Derek Assiniwe and Kevin Mishibinijima, have been supporting the community members who want the resignation of the chief.

Josh Eshkawkogan is one of the UCCM Elders from Wikwemikong. He supports the community protest, but also looks at the big picture.

"The structure of our political governance has to be looked at to be able to prove and provide equality for all band memberships in all of our communities."

"The voice of the community is the people," said Eshkawkogan. "The majority of the voice is being mistreated, not listened to by leadership. There's action being taken in Sheguiandah because their voice is not being heard. So, I support them, because this could happen in my community."

For Elder Gordon Waindubence, who also sits on the UCCMM Elders Advisory Council, Sheguiandah is his

community. He worries about his community, but at the same time, he can take a step back from it and look at the dysfunction from a different perspective.

"When we look at the issues, they're all the same across Canada, like what's happening here," Waindubence said.

"The common enemy here is called Indian Affairs, with the Indian Act system." He also says, "What's happening here is happening in other communities across Canada. This is not an isolated incident."

On that note, he's right on the money. Clear across the country, in the Northwest Territories, media reports indicate a former band councillor of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation has started a petition to oust the current leadership after Aboriginal Affairs refused to get involved in the internal conflict.

Closer to home, just three hours south of Sheguiandah, a similar situation has been brewing in Shawanaga First Nation for quite some time. Community members through an Elders Tribunal dismissed chief and council last fall, however, only the chief stepped down.

Since they're under a custom election code, the Indian Act doesn't apply there. It's also not known at this time if Aboriginal Affairs will get involved after having been contacted by a group of concerned citizens.

Meanwhile, Sheguiandah Councillor Assiniwe has been in touch with Aboriginal Affairs hoping the department can step in to do something about the situation in his community.

But, in an email from Aboriginal Affairs to Windspeaker, spokesperson Michelle Perron wrote, "The Government of Canada recognizes the right of all Canadians to engage in peaceful protests. Departmental officials are aware of the demonstration on Highway Six by Sheguiandah First Nation community members and Band councillors. The department is working with the First Nation to ensure essential services continue to be delivered to community residents."

Perron adds, "This is an internal governance matter, which we encourage the [First Nation] to resolve. For more information please contact the First Nation."

For his part, Sheguiandah Chief Orville Agounie dismisses claims of intimidation as wild accusations and attributes the unrest in the community to changes administration has been



Community members waiting for General Assembly to start where Councillors Derek Assiniwe and Kevin Mishibinijima give daily updates.



Sheguiandah Elder Gordon Waindubence addresses some of the members of the Elders Advisory Council of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM).

making to uphold and implement housing and employment policies.

Agounie, well into his second term, says, "Rents weren't being collected so we put the housing policy in place, and we're working on people to pay."

He also says they're clamping down on the personnel policy to be more accountable. But, the former secretary at the band office begs to differ.

Micki Atkinson says she was fired unjustly, and nearly four weeks after her dismissal, she's

still waiting for her Record of Employment so she can file for Employment Insurance. Atkinson says that hasn't been forthcoming, and she has filed a complaint with the Labour Board.

Agounie calls Councillors Assiniwe and Mishibinijima 'rogue,' and says the protest in the community lacks substance.

The chief says the councillors have breached every oath, including confidentiality, and if they miss one more regular band council meeting, to total three,

they can be unseated, according to the Indian Act.

On the assault charges he's facing, Agounie said "They're a complete fabrication. I will be vindicated and I look forward to my next court date in September."

As far as the problems go in the community, Elder Waindubence believes the issues can be quickly resolved.

"The [protest] camp will come down if the Indian Act chief will step down. Simple. And enact our traditional laws."

Sports Briefs

Rebels win national title

The Six Nations Rebels are now the two-time defending Canadian Junior B lacrosse champions. The Rebels won their second straight Founders Cup tournament by edging another Ontario-based squad, the Akwesasne Indians, 8-7 in the championship final held Aug. 19. The Rebels played host to the six-team event at their home facility, the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena.

The Six Nations squad had won its national title last year in Saskatoon. This time around more than 2,700 witnessed the Rebels' triumph at home.

"It definitely feels better to win it at home," said Rebels' general manager Cam Bomberry. The Rebels have now won the Founders Cup a total of five times. They captured their first national title in 1997. And they also had back-to-back Canadian champions in 2007 and '08.

The Six Nations squad was able to persevere this season despite a tragic, late-season incident. One of the Rebels' players, Carney Johnson, who had played with the club for three years, committed suicide on Aug. 6. Johnson was 19. At the time of his death the Rebels were holding a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five Ontario Lacrosse Association championship series, which was also against Akwesasne. The Six Nations squad managed to win the match immediately following Johnson's death to win their league championship series in three games.

Volunteers sought

The Aboriginal Sports and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO) is seeking volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors. Three individuals are being sought for the board to represent the north, south and central parts of the province.

The board directors are expected to commit between five and eight hours per month for their responsibilities. They will also be expected to attend probably two meetings per year, which will require some travel.

Applications are available by contacting Lynn Lavallee through email at lavallee@ryerson.ca or by calling

(416) 979-5000 ext.4791. The deadline to submit nominations is Sept. 7. The ASWCO is then expected to stage its annual general meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on Sept. 22 and Sept. 23.

Fundraising run/walk

Registration is open for the second annual Aboriginal Physical Activity and Cultural Circle's 5 KM Run/Walk. The event, which begins at Vancouver's Musqueam Recreation Centre, will be held on Oct. 14. The event is open to both competitive and recreational runners and walkers. The fastest Aboriginal male and female runners will win \$500 each.

All youth under 10 and seniors over 70 can enter the run or walk for free. Those looking to enter the competitive run can sign up for \$35 before Oct. 1. The fee increases to \$40 after that.

And those that want to take part in the community walk can do so for \$8 now. The entry fee increases by \$2 on Oct. 10. All registrants will be able to win raffle prizes at the event. Those interested can sign up via The Running Room website <http://www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=7877>. Also, more race information is available by sending an email to aboriginalpacc@gmail.com

National champs crowned

Some familiar names once again came out on top in their divisions at this year's Canadian Native Fastball Championships. A total of 65 clubs in four divisions competed in the tournament, which concluded on Aug. 5 in Cranbrook, B.C.

The two host teams, the Invermere A's and the B.C. Arrows, both successfully defended their national crowns. The A's captured their second consecutive national title by finishing atop their division, which attracted 29 clubs. And the Arrows once again won the men's masters division, which featured players 40 and over. This grouping featured 12 clubs.

Both of the host teams had dedicated this year's nationals to Randy Martin, who was supposed to play for the A's. Martin, however, died suddenly at the age of 38 this past May. Besides playing in the event, Martin had served as the tournament director prior to his death. Martin's father Dean stepped up following his son's death to handle the organizational details of the event.

Meanwhile, the Red Nation Jets, a squad comprised of players from across the country, took top honours in the women's division. The Jets, runners-up a year ago, also won the Canadian crown in 2010.

This year the Jets' 11 player-roster included players from six provinces: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan. The women's category featured 19 teams.

A women's masters division was also staged at the nationals this year. Five squads entered this category, which was won by a team from Westbank, B.C.

Looking ahead, it has been announced the 2013 nationals will be staged in Grande Prairie, Alta.

[sports] Mary Spencer isn't hanging up her gloves just yet



PHOTO: FILE

Mary Spencer

By Sam Laskaris
Windspeaker Contributor

WINDSOR, Ont.

As far as Mary Spencer is concerned, time flies quickly, so the 27-year-old Ojibwe boxer who lives in Windsor, Ont. does not mind having to wait another four years for another shot at Olympic glory.

Spencer had originally hoped to be a retired boxer by now. But things didn't go quite as planned for her at the recent London Olympics.

The three-time world champion had been considered a medal favourite—possibly even for the gold—heading into the London games, where women's boxing made its Olympic debut. Spencer was one of 12 competitors in the women's middleweight (75-kilogram) division.

Following a favourable draw where she received an opening-round bye, Spencer, who moved directly into a quarter-final bout, had to register just one victory to guarantee herself a medal.

That's because a quarter-final win would have moved her on to a semi-final. And regardless of how she would have fared there, she would have received at least a bronze medal since those two competitors who lose their semi-final bouts are both awarded a third-place finish. The two semi-final winners advance to duke it out for the gold and silver medals.

Spencer though was upset in her quarter-final bout versus China's Li Jinzi, which was held on Aug. 6. The pair had fought twice before, in 2009 and 2010. Spencer had won both of those matches.

In London, however, Jinzi defeated Spencer 17-14 in their

four-round match.

"Her game plan was something I was afraid would happen," Spencer said of Li's frequent holding tactics, which prevented her from mounting any sort of consistent attack. "It threw off any type of boxing I was trying to do."

Following her loss, Spencer decided this was not the way she wanted to leave the sport. So she's had a change of heart considering her retirement plans.

She's now keen to represent the country once again, four years down the road at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

So how will Spencer cope having to wait that long?

"Very easy," she said. "I think back to when we were included (in this year's Olympics) and it feels like a week ago but it was three years ago."

Since the next major competition she will probably enter is the Canadian boxing championships in September of 2013, Spencer is now taking somewhat of a break.

Though she is not waking up to train at 5 a.m. as she had the past few years, Spencer is still remaining active.

"I'm going to ease back into the training," she said. "It's nothing structured right now. But me taking a break means sleeping in and then maybe going for a run around noon."

Spencer said there's a good chance she will also return to her university studies soon. She was in her second year of Psychology classes at the University of Windsor in 2009 when she heard women's boxing would be included in the 2012 Olympics.

As a result, she put her education on hold to train full-time for that opportunity.

Spencer has not registered for

any Windsor classes for September. And even though she has set a goal of competing in Rio de Janeiro four years from now, she will in all likelihood return to the classroom soon.

"I'm going to be training, but there's no reason why I can't take some part-time classes," she said. "Right now I'm thinking of going back in January."

While in London, Spencer said she did not attend any of the other sporting activities that were held. Instead she spent a good chunk of her time at Canada House, mingling with other Canadian athletes and officials.

"It was a really great atmosphere," she said of the facility.

Though she previously knew many of the other Canadian athletes who were participating at the games, two individuals she met for the first time were cyclist Clara Hughes and triathlete Simon Whitfield.

Spencer did not attend the opening ceremonies but was there for the closing ceremonies.

"It was a neat experience," she said.

Though she was on the ground level with more than 10,000 athletes, Spencer didn't feel she had the best seat in the house.

"The sound system was designed for the audience (in the stands) to hear it," she said, adding that she, along with many of the other athletes, got a kick out of watching the audience and their reactions to most of the performers.

As for her favourite act at the closing ceremonies?

"I actually became a Spice Girls fan," she said. "It was really nice to see them reunite for that show. It's kind of surprising because I didn't really like their music when I was growing up."

Sundance is the ceremony of ceremonies

By Jennifer Ashawasegai
Windspeaker Contributor

CHISASIBI, Que.

"Wheee... wheee ... wheee...." The sound of eagles whistles is heard over the sound of the drum while 63 pairs of eyes are fixed on a poplar tree laden with colourful cloth in the middle of a lodge while the 63 people danced. The Sundancers were participating in an ancient rite.

This four-day ceremony took place in the northern part of Quebec in Chisasibi, the land of black spruce and tamarack. The House family hosted the Sundance, and Lawrence House was the Sundance Chief, the caretaker of the ceremony.

"If there were a hierarchy of ceremonies, the Sundance would be at the pinnacle," he said. "It's the ceremony of ceremonies."

That's because the Sundance involves a sacrifice of self to give something to the Creator in order to have prayers answered, House said. While participating in this rite, people fast. That means no food or drink, for several days.

"You show reverence, make an offering of the only thing that

you have – your body," said House.

"It's about giving thanks for the life you're given or to ask for blessings for certain situations that you may be going through in your life, or your family."

People attend Sundance for a variety of reasons. One man, a drummer at the Sundance, said the ceremony was where he got help for his drug addiction, and it is the Sundance, and a traditional lifestyle, that has kept him clean for many years.

Nearly 2,000 km west, another Sundance was held, this one hosted by a Dakota community. It's where Jodi Baker from Wasauksing First Nation, Ont., sundanced for her first time.

"I danced for my kids," Baker said. "They're my everything. I danced for them so they'll learn. I also danced for my community and my partner."

Baker's enthusiasm is contagious when she talks about what she went through while she danced in the long, hot days in southern Saskatchewan. She laughed and said, "there were some moments that were so emotional."

"I never really got hungry; just thirsty on the third day."

She also delighted in the afterglow. When she ate at the feast on the last day of the Sundance, "everything was just so good," Baker said.

Once the Sundance was all said and done, Baker said there was no feeling to compare it to.

"It was the hardest thing other than childbirth, and it was also the most satisfying and most rewarding thing I've ever done."

Participating in the ceremony can bring about a deep sense of peace. Harry Snowboy is a Cree healer, and he and his wife attended the Sundance in Chisasibi. Seasoned Sundancers themselves, the couple has been attending as healers over the past seven years.

"Our role is to help support the Sundance Chief and help out in the lodge... and if the dancers need healing, we're here for that as well," said Snowboy.

"I also take part in the Buffalo dance," he said. The Buffalo dance is held on the fourth day. It is, without a doubt, the most emotional part of the Sundance.

Four men in Buffalo regalia and four women carrying buffalo skulls dance around the perimeter of the Sundance lodge, and then enter it. While they are

dancing around, people are wailing, sobbing, and placing blue and white ribbons on the horns.

"We believe that buffalos can help the spirits that are lost or stuck, like the souls of people who committed suicide," said Snowboy.

It's a powerful dance that helps soothe the hearts of family members who have been left behind when someone commits suicide. Looking around the Sundance in Chisasibi, it seemed nearly all of the Cree there had been touched by that kind of tragedy.

Two women dancers sobbed into each other's arms, consoling one another on the loss of a common cousin. Suicide, we know, is an epidemic in some First Nation communities. Suicide rates are five to seven times higher in First Nation and Inuit populations.

Once the Buffalo dance has ended, it's like the sun is out after a storm. People are smiling again soon after, like a great weight has been lifted from their shoulders.

Sundances held throughout Indian Country are not all the same, and can follow similar, yet different protocols.

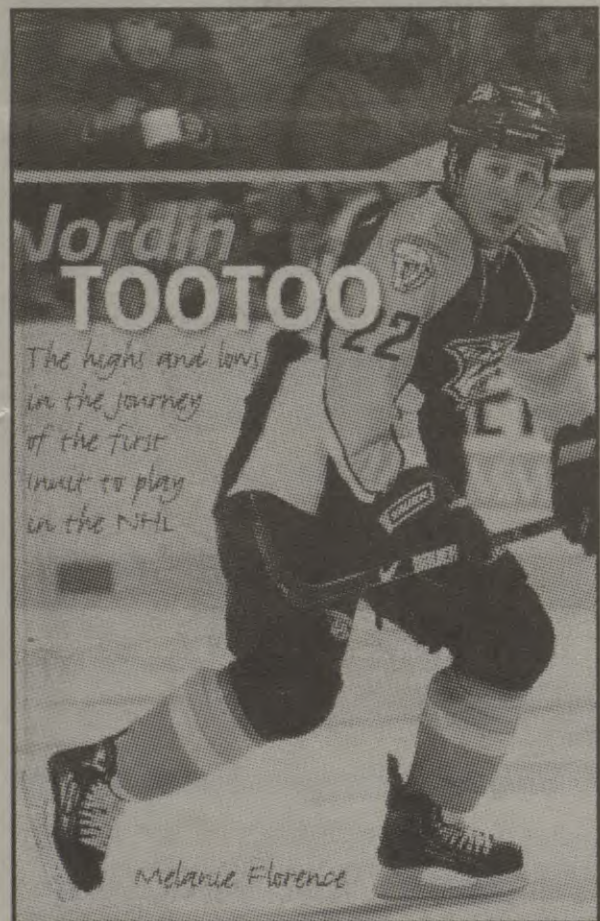
For example, in the two Sundances referred to in this story, dancers are required to fast, without food or water for the duration of a dancer's commitment. In one Sundance, women are not allowed to pierce, in the other, they can. The act of piercing, according to House, "intensifies the sacrifice and it amplifies the prayer."

In House's Sundance, another interesting aspect is the Home Fire ceremony. In that ceremony, four men talk about what fire has meant for them in their life. Once done talking, the men place wood onto a pile of kindling, which will be burned once the men are done talking. The pieces of wood the men offer are donated from every family at the ceremony, who collect it from their own homeland.

"Everyone has an experience about fire," said Snowboy. "Even myself when out hunting. I remember how a fire made me feel, after it boiled my tea, cooked my food."

"It's more than a physical warmth. It does something for the spirit. It's important to keep that going, the fire in our home, the fire in our heart," said Snowboy.

Journey to top of the game a challenge for Tootoo



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"Fight your way through." These were the words of Jordin Tootoo's father when Jordin left Canada's Far North to chase his dream of playing professional hockey.

Although Tootoo would become known as fearless on the ice, getting to the NHL took a lot of courage and determination. He had to overcome culture shock and homesickness, discrimination and racism, and the tragic suicide of his NHL bound older brother whom he worshipped.

Hailing from a small Inuit community called Rankin Inlet,

Jordin Tootoo was four when he first laced up his first pair of skates. This book tells the story of Jordin Tootoo's journey to the NHL, the struggles and the positive attitude he learns to adopt.

Hockey was a part of the Tootoo boys' every day lives. They learned to play hockey on any frozen surface they could find in Rankin Inlet and they grew up watching their own father play hockey and make a name for himself. Their father, knowing that his boys could only go so far with hockey in Rankin Inlet, had to make the tough decision of allowing his boys to leave home so that they could pursue their dreams of playing with the NHL.

After leaving Rankin Inlet, Jordin encountered racism for the first time. He was used to

Rankin Inlet where everyone looked alike and celebrated the same culture. Jordin recalled "I was the only Inuk in the area (Spruce Grove), and for the first time I experienced racism at school. I was living with a friend who was Aboriginal, and gangs of kids would come to the house yelling that we weren't going to take over their school."

To the local kids, there was no difference between Tootoo and his Aboriginal friend. They were both targets of abuse because of the way they looked. The attitude that he adopted to deal with the racism he encountered, was transferred over to his hockey playing. He believed that by taking negative situations and turning it into something to motivate him was what helped him the most in the early days of his career.

Though the primary focus of this book is hockey, the book covers a wide range of topics and issues that a young reader can take away with them, such as the rights of Inuit people on their land, the federal government's description and recognition of Indigenous peoples, racism and the higher incidence of Aboriginal youth suicide.

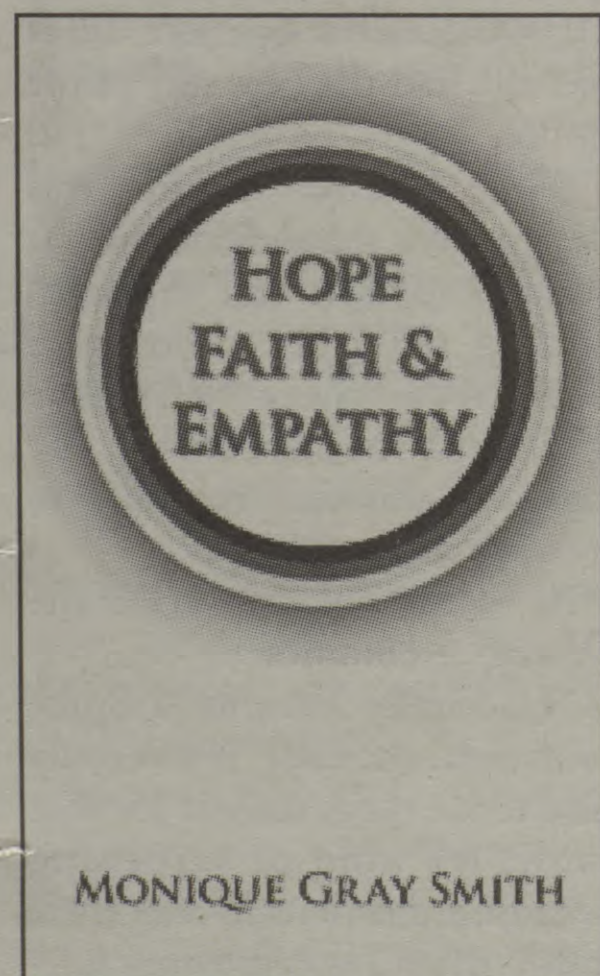
To many, Jordin Tootoo is a Canadian hockey hero, because he not only plays for himself but he also plays for his brother and family, and for all the kids who will come after him, and through it all, he never forgets who he is or where he came from.

This book is a part of Lorimer Press' RecordBooks. RecordBooks are action packed true stories of Canadian athletes who have changed the face of sport.

Book Review

Jordin Tootoo: The Highs and Lows in the Journey of the First Inuit to Play in the NHL

Tale of fiction will inspire real life resilience



Book Review

Hope Faith & Empathy
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"Hope, Faith & Empathy" is the story of Tilly, a young Indigenous woman growing up in Canada and the many ups and down she learns to navigate in the journey we all call life. The story

is also about the people who have helped shape Tilly, her survival and her resilient spirit.

In the prologue to the story, author Monique Gray Smith writes "Hope, Faith & Empathy" will take you on a journey, a journey that is loosely based on my life's story as an Indigenous woman, of individuals who showed up at a pivotal time in my life to guide and teach me and of characters who came to me as I wrote."

The journey starts with an older Tilly receiving news at work from her doctor that she has a tumor in her lung and must go for surgery. The fears and anxiety

that Tilly experiences with this news immediately pulls the reader into the main character's life, and has them wanting to learn more about Tilly and how she got the strength she carries within her.

Using the surgery as a backdrop to tell Tilly's story, the reader is then taken on a "healing journey—not just a physical journey, but also a spiritual journey," as Tilly revisits some of the pivotal moments in her life and remembers the people who have helped shape her experiences and the woman she has become.

Tilly's journey is one that a lot

of Indigenous people can empathize with—turning to alcohol to mask an inner pain that can't often be spoken of, experiencing loss and coming to terms with it, and awakening to a cultural identity that family may have inadvertently kept from you.

It is intriguing to read about the various people that have helped shape Tilly, especially when she speaks about her Grandma Tilly, her Auntie Pauline, Mrs. Murphy, her elementary school teacher who took the time out to tell Tilly that she mattered, and later on in life, (See Book Review on page 20.)

U of T offering free university 'Aboriginal worldview' course

By Sam Laskaris
Windspeaker Contributor

TORONTO

Thousands of people have already signed up for a free online Aboriginal education course the University of Toronto will be offering this coming winter.

The four-week, non-credit course titled Aboriginal Worldviews and Education, will begin in late February.

The course is offered in partnership with Coursera, an American-based company that started up early this year. Coursera has joined forces with 16 universities to offer various free online courses.

U of T is currently the only Canadian university involved in the partnerships. The other schools are in the United States, Scotland, India and Switzerland.

U of T will also offer four other

courses through Coursera this coming school year. Three of those are in computer science while the other one is a course on the social context of mental health.

Interest in the Aboriginal Worldviews and Education course has been staggering. Less than a month after registration opened more than 4,200 individuals had signed up for the course.

"We knew from looking at partnerships that registration could be very high in some courses," said Cheryl Regehr, U of T's vice provost of academic programs. "It certainly shows there is tremendous interest in people learning more."

People from 190 countries had signed up for various Coursera courses. As of mid-August, a total of 119 courses were being offered worldwide.

But Regehr was not able to

provide a number for countries from which people had signed on for the Aboriginal course. The U of T course is open to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Some of the topics that will be covered in the course include historical, social, and political issues in Aboriginal education. Also discussed will be cultural, spiritual and philosophical themes in Aboriginal worldviews.

The course description states students should be prepared to commit six to eight hours per week to the program.

There are no registration limits for Coursera courses. And also individuals are allowed to take as many courses as they wish.

Officials with the various schools partnered with Coursera hope that some of those that do take courses will also eventually be interested in taking other

credit ones from their school that they would pay for.

"We are not currently offering a second part to it," Regehr said of the Aboriginal course at U of T. "But we do have many (Aboriginal-themed) courses that are for credit."

Jean-Paul Restoule will be teaching the Aboriginal course through U of T.

He's not surprised with how many people have already signed up.

"But I am surprised by how global the response is," he said. "The last time I checked there were registrants from places in Europe and Africa."

An appeal in large part is because anybody in the world that has access to a computer can take the course.

Coursera programs usually involve video lectures. Some courses also offer quizzes, assignments and discussion

groups.

Restoule, a member of northern Ontario's Anishinaabek First Nation, has taught about Aboriginal issues at a post-secondary level for the past dozen years.

Despite being a relatively short-lasting course, he's hoping the Coursera program he teaches will make an impact.

"I hope that students will leave the course with an understanding of the value of Aboriginal perspectives for all people, as well as develop informed opinions on matters relating to Aboriginal peoples, develop understandings and respect for our histories, cultures, values, contemporary contexts, struggles, aspirations and realities," he said.

Those interested in registering for the Aboriginal course, or any other Coursera programs, can do so at www.coursera.org

Aspiring directors get taste of crash course in cinema

By David P. Ball
Windspeaker Contributor

VANCOUVER

An upcoming program to share filmmaking skills amongst Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES) residents got a preview on Aug. 20, with an evening workshop on how to fund cinema projects.

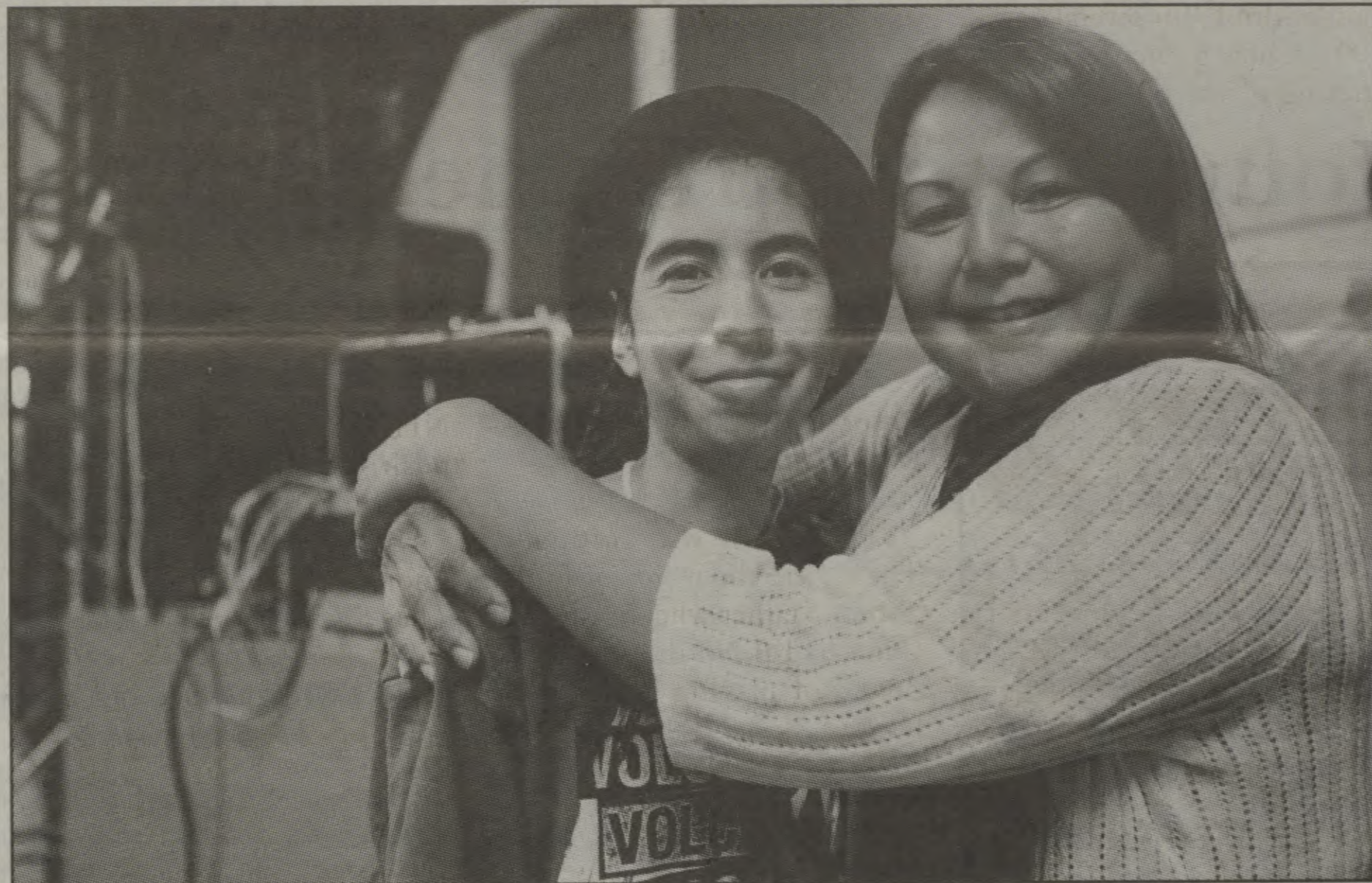
The Vancouver Film In Motion Initiative (VFIMI) hosted three respected directors for its "Master Class": Hollywood director and writer Guy Shalem, Vancouver documentary-maker Ian MacKenzie, and Pete McCormack.

A number of local filmmakers and newcomers alike attended the event, sponsored by the DTES-based Canadian Foundation for

Creative Development and Innovation (CFCDI). But talk was not only about the filmmaker's eternal quest for money. It was also about the power of storytelling.

"We've seen a lot of examples throughout history of how stories can change lives," award-winning filmmaker Guy Shalem told Windspeaker. "They can create movements and tectonic shifts that help people understand that gays should have rights, or black people and women should be able to vote, and that sort of thing. Personal stories are a very powerful thing."

"I don't know much about Aboriginal culture, but I would like to. We should definitely have the emergence of Aboriginal filmmakers who can tell personal stories. That's absolutely positive." (See *Aspiring* on page 20.)



PHOTOS: DAVID P. BALL

Filmmaker Claudia Manuel, 23, and her mother Doreen, Program Coordinator for the Indigenous Independent Digital Filmmaking program at Capilano University, attend a workshop on fundraising for filmmaking.



Panelists at a workshop on fundraising for Aboriginal filmmaking in Vancouver (from left) filmmakers Ian MacKenzie and Pete McCormack, Canadian Foundation for Creative Development director Sean Kirkham, and filmmaker Guy Shalem.

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Aspiring directors get crash course in cinema

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The three director-panelists discussed a new climate for video production today – what MacKenzie referred to as a “digital” age, with an emphasis on grassroots narratives, authenticity and using new technologies and networks to promote projects.

“We have so many stories,” audience member and Neskonalith First Nation filmmaker Doreen Manuel told Windspeaker. “When you put a camera in somebody’s hand, you empower them.”

“A lot of our people don’t feel like they’re important. They don’t think their stories are important. They don’t think they matter. I’ve seen it happen, when you put a camera in a young person’s hand that they realize they matter. When they go through the process of making their film—of putting their story on screen—they have an audience. It changes a lot of the way they feel about the world and about themselves.”

Manuel’s 23-year-old daughter Claudia attended the panel discussion with her, and spoke about her own film, a 2010 personal narrative-documentary, “Blanket of Colonization.”

“I wanted to tell my story of all the corruption in my First Nations reservation,” said the first-time cinematographer. “People told me they really liked it because it opened their eyes to colonization—all the colonization in First Nations communities.”

Making Indigenous films is not simply about technique or genre, her mother explained. She would know. After graduating from Capilano University’s Indigenous Independent Digital Filmmaking program, Doreen Manuel went on to become the program’s director. She recently submitted her film, *Crazy-8s*, to the Sundance Film Festival.

“As a filmmaker, I have a lot of visions,” she said, when asked about her style. “Different stories come to me that way.”

“My latest film, ‘These Walls,’ was a dream-vision that came to me. The first thought that came to me after I woke up—it was a really scary vision—was that I should make a film out of it. But I couldn’t figure it out. I finally interpreted it and figured out what it meant: it was about the murdered and missing babies of the Residential Schools. My mother had been raped by a priest; her best friend was impregnated by a priest. I think I’d held subconscious stories about that... So this is my way of letting it out.”

For the event’s organizer, film has the potential to empower and transform Aboriginal people’s lives in the Downtown Eastside. Cinema’s capacity to inspire, provoke and narrate are what he hopes to share through the CFCDI’s 12-week intensive course, which involves learning from masters, building a film portfolio, and creating a larger final project.

“Film is a genre everybody enjoys,” said CFCDI’s director Sean Kirkham. “We pay for 100 per cent of their training, so if there’s an Aboriginal person who would like to go through this program, we’ll pay for them to see it from beginning to completion.”

“In the end, (film and storytelling) go hand in hand. Storytelling within Aboriginal culture is paramount. And taking those stories and interpreting them into film is even better.”

One participant said that she’s new to even the idea of filmmaking. The success of another artistic project she founded led to requests to document and record her work.

“I’ve been thrown into making a music video!” laughs Lorelei

Williams, founder of the dance troupe Butterflies in Spirit, which commemorates missing and murdered women. “I thought we might as well make a documentary as well, because we’ve been collecting all this footage from the beginning. That’s why I’m here.”

“We can’t dance across the Canada – well we could, but it would take a long time,” she laughs. “If you have it on film, you can tell your story the way you want to and get it across

Canada faster... If you don’t know someone who’s missing, you don’t really care because it’s not happening to you. But if we can tell them what’s going on and put feeling behind it, they can get it.”

Progressive documentary filmmaker Ian MacKenzie offered a variety of concrete advice to changing the world one film at a time, as well as how to harness social media to create “buzz” around creative projects, and find people willing to pay for

them.

“You can’t demand a world of peace,” he told the audience, quoting from his most recent film collaboration with award-winning director Velcrow Ripper, *Occupy Love*. “Demands have to be specific.”

He concurred that digital filmmaking has much in common with Aboriginal storytelling cultures, and emphasized that “the core of successful funding is being authentic.”



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Qualification Criteria:

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Duties and Responsibilities:

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Qualification Criteria:

- Completion of a Bachelor of Social Work Degree (with a preference for a Masters of Social Work). Nechi Training is also an asset;
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- Work within a First Nations environment.

Knowledge and Skills Required:

- Maintaining confidentiality is essential;
- Demonstrated leadership abilities;
- Effective group facilitation skill and conflict resolution skills;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills and computer literacy skills an asset.

Other:

- Valid driver’s license and reliable transportation for work related duties;
- Criminal Records Check Mandatory;
- Demonstration of a healthy lifestyle will be an asset;
- Ability to work flexible hours;
- Random drug testing may be administered.

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Start date for this position is no later than September 25, 2012.

For consideration of either one of these positions, interested parties should submit a resumé along with a cover letter and three references by September 7, 2012 to
April Derhouseoff, Executive Assistant, Poundmakers Lodge

Book review

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her drug and alcohol therapy counsellor Bea. Each of these individuals are strong in their own unique ways and the lessons they teach Tilly are not only inspiring but life changing, and something that Tilly takes away with her in her healing.

The story within “Hope, Faith & Empathy” gives a unique perspective of the history of the first peoples in Canada, and includes the Sixties Scoop, Indigenous adoption, Indian Day Schools, Residential Schools, and tuberculosis hospitals.

It shares stories of homecomings rooted in courage and resiliency, and interwoven

throughout the book are thought-provoking teachings, humour and wisdom.

Author Monique Gray Smith writes and gives a unique twist to the heavy issues that Indigenous people have unfortunately had to face.

To help Indigenous and non-Indigenous readers understand the book further, there is a glossary of the various terms used throughout the book such as “internalized racism, band, ancestors etc.” A diagram of the Umbrella of First Nations Resiliency that Gray Smith has used in talks is also included, as is a question section for your book club and educational groups.

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"They have indicated that the provincial negotiator and the federal negotiator are very aware of our challenges relative to human resources if we lose these seven officers and there hasn't been commitment on anybody's part to funding them," said DeLaronde.

He is not alone in his battle to get permanent funding. He says Treaty 3 Grand Chief Warren

White has been "very vocal" with both the province and federal governments.

DeLaronde also points to the Ipperwash inquiry report released in 2007, which addresses the need for long-term sustainability of First Nations police services, and urges that Aboriginal policing in Ontario be funded as essential services and not fall under grant programs.



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[footprints] Andrew Mixemong
**Community leader died
 trying to protect his wife**

By Dianne Meili

The violent death of well-loved Ojibway community leader Andrew Mixemong this summer in Midland, Ont. has left younger brother Wayne pondering the meaning of it all.

"I think Andrew was showing us to love each other, and especially to honor and love our women who look after Mother Earth's water, traditionally," said Wayne Mixemong. "He died protecting a woman – his wife – and defended her from men who may have hurt her."

The local native friendship centre president was killed by two men when he went to meet his wife after her shift ended at Dino's Fresh Food Deli in Midland on July 6.

Police say they were dispatched to a disturbance outside the restaurant where a woman was apparently being harassed by two men to whom she denied service because the eatery was closing.

Wayne said when his brother intervened, the two turned on him and beat him to death.

"He was taken to Georgian Bay General Hospital. I spoke to him around midnight in our language and he acknowledged me. I looked at his hand and it was obvious it was broken, the knuckles looked so swollen. Andrew died not long after. He was 59 years of age.

"My brother wasn't a strong man. He was on disability. Ten years ago he had about six feet of his intestines removed and he had a big scar down his stomach.

"He was spiritual. He followed Ojibway teachings and looked after other people first. I was always telling him to save some of his money for himself. He spent a lot on complete strangers. When he first began living with his new wife, I told him 'Now you can't bring people off the street to your woman'."

"My brother was well-mannered and well-spoken," added Beverly Mixemong, Andrew's younger sister. "Life was sacred to him. He had respect for it, and for other people."

Despite the violent circumstances of his death, both siblings are confident their brother's spirit has transcended this earth and ascended skyward to the spirit world.

"It was very hot on that Sunday afternoon (July 8), when we held a ceremony for Andrew to lift up his spirit," Wayne explained. "The women were singing and we were offering tobacco ... a wind came along and blew the police tape and knocked over the barriers around the murder site. Even the police were scared. Then a cloud appeared in front of us and a straight rainbow shot out of it. It was the most powerful thing I've seen in my life.

"I think our Creator was saying my brother had left and was going to the spirit world to be with our ancestors ... and our mom and dad."

Rainbows, it turns out, were significant to Andrew. Bands of coloured light encircled the sun when his future wife, Lorraine Ashkanase, moved to town and they walked to the Midland dock together.

He referred to the rainbow as a symbol of the Creator's enduring love for humankind, and then, on bended knee, promised his future wife he would always be with her and love her.

"Andy and Lorraine found each other late in life, and he loved her so much. I told Lorraine my brother would die for her, and that's exactly what he did," said Wayne.

Community-focused and a reliable volunteer, Andrew was a first-degree member of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society, and carried a pipe. He followed the powwow trail, and also crafted shakers, coup sticks, and breast plates.

"He was creative and could make anything like that. And if he made you something it was from the heart. He would put his soul into it," said Wayne.

Given the spiritual name

Neezhoday, which means "two hearts", Andrew cherished women as life-givers and water keepers according to Ojibway teachings.

"And they were always hanging around him," Wayne observed, laughing. "I know it's because he took the time to talk with them. I've seen him so busy; working at the friendship centre, volunteering at the store, or delivering turkeys at Christmas. And a woman might be asking him questions about something. He'd say 'I'm busy right now, but I will talk to you later.' And he always did. He always went back and spent time with them. He had a gift for dealing with women."

Beverly recalls a recent trip she, Andrew and Wayne took to receive cultural teachings across the border in Wisconsin.

"I gave Andrew the keys to my van and we drove the two guys in front and me in the back. Of course we always stopped for coffee. He (Andrew) always had to have his Timmy's.

On the way back we stopped for supper and he paid for everyone. He was so happy we were all together. His face was absolutely glowing."

Health complications from diabetes were a constant concern for Andrew "but I told him I'd get the hang of it and then show him (how to live with the disease)," Beverly explained. "He was always telling me he didn't want to lose his legs and I needed to show him what to eat, and other things, to help him avoid that."

A Beausoleil First Nation member originally from Christian Island, Andrew Mixemong was beginning his second term as Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre president and was looking forward to hosting the Ontario Federation of Native Friendship Centres annual general meeting later this year. He was working closely with the friendship centre in Barrie – executive director

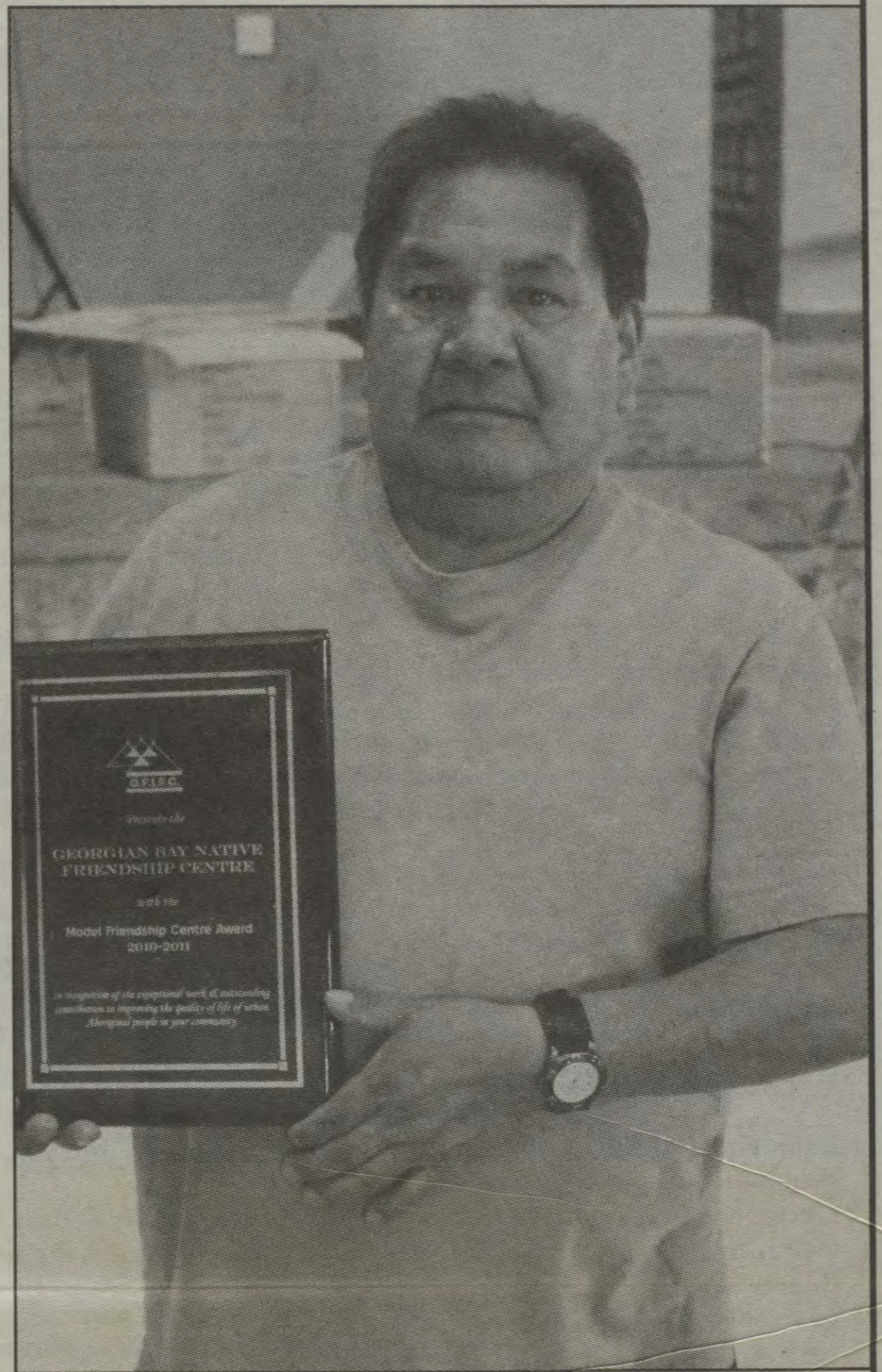


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Andrew Mixemong holds the "model centre" award his Georgian Bay Friendship Centre board and staff received in 2010.

Gary Sutherland – whose organization had hosted the annual event a few years ago – to ensure the meeting was a success, and the two were also working on an inaugural celebration to honour Aboriginal community leaders.

At a makeshift memorial of flowers, sympathy cards, and Tim Horton's coffee cups, Wayne greeted a steady stream of well-wishers in the early days after his brother's death. He also answered telephone calls from as far away as Alaska, British Columbia and New Zealand and witnessed over

700 people from across North America attend the Christian and Midewiwin funeral service.

"He was just such a nice man," said Ron Yates, who worked with Andrew for eight years at a moving company, in an article on thestar.com website. "He was very caring about all things and people. He would catch an insect in a building and release it outside."

Police have charged the two men who attacked Andrew Mixemong with second-degree murder.

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