

Chiefs slam government

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FORT McMURRAY, Alta.

Treaty 8 chiefs and elders gathered in Fort McMurray this week to unite their voices in protest hoping their cries for justice will soon be heard in Ottawa.

They called for an alliance between bands to combat what they referred to as treaty infringements. They also accused the Tory government of trying to erode the Native society in Canada.

During the first national assembly of Treaty 8 Chiefs, held at the Sawridge Hotel, band members from Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories aired their hostilities about "watered down" agreements.

Conference leaders criticized the Canadian federal government for mishandling treaties signed by their tribal forefathers beginning in 1876.

Treaty issues including dangers to the environment, land claim disputes, self-government and denial to adequate education topped the three-day conference

which began Wednesday.

Tribal chiefs from western Canada shared the grief they've experienced because their treaties aren't being properly followed.

"Treaties will be wiped out by 1990" if things keep going like they are, said Sucker Creek band Chief Don Calliou.

He said his land is being encroached upon and his people are suffering because the population is growing and there's not enough room.

Speaking through an interpreter, Hay River Dene Elder Daniel Sonfrere told the Treaty 8 assembly his band welcomes an alliance to right the wrongs that have affected his band for so long.

"We have to protect our culture and way of life...we've negotiated with Canada and they can't give up that responsibility. We need to look at another way to survive."

He said Treaty 8 solidarity should put pressure on the Canadian government to realize what the treaties really stand for.

The spirits of our forefathers are being trampled on by the Tory government, declared Roy Louis, president of the Indian Association of Alberta.

He said the time has come for Indian bands to come together in defiance

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A sea of brown faces: Slave Lake PC nomination meeting

Calahasen wins

By Lyle Donald
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KINUSO, Alta.

Natives continue to make their mark within the Progressive Conservative Party, as yet another Native candidate, 37-year-old Pearl Calahasen, a Metis from Grouard, was nominated in the Lesser Slave Lake riding on February 5 at the Kinuso Agri-plex.

In her victory speech Calahasen said she was going to open an office in Grouard, and anywhere else people want her to open one. "I want to go to the people not have the people come to me. This is only step one," she announced. "Now we have to prepare for an election, and keep everybody involved."

Calahasen made history in the riding. Not only is she the first Native person that has been successful winning the nomination but she is also the first woman to win it.

Calahasen was one of three Native people running for the nomination along with Stan Jenkins and former president of the Metis Association of Alberta Sam Sinclair.

The nomination went four ballots and after the first, Mayor Bill Pearson of Slave Lake lead the race with 195 votes more than Calahasen and Sam Sinclair in third with 235.

After the first round Sinclair pulled out and sent his campaign committee over to the Calahasen camp for posters and buttons which really changed things around for Calahasen as she took the lead never looked back from there.

The second ballot seen Calahasen jump from 421 votes in the first round to 682 with Pearson going from 606 in the first to 621 in the second. After pulling out in the first round Sinclair stated that Aboriginal people have to stick together and since "Calahasen got off to the best start, I threw my support for her."

Nomination co-ordinator Peter Moore said that this was the best turnout ever in the history of the riding.



He's out, she's in: Shaben and Calahasen

Calahasen and Sinclair sold a lot of their memberships to the people on the reserve and settlements in the riding and bused most of them there.

"I really appreciate all the people that came out to support me and especially the other candidates and their campaign committees that came over the helped us win the nomination. I also have to thank my campaign manager Jeannette Calahasen for all the help and support she gave me. She was with me up and down the road during the campaign, and I really appreciate that..." announced Calahasen after the win.

The final ballot showed Calahasen took 819 out of a possible 1,545 ballots with Bill Pearson finishing with 726.

Outgoing MLA Larry Shaben said that this was an exciting race with the number of people that came out to support the constituency and that Pearl Calahasen has his full support in the upcoming election.

Janvier re-elected band chief

By Everett Lambert
Nehiyaw News Service

JANVIER RESERVE, Alta.

Walter Janvier has been re-elected as the chief of this small northern Alberta Chipewyan band. The 300-member reserve is located 40 kilometers south of Fort McMurray.

The elections for four positions took place Feb. 6. Voter turnout was good with 81 of the 88 eligible voters going to the polls.

Janvier was given the nod by 55 of the voters and will serve a three year term.

The next highest tally went to Fred Cardinal who collected 42 votes. Cardinal

will also fill a three-year term in office as councillor.

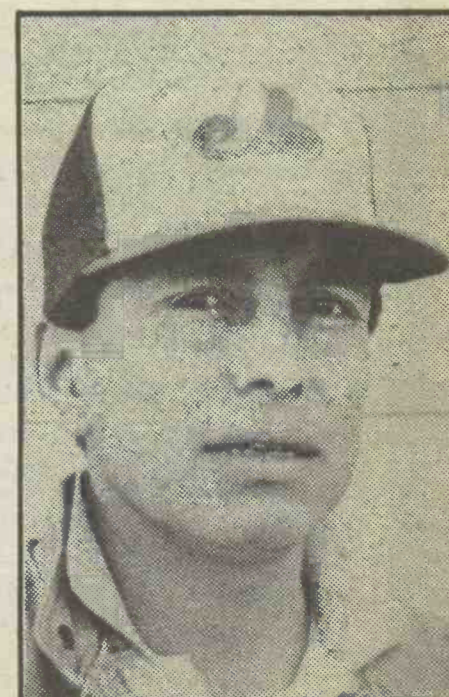
Archie and Stuart Janvier tied for third with 34 votes each and will fill the remaining two positions on council.

The band will decide which one gets a three year term, with the other getting a two year term.

The election was the first

one in which the band implemented its own election bylaws instead of using procedure set out in the Indian Act. The Indian Act is federal law which governs Indian reserves.

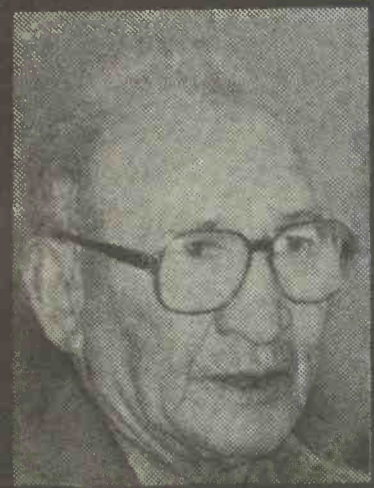
Tony Punko, manager of the Athabasca Tribal council ran the election as the chief electoral officer.



Re-elected: Walter Janvier

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- Mark Gordon, Native businessman

Leaders size up Cadieux, relieved McKnight is gone

WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

By Susan Enge
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EDMONTON

Some Native leaders are reserving their comments on the newly appointed federal minister of Indian Affairs, Pierre Cadieux, until they meet. But, one spokesman, Lawrence Coutoreille, Assembly of First Nation's Alberta vice-president, says Cadieux could fall prey to the department's bureaucrat influence unless he meets with Indian representatives first.

"He should meet with Indians across the country before those bureaucrats get a hold of him," said Coutoreille.

Cadieux is a lawyer. He became a Member of Parliament in 1984 representing the riding of Vaudreuil, Quebec. He served as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Government Operations, and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

In 1986, the Prime Minister appointed him Minister of Labour.

"It's funny how the Prime Minister should appoint members who have a background in dealing with labour disputes. You'd

think settling Indian land claims requires skills of a labour negotiator," replied Coutoreille.

Both David Crombie and Bill McKnight served as minister of Labour before being appointed to the Indian Affairs and Northern Development portfolio.

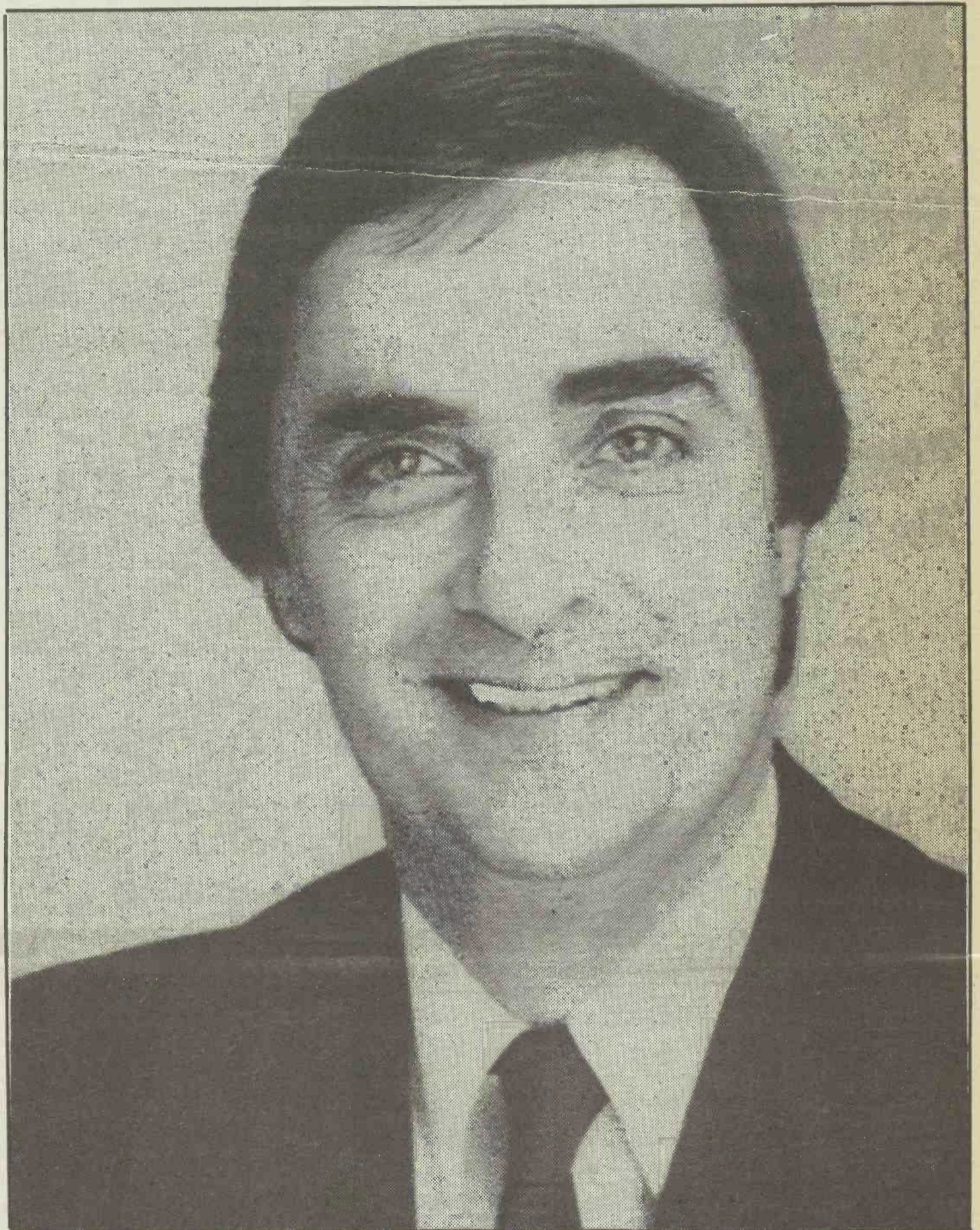
Neither Indian Association of Alberta president Roy Louis nor vice-president of Treaty 6 Percy Potts would not comment on Cadieux's appointment.

However, Coutoreille is relieved McKnight has been replaced.

"He was the worst minister of Indian Affairs we ever had," he said. "He just never took the lead in anything. His bureaucrats led him around," concluded Coutoreille.

Cadieux is currently meeting with Indian groups and familiarizing himself with the department, said his press secretary Maryse Pasant. So far, he's met with the Prairie Treaty Nation's Alliance, the Council of Yukon Indians, and the Indian Taxation Advisory Board.

Cadieux will receive assistance from junior minister of state for Indian Affairs and Northern Development Kim Campbell, an MP from British Columbia.



New Indian Affairs minister: Pierre Cadieux

E-12 protesters to meet in Ottawa

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Native educators, university students, elders and politicians who adamantly oppose proposed changes to Indian Affairs' post-secondary education funding policy, commonly referred to as E-12, will in Ottawa Feb. 20 to mount a major publicity campaign against its implementation.

The federal government wants to limit Treaty Indian post-secondary education funding, a position Indian students feel violates their Treaty rights.

"The federal government has not recognized a lot of their obligations," said Judy Ramos, education policy analyst for the Assembly of First Nations. She said the Ottawa meeting, financed by the Department of Indian Affairs, will

provide participants with an opportunity to "discuss strategy" and possibly impose a "moratorium" on any new policy implementations, a decision based on a resolution that was passed at their last annual general assembly.

Treaty Indians are facing a major battle because federal government officials claim Treaty Indians do not have a right to post-secondary education funding.

Paying for post-secondary education costs is "not a treaty right," said Ken Kirby, director-general of Indian education services for the department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa. "That's our official position."

He said resolving this dispute will "likely be the first item on the agenda."

A major complaint Indian students have towards policy changes is the insufficient consultation

time they had to respond. Indian Affairs distributed copies of their draft policy change in August. Respondents were provided a four-month time frame to reply, a restriction they viewed as completely insufficient.

Under the new policy 40 months of undergraduate studies plus 8 months of graduate studies will be paid for by Indian Affairs. Under the old system, 24 months of undergraduate studies and 24 months of graduate studies was provided.

In addition, living costs divided between rent, child care and special care will be combined in one budget. These add-on allowances were previously dealt with singularly and meant potentially more income to the student.

Students will have the "sole responsibility" of identifying all these costs which will "cut down on the

paper work" for Indian Affairs officials responsible for administering post-secondary expenses, said Dave Schepens, acting regional superintendent of continuing education for Indian Affairs in Alberta.

However, the potential changes in policy could mean students are left out in the cold as far as higher degrees are concerned.

"I can't look forward to graduate studies," said Darrell Brereton, a 24 year-old fourth year Liberal Arts student at Blue Quills education centre located on Saddle Lake Reserve. Other students feel "more time" is needed to complete their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Out of the 50 recommendations, explained Ramos, the AFN produced from its national review of education, one of them declares funding of post-secondary education

shouldn't be discretionary. Native students are suspicious of E-12 revisions.

"I think they're scared of us. We're trying to get up there and they don't want us to," said Adrian Soloway, a student at Old Sun college in Gleichen, referring to acquiring a master's degree.

"We don't want to be dependent on government, we don't want handouts as Indian people. What other way do we have to become somewhat independent without education?" said Adele Arcand, administrator of the Alexander school board.

Native representatives, some university students, from every province and territory will attend the meeting. Political representatives from the National Indian Education Council, the Chiefs' Committee on Education and executive council of AFN will participate.

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Lubicon talks to province, can't agree on compensation

By Susan Enge
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EDMONTON

After two days of talks, the Lubicon and provincial government negotiators could not reach an agreement Feb. 8 on the issue of compensation and plan to seek further instruction from their leaders before either side resumes talks.

"We didn't agree on the question of compensation," said Lubicon advisor Fred Lennarson outside the

provincial government building.

The Lubicons want 10 per cent revenue share the provincial government currently receives from oil and gas companies who are situated on their traditional land. The amount could be as high as \$100 million.

"We don't see eye-to-eye...but we're continuing to talk," replied Lennarson. They were unable to work out a "joint course of action", he added.

He said they are looking at "possible next steps".

Discussion with provincial negotiators, over the last two days, have focused primarily on the problem both sides share over the final land claims settlement offer made by the federal government on Jan. 25. However, the issues of identifying the 79 square miles surface and sub-surface ownership plus the surface-only ownership of an extra 16 square miles and wildlife management control were brought up but not resolved.

In the meantime,

Lennarson will consult with Chief Bernard Ominayak while provincial negotiator John McCarthy will seek direction from Solicitor General Ken Rostad.

The Lubicon are not close to reaching the comprehensive land claims settlement they were hoping could be achieved with the federal government last Christmas. Talks broke off Jan. 25 when the federal government offered a \$45 million socio-economic development package as a final offer.

Police will not arrest protester Laboucan

By Susan Enge
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PEACE RIVER, Alta.

Peace River's RCMP Staff Sergeant Lynn Julyan says Terry Laboucan, the young Lubicon Cree who was convicted of contempt of court charges Nov. 9 while

manning a road blockade in October in Little Buffalo, who has not paid his \$200 fine, will not be arrested.

"There's no default period, so there won't be any arrest," said Julyan, calling the court decision a bit unusual.

"Usually when someone gets fined, say a \$50

fine in default three days, it means if you don't pay your fine you do your three days in jail.

"But in this case, he was fined \$200 with no default...there's no authority to arrest him," said Julyan.

Julyan added, as far as the RCMP are concerned the matter of Laboucan's

unpaid fine "is over with."

Laboucan was the first of 27 arrested at the three road blockade sites. Lubicon Cree and supporters from across the country gathered in Little Buffalo to assert Lubicon jurisdiction on lands they were claiming as their own.

EXPRESSIONS

KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker



Hmmm...what would mom say if...

That look of concern on Lance Manywounds face might be a mask for mischief, who knows? The five-year-old son of Peter and Vi

Manywounds was lost in thought while he played on his Sarcee backyard swing last summer.

- Photo by Kim McLain

NEWS BRIEFS

Bill C-31ers join fight

A federal judge has accepted a group representing non-status and new-status Indians as an intervenor in a court case involving the Canadian government and four Alberta bands.

The four bands — Sawridge, Ermineskin, Sarcee and Blackfoot — are challenging changes made by Bill C-31 to the Indian Act which would see re-instated Natives returned to bands without band input.

The Native Council of Canada (Alberta) states in a press release: "The Twinn suit, though depicted by (Sawridge chief) Twinn and his wife Cathy, as a case of Indians versus the government, is not that at all. Rather, it is...solely for monetary reasons...These money reasons are the opposite of the Indian cultural value of sharing."

Diana Goldie, who works in Catherine Twinn's office, responded: "The issue is band membership and it is inappropriate to say that the plaintiffs are only interested in protecting their money."

Sarcee teen stabbed

Steve Heavenfire, 18, died from a stabbing on the Samson reserve near Hobbema on an early Saturday morning Jan. 28.

A 17-year-old girl has been charged with second degree murder.

Police are continuing their investigation.

Thunder nears Ottawa

Jim Thunder, the Slave Lake Cree man running to New York to retrieve the sacred Big Bear bundle, is expected to be in Ottawa Feb. 10.

Thunder is running 20 miles a day and hopes to reach the New York museum March 21. He has two companion runners — Henry Basil and Fred Sinclair — Alfred Beaver has left the run.

An advance team, Don and Louis Cardinal, are in Ottawa arranging a welcoming committee.

Thunder and his companions are raising enough money to pay for food, motels and gas.

Thunder hopes to return the bundle to Saskatchewan elders who will then decide what to do with the bundle.

Teachers accept contract

Southern Alberta teachers have voted 67 per cent in favor of accepting their board's latest contract offer. Of the 704 teachers voting in the region, 472 voted to accept, while 232 voted to reject.

Commenting on the vote, teachers' representative Ralph Klintberg said, "I am pleased with the number of teachers who came out to the meetings, given the severe weather conditions in the last few days...I am also pleased that we have finally resolved this dispute."

Micmac wins half-million

Stanley Johnson, a Micmac businessman at Truro, N.S., won a whopping \$561,827.40 in the Dec. 28 Atlantic Lotto 6/49.

Johnson had been buying lottery tickets since 1967 using the same numbers.

He plans to buy another retail store on the Millbrook reserve and use the money to help pay for his legal battle with the Nova Scotia and Ontario governments over his right to operate tobacco outlets and sell tax-free cigarettes. He said the court case cost him about \$100,000 in legal fees last year.

Bruyere answers charges

Louis (Smokey) Bruyere, in an effort to clear his name of alleged financial mismanagement, has written a letter to the editor of the Micmac News.

Bruyere resigned as president of the Native Council of Canada — a group representing non-status and new-status Indians — at the council's annual meeting last October.

In the letter, Bruyere listed reasons why the council had a \$160,000 deficit. Topping his list, Bruyere blamed the Metis National Council for taking \$300,000 of the council's funding. He also blamed the increase in airfare and accommodation prices. He said the council gained new groups from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Newfoundland and didn't get any new funding to pay for the additional costs. He also cited inflation as a factor and added that the previous president, Harry Daniels, left him with a \$150,000 deficit in March 1983.

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YOUR WORDS

Band seeks help

Dear Editor:

In 1945 the federal government (Indian Affairs) without proper consultation arranged for the Fort St. John Beaver band reserve #172 to be surrendered for sale. In 1948, although our people protested, Indian Affairs sold the land to Veteran's Affairs, another department of the federal government.

After many years of struggling with Indian Affairs in dealing with the loss of land and revenue, in 1978 we were able to get information which allowed us to begin the legal research for our court case.

Our trial started on January 12, 1987 and finished March 16, 1987 the judge gave us his ruling on November 4, 1987. We feel that he did not give us a fair judgement as he did not deal with the fact the surrender was taken illegally and therefore was not valid.

Our bands have now spent over \$750,000 in our attempt to settle the issue of, why Indian Affairs sold our land and resources. Since 1945, our bands have lost \$437 million in revenues plus 18,000 acres of land.

We have not received any

assistance from the federal government.

We have legal opinions, and the belief, that our case will be justly settled in the near future. We are inviting Native people to invest in our case. When the courts rule in our favor we propose to reimburse all contributors in the following manner. All funds received will be paid back at the rate of 100 per cent interest. For example, if a person invests \$1,000 in our court case, we will pay back \$2,000. If the courts rule against us in our case, we will repay the investment as our bands have the capability. Please note that our bands (Blueberry & Doig) and our members will not be reimbursed until we have paid off all other investors.

If you would like more information please contact councillor Barb Davis at 787-4466 or councillor Sandra Apsassin at 630-2584 or Headman Clarence Apsassin 785-0612.

*Chief Joe Apsassin
Blueberry River Band
Chief Gerry Attachie
Doig River Band*



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Inmate thanks elders

Dear Editor:

My name is Dave Giroux. I am at present serving a sentence in Edmonton Institution. First of all, I'd like to thank the Windspeaker staff for your interesting articles and for encouragement and community news, and to all the Native associations as well as the readers in general who have helped inmates.

At this time I would like to thank all of our elders who share the traditional wisdom to all the brothers who's families are on the outside. They also help and give guidance on the challenges in life which lie ahead for all our little

ones who will carry on the traditional ways.

In any event, the Native Brotherhood in the institution is stronger and is certainly an opportunity for today's prisoners to participate in the traditional ways.

In closing this letter, a special thanks to all Native elders who participated in local events and local functions. We look forward to more cultural and traditional ways. May the Great Spirit be with you.

*Sounding Sky
Dave (Tiny) Giroux*

AS I SEE IT...

Indian prophets foretold acid rain

There are old Indian prophecies that foretell the destruction of this world as we know it. Native prophets had correctly foretold every single major, earth-shaking event to affect the North American continent. In fact they had prophesized that the earth would shake three times...World Wars I and II have already come to pass.

Our ancestors had spoke of sprawling cities where men would live like ants. They said that over these cities spider webs would cover the sky and that as the end drew nearer our people would eat things that they never would have thought of eating before. And yes, they said "there will come a time my children, when the trees will start to die from the top down..."

Today the trees are dying from the top down.

Today there is a conspicuous decline of the forests throughout the world. This decline goes above and beyond that which is caused by timber companies and the forest industry in general.

Scientists have long been aware of this gradual destruction and attribute it to an accumulation of atmospheric contaminants spewed forth by power plants, industry and vehicles. The contaminants largely responsible for the defoliation and damage to our forests are sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, although aluminum is also a culprit.

To put the seriousness of the acid rain horror story into a broader perspective, consider that in Germany alone, more than 34% of its forests have been badly damaged. Acid rain has affected more than half the trees in the famous Bavarian and Black Forests.

Throughout Western Europe more than 10 million acres have been affected. In the United States and Canada, the defoliation of many coniferous types as well as growth declines of both deciduous and coniferous species bear mute testimony of man's destruction of the forests.

Not only has acid rain seriously affected the world's

forests, but atmospheric contaminants are also responsible for the death of thousands of lakes in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. As the waters become more acidic, the only organism capable of maintaining life is a filamentous algae, floating on its poisoned surface.

The exact effects of acid rain are not yet understood, but one needs only glance at the forests downwind from the International Nickel Smelter at Sudbury, Ontario, or at Boat Harbour, Nova Scotia, near the Scott Paper Mill, or any one of the several hundred dead lakes in the northeastern United States, and you will be convinced that there definitely are effects, disastrous ones.

In Alberta, there is nearly unanimous agreement that acid rain does exist and that it is a local problem.

Since the Clean Air Act was passed, severe sulfur dioxide emissions have leveled off somewhat, but for effective control the emissions of all three hazardous elements must be drastically reduced.

Traditionally, a guiding principle of Native people the world over is acknowledgement of the sacred circle of life. Spiritually and physically, it has been the forests that have maintained our existence on this Earth.

Our Native leaders are only too painfully aware of just how minute our remaining forest land base is. Wise use of our forests; sound, far-thinking forest management practices; and increased awareness of contaminants and their causes are not merely catchwords or fine-sounding phrases. There are the foundations of our survival.

Native leaders must recognize that the future of our people is dependent on maintaining the sacred circle of life.

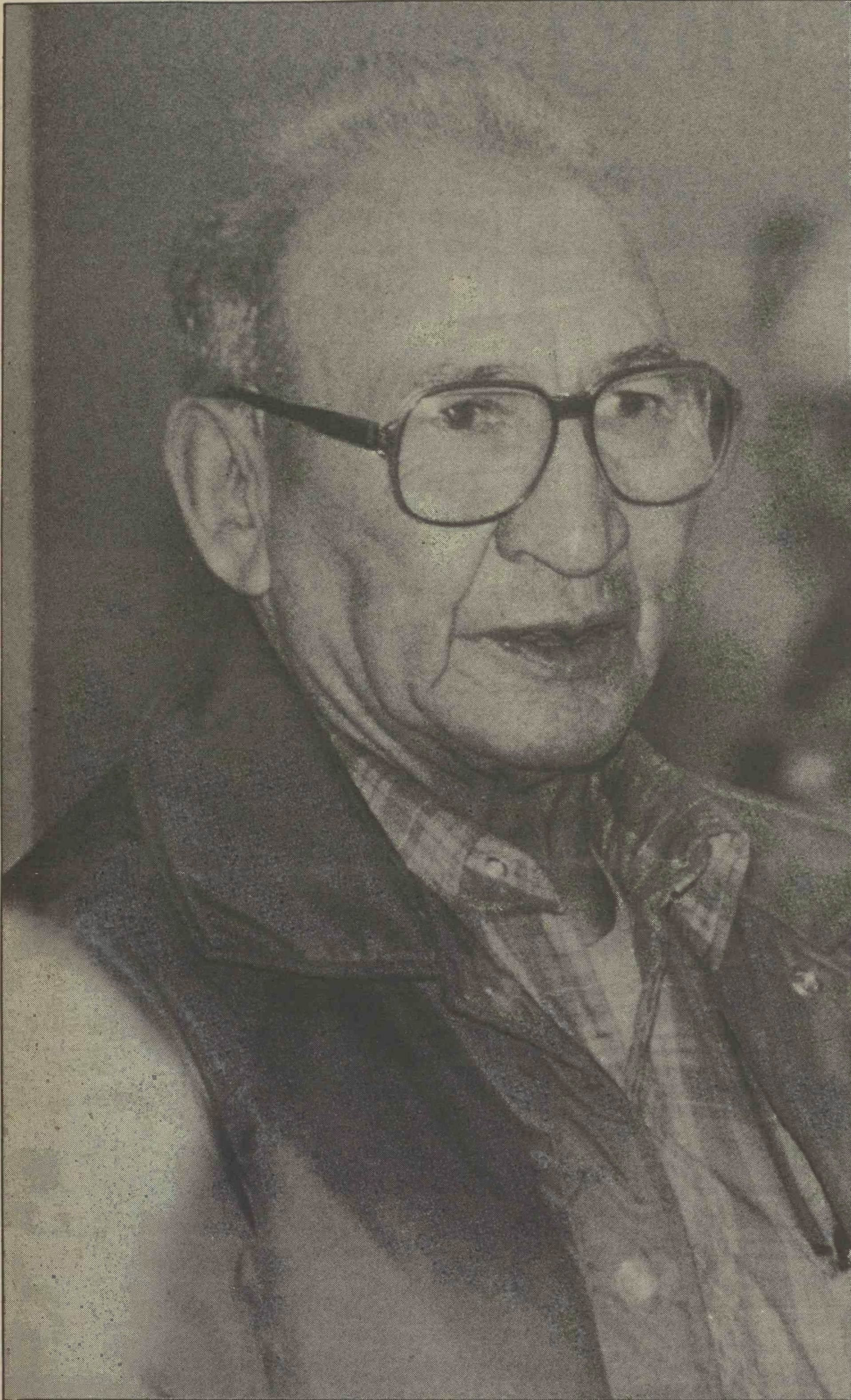
As it is, that circle is slowly but surely, being destroyed by techno-industrial man.

And as technology goes, we go.

Dwayne Desjarlais is a forest technologist

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Dwindling land and increased population worry elder: Dan Maclean, 76

Maclean: A foreigner in his own homeland

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Fort McMurray, Alta.

The land Dan Maclean roamed as a boy no longer looks the same. The rights his forefathers once cherished no longer exist. But according to the Sturgeon Lake elder, and father of 14, it's time for a change.

He says the Canadian government believes Alberta land is theirs to do with as they please. And now it's slowly disappearing.

It's not because Native families are getting bigger, he says. It's because the Canadian government is letting the wrong things happen.

Maclean, 76, says after 40 years of caring for his people as a tribal elder, he is starting to feel like a foreigner in his own land.

He questions Tory reasoning in handling Canadian society. He feels the government is more compassionate with refugee claims than Native claims.

"I don't know what they (Canadian government) are thinking. This government is in a deficit now. Why do they keep bringing foreigners here? We're running out of land."

Maclean attacks Bill C-31 which allows non-status Natives to return to their reserves.

The federal government is not taking into account the dwindling land mass the reserves have.

"People there have established families and now we are short on land. The feds aren't recognizing this. . . now there are people coming

back." We just can't handle it, he says.

Maclean says he's not opposed to the bill only if the government would allow bands more land.

He does protest the government's liberal attitude in allowing refugees easy access to Canadian soil and economy.

The unemployment rate is also a major concern of the aging elder who fights for tribal recognition.

The federal government doesn't even count us as unemployed" when they bring in foreigners. "There's no work as it is."

He says the problem is made worse when Natives turn to alcoholism and crime as a result of low employment opportunities.

The Canadian government is forcing natives off their land and out of jobs.

"We want them to know this is our land, and they can't have it."

Alberta region vice-chief of Assembly of First Nations Lawrence Courtorielle believes foreign investors are also having a significant impact on Native society.

"All of our bush land is going to be controlled by the Japanese. They're going to control our north."

It was announced last year Japanese-owned Daishowa will be opening a pulp mill near Peace River.

Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd. of British Columbia will also be helping finance a \$1.3 billion pulp mill in Athabasca. Crestbrook is jointly owned by Mitsubishi Corporation and Honshu Paper Company. Both are Japanese companies.

CHIEFS

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of these treaty infringements.

Louis insisted government officials have continued to ignore the agreements as they were originally written and the problem is getting worse.

"We are at a crossroads. These are enormous issues and something must be done. . . They're being eroded. If we can come up with resolutions we are doing something impor-

tant."

He lauded his forefathers for the courage they showed in dealing with the white government but said times and circumstances have changed.

When it was signed in 1876 it was viewed as a sacred document by Indian ancestors, and wasn't meant to be taken lightly, he concluded.

"Perhaps they were lax in trying to get what was best. But this our land. . . We have been short

changed in terms of land. Together we must come up with resolutions that will affect all bands."

He said treaty reform will be most important to the future of Indian nations throughout the country.

"Whatever we're doing will filter back to our children. We have to be more aggressive" so they can benefit, he said.

His sentiments were echoed by conference chairman Lawrence Courtorielle when he lashed out

at the government for trying to persuade the general public Native Canadians are a burden to society.

"They are trying to get the public to turn against us. The average Canadian doesn't even know we have rights. . . or that a treaty exists. They think we are responsible for destroying wildlife, but it is them (government)," he said.

"We've got to stick together as Treaty 8 chiefs... we've got to come up with a plan of action."

Courtorielle said the first priority is to get Treaty 8 chiefs to sit down and evaluate each treaty, then come up with a plan to offer the Canadian government. "We need a good relationship. . . we need strength and action."

He said since the treaties were signed the federal government has been trying to drive the Native Canadian from his land.

"They tried to take us from our homes. It didn't work. They tried to send us

to jail. That didn't work. They tried to take us from our schools. That didn't work. Now they want to turn the public against us."

Courtorielle also addressed the imposition of a self-governing treaty rule.

He said the most important consideration of this agreement would be fiscal responsibility established by band chiefs.

Environmental issues were discussed in private by band members and will be made public at a later date.

LIFESTYLE

Native voting power still untapped

LYLE DONALD, Special to Windspeaker

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Aboriginal people will continue to be under-represented in government until they concentrate on ballots instead of land claim negotiations, says a University of Alberta political science professor.

"The feeling has been that the election of one or two Aboriginal people is not going to have a major impact and local leadership has not placed a big priority on it," said Prof. Tom Pocklington.

Traditionally, Natives have been too preoccupied with land-claim settlements and band administration politics to enter the federal or provincial arena, Pocklington said.

"You don't yet see the massive voter registration drives like Jesse Jackson embarked on in the States for example, getting blacks who had never registered before out to the polls," he observed.

And turnout at most reserves and Metis settlements has been appallingly low.

In a study of Native voting in the 1984 federal and provincial elections, Pocklington estimates about 45 per cent of eligible Metis turned out at the polls and only about 25 per cent of Treaty Indians exercised their right to vote.

Countless studies on voting patterns indicate those who are rich, those with more formal education and those who hold prestigious jobs are more likely to vote.

Natives usually don't fall into those categories, Pocklington noted.

Ironically, the study indicated more Natives turned out to vote provincially than for federal elections even though the federal government is responsible for Native affairs.

The study also found more prosperous reserves, such as the Sawridge band and oil-rich Hobbema bands, were overwhelmingly Conservative.

By contrast, Cold Lake Indians turned out in record numbers for New Democrats.

And throughout Alberta, support for the Liberals, favored by Native voters since the Riel Rebellion, has dwindled considerably.

Among minorities, the lack of representation for Aboriginal people in the 34th Parliament is particularly disturbing, says the executive-director of the Canadian Ethnocultural Council.

"I find it appalling that we have just two Aboriginal members of Parliament," Andrew Cardozo said. "It's amazing that less than one per cent of the members of Parliament are Aboriginal."

Conservative Willie Littlechild, a full-blooded Cree lawyer, romped to easy victory in the Wetaskiwin riding. Jack Iyerak Anawak took the Northwest Territories riding of Nunatsiag for the Liberals and Grit Ethel Blondin was



Eligible Native voters: Patterns reveal that only 25-40 per cent vote

elected in the Western Arctic riding.

On the provincial front, Pearl Calahasen, a Metis from Grouard won the Conservative nomination in Lesser Slave Lake Feb. 5. She joins Native candidate Mike Cardinal, who won the P.C. nomination in the Athabasca riding.

Despite the victories, most experts agree a distinct "Native vote" does not exist in Canada, said Pocklington, who has written a book about government politics on Metis settlements.

Natives make up only a tiny proportion of Alberta's population, less than 2 per cent.

But he said Natives could conceivably gain control of much northern Alberta, including Fort McMurray, Peace River, Lesser Slave Lake, Athabasca-Lac La Biche and Bonnyville ridings, if they began to vote as a block.

And recent gains made by Native candidates on the federal and provincial scene may encourage others to seek office, says another U of A political scientist.

"Willie Littlechild's nomination and election did a lot to mobilize people in his riding," said Prof. Gurston Dacks.

Littlechild's credentials for elected office are impressive indeed. Articulate and movie-star handsome, he holds a master's degree in physical education, a law degree, owns a travel company, sits on the executive of Edmonton-based Peace Hills Trust Co. and is a Canadian representative to the International Labor Organization's Geneva conference on Indigenous rights.

Littlechild, 44, who speaks fluent Cree, is an honorary Chief of the Cree Nation, a two-time winner of the Tom Longboat Award as Canada's outstanding Indian athlete and a member of the University of Alberta Sports Hall of Fame for his achievements in hockey and swimming.

His law practice centres on oil and gas leases, sports law

and constitutional issues concerning Native rights.

"He provides a positive role model for Indians thinking about how they should become politically active and plays an important role in shaping non-Aboriginals' views about Natives in politics," Dacks said.

Sam Sinclair, ex-president of the Metis Association of Alberta, believes Natives are ready to test the political waters.

The drive for self-determination and the high profile of the Lubicon Lake land settlement talks have "put new heart" into efforts to unite Aboriginal people, Sinclair said.

"Our people have to face up to the fact that the government responds to numbers not to individuals," he added. "The young people are starting to get wiser and getting involved."

About 2,500 Natives were on hand for last week's Tory meeting in Slave Lake, the highest attendance in recent memory, said Sinclair, who was unsuccessful in his bid for the nomination.

"We have got to encourage our own people to be candidates and continue to support those candidates, if successful, in any given party they represent. We should support them all the way through the political process until they become MLAs and MPs."

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Initiatives on many fronts: Larry Desmeules

Desmeules updates MAA

By Everett Lambert
Nehiyaw News Service

EDMONTON

In an interview at the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) office, President Larry Desmeules gave an update of the association.

He says the group is "taking initiatives on many fronts."

One of those areas is housing, which is a major issue in almost every Native community.

The association recently revived its housing efforts by incorporating the Alberta

Metis Rural Housing Corporation. AMRC serves Metis homes not located in large urban areas. Archie Laboucane, who is housing inspector says most of the clients live in northwestern Alberta. He explains that it's basically the same area as the MAA's zone four region. Desmeules says the pro is "moving into a profitable situation."

The president says the association plans to expand the growth of its urban housing program.

Presently the program operates in Grand Prairie, Bonnyville, Lloydminster,

Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary. It also plans to move into Lac La Biche, Ft. McMurray and Peace River, all in northern Alberta.

Desmeules says "it's the largest housing program in Canada. We have 525 houses." They are home to about 1,800 children.

Native Network News is the association's communication arm. The Native paper is a recent addition to the association, as well as to Alberta's Native communications community.

He says the paper "sustains itself on advertising alone." He also adds the association has plans for the paper, that they "are not ready to announce yet."

Apetogosan (Metis) Development Corp., the association's money lending company is open but Desmeules says "things aren't going as smoothly as they should. But it's doing its job within the confines of its contract."

The association also has the framework agreement which was recently resigned, "with dollars attached to it." It was signed with the Alberta government and sets out to improve government services to Metis people. However, Desmeules commented that he does not feel the agreement is the "major initiative taking place" within the association. He feels, instead, that the MAA is "taking initiatives on many fronts. But certainly it involves everything else that we're going."

Desmeules says that another priority is that of "restructuring" the organization and updating some of the MAA bylaws, some of which he calls "simply outdated."

As part of the restructuring, a Metis elders senate was approved of at last summer's annual MAA assembly held in Lac la Biche. One of the recent issues the

senate has dealt with, is that of the membership problem. Both Dan Martel and wife Sharon Johnstone-Martel of Edson had their memberships struck as a result of a conflict with other association leadership.

The elders senate has yet to set any internal policies or guidelines as to how it will operate. The president would like to discuss this with the elders during a February meeting. He says "it's not true" that some of the elder senators do not know what their job is as far as the senate goes.

Desmeules also says that many local members are making successes in the business world. Recently a "flagship" agreement involving the huge Syncrude tar sands development at Ft. McMurray was signed and involves five Metis locals.

Metis locals are the basic unit of the MAA. All the locals within a certain area make up what is called the regional council. Local presidents each have one vote on the regional council. There are six regional councils within the MAA.

The agreement seeks to give Metis input on the major pulp mill projects being constructed in northern Alberta.

Desmeules says that the association's money situation "is sound" and that that it should "have a \$6,000 surplus after March 31st." Head office presently employs six people. When asked what the yearly budget is, Desmeules did not want to disclose this but said "it's public information."

The zone offices have also recently been equipped with a database and facsimile machines which can send copies of documents around the world in seconds. The machines, which are a big part of government and business, greatly improve communications.

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Buildings, bargains and big bucks

Tansi? Gla Doh Ttou? Hello!

Let me apologize for my absence last week.

That blizzard week brought me down with a sinus infection which wouldn't leave. (Feeling about 70 per cent better today).

How did you survive that blizzard? Bet you toughed it out most courageously, considering our ancestors had to always brave these kinds of winter temperatures.

Anyhow, did you enjoy the new personalized format of this column? (As per, the January 27 issue?) Hope so. Do share your stories. Your input is needed. Submit photos too. Don't be shy!

Are you still awake? Good! Listen up, we still want your calls for the calendar of events page ... so, what and where are all the activities happening these days? Give us a call.

Beginning soon, our assistant ("awesome") editor Keith Matthew will take your calls for the calendar of events page. Meanwhile, you may contact any one of the reporters on staff to assist with these matters.

Now, the news ...

Goodfish Lake: Congratulations, Angie (nee: Grandbois) Boyd.

The former Cold Lake First Nations resident won \$10,000 Jan. 24 when she purchased a scratch and win lottery ticket at the IDA drugstore in St. Paul. "I bought



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Edmonton to purchase the truck.

According to the Western Canada lottery office, Boyd was the first in these parts to win on the new 'beat the skier's time' lottery tickets.

Paddle Prairie: With the help of a grant from the Wild Rose Foundation this community built themselves an attractive log building dubbed, 'The Paddle Prairie Centre.'

Currently, the building serves as Adult Education Centre for community members. "The beautiful atmosphere created by this building will no doubt raise the level of knowledge gained by the students," said Lawrence Graham the centre's manager.

"This type of grant is a tremendous boost for any community. The long term benefits are immeasurable. So, hats off to the Wild Rose Foundation people for the job they do - may they long continue in this capacity," added Graham.

The team welcomes the general public to view and tour the new structure and share their excitement. "The

only two," laughed Boyd. "I said, 'I think I won,' but I didn't believe it."

She's believing it now, as she drives around in her new \$6,000 Silverado Chevrolet truck. Boyd and her husband also took a short holiday vacation to visit their friends in Winnipeg before coming back to

workmanship is excellent, it's beauty alone is a great moral boost to our people."

Bissell Centre: Bargains, bargains! The Bissell Economy Store at 10922-97 St. is the best place to shop if you are on a low or fixed income, or if you enjoy bargain-hunting.

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Funds generated from these sales cover the centre's expenses and surplus revenue is channelled into other Bissell Centre programs. Programs include: Child care, women's drop-in, youth activities department, evening leisure programs and social services which provide counselling, referral and emergency services.

"The Bissell Economy store operates entirely on donations. If you are in need, or if you know of anyone who could benefit from this service, please call us at 424-3602," says McCurrach.

That's all folks! Will be talking to you all again next week. Until then, take care, smile and be good. (Hug-a-buddy, too!)

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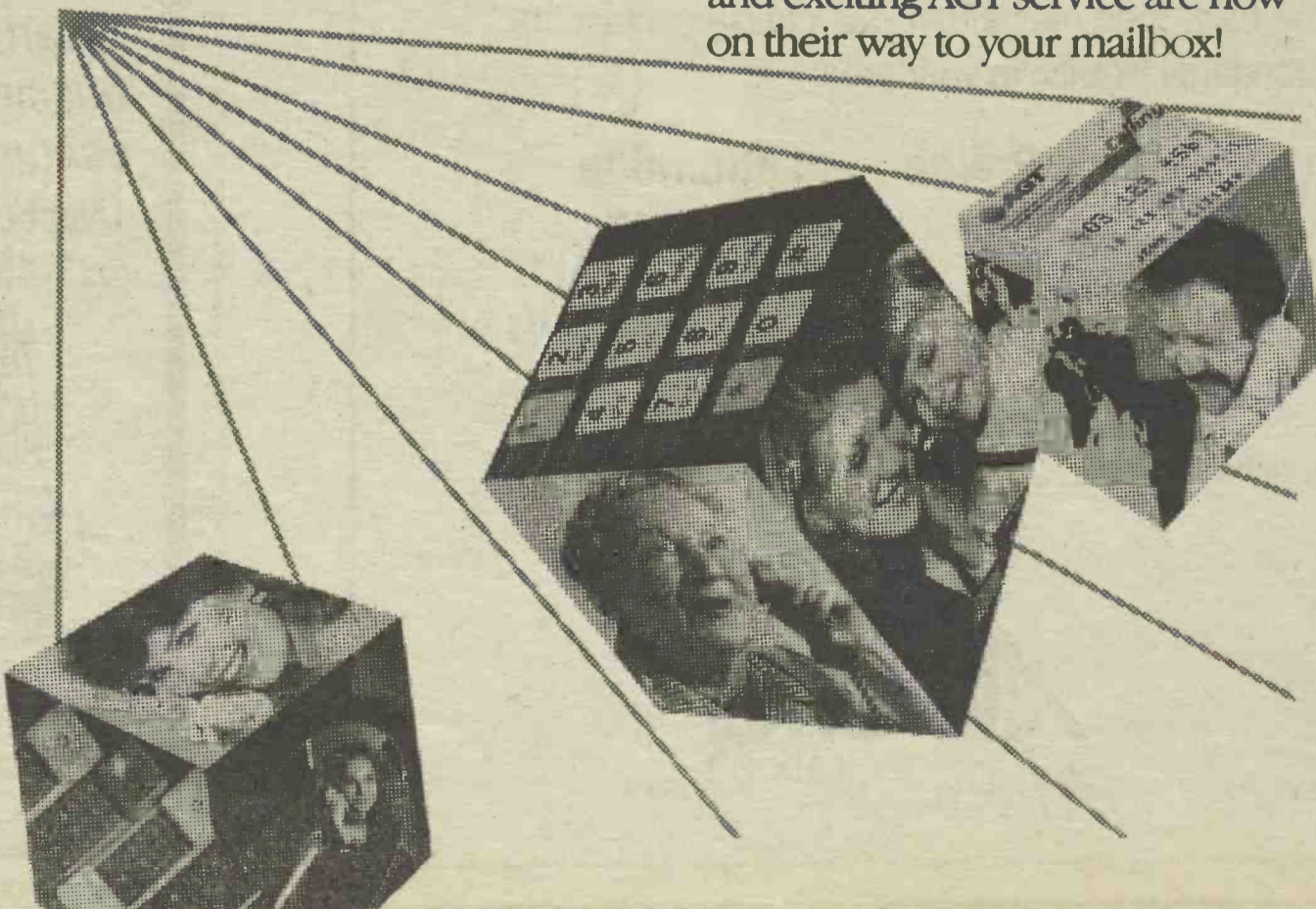
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Maskwachees examines band-controlled education

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, Alta.

The Four Nations Education Research and Planning Commission has obtained a mandate from the Four Nations chiefs and councils to establish an inquiry into the definition of 'Local Control of Education' for the people of the Maskwachees area.

The purpose of the commission is to prepare a relevant and practical definition from a number of different

perspectives. This examination of local control will cover issues including: school curriculums, Treaty Rights, post-secondary education, the relationship between the provincial school systems and the reserve; and the community's role within education.

Twelve members from the four reserves make up the commission committee for researching the educational systems. "A sub-committee will also be selected to assist with gathering information and reviews," said chairman of the com-

mission Brian Wildcat.

Both the commission and sub-committee members will be seeking answers to these questions:

Why are we delegated only to an advisory role in our own schools?

Why do students from the Four Nations have a 90-95 per cent drop out rate in the provincial schools?

What role do the elders of our community play in the formal education of Four Nations students?

What types of action should we take to help improve the success of our

students?

Who is responsible for the success of our students and to what degree?

The commission will accept written and verbal submission from any interested groups or individuals starting this month. Interested parties can contact any one of the members at 585-3790.

This examination will be conducted over a ten month period and the commission will present its findings to the Four Nations Chief and Council for final deliberations in the fall.



Only a handful: About 95 per cent drop out

"This process allows the people of the Four Nations to have input into a fundamental experience of life, the quest for quality education," explained Wildcat. "We encourage other band members' participation. Particularly, parents, elders and resource people."

Commission members for the Ermineskin reserve are: Ken Cutarm, Charlie Roasting and Darrel Wild-

cat. Members from the Louis Bull reserve are: Henry and Gordon Raine and Helen Bull. Montana reserve members include: Darrel Strongman, Lillian Potts and Carolyn Buffalo. And, Samson reserve members are: Twaine Buffalo and Wilson Buffalo.

"We will try to present a real alternative for the future of our students," concludes Wildcat.

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The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Alberta Tourism grants**Goodfish beach project gets \$47,000 boost**

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GOODFISH LAKE, Alta.

After a lot of hard work and dedication, the Goodfish Lake band's beach development proposal was granted \$47,100 by the

Alberta Tourism development division in Edmonton.

"It took four months of loyal, dedicated service by eight volunteer committee members before reaching this stage," said the band's recreation director and program manager Kevin Half.

"I strongly encourage

other reserves to take advantage of the benefits offered by Alberta Tourism," he added.

"Now, we can continue with the committee's action-steps towards achieving our goal for improving tourist attractions on our reserve."

The committee's immediate tourism enhancement plans include building picnic sites and jogging trails along the beach. In future, the group is anticipating construction of a restaurant and a convenience store.

Alberta Tourism was recently provided with \$30 million from Alberta Lotteries to subsidize community interests for tourism development.

Final allocations are calculated on a per capita basis. Alberta Tourism will contribute 75 per cent on the contingency that 25 per cent is matched by the prospective investor.

Labor costs are not tabulated in the grants. "Another source of revenue must be taken into consideration to cover labor rates," explained Half.

Alberta Tourism will consider proposals from urban incorporated municipalities, Native bands, Metis settlements, villages, towns and hamlets.

Individuals or organizations wishing more information can contact any one of the three assistant community tourism coordinators manned by the tourism development division in the city.

"Though Native consultant Steven Brant, is specially assigned to look after Native interests, there are additional assistant community tourism coordinators here to provide the necessary information," said Donna Nay, one of the tourism coordinators.

- **Men's Floor Hockey Tournament**, Feb. 17-19, Wetaskiwin. Entry Fee \$250. Contact: Craig 585-3800.
- **Goodfish Lake Winter Carnival**, Feb. 17-19, Goodfish Lake Reserve.
- **Round Dance**, Feb. 18, Poundmaker/Nechi, St. Albert, 8 p.m. - 4 a.m. Contact: Alfred Bonaise 458-1884.
- **2nd Annual Ermineskin Open Coed Volleyball Tourney**, February 18 & 19, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre. Call 585-3088 (Danny) or 585-3089 (Evan).
- **Provincial Museum Tour** for adults, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m. hosted by Families of Native Children group. Pre-registration is necessary. Contact 437-1287.
- **Senior Hockey Tournament & Oldtimers**, Feb. 25-27, Regina, Sask. Contact Melton Tootoosis (306) 584-8333.
- **6th Annual All Native Hockey Tournament**, Feb. 24 & 25, Regina. Inquiries call: (306) 584-8333.
- **10th Annual Mixed Bonspiel**, February 24-26, Slave Lake. Sponsored by Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre. Call Jennifer at 849-3039 for more.
- **Adams Tournament (10 & 11 yrs. old)**, Feb. 25 & 26, Goodfish Lake. For more info contact Kevin Halfe or Ed Cardinal at 636-3622.
- **7th Annual Talent Show/89**, March 3, 7 p.m. Sagitawa Friendship Society, Peace River. For more information call 624-2443.
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- **Teen Lip Sync Contest**, March 10, Slave Lake Friendship Centre. Dance to follow - Sorry no adults.
- **Fire Fighting Training Interviews**, March 15-17, Native Outreach Office, #301, 10603-107 Ave., Call 428-9350 to register.
- **Poundmaker's Lodge 2nd Annual AA Roundup**, March 17-19. For further information call Maureen K., or Don. T. at 458-1884.
- **Co-ed Volleyball Tournament**, March 17 & 18, Louis Bull Recreation Centre, Hobbema. Contact Bill or Anne at 585-4075 for more information.
- **AEM Floor Hockey Tournament**, March 17-19, Wetaskiwin. Entry Fee: \$250. Contact: Craig at 585-3800 or Dave 585-2211.
- **All-Native Provincial Curling Bonspiel**, March 17-19, Wetaskiwin. Hosted by Hobbema Curling Assn. Contact: Marcia Crier 585-3793 or Dennis Okeymow 585-2220.

Eleven Dene get job training

Businesses, community groups, municipalities and non-profit organizations are eligible to act as employers. Projects can last up to one year.

The 11 trainees will get practical experience by repairing and renovating old and run-down houses and buildings owned by the band.

The Dene band of Assumption received \$163,787 to train eleven band members in a 36-week upgrading and carpentry course.

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Lac La Biche hopeful for funding

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LAC LA BICHE

After a wait of nearly 15 years Lac La Biche's Native Friendship Centre may finally receive a substantial amount of funding from the provincial government for core-funding to operate all

of its programs.

The centre's \$60,000 grant proposal for sustaining operations has met with optimistic approval according to Native Services Unit Executive Director Cliff Supernault of the Municipal Affairs' Improvement District office in Edmonton.

"I talked with Cliff Monday and he said they're opti-

mistic enough to accommodate some of the applications in the proposal," said Mike Cardinal, a community initiatives consultant with Alberta Social Services in Athabasca.

The centre's interim executive members packaged the proposal for review which Cardinal forwarded to Supernault.

"We're in dire straits," said Ernest Thom acting executive director at the centre. "We're three months behind in rent."

According to Thom the previous centre organizers "abandoned ship." The centre's lack of funds and disorganization led them to too many frustrations.

The new executive board anticipates tremendous growth potential in the area due to the proposed pulp mill development and new road construction into Conklin.

Currently, the centre's services cover two reserves and two Metis settlements around the Lac La Biche area. Seventy to eighty per cent of the 10,000 people living in the area are of Native origin.

"We want to sustain the centre's operations and formulate programs for the people," added Thom. "Our major concern is the money required to keep this facility open."

The centre's executive members met in the latter part of December to reorganize operational administra-

tion and procedures within the centre.

Currently, the friendship centre offers free coffee and card games for its patrons. "There are other service organizations in the area but the elders prefer to come here because of the Native oriented atmosphere," said Russ Whitford the centre's former vice-president.

Whitford continues to offer his volunteer efforts to sustain the centre. "This non-profit organization was incorporated in July 1986. At that time the centre received a core-funding of \$3,500 from the Secretary of State," explained Whitford. "That funding kept us going over the past two and a half years."

"This time, the centre's executive members would like to see a realistic amount," continued Whitford.

The centre's operations have always been administered and maintained by volunteers including its executive members past, and present.

"There are no paid employees," added Thom.



Volunteer: Whitford

"Although, our initial interest, is to hire a couple of qualified people to administer and operate this facility."

Present executive members include: president Willie Lanstrom, vice-president Leon Bastarache, secretary Leonard Cardinal and treasurer Ernie Thom.

"Some former executive members have volunteered to stay on with centre. Like past treasurer Willie Landstrom," said Whitford. Whitford, the centre's former vice-president is happy to remain with the group "only on a volunteer basis."

"Seems like the Lac La Biche Native Friendship Centre movement is just a cry in the woods," continued Whitford. "This is the third effort at establishing a Native Friendship Centre in this area."

Revelation of Inner Strengths

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Artists move to mainstream

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

"Revelation of Inner Strengths", an art exhibition now on at Edmonton's Beaver House Gallery, presents a strong showing by six native artists.

Curator Colleen Bence said the exhibit, to be called "Mainstream Move" when it moves to Calgary's Nova Gallery next month, signifies a movement of Native art into the mainstream of society.

"There is a movement away from being a Native artist to be an artist who is Native," says Bence, director

of administration and financing for the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society (AIACS), which sponsored the exhibit.

The display, which runs until Feb. 24, features 29 pieces by intermediate artists whose style ranges from traditional to more contemporary works.

Most important among the works are those by two young artists whose dramatic imagery and vivid use of color dominates the show.

George Littlechild's "Urban Indian Pain Dance" is a series of bold, modern totems depicting the pain, uncertainty, fear and angst today's Native faces living in

a foreign culture.

The haunting portraits feature symbolic Indian motifs borrowed from more traditional arts and crafts of basketry and embroidery, including circles, arrows, stars and pyramid shapes.

Using day-glo colors of fuchsia, electric orange and neon green, metallic paints and gummed decals, the Cree artist integrates contemporary Native issues with the ancient Indian crafts and symbols.

Littlechild's popular style won him a third place tie in the 1986 Asum Mena Festival of juried Alberta native art.

Kim McLain's vibrant "Stage No. 1" and "Stage No. 2" are full of expression and

movement. Painted against a contrasting turquoise and magenta backdrop, the figures appear to leap right off the canvas.

His "Sleep, Number Nine" shows an imaginative use of color and design.

And "I Dream About Buildings...Number Nine", an acrylic and mixed media collage, incorporates a handwritten poem and photographs of brick buildings into its textured and dream-like imagery.

McLain, a Cree artist who is editor for Windspeaker, was one of five Native artists featured in the Society's "Alberta Inspirations: A Contemporary Native Art Show"



Bold brush strokes: Rocky Barstad painting

held February and March 1987 at Calgary's NOVA Gallery.

His works are represented in the public collections of the Alberta Native Secretariat, Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society, Peace Hills Trust and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's national collection.

The exhibit also features

work by Ken Swan, Todd Kervin, Ann McLean, Rocky Barstad and Sam Warrior.

After only five days of exhibition, three works have already attracted buyers, Bence said.

The society is planning a major show of new Native works in Amherst, Massachusetts in March.

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Lessons learned through theatre

By Lesley Crossingham
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEEMA, Alta.

Native theatre is an essential element of modern and traditional Native life that transcends the barriers of time, space and even modern technology, say members of the Hobbema Four Winds Theatre group.

Although many people view theatre as pure entertainment with little or no social worth, this group says people forget that theatre and story telling has been a vital element of traditional Native society for centuries and is often the ideal way to introduce new ideas and ways to solve problems to the community.

Currently the four member group are touring with a play about suicide called *It's My Life*. The play centers around the young girl who is depressed about life and is contemplating suicide. The play has toured primary and secondary schools, community centres and drug and alcohol prevention conferences.

The play was sponsored by the Ermineskin Education Trust Fund through a special education grant. The group toured several communities and schools and a total of 1,579 people eventually saw the play.

The group has also developed plays about other problems Native people face. They get their

ideas from requests by sponsoring communities and just life in general. Currently work is beginning on a play about vision quest which is still "in the thinking stage."

The group consists of Darrel Wildcat, a Cree from Hobbema, Lori Davey a Cayuga from the Six Nations in Ontario, Rosa John a member of the Taino/Lucayan nation from Cuba and Melvin John, a Cree from Kehewin.

"We'll have to do mime pieces," laughs Wildcat, explaining that the Natives of El Salvador only speak Spanish. "We'll use a lot of music, images because that is always understood. And of course we'll be taking our masks."

The group make and paint paper-mache masks for each play. Each character wears a mask and the actors decorate the mask with images of the personality of the character they portray.

"Theatre and drama have been a community confirmation of social and religious beliefs of Native North America for centuries," says Wildcat. "The tradition of theatre has existed in the form of dance, song, storytelling and shadow puppets. Today contemporary groups like Four Winds are a combination of traditional and modern performance styles."

Four Winds has its roots firmly planted in traditional performance whether it comes from a potlatch of

the west coast or the Wetiego dance of the Cree says Wildcat. It is part of the cultural identity of Native people as well as a social analytical tool that can be used for change or education.

"Through dance and theatre, complicated political stories can be played out so that everyone understands and can feel part of what is happening. This is the Native way. It is natural for us to use this tool rather than the written word that the non-Native world uses. Theatre is a primary tool for change through positive imaging."

Wildcat points out that it is not a case of his group "lecturing" to the community but rather the community determining the subject matter of the theatre piece.

"We look for a framework of support from the community. The answer to the situation, whatever it is, comes from the community; this research for the answer is conducted by the group, the material is then grouped in the different aspects of the material and presented."

Wildcat points out that no censorship by the group takes place because the object is to try to find a solution and then role model the situation so people can relate to what is being said and what is happening.

Before each performance, the group conducts a "series of rituals" which



A play about suicide: *The Four Winds theatre group*

Wildcat's says brings the audience and the actors closer together.

"Before the show we warm up physically and meet in a circle. In the circle we burn the sweetgrass which is the symbol of unity and concentrated energy. It is the unity of tradition and the contemporary and also the unity of thought and action. The concentration of energy is for the task at hand and performance and to put all the players into the same frame of mind."

Wildcat has been in the performing arts since high-school and during the past six years has undertaken intensive training in popular theatre as a student of the dramatic arts.

His search for knowledge has taken him to Bangladesh, Quailit (formerly known as Frobisher Bay) where he focused toward the Inuit and their unique situation.

He is both actor and director and has been concentrating on writing recently. He is particularly excited about the new play on the vision quest which he says will contain vivid

recounts of the Native

experience of vision quest in an effort to explain it to those who don't understand.

Lori Davey is originally from Ontario and has been involved in theatre since 1981. She recently worked with a drug and alcohol prevention program on a year-long national tour through Native communities. She has worked with puppet theatre, masked theatre, giant marionette puppet construction and sees theatre as a viable tool in aiding the coexistence of traditional and modern Native expressions in society.

Rosa John originally came from Cuba and has been performing since 1971. She devotes her energy toward musical theatre and has toured in the United States with several drama and dance groups. She has toured Hong Kong and China with the Theatre of the Gians and throughout Canada with the Native Earth group.

John's knowledge of Native clown and ritual performance has been the cornerstone of her work

throughout the last eight years.

Melvin John graduated from the Native Theatre school in 1981 and has toured throughout Ontario, New York and Michigan with the Native Earth production of *Who Am I?* He is

also a well known fancy dancer who has concentrated his study on the preservation of traditional performance.

He recently worked on his own reserve, Kehewin, as director of the *Rainbow Believers*, a youth project.

As well as performing, the group runs drama workshops and theatrical training camps held in Hobbema during the summer holidays. These workshops consist of mask and movement training, voice and relaxation techniques, dramatic interpretations, technical theatre skills, dance, and developing a community theatre.

Each workshop is molded specifically for the age and topic focus of each particular group.

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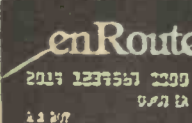
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Business video shatters myths

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A new video on Native entrepreneurship in Canada is helping shatter the myth that Natives will lose their identity if they become financially successful.

"Business and Native culture are not a contradiction," contends Mark Gordon, past president of Northern Quebec's Makivik Corporation, who appears in the video.

"Just because you are successful does not mean you are no longer Native."

The video, titled Ready for Take-Off, charts the startling growth of Native business within the country.

An estimated 5,000 Canadian businesses are now Native-owned and operated by Indian, Inuit or Metis, many run by Native communities or bands.

More than 40 Native-run financial service institutions have sprung up across the country over the past 10 years. They handle more than \$100 million in capital which is reinvested into a myriad of projects and communities.

Contrary to popular myth, many Native leaders now believe a strong economic base is the path to self-determination.

"Obviously, the key that is going to unlock the door of self-government will be the key of economic development," says George Watt, chairman of the Economic Development Committee of First Nations.

Already, there are dozens of Native business success stories to be told.

In Alberta, the Samson band of Hobbema owns Peace Hills Trust, worth nearly \$1 billion in assets.

In Northern Quebec, the Makivik Corporation owns Air Inuit, which turned a tidy \$2.5 million profit last year. The corporation is also considering the commercial viability of a commercial caribou hunt and establishing a small eider down industry.

In Saskatchewan, the La Ronge band has established its own development corporation through such ventures as manufacturing beef jerky and international sales of wild rice. Next on the drawing board is a mall and hotel complex slated to create 400 jobs for Native people. The band's goal is to gather \$40 million in assets to become self-sufficient.

And on tiny Prince Edward Island, Micmacs have combined the resource of black ash with the ancient skill of basketweaving to produce more than 10,000 baskets a year.

The 28-minute videotape also profiles some of the self-made Natives who are leading the way.

Chief among them is Metis architect Douglas Cardinal, 54, who has just completed work on the magnificent Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec. Despite intense wrangling with federal administrators over design and doubling the project's \$80 million budget, Cardinal has created "a breathtaking structure whose flowing forms look as if they were sculpted by nature itself," according to one enthusiastic supporter.

Producer Tony Belcourt, of Wolfwalker Communications in Ottawa, hopes the video will help destroy the "Hollywood stereotype" which hampers Natives' ability to do business.

"The Native people have not bought what the apologists have tried to sell - the welfare mentality," said Belcourt, a 45-year-old Metis who hails from Lac St. Anne, Alberta.

"It's simply not true; we would not have survived if we were not self-sufficient."

Funded by the Native Economic Development Program of Industry, Science and Technology, the video was shot last summer with crews stationed all over Canada. Several Aboriginal societies provided material from the north and 75 per cent of production staff for the project were Native.

Copies of the video are being distributed to Native organizations, societies and newspapers. The company is also negotiating sales with educational TV networks and dubbing rights with high schools and colleges to instruct business students.

Single VHS or Beta copies are available for \$39.95 through Wolfwalker Communications in English, French or Inuktitut.

The production is scheduled to air on CTV's My Partners, My People program later this month.

Wolfwalker Communications, a year-old company geared to publicizing Native issues, plans to produce a set of 10 how-to videotapes to advise Natives how to set up and market their own business.

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Browning run'n'guns Bloods

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

STAND OFF, Alta.

Awe-inspiring, run'n'gun Indian basketball the way it is meant to be played.

That describes the men's final game of the Sik-Ooh-Kotoki 20th Anniversary Invitational which was held at the Gerry Dawson Athletic Centre on Feb. 5 in Stand Off about 150 miles south of Calgary.

The game saw the Browning, Mont. team tangle with the Blood reserve Golden Eagles. The Browning team actually had only three players from its nine-man roster from Montana with the remaining players coming from southern Alberta.

The game began with a bang as Browning centre Lyle Smith came swooping from outside of the key to corral a loose offensive rebound with one hand and slam dunk the ball home with authority.

It was a sign of things to

come as Browning was just warming up.

The first half saw Browning leading at half by a 57-43 margin. They were led by all-world guard Leland Kicking Woman who ran off a string of eight consecutive points with two-three pointers and one lay-up eleven minutes before the half.

The Golden Eagles couldn't run with the faster Browning team and resorted to an inside game with hulking centre Bob Arnett.

The second half saw the Golden Eagles claw and scratch their way back into the game and with 11 minutes left in the game, had the margin down to two points with Browning leading 83-81.

However, Kicking Woman took control of the game for Browning by canning eight consecutive points for Browning to break the Golden Eagles hearts.

That would be the closest that the Golden Eagles would come to the Montana

team who would build up their lead to over 15 points and hold on to defeat them by a final score of 119-112.

Golden Eagle Bob Arnett finished the game with a whopping 51 points to lead all scorers with Leland Kicking Woman scoring 38 to lead Montana scorers.

The trail to final game for Browning lead through three teams. The first game saw Browning down the Blood reserve Golden Eagles 102-85, the second game they whipped the Blood Renegades 119-111, the third game they beat Lethbridge Running Rebels 112-94.

Blood Reserve Golden Eagles, after losing their first game had to fight their way through the back door of the tourney to again meet with Montana.

In their second game they met up with Bracket and taught them a lesson by whipping them 103-66, the third game saw them meet with the Blood Renegades and Bob Arnett lead the Golden Eagles with 24

points in a close 87-82 win, the fourth game the Eagles ran roughshod over the Lethbridge Running Rebels 92-80.

In the women's final, the non-Native Pincher Creek team kicked Old Agency by almost 30 points in winning 73-44. Renee Heavy Shields paced the all-Native team with 14 points in a losing effort.

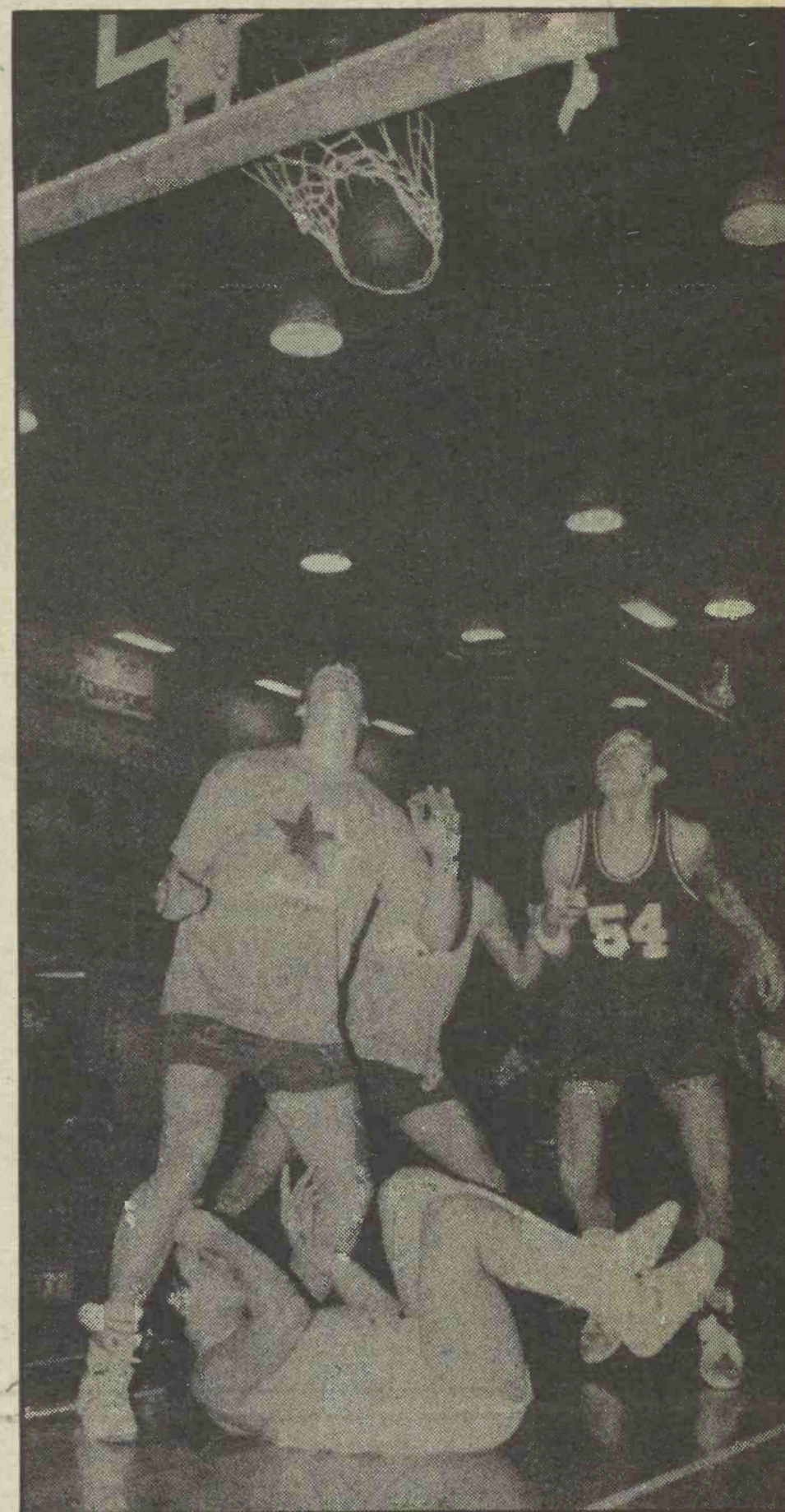
In earlier action, Old Agency beat Kainai 46-35, the Lethbridge Express 70-10, and Hobbema 57-50. Hobbema placed third in the six-team event.

Ladies allstars were Pokey Currie of Hobbema, Sharon May of Pincher Creek, Denise Renford, Old Agency's Renee Heavy Shields, and Judy Daychief. The most valuable player for the tournament was Sharon May of Pincher Creek.

The men's first allstar team consisted of: Blood Golden Eagles Bob Arnett and Don Webb, Lethbridge friendship centre's Mark Brave Rock, Harlan McMaster and George Woodward of Browning.

Second team allstars were: Jim Plume of Blood reserve, Vernon Young Pine of Lethbridge, Raymond Young Pine of Peigan, Blood Renegade's Elliot Fox and Lethbridge Rebels' Alvin Mills rounded out the selections.

Lyle Bruno Smith from the winning Montana team was the overwhelming choice as most valuable player as he also racked up



Rough stuff: Sik-Ooh-Kotoki action

the award for scoring the most points in the tournament.

Taking the award for a never say die attitude was Blake Standing Alone who took home the Mr. Hustle award.

Tournament organizer

Jim Bruisedhead says, "From the staff's point of view, the player's and the fan's — they got their money's worth. Next year it will be just a matter of timing it right on a warmer weekend. We are quite satisfied with the turnout."

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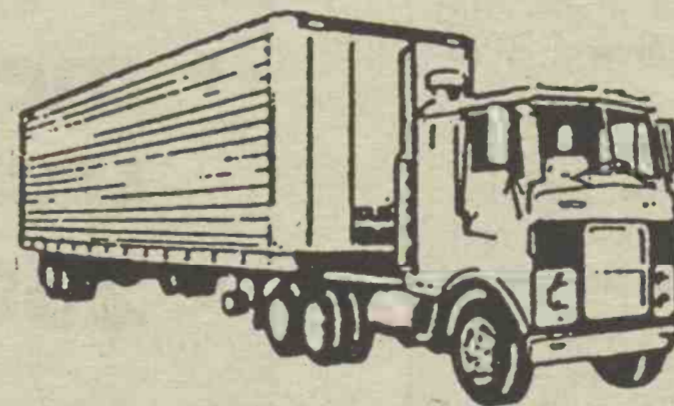
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By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

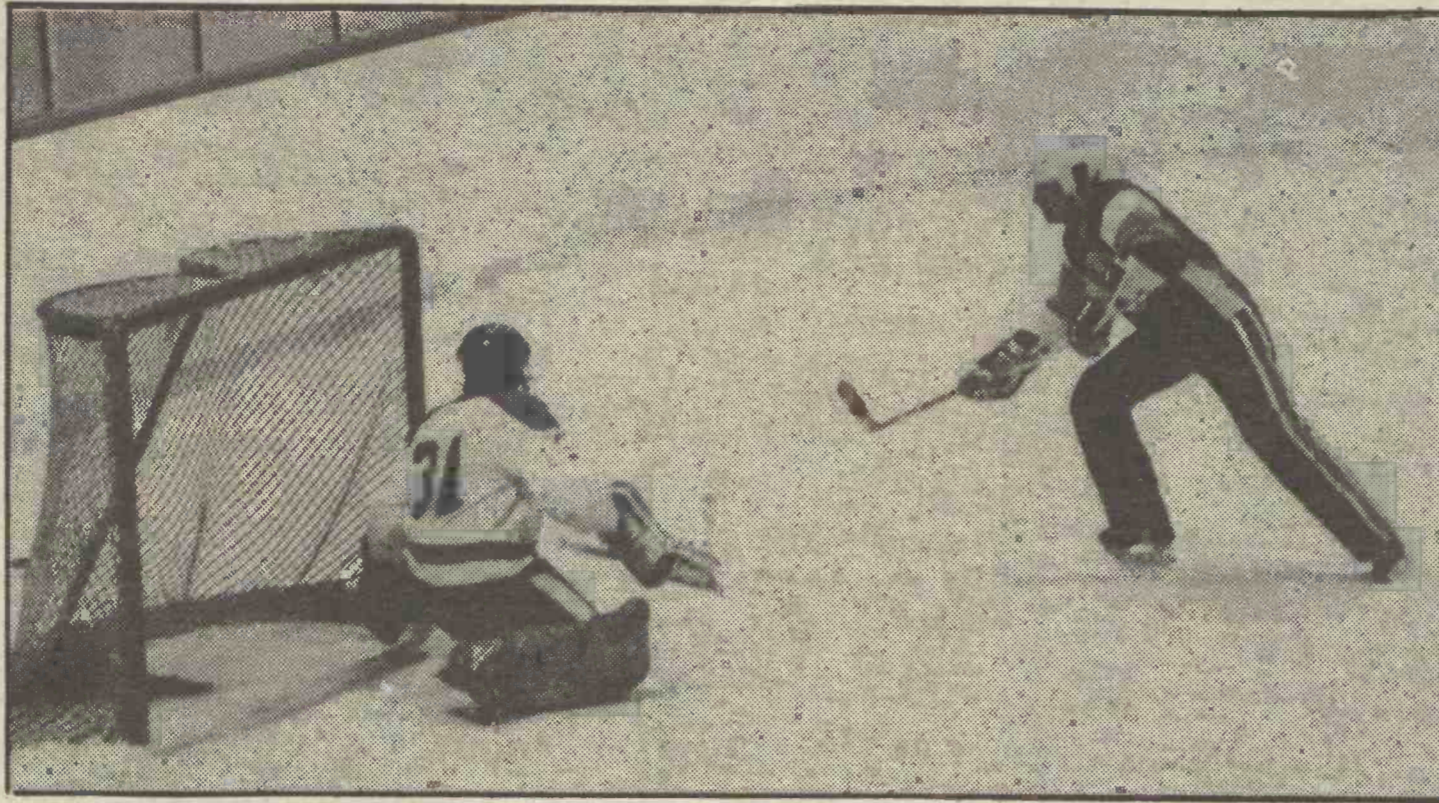
ENOCH, Alta.

The Enoch Tomahawks went through another all-Native hockey tournament undefeated as they squeezed by their arch rivals the Hobbema Oilers 5-4 in the final game of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre hockey tournament held at the Enoch Recreation Center on Feb. 3-5.

It was a repeat of the final game that they had in Hobbema a couple of weeks ago with the same results.

Sherman Cutknife started the scoring off for the Oilers with less than two minutes gone in the first period getting one by the Tomahawks goaltender Harvey (Bingo) Morin. Enoch's Don Jones evened the scoring two minutes later but Oilers' Paul Pilon put them back ahead of the Tomahawks. With less than three minutes left the Tomahawks Cam Twinn tied the score to end the first period 2-2.

The Tomahawks' Bruce Ward started the second



Tomahawks versus Oilers: Bingo Morin makes the save

period off right by putting one by Oilers goalie Johnny Alexander to take the lead once again. The period ended 3-2 for Enoch Tomahawks.

Hobbema coach Buddy Currie must have gave his Oilers team a good talking to after the second period as they caught fire and scored two goals in the first three minutes of third. It was Sherman Cutknife tying the game for the Oilers and Dennis Whitebear putting them ahead.

Big bad Harley Morin got the Tomahawks back into the game by tying up the score 4-4. Cam Twinn iced the win for Enoch by putting one by Hobbema goaltender Johnny Alexander with 2:36 left on the clock. The Oilers tried to get another one but the Tomahawks goalie Bingo Morin stoned them cold giving the Enoch Tomahawks another tournament victory.

"B" side action seen two teams from Alexis, the Jets, defeating their home rivals,

the Arrows, 6-3 in the final game. The Arrows' P. Petawaysin scored a hat trick for them in a losing cause.

Tournament All-Stars were: left defense, Don-avon Fiddler; right defense, Duane Johnson (Oilers), center; Cam Twinn (Enoch), right wing; Dennis Chalfoux (Sucker Creek), left wing; Richard Sharphead (Enoch). Most Valuable Player: Cam Twinn (Enoch).

Hawk gets scholarship

Former Hobbema Hawks star hockey player Marty Yewchuk was one of five recipients of the \$650 Charles S. Noble Scholarship awards presented at the Junior 'A' All-Star banquet in Hobbema Jan. 21.

Earlier, Dave Russell the minister of advanced education had announced the names of the winners from his office.

"These athletes, in addition to the dedication they give to their sport and their school, are a source of tremendous pride for the communities they represent on and off the ice. They stand out as an example to younger athletes of what sportsmanship, commitment and sense of community can achieve," said Russell.

Yewchuk's hockey success earned him recognition as the most dedicated and most popular player. Over the past two years the young athlete was the top scorer for the Hawks.

Unfortunately for the team Yewchuk recently reached the age of 18 whereby he had to forfeit his centre position with the Hawks. The junior A hockey league is only open to players aged 17 and under.

Yewchuk is currently enrolled in the Faculty of Physical Education at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

About the scholarship

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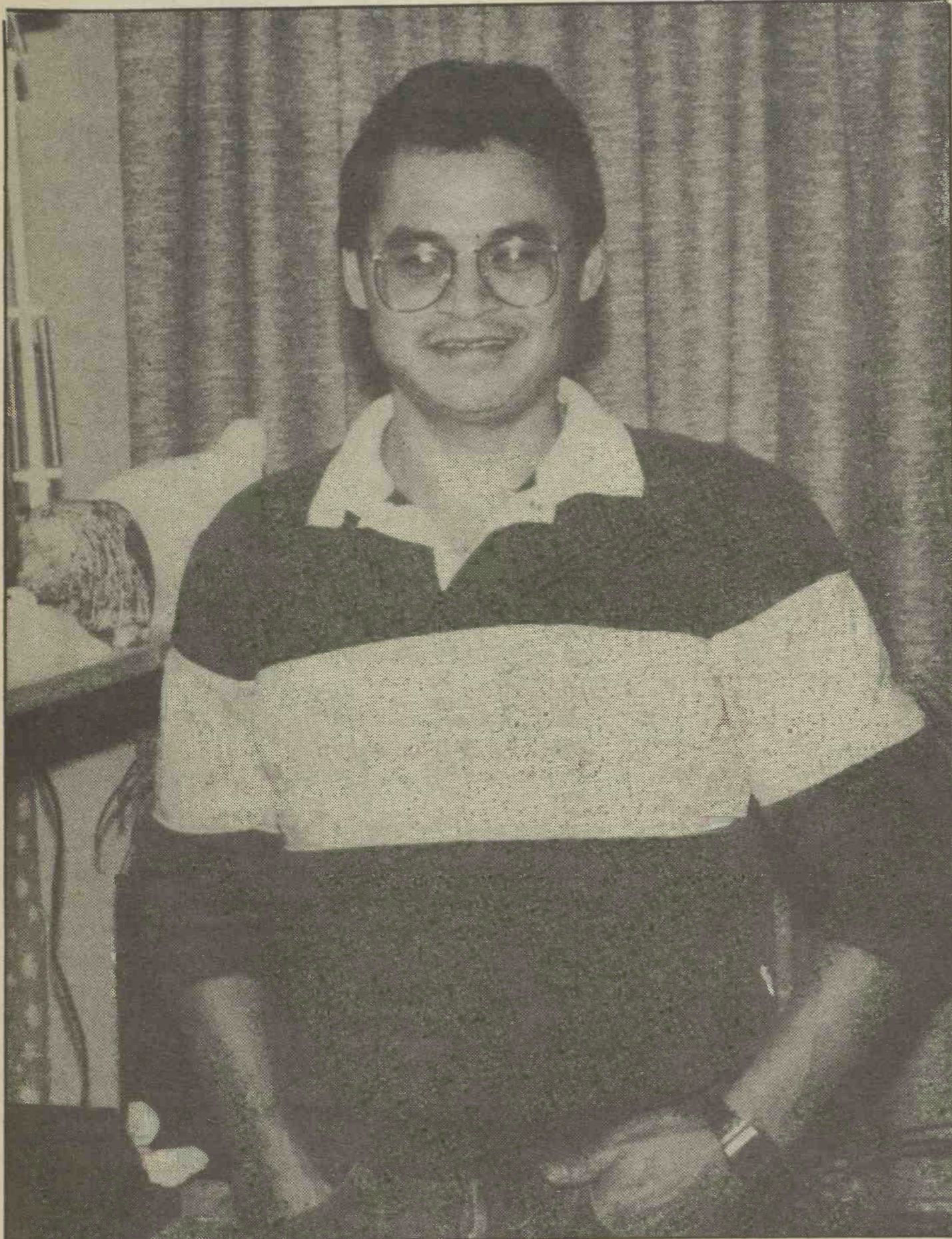


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OUR PEOPLE

JOSIE AUGER, Special to Windspeaker



Historic journey ahead: Angus Cockney

Inuvialuit to trek to North Pole

By Josie Auger
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

On March 15th, a 32 year old Inuvialuit student will embark on the challenge of his life. Angus Cockney, a first year audio visual student at Grant MacEwan college will be a member of an eight man expedition that will trek to the North Pole.

The purpose of the trip is to make people more aware of the environment in the North.

Angus will have to leave his studies for a while to be a part of this history making venture. "I thought I'd never get this opportunity again in my life," said Cockney. Luckily though, this Grant MacEwan student has been guaranteed a place in the AV program for next September.

The expedition leader is a British explorer named Robert Swan. He has already been to the South Pole and would be the first man to make it to both poles of the earth.

Cockney was asked to be a team member and according to Angus "I think it's an honor, I feel quite thrilled, when there are other people to be considered." Angus has been getting in at least one hour of cross country skiing in daily and has been working out with the weights to increase his upper body strength. Mentally and emotionally, he has been thinking about it and

preparing himself for his journey.

Even though Angus has to spend a lot of time preparing for the trip he smiled and said "Inuit never had an excuse to go to the north pole, it wasn't important," and added "for non-natives it's a geographical point that people want to reach. To be on top of the world."

However, Angus Cockney is not the first Indigenous person to trek to the North Pole. According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, an explorer named Robert Perry tried three times to reach the North Pole. On his third attempt in 1908, Perry left Cape Columbia with four Inuit claiming to have reached his destination but today he is generally discredited with this achievement.

Cockney feels it is important to be a part of this venture because "Native people are left out in decisions regarding the environment," even when "the land is so important to the Native people."

"I know Native organizations are forcing the government in decision making. I hope one day we won't have to force the government to listen to us. Hopefully one day we'll be equal partners in what's being said and done to the environment and to the land."

The trip is scheduled to last 65 days starting on March 15th, and their target date is May 5th. Within those two months they will

be facing dangerous encounters with drifting ice, open water, and polar bears. Angus will be the only team member carrying a gun and he will be responsible for cleaning it daily so it doesn't freeze up. He will also be in charge of maintaining the team's ski equipment and share chores such as setting up camp and cooking.

Even though the team will be using high-tech equipment to guard them against the land and its harsh environment they will be using one piece of traditional Inuit clothing, the seal skin boots or kamiks.

With a proud gleam in his eyes Angus took the grey boots out of the protective plastic bag and boasted of how lightweight and waterproof they are.

One scientific advancement he is grateful for is the disposable contact lenses that he will have to use on his journey. Cockney is the only member of the team that requires eye-wear and he's glad that Johnson & Johnson will sponsor him, so he won't have to keep cleaning his fogged up glasses.

The expedition members will be in radio contact with their base camp on a daily basis.

When Angus returns he plans to work in Yellowknife on wildlife films for the summer. Then back to his studies at Grant MacEwan college in the fall.

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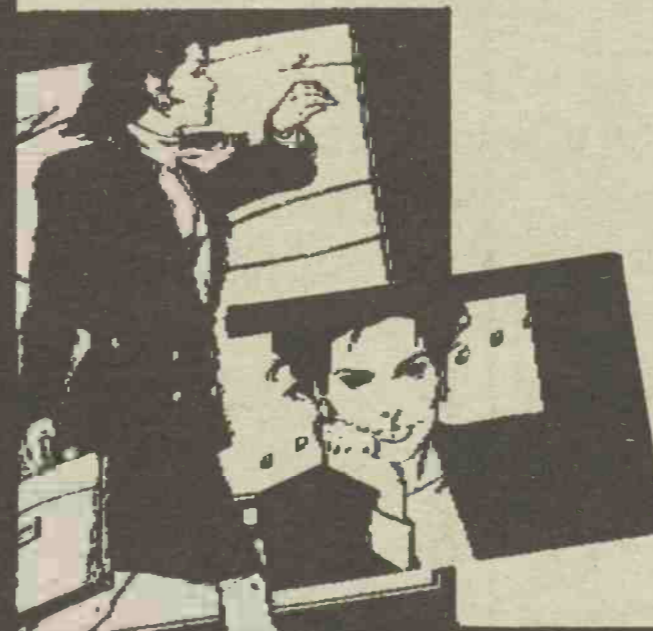
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Crowfoot claims he got raw land deal

By Everett Lambert
Nehiyaw News Service

EDMONTON

Cecil Crowfoot, 60, feels he is getting a raw deal and wants to be re-allotted 900 acres as compensation for land he lost after he left the Blackfoot reserve at Gleichen in 1970.

Crowfoot is a great-grandson of the famous Blackfoot chief Crowfoot, who signed Treaty 7. Cecil was also a farmer on the reserve for much of his life and was born and raised on the reserve.

In 1946 Crowfoot started working for the federal Indian Affairs Department as a farmer. Shortly after that, in 1948, he received 160 acres from the band and in the fall of that year he bought his own tractor.

In addition to working his own land, he also did farm work for his father and custom work for the band. By the early 1950s he had expanded his farm to 900 acres and by the late 1950s he had started to build up a herd of cattle. He says this was about the time some leaders complained that he was taking up too much land.

However, he says, that in 1957 he started drinking heavily. "You know how it kind of sneaks up on you," he says. Once he started drinking he stopped expanding his farm. He did, however continue to farm for other band members. He says that when they allowed Indians to drink in bars in 1966 his drinking increased. He says, he became a "24 hour drunk."

Due to drinking, he began selling his cattle, eventually they were all gone. His farming began to deteriorate, as well as his marriage.

In 1970 he moved to Edmonton, where he tried to make his marriage work.

In 1972 he returned to the reserve and found out that his farm had been taken away from him, sometime between 1970 and 1972. Clifford Many Guns, is the present band councillor in charge of land. Many Guns says the band council took his land because Crowfoot had "left the reserve, (he) kind of neglected the whole thing."

The house which Crowfoot built and paid for himself was torn down and the farm buildings were gone. He said that some of the farmers, who had little land when he had left, were now farming on larger pieces of land. He says that "they (the band council) never even notified me, that they were going to take my farm away."

Many Guns explains that "right now there's no one working the land" (Crowfoot's original land). "It's up for grabs," he says.

In the spring of 1986, Crowfoot approached the band council and asked to be compensated for the farm which he had lost. A quorum of the band council agreed, however four of the councillors were not in attendance. Crowfoot says they agreed to allot him 900 acres, which is what Crowfoot wants. The land offered was on the southwest end of the reserve, south of the Bow River.

The next meeting was attended by all of the band council and the decision was rejected and overturned. Many Guns says the decision was overturned "because (Crowfoot) wanted more land" than what was being offered. He also adds that the band mistakenly offered him more than what they really wanted to.

He says the council thought they had offered 500 acres, but it was actually 1400 acres. He says the legal land description was misinterpreted.

"It took me about ten years to set up a farm like that," Crowfoot says. All the work he has put into it is the reason he wants to be compensated. Crowfoot adds that he also did about four miles of his own fencing, built his own well, and was one of the very few at that time to build his own house.

In addition to band leaders, he also blames the Indian Agent of the day, who he

feels should have known about Section 32 of the Indian Act, federal law which governs Indians living on Indian reserves.

Indian agents are no longer a part of life for reserve Indians in Canada, however, in the days of the Indian agent, these men were placed on reserves to represent the government and enforce the Indian Act. Indian Agents often had bad reputations and Crowfoot referred to one as "a dictator."

Certain parts of the Indian Act refer to such cases. Section 32, for instance, says that the Indian Agent must

approve of all sales of farm produce, which includes animals, grain, hay, crops, or plants. Also, Section 58 (2) says that band members who are "in lawful possession" of lands which are leased will be paid a "reasonable rent..." A question posed is whether or not Crowfoot was in "lawful possession." In addition, Section 58(3) says that the Indian Affairs minister can lease an Indian's land "upon his application for that purpose."

Edna Deranger is the director of Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research, which is part of the Indian Association of Alberta. She

commented that when lands are leased out, these monies are "put in a band trust account and distributed by Indian Affairs, because they are trustees of Indian lands. I know that any time money is spend on reserve land you don't get it back." As for the buildings Crowfoot lost, she said "I don't think there would be compensation for infrastructure."

Crowfoot is presently asking for any advice as to what he should do, whether it be advice from lawyers, Native leaders or anyone else with experience in the area.

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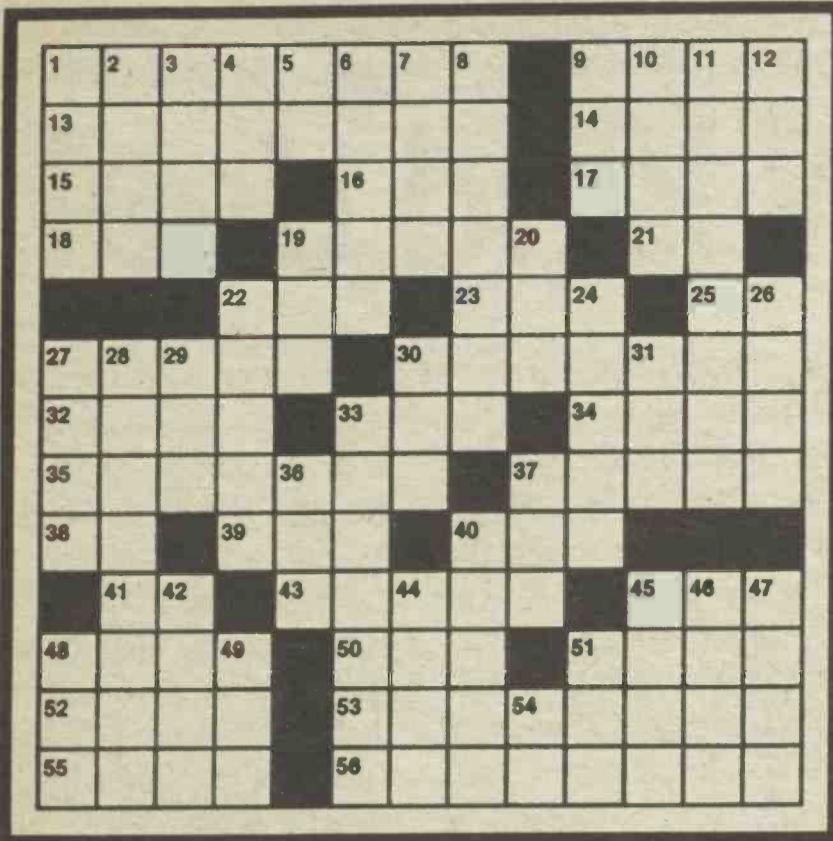
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AROUND THE HOUSE

Teach children to be smart buyers

A smooth talking salesman is alone with your children about five hours a week. He is on television and he will be seen over 350,000 times by the time the kids are 18, according to the ACT Study on Children's Television. Psychologists are concerned that the toys he is selling are, for the most part, designed to make good commercials rather than good play products. Two members of the Psychologists Association of Alberta were asked to comment on purchasing toys.

"Most advertised toys do

not allow the children to be creative," says psychologist Dr. David Merchant, "and too many have limited functions." Commercials rarely give details about size, operating instructions, or cost. Special effects are used to make toys more appealing. Products are shown in idealized contexts, with subtle promises of excitement and friendship. Disclaimers such as "Assembly required" are often missed or are beyond the vocabulary of younger viewers.

How can parents combat

this influence, short of banning the box? "Make the child think about what is being presented and how," advises psychologist Dr. Jay Bishop. Point out techniques giving an unrealistic view of the product. Put commercial claims in perspective by making comparisons with available toys, or by comparing ads to the actual product. Repeat information missed during the visual excitement. Explain why you reject a product and offer alternatives.

"Buy materials to create

toys," recommends Dr. Merchant. "Provide toys that make the child use his imagination to operate," suggests Dr. Bishop. The "Toy Report" published by the Canadian Toy Testing Council is an excellent resource for rating toys. Is the toy safe and age appropriate? Does it require batteries or have complicated operating instructions?

Not all advertised products are bad, but to ensure more fun per dollar, teach your child to be an educated consumer.

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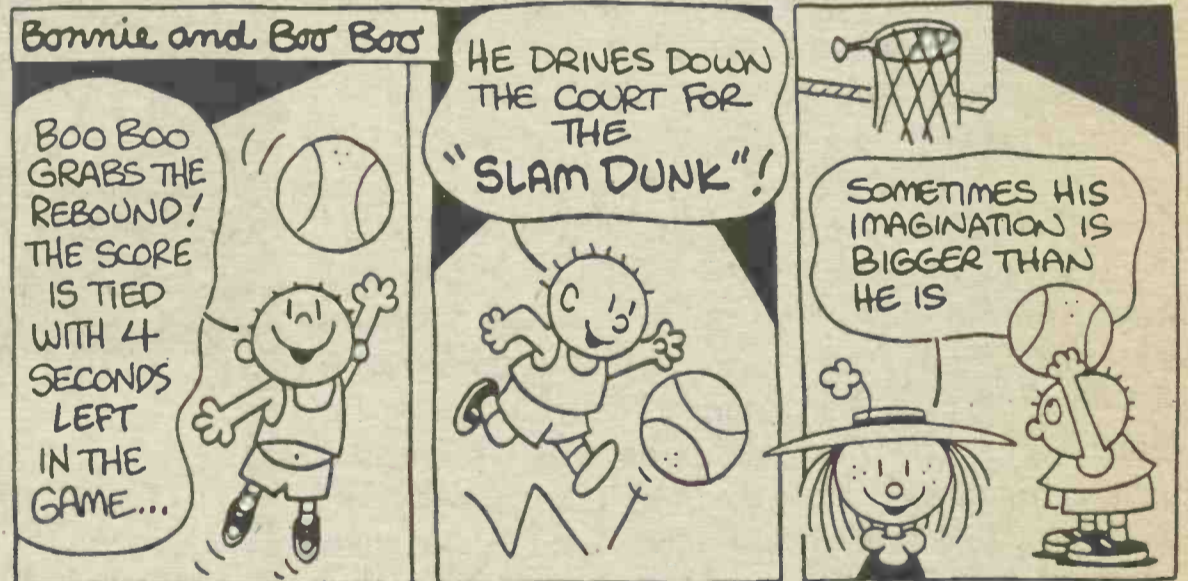
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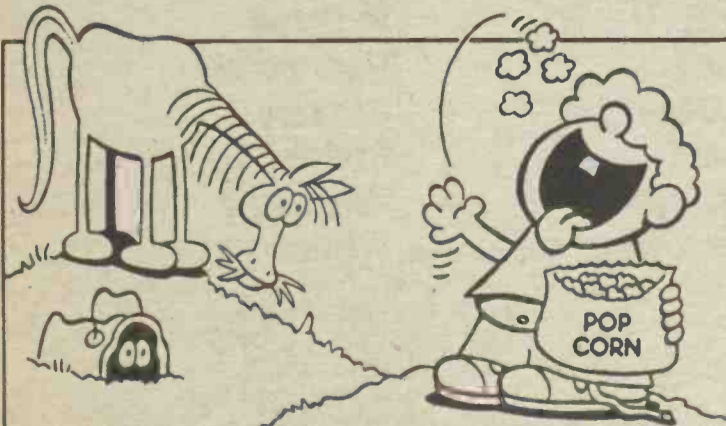
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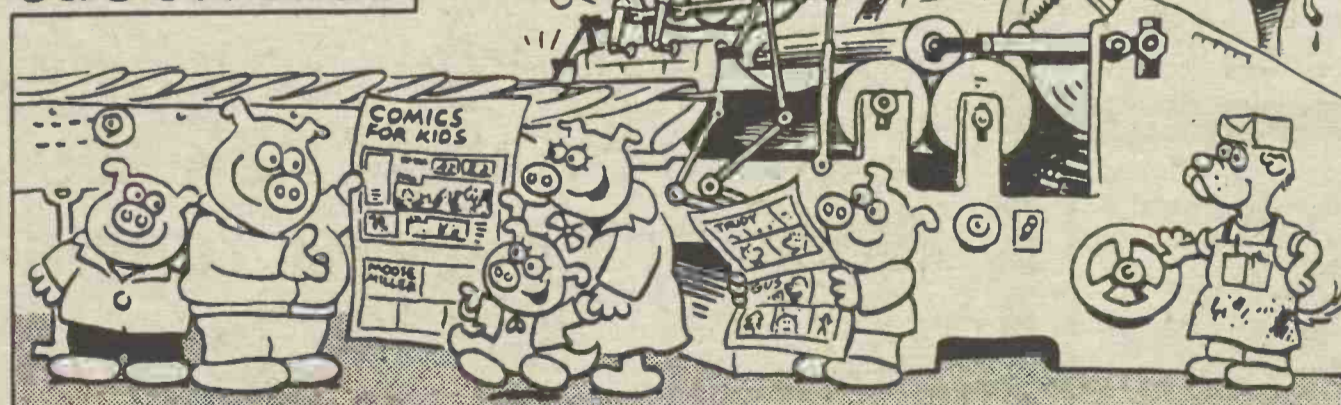


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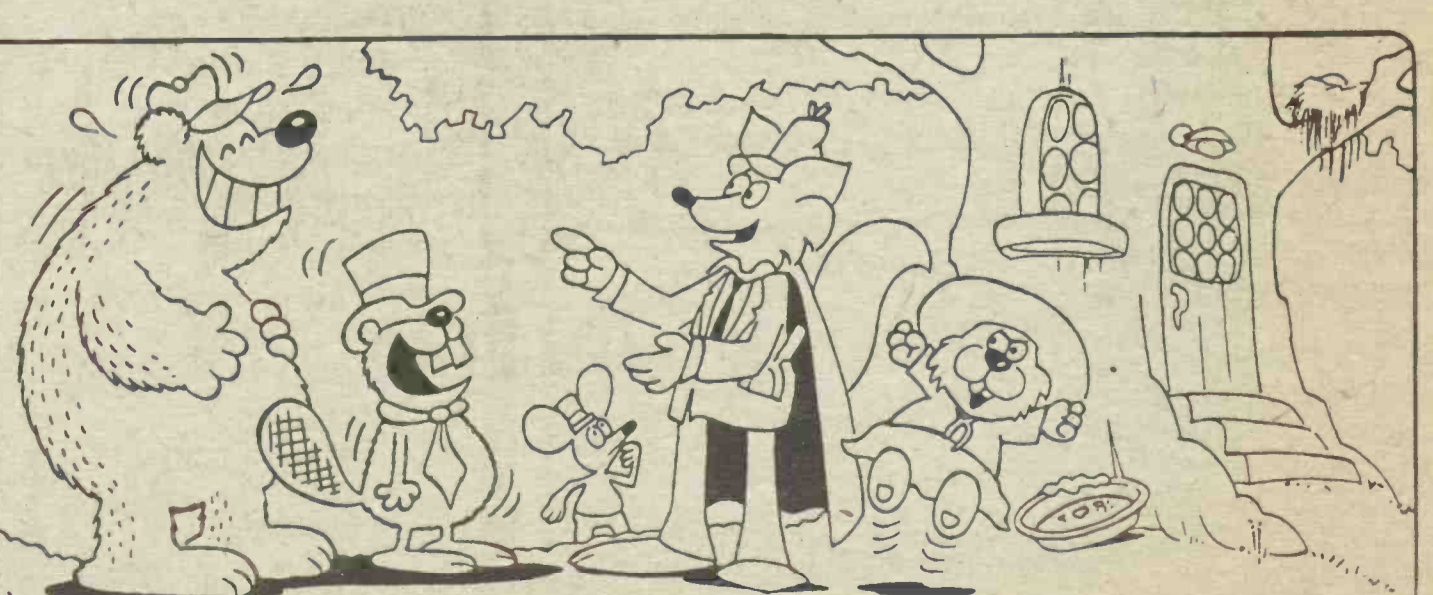
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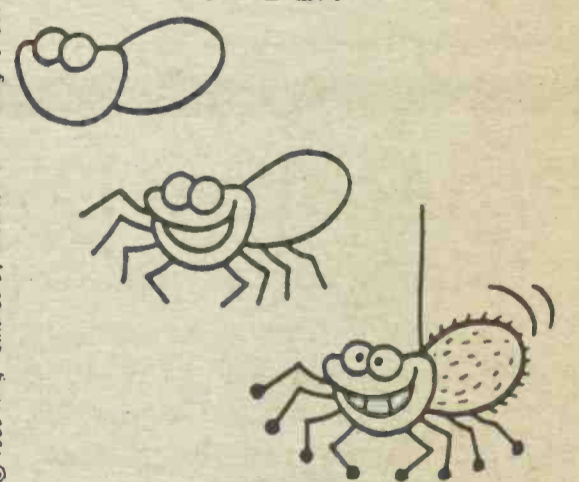
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HOW TO DRAW A SPIDER



Advertising Feature

Fuhr and Compton team up

Dozens of excited and autograph-seeking Wetaskiwin kids lined up inside the new facility of Adams Pontiac GMC Ltd. not so much to celebrate the General Motors dealers opening ceremony, but to get an autograph from co-owner Edmonton Oiler's goalie Grant Fuhr.

"It's good business to get into. I can't play hockey forever," said Fuhr. Once his puck blocking days are over, Fuhr said he plans to use this latest business investment as "something to fall back on."

Clarke Compton,

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Single mother learns new skills

During the summer months an office assistance company can be kept quite busy, and Doreen Neil's operation in Lloydminster was no exception.

Doreen ran a one-person operation, specializing in a type of Girl Friday operation. She started the business in June and was kept busy with summer temporary requirements from small businesses in the area. When Doreen's husband was transferred to Calgary, she found it impossible to operate the business herself and financially impractical to commute from Calgary.

Along came Blanche Fandrick looking for employment. Blanche was an unemployed single parent with two teenagers to support. The downturn in the oil industry had put her out of work and there was little demand for her drafting skills in the Lloydminster area. Realizing a change in careers was her only hope for employment, Blanche had previously enrolled in an accounting technicians program that lasted nine

months.

"It was the accounting skills I had that really interested Doreen," says Blanche. "Doreen was looking for someone with the potential to manage the business in her absence. Here was the kind of opportunity I needed to get started," relates Blanche. Doreen had heard of the Employment Alternatives Program and with the subsidy it offered Doreen the opportunity to hire Blanche, pay her more than a starting wage and spend the time training her.

The job proved to be a real training ground for Blanche. "Doreen gave me the benefit of her business experience and insight," says Blanche. The challenge to learn both a wordprocessing and business program on the computer provided the opportunity to develop transferable skills Blanche couldn't resist. "Doreen was an excellent employer. She helped me to learn from my own mistakes without making me feel she was looking over my shoulder all the

time," says Blanche.

For many people a career change has its ups and downs and Blanche relates some of her problems. First, acquiring a professional looking business wardrobe suitable for her role as an office manager was a big challenge after being in an industrial setting. Secondly, overcoming her shyness so she could recruit clients and make the necessary business contacts to obtain future contracts, proved to be an even bigger challenge. However, these concerns paled in comparison now as new circumstances presented an even greater challenge.

Doreen's move to Calgary has forced her to sell the business. As Blanche looks at her options she feels she is in the best position to carry on the business. "After all I'd sure hate to give up what I've put into this job," she says. She would like to buy the business from Doreen and not only insure herself of employment but enter a new phase in her life, a new career as an entrepreneur. "A lot of

Albertans are going into business for themselves, I don't have all the business skills but I have a wide variety of skills I've developed that I can offer a Girl Friday type of operation," says Blanche.

Blanche has come a long way in changing careers and the Employment Alternatives Program with its employment subsidy has placed her smack in the middle of a new career opportunity. "It is an opportunity and one I don't want to walk away from," explains Blanche. "Here's my chance to become an entrepreneur."

The Employment Alter-



Girl Friday: Blanche Fandrick

natives Program is designed to help individuals on Social Assistance or those who have exhausted their UIC benefits to find gainful employment. This employment has to provide the opportunity to develop new career skills that will hopefully provide greater assurance for permanent future

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The goals of E.A.P. are to provide employment and training opportunities for Albertans who are receiving social assistance or who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits. Employers funded under E.A.P. are encouraged to provide employment opportunities that will give

participants the experience and skills required for long-term employment. This is a voluntary program designed to assist those individuals who want to become self-sufficient.

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1. The budget of \$16.9 million has been increased to \$22 million.
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3. The maximum length of the individual contracts has been changed from one year to six months.
4. The use of a training subsidy of \$1,000 per individual has not been changed.

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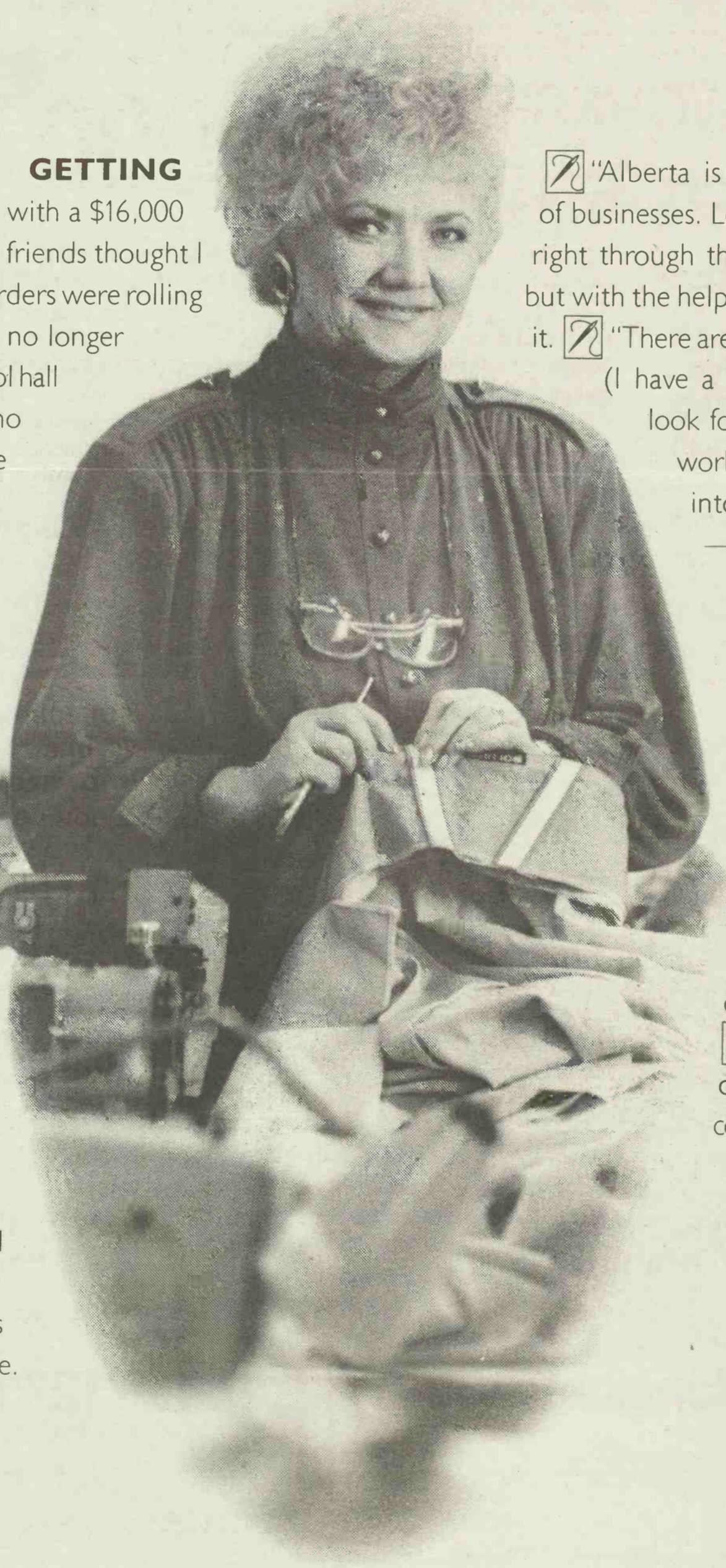
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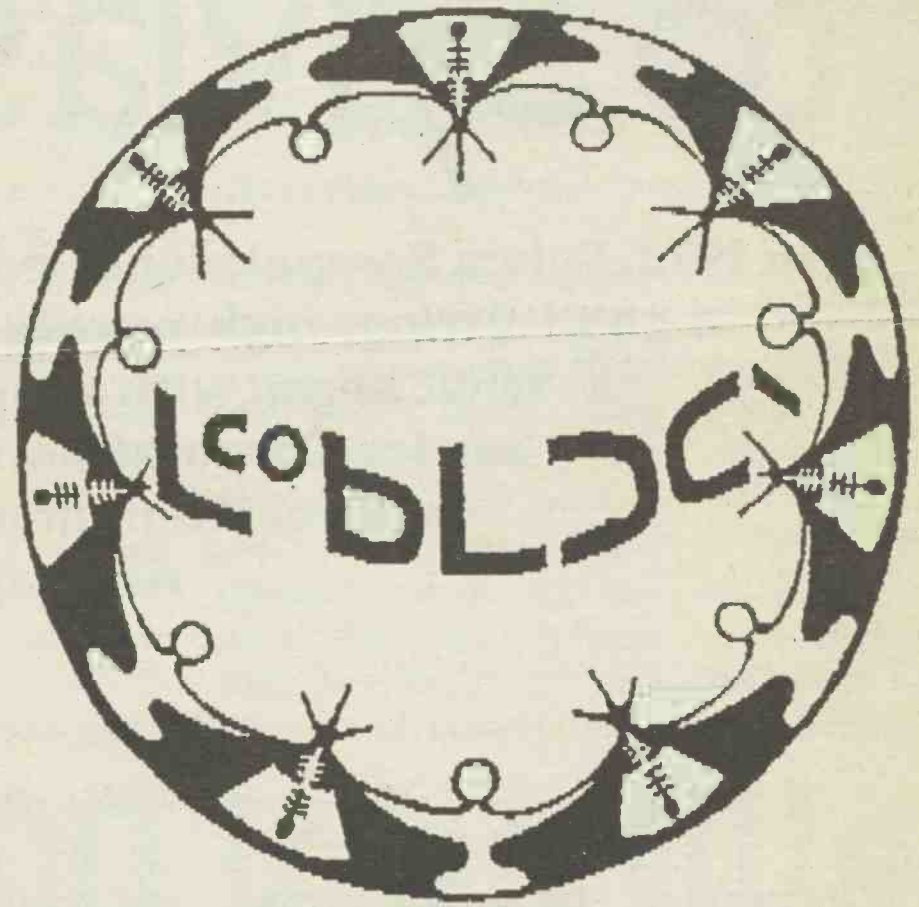
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Atikameg Recreational Centre
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Desmarais Centre
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Swan River Band Office
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Calling Lake Community Complex
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Guest Speakers: Theresa Strawberry, Albert Whitford and a youth speaker from the O'Chiese Reserve will share personal experiences of a community that came to grips with alcohol and drug problems.

DATE

Feb. 27
Feb. 28
March 1
March 2
March 3

LOCATION

Trout Lake
Atikameg
Wabasca
Kinuso
Calling Lake

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