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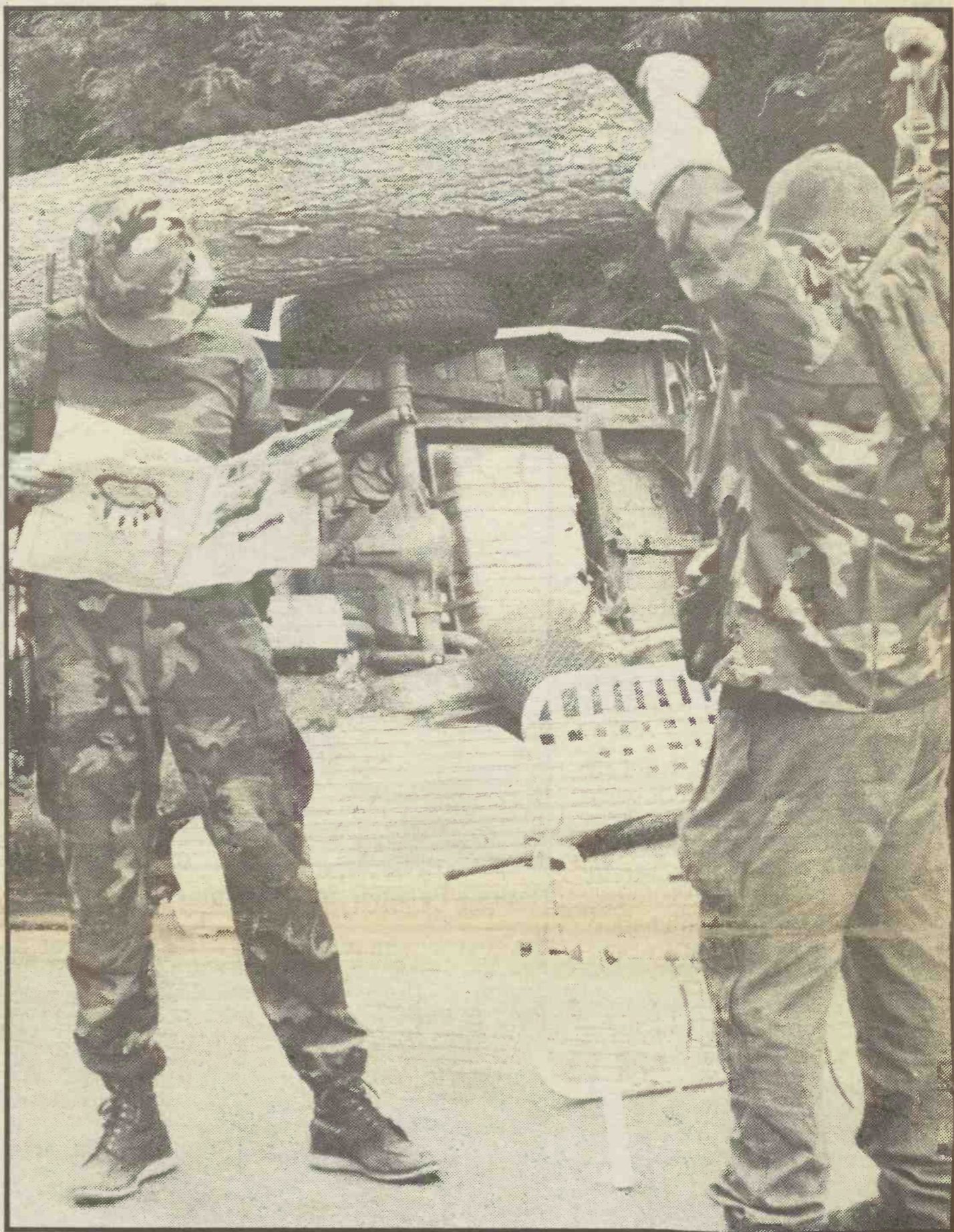
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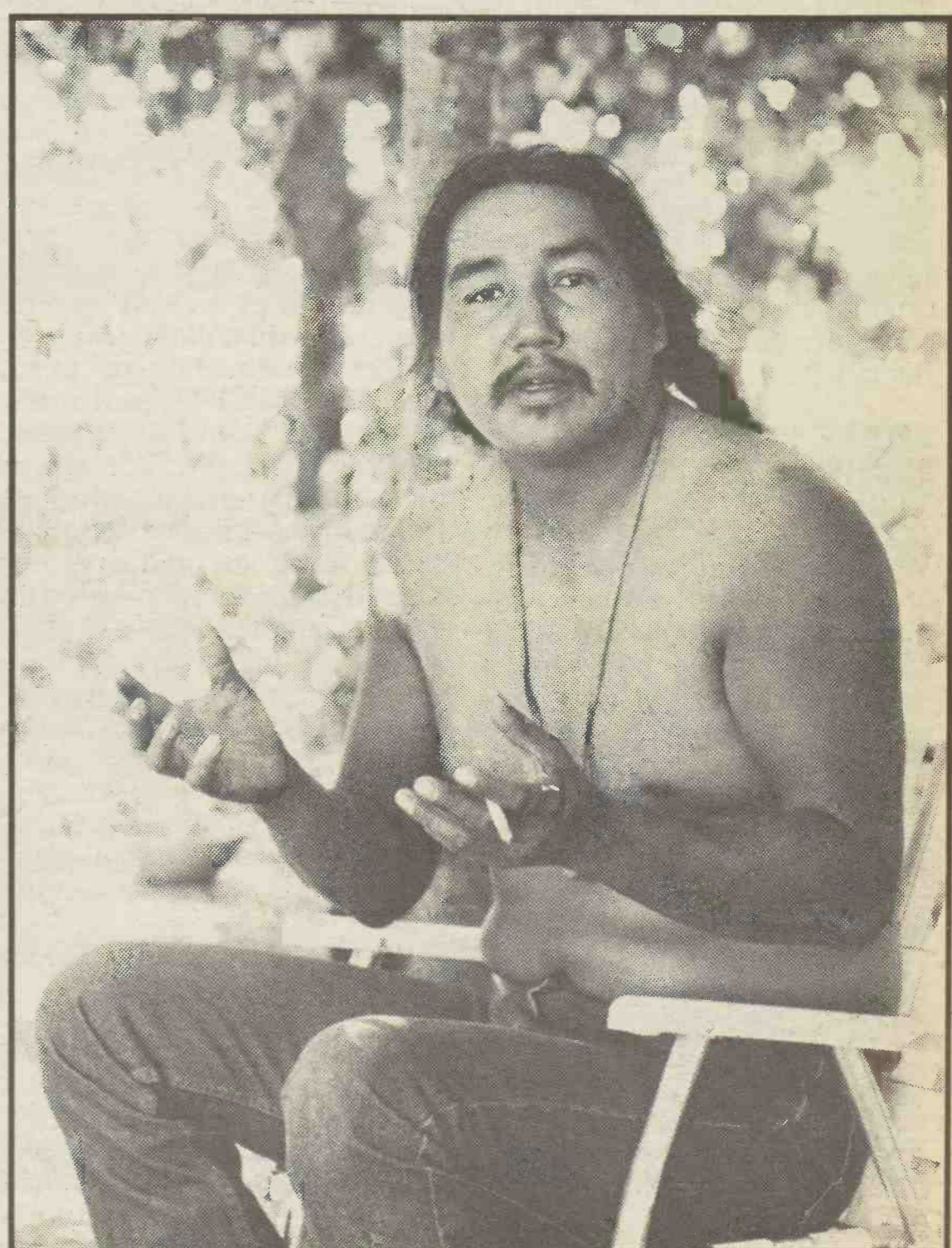
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THE YEAR THAT WAS

1990'S TOP NEWS EVENTS

JANUARY

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INDIAN DEATH RATE DECLINES

The annual death rate among Canadian Indians dropped dramatically to nine per 1,000 people in 1986, down from 11.8 per thousand in 1978, a Statistics Canada report indicated. But a Stats Canada journal showed the national average for Indians under 35 is still three times the national average.

STURGEON LAKE SIGNING

A Sturgeon Lake land claim settlement was finalized, almost doubling the size of the reserve to 38,000 acres. A similar land claim settlement with Whitefish Lake band was ratified Jan. 8.

MOHAWKS GET OWN JUSTICE SYSTEM

An agreement to allocate complete "judicial autonomy" to the Mohawk people at Kahnawake was announced. The Quebec minister of Native affairs said "the ultimate goal is to recognize the Mohawks as a nation, not only in words but in practice." John Ciaccia said the 5,500 member Kahnawake reserve will have the legal power to control its own judicial system in both criminal and civil cases. Previously the band only had the power to settle disputes within its membership through mediation. Chief Joe Norton said the agreement would enable the Mohawks to have "control over their own lives."

MONTANA BAND SUES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

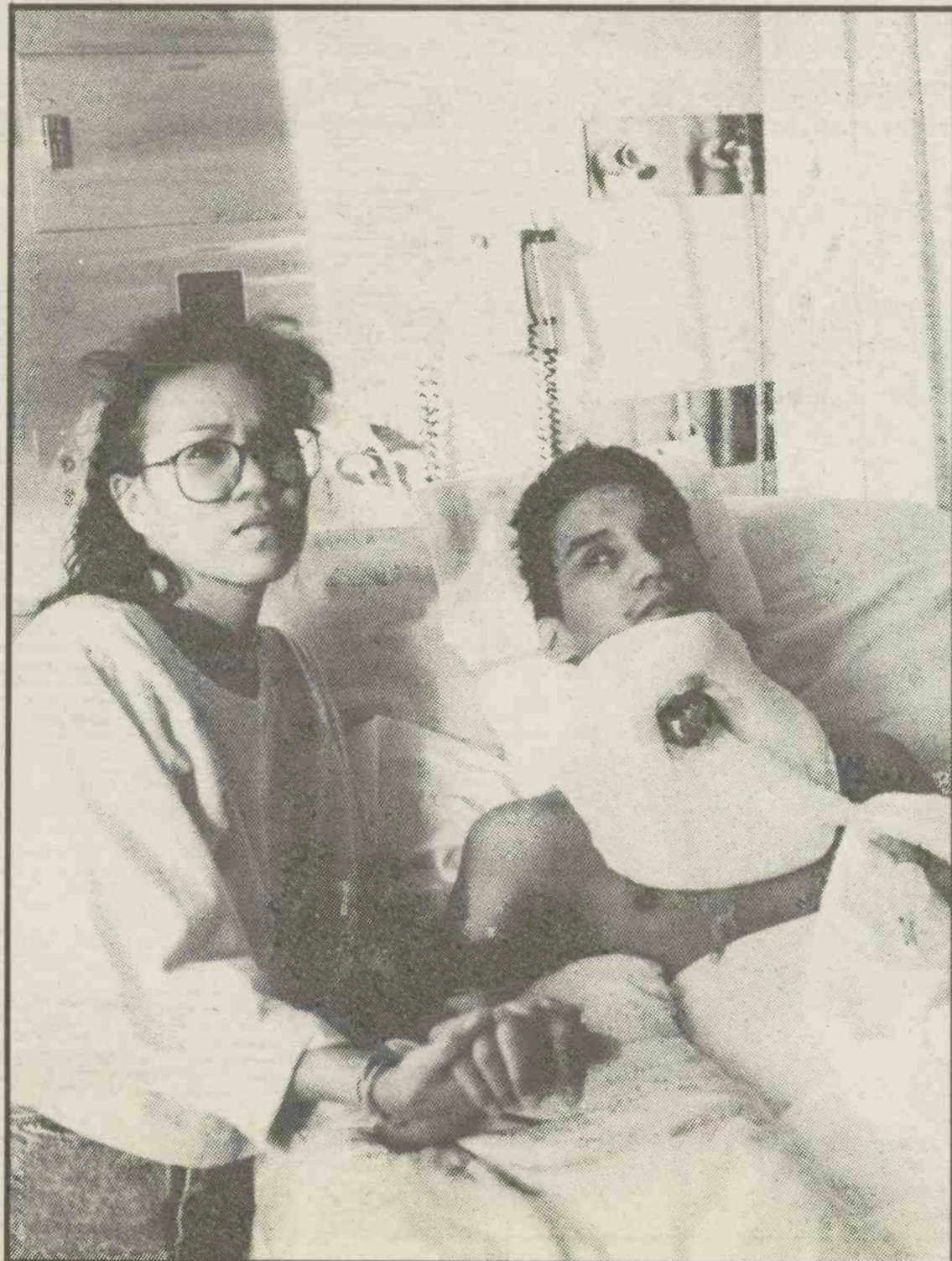
Hobbema's Montana band launched a suit against the federal government for compensation for the loss of much of its reserve 80 years ago. The reserve was taken by Ottawa and sold to settlers in 1909. The land was originally set aside in the late 1800s for a band headed by Chief Bobtail.

LITTLE RED RIVER BAND PUSHES FOR FEDERAL REVIEW

Chief Johnsen Sewepagaham of the Little Red River band demanded Daishowa Canada's \$500 million pulp mill project undergo a federally-sponsored review. The chief, who feared the project would damage the environment and affect the livelihood of his people, maintained Ottawa had an obligation to ensure forestry projects do not contaminate the environment.

PADDLE PRAIRIE RESIDENTS VOTE 'NO'

A decision by the Paddle Prairie settlement council to pull out of the Federation of Metis Settlements was rejected by residents of the community. The vote gave a divided Paddle Prairie council the mandate to resume its involvement in settlement negotiations between the federation and



Rodney Pelletier and his sister Sheila

Dana Wagg

the government of Alberta.

EDEN VALLEY MAN PARALYSED

Calgary RCMP investigated whether to lay charges against police officers after an Eden Valley treaty Indian was left paralysed following an arrest at his home. Rodney Pelletier, 21, was in serious but stable condition in Calgary's Foothills Hospital after police were called to a domestic dispute by Pelletier's common-law wife Karen Dixon. Witnesses claimed Pelletier, who had been drinking, had been taken into custody by police using a headlock.

UNCARING TREATMENT CHARGED

Alberta Social Services didn't care how they treated government wards like Wayne Moberly in the years leading up to his suicide in May 1989, said a family friend. But department spokesman Hugh Tadman denied the statement, although Judge Michael Porter, who presided over an inquiry into Moberly's suicide, concluded the youth's emotional needs were clearly not met. The judge concluded "a century of change" has been thrust upon the Native community "virtually overnight" and many people unable to cope turned to alcohol, leading to broken homes as well as much violence and accidental deaths.

DISEASED BUFFALO TO BE SLAUGHTERED

Native bands in northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories wanted more time and money to study the fate of 4,000 diseased bison in Wood Buffalo National Park. Tuberculosis, which has infected the buffalo, was believed to be spreading to the whole herd of 29,000 in the park. Chief Johnsen Sewepa-

gaham of the Little Red River band, who headed the fight to save the buffalo, said "we kill for food. We're not wasteful." The Native people wanted to study how the disease could be contained or eradicated.

NATIVE JUSTICE PROBED

The federal and provincial governments launched a \$1-million study to help Alberta Native leaders determine the impact of the criminal justice system on Indian and Metis people. The seven-member task force, headed by Justice Robert Cawsey, was scheduled to release its report by Dec. 1, 1990.

NATIVE SUICIDES DROP

A report from the chief medical officer indicated the number of Native suicides in Alberta dropped sharply in 1988. Yet, in Edmonton, the rate more than doubled to 15 while Calgary recorded only two.

FEBRUARY

\$2-M DOLLAR LAWSUIT

Brian Devlin, lawyer for Rodney Pelletier, filed a claim for at least \$2 million in a lawsuit against RCMP. Pelletier was paralysed from the neck down following his arrest on the Eden Valley reserve in connection with a domestic dispute.

OTTAWA THREATENS TO WITHDRAW LUBICON OFFER

Ottawa threatened to withdraw its latest offer of \$45 million to the Lubicon Indian band. Government spokesman Ken Colby said no government can respond to political embarrassment or threats of lawlessness by meeting

demands that have no real merit. The Lubicons want \$167 million in economic compensation and 10,000 square km of land.

APOLOGY TO DONALD MARSHALL

The government of Nova Scotia officially apologized to Micmac Indian Donald Marshall, who was wrongly charged with murder in 1971. Marshall served 11 years in prison but was released when the actual murderer was convicted.

ELMER GHOSTKEEPER FILES SUIT

Elmer Ghostkeeper went to court to have the Jan. 18 Paddle Prairie referendum declared illegal and void. The lawsuit included charges of improper procedures.

METIS SETTLEMENTS INCLUDED IN PLANT PROPOSAL

The Metis settlements of Peavine, Gift Lake and East Prairie were included as partners in a \$90-million wood products plant

proposed by Polyboard Manufacturing Company of Alberta. The plant will be constructed in the High Prairie area. Spokesman Harry Supernault declined to disclose the amount of money the settlements were investing, but noted the project would bring much-needed employment to the area.

HOBBEMA SCHOOLS REOPEN

Hobbema schools reopened following a whooping cough outbreak, which had affected more than 500 people in Alberta. The epidemic prompted Native leader Roy Louis to demand a federal review of the Alberta Health Care Commission.

ASSEMBLY OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE ISSUES THREAT

A Native group in west-central Alberta threatened to break Canadian laws to uphold aboriginal rights. Assembly of Aboriginal People spokesman Dan Martel said Indian people can hunt at any time while Metis have to abide by the times set out in Canadian law.

MARCH

ERASMUS HINTS AT VIOLENCE

Assembly of First Nations national chief Georges Erasmus called the minister of secretary of state an "absolute racist" in a national news conference with aboriginal media. More than a dozen Native organizations would lose all federal funding as a result of budget slashing and Erasmus hinted the action could lead to violence by Native young people.

NATIVE NEWSPAPERS FUNDING AXED

The \$3.4 million Native Communications Program, which provided core funding for Native newspapers, got the axe when Finance Minister Michael Wilson introduced his budget. According to Ray Fox, president of the National Aboriginal Communications Society, not only were 100 jobs lost, but First Nations were stripped of their communications system. "Our voices have been silenced," he said.

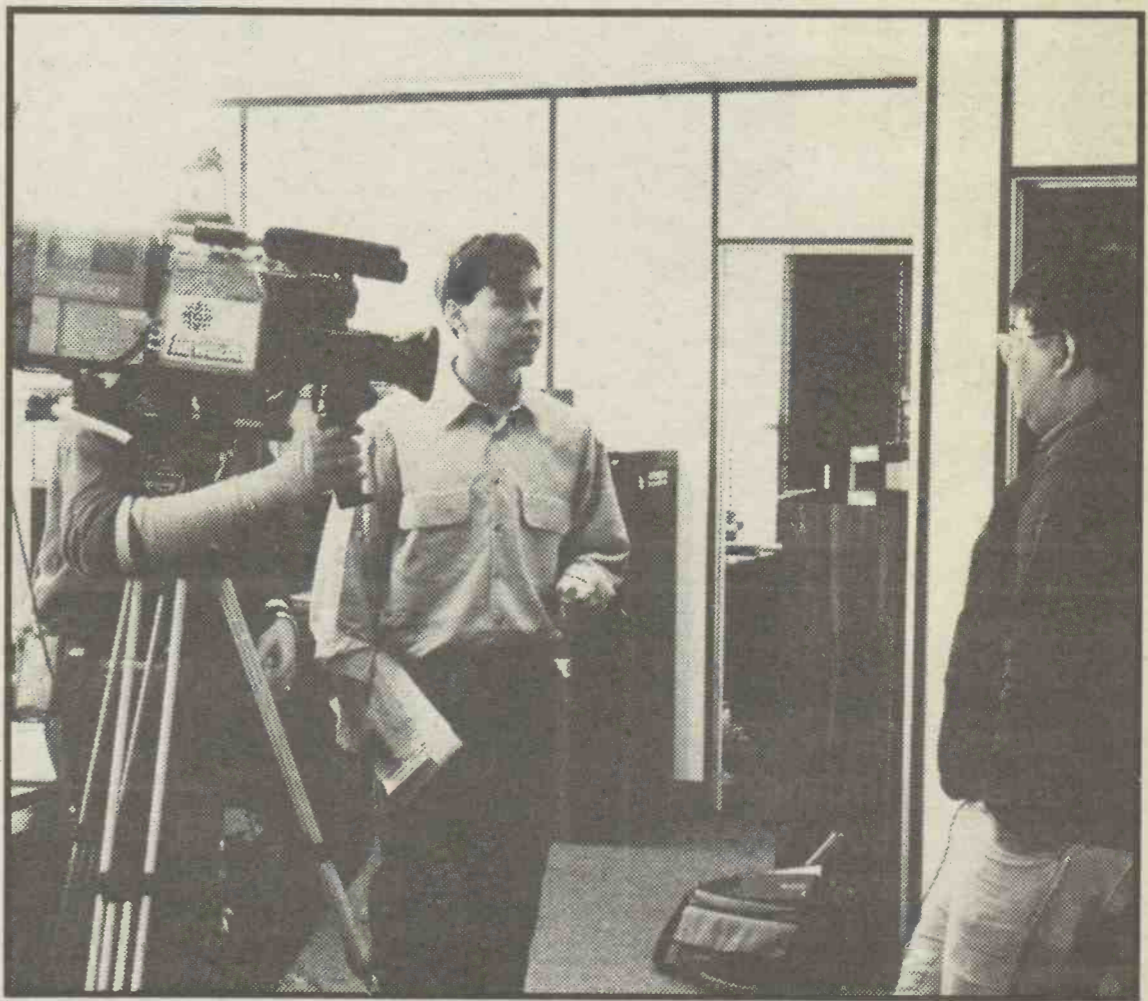
FRIENDSHIP CENTRES' FUNDING SLASHED

The federal budget cut \$1.2 million in funding from friendship centres, part of a \$10 million slashing of funds to Native organizations dependent on federal funding.

MAA PAY RAISES QUESTIONED

Bob Hawkesworth, the New Democrats Native affairs critic, charged

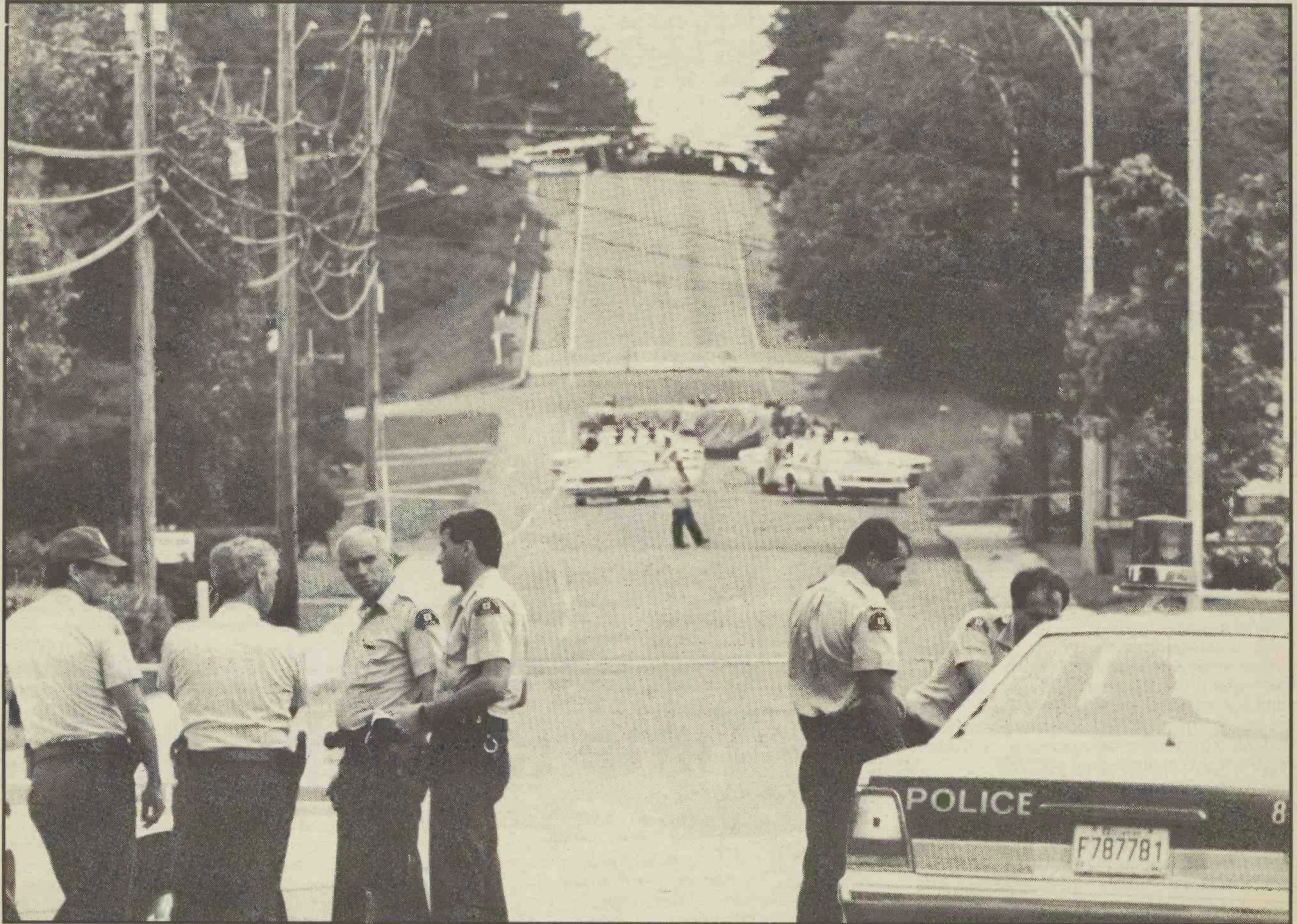
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Tina Wood

AMMSA general manager Bert Crowfoot interviewed following federal budget cuts

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Surete du Quebec police officers at Oka

The Quebec Crisis

Photos by Dana Wagg



Mohawk warrior at Kanesatake



RCMP officers at Chateaugay



Elijah Harper at Oka peace rally



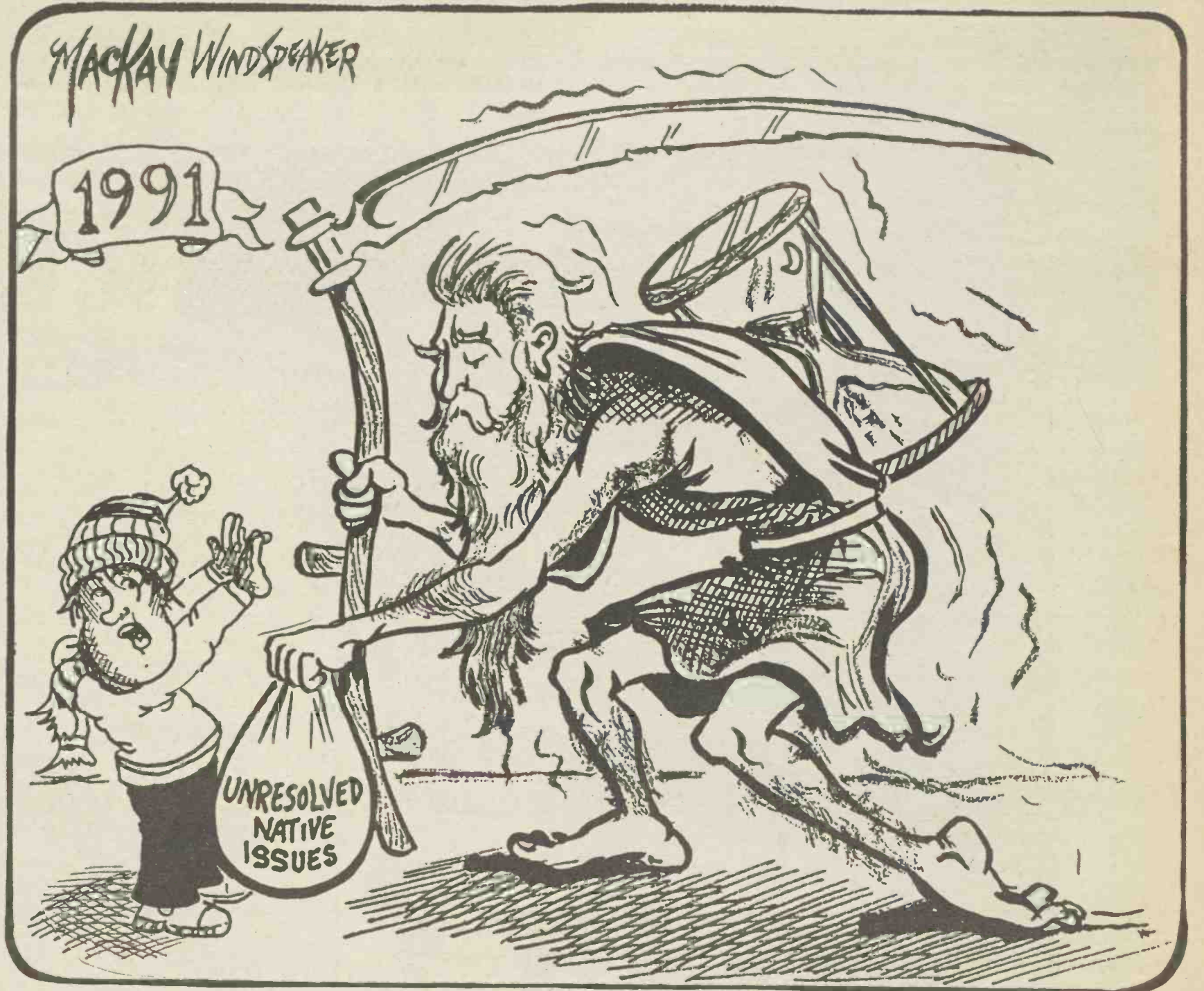
Overtuned police van at Kanesatake

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Bert Crowfoot
Publisher



The birth of a nation

The year just past gave the Canadian Native community a roller-coaster ride. It was nothing short of a mindbender.

As is often said, 'it was the worst of times, it was the best of times.' The new year promises much of the same.

In many ways 1990 was a watershed year for Native Canadians.

The Supreme Court handed down its Sparrow decision reaffirming the federal government had a constitutional and moral obligation to uphold the rights of aboriginal peoples.

The words did seem to fall on deaf ears but nonetheless the course has been set and the ripples from the Sparrow decision are being felt across the country.

Similar decisions are likely in 1991 and in following years, which will further develop and entrench Native rights in Canadian law.

The politicians are a little slow to catch up, but pushed by the Supreme Court, the Native community and its non-Native supporters, they will be dragged — although with a little screaming — into the 21st century.

Manitoba Natives, who have had to deal with the very painful memories of J.J. Harper and Helen Betty Osborne, rallied in 1990 to inspire their brothers and sisters across Canada.

Clutching an eagle feather in the Manitoba legislature, MLA Elijah Harper became a tower of strength to Natives, swelling their breasts with pride and confidence as he dared say 'No' to Meech lake and the arrogant Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

And as the year rolled along Phil Fontaine of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, who stood by Harper's side during the Meech crisis, emerged as a leader in his own right.

He shone a light into the dark corners of residential schools and dared to reveal the pain of his own experience.

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs is also to be commended for launching a host of job discrimination complaints with the Canadian Human Rights Commission. If the complaints bear fruit in the coming years, don't forget to say 'Thank you' to Fontaine and the assembly.

Mohawk Indians at Kanestake were also quick to pick up the gauntlet thrown down by Harper, who was fittingly named newsmaker of the year. The Mohawks courageously and patiently stood their ground for 78 days in their fight for justice.

They inspired their brothers and sisters from Victoria to St. John's. Their fight sent shock waves across the country. For a time it looked as if the country could be plunged into civil war.

But it was the pangs of a mother in labor, giving birth to a new nation, a nation of Native people.

That newborn babe will grow in confidence and strength with the coming years.

Your Letters

Time to forget the past

Dear Editor:

I'd like to respond to the letter by Roberta Smith in the Nov. 9 issue of *Windspeaker*.

It's time to forget past injustices and concentrate on the here and now. The past is gone and if one clings to it, we can't live in the creative moment of reality. The culture shock which Indian people endured over the past 300 years after Europeans arrived is also a reality. But Indians will be left behind if they don't raise their consciousness to this scientific age. The non-Native society can learn about spirituality from Natives and Native people can learn from our non-Native materialistic society. One can help the other to create the balance needed in each society.

It is only when each one of us returns to our spiritual root, the innermost core of our being, that misery and suffering will cease.

We are not in tune with our true nature, which means we have disconnected ourselves from the heart of reality. We are children of the sun, children of the father, children of God and we all descended from the sun. The rays of the sun are the hands

of God reaching down to his children.

Most people are asleep. They have not recaptured the memory of the original kingdom of light which is where we abided — in a state of unity with the absolute, our Creator. It's sad to see children raised around drunken parents and mothers abused by their husbands. Because they are disattuned to the divinity within themselves this violence occurs.

Each of us is a god on this planet, but we must to know it through a direct, knowing and experience. This can be done through the lost science of the sacred word. The power of sound and voice can transform our personal life as well as the planetary life.

New age energies are infiltrating the planet causing anxiety, stress and tension. The planet is undergoing a major transformation and Mother Earth needs to raise her vibration to evolve. If she can't, because of all the negative vibrations, there will be major upheavals on this planet in the form of earthquakes, floods, wars, accidents and other disasters.

We must return to spiritual values. We may not get another chance to use the spiritual energies now flooding the planet and then we will return to another dark age, much worse than we can envision.

Eileen Patterson
Stony Plain

Success led to drug abuse

Dear Editor:

I have been reading your newspaper for quite some time and I am quite impressed. It honors me knowing we have our own system.

This is the first time in my life I have written to a newspaper and it is a good feeling knowing so many people will read this. I am writing to express appreciation to our brothers and sisters who are struggling to achieve their personal goals through the education system. I know firsthand that success is not as sweet as we anticipate as I was once a successful Native role model, but success was my downfall into drugs and booze.

We all know those sinister words — drugs and booze — but we do not know all the lasting effects it will have on our lifestyle. If there is anyone out there who can relate to what I'm saying, I beg of you to not mix these two elements together, meaning success and drugs.

For those of you still in doubt, perhaps I'll reveal a bit more of my present situation. I am serving time here in a correctional institution, knowing I could be doing a lot more with myself and others out there in the real world. The consequences are real, the effects are real, life is real, it is not a fantasy as we think it is. My

advice to you all is stay real, not for me, but for yourself.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse
Jason A. Fleury, #37671
Red Deer Remand Centre
Red Deer

Moose Jaw reunion planned

Dear Editor:

All former students and staff of Moose Jaw Technical High School, Tech Oxford Collegiate, Canadian Vocational Training School and A.E. Peacock Technical (Collegiate) will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of their school Aug. 1-4, 1991.

Send your name and address and those of your friends and relatives. We'll send full details of this historic event.

Parties, sports, a banquet, dance and more will fill the four days.

Mail your list today to A.E. Peacock Collegiate, 145 Ross St. East, Moose Jaw, SK., S6H 0S3 or phone (306) 693-4826.

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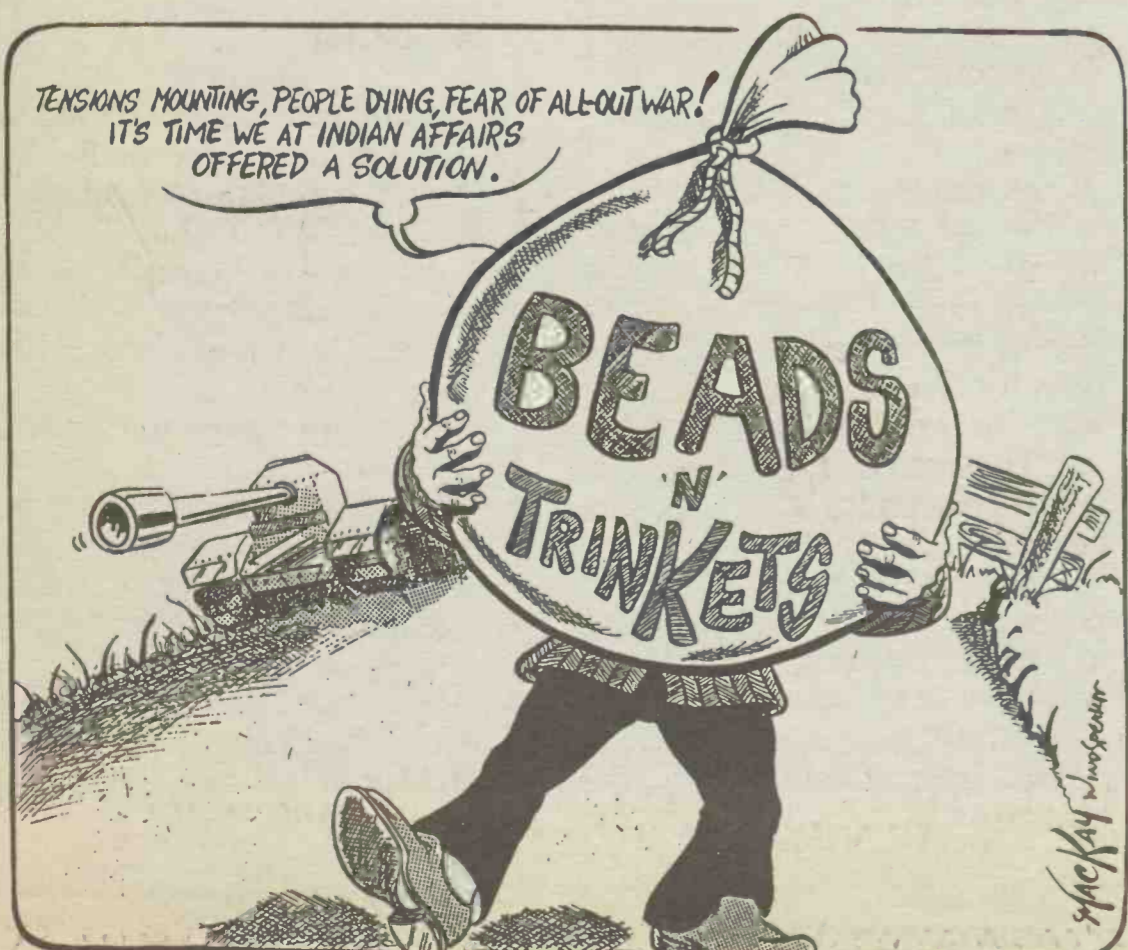
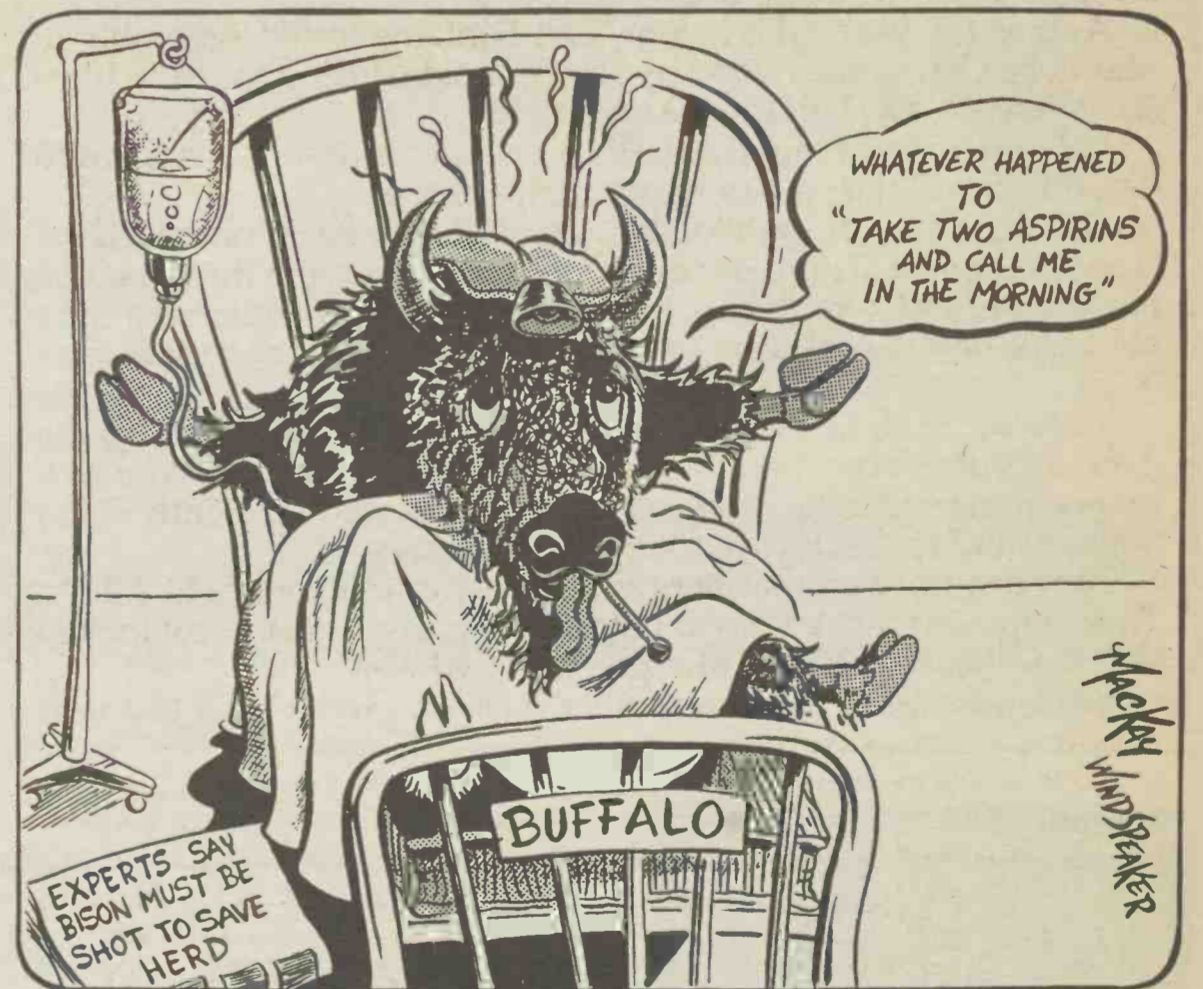
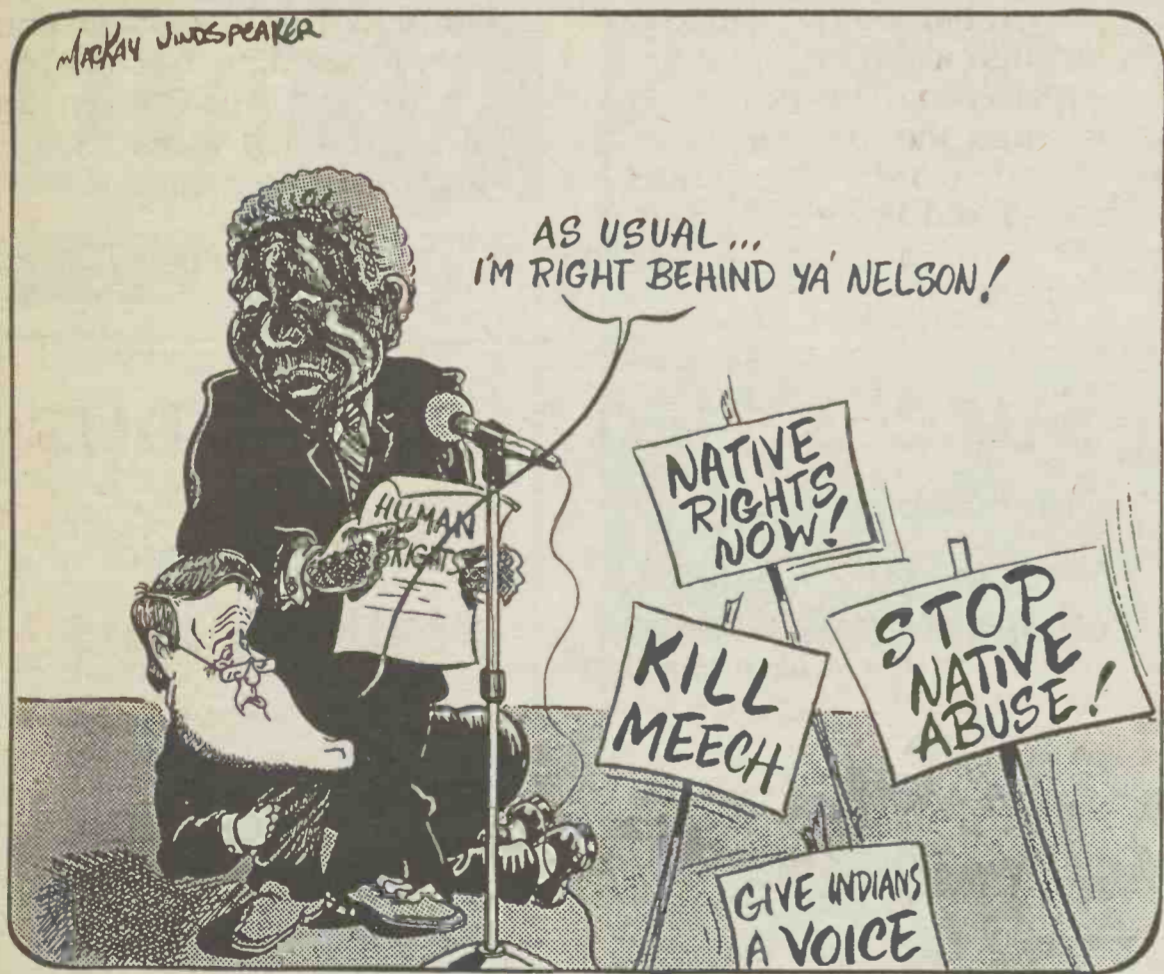
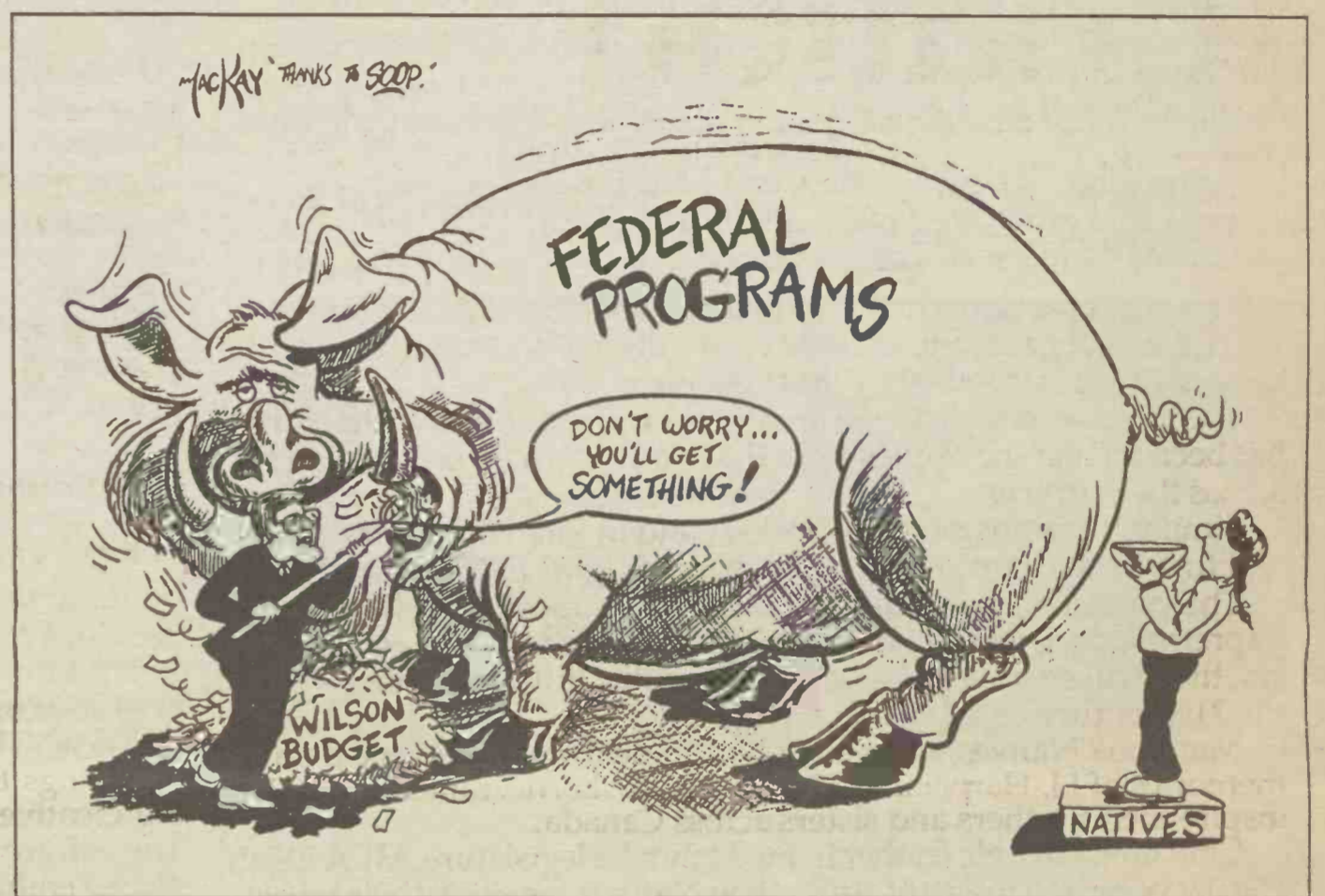
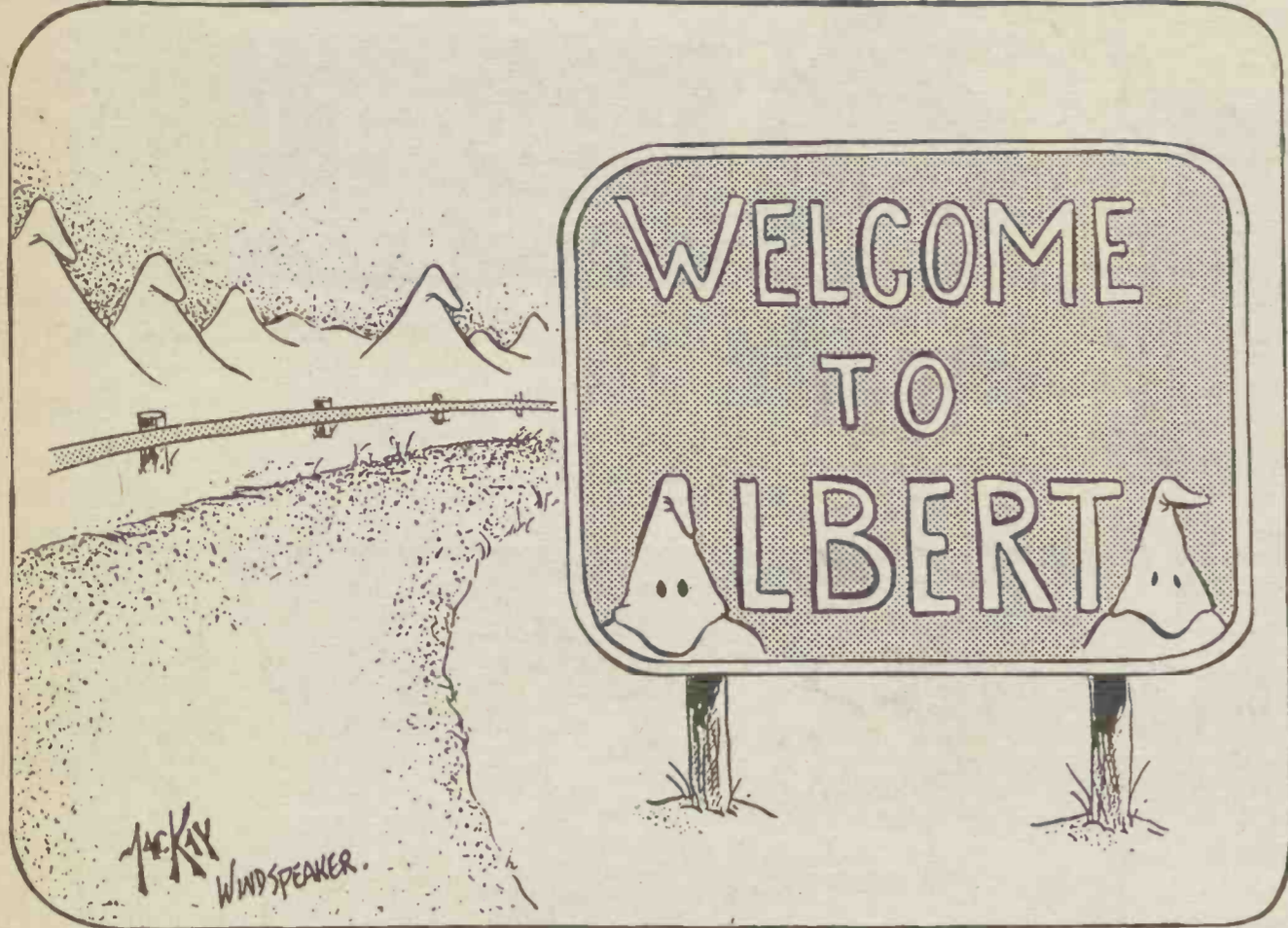
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What's Happening

I promise to

Hi! And Happy New Year! Let's hope 1991 will be a better year for everyone in Indian and Metis country.

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? I did.

I promised myself never to borrow money again because people always want it back.

I promised never to make strange grunting noises in a cafe again while sitting with a board member.

I promised never to listen to a government official talking face-to-face with me and then make my eyes go cross-eyed.

I promised never to crash my truck into a streetlight pole again because you then own it but they won't give it to you.

I promised never to cough again when sitting across from a dignitary at a very important banquet with food in my mouth.

I promised never to chew chewing tobacco at work anymore because people always complain about all the stains on the wall.

I promised never to say..."holy sh...! How are you!" just because I hadn't seen Father



Rocky Woodward

Gilles Gauthier in a long while. This I promise.

DROPPIN' IN: And now on with the show! Below are a group of pictures called "Things that were actually said when these photos were taken."

PEERLESS LAKE: On the phone is Neeyanan vice-president Louie Okemow. Reading the paper is the president John A. Cardinal. This is what was said by Okemow.

"Shhhhh. I can read it from here Rocky. It says...There once was a lady from Kentucket..."

NORTH BATTLEFORD: It's three a.m. in the morning, the

bingo's over and ..."you lost by one number, so what! Now come out of there Margaret and let's go home!"

PEIGAN NATION: Words between the dog and cat.

Dog: "Yer in fer it! Oh boy, are you in fer it!"

Cat: "Cam on doggie!"

Dog: "OK! That's it pussy... yer really in fer it!"

Cat: "Cam on doggie..... Doggie! Doggie! Doggie!"

It goes on.

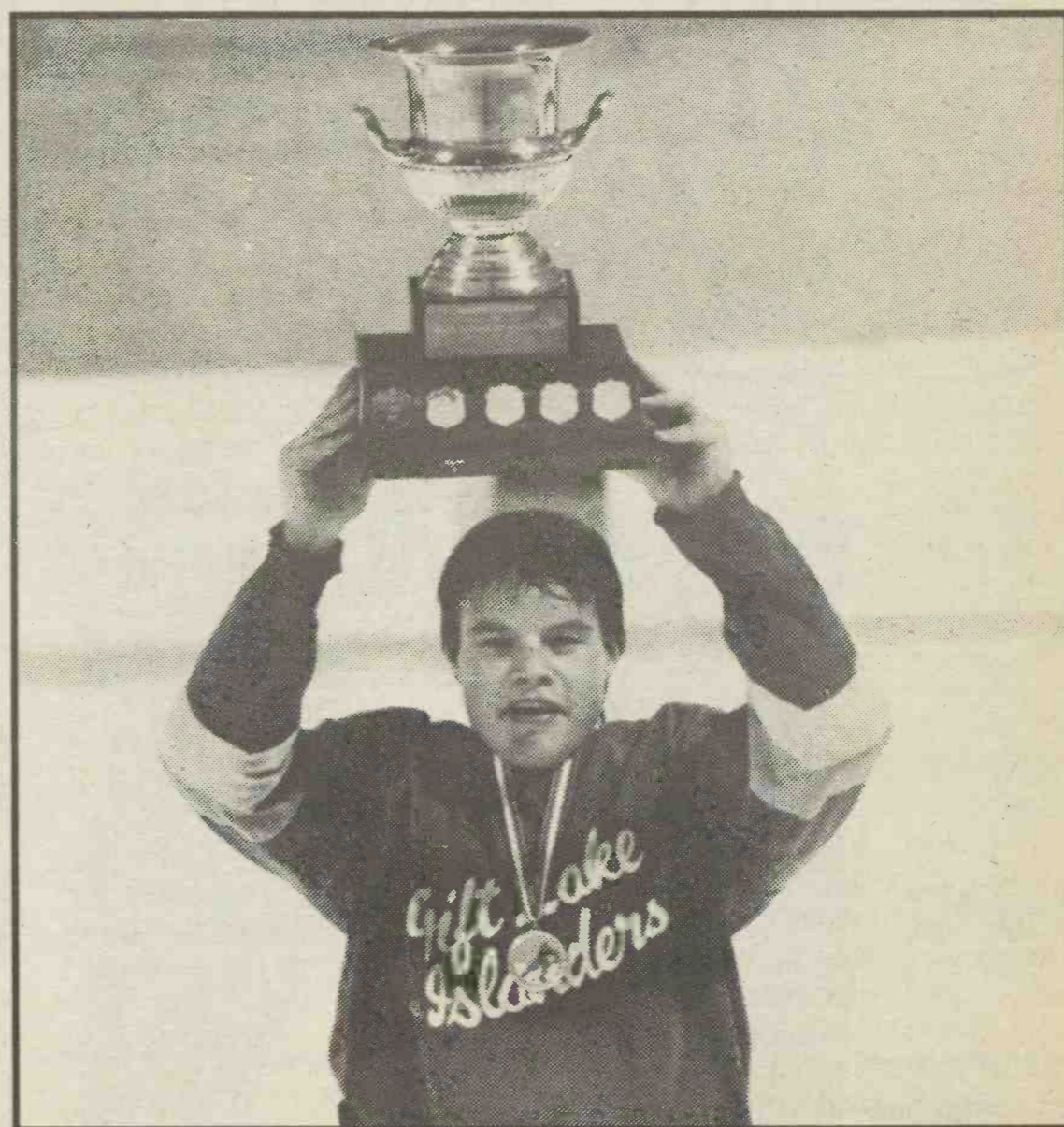
GIFT LAKE: And from my favorite Metis Settlement (How I miss you Leonard Flett) is Travis Cunningham! Cunningham was picked most valuable player (MVP) at the recent Federation Cup hockey tournament. Cunningham plays for the Gift Lake Islanders, also the winners of the Federation Cup.

Congratulations Travis and Islanders! And thank you everyone, including the dog and cat, for allowing Droppin' In to have a little fun with your pictures. We love ya all!



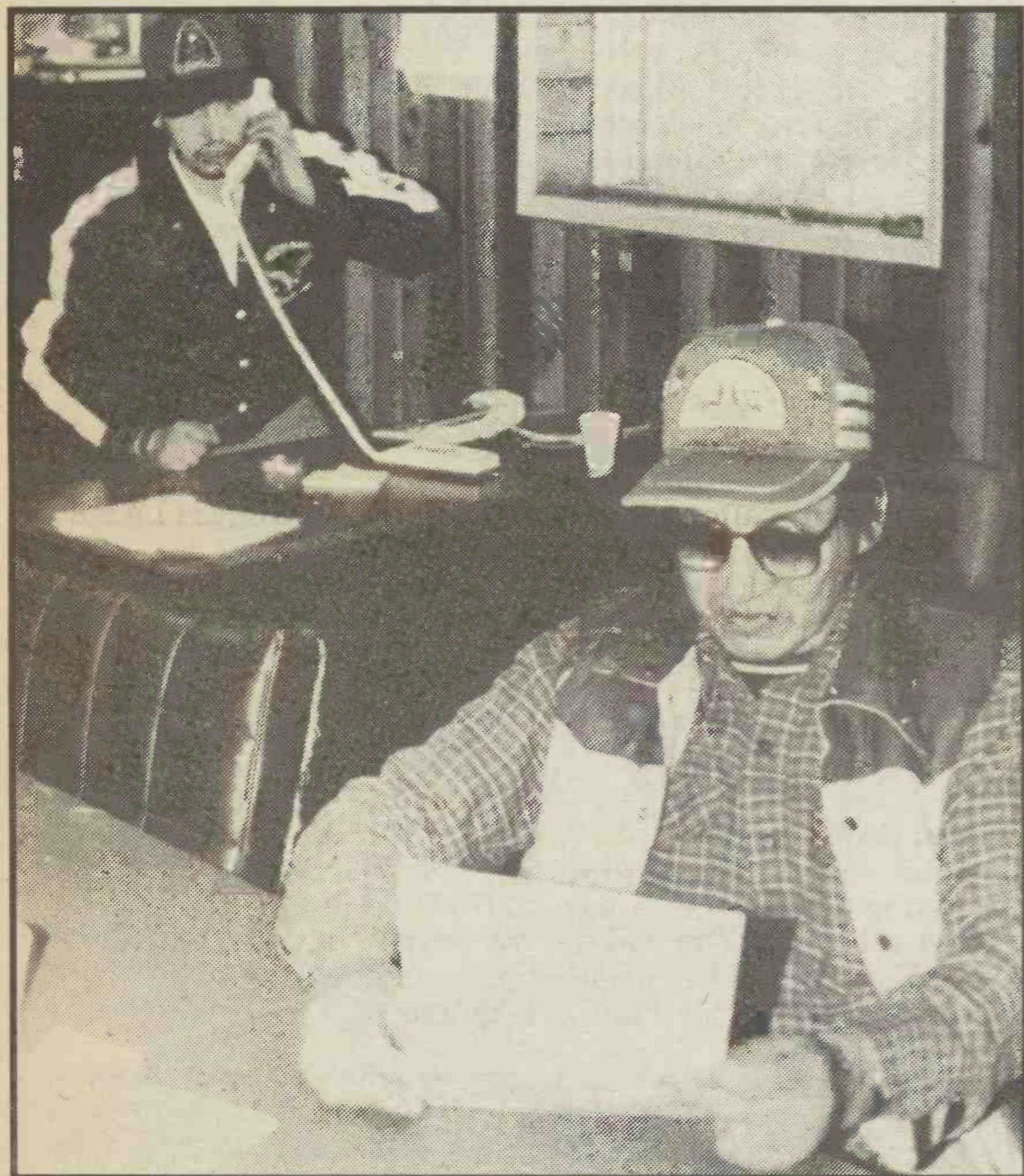
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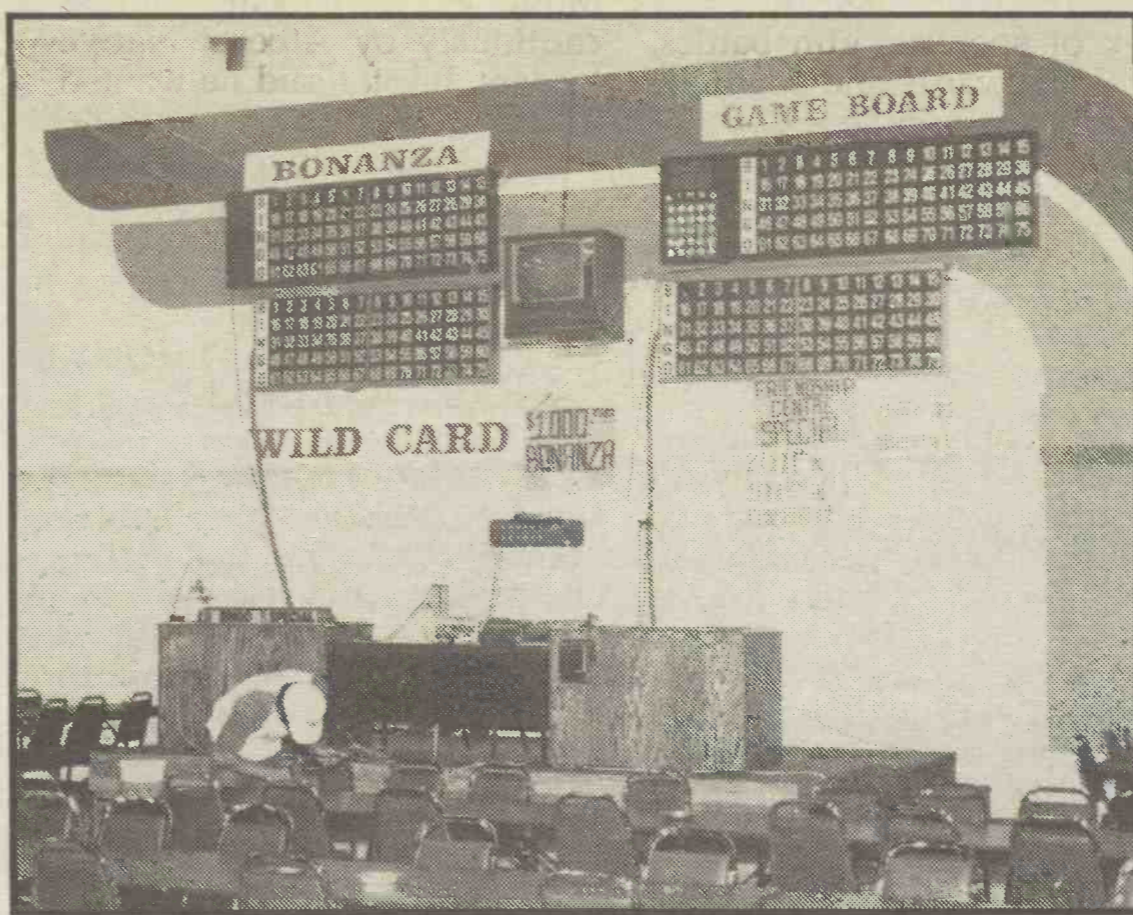
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Travis Cunningham, Federation Cup tournament MVP



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John A. Cardinal (forefront) and Louie Okemow, one of Neeyanan's counsellors



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CO-ED VOLLEYBALL (C.N.F.C.); Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.; Ben Calf Robe School, 11833 - 64 St., Edmonton, AB.

C.N.F.C. BOXING & FIRM-UP; Monday, Wednesday &

Friday from 7 - 9 p.m.; Westmount Jr. High School, 11125 - 131 St.; Edmonton, AB.

NATIVE LEGENDS AND STORYTELLING; Jan. 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre; Fort Macleod, AB.

C.N.F.C. SWIMMING LESSONS (Age 5 - 17 yrs); beginning Jan. 8, 1991; O'Leary Leisure Centre, Edmonton, AB; to register call 452-7811.

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ONE DAY SEMINAR; Jan. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Canadian Native Friendship Centre, 11016 - 127 St., Edmonton, AB.

ARCTIC LIFESTYLES & WINTER SURVIVAL WEEKEND WORKSHOP; Jan. 11 - 13; sponsored by Home Economics Faculty and the Canadian Circumpolar Institute; held at the Meanook Biological Research Centre near Athabasca.

FLINTKNAPPING DEMONSTRATIONS; Jan. 13; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre; Fort Macleod, AB.

NATIVE FILMS; Jan. 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre; Fort Macleod, AB.

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING FOR NON-PROFITS; Jan. 24; sponsored by the Edmonton Learner Centre; Chateau Lacombe Hotel, Edmonton, AB.

BLACKFOOT CRAFT DISPLAY; Jan. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre; Fort Macleod, AB.

CONAYT FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY 1ST ANNUAL TRADITIONAL POWWOW & PRINCESS PAGEANT; Feb. 15 & 16; Merritt Civic Centre, Merritt, BC.

26TH ANNUAL SENIOR ALL-NATIVE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT; Mar. 29 - 31; Civic Centre, North Battleford,

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the Metis Association of Alberta with using money provided by the province as core support to cover substantial pay raises for its leading officials. Ken Rostad, minister responsible for Native affairs, denied the allegations.

TREATY 8 CHIEFS COMBINE FORCES

The Grand Council of Treaty 8 was struck during a conference in Edmonton. More than 40 bands from British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Northwest Territories united to fight for recognition and to demand better treatment from the Crown as called for in the Treaty of 1899.

WOOD BUFFALO TIMBER

The Canadian Parks Service said it was negotiating to buy the timber rights of a multinational pulp corporation to stop it from logging inside Wood Buffalo National Park. Daishowa Canada Ltd. gained control of the timber when it purchased Canfor Corporation. The agreement doesn't expire until 2002.

CALL FOR ROYAL COMMISSION

Canadian Human Rights Commission head Max Yalden said the treatment of Canada's Native people was a "national tragedy." He called for a royal commission to investigate the plight of Canada's aboriginal people, who he said are living in misery and hopelessness. He also lashed out at the federal government for slashing funds to Native communications and political groups across the country.

APRIL

'GRAND LADY' OF LESSER SLAVE LAKE PASSES AWAY

The Grand Lady of Lesser Slave Lake passed away April 4 at the age of 106. Philomene Gladue lived most of her life on the lakeshore of Lesser Slave Lake and was remembered for her quiet charm, her sense of humor and her kindness.

CHOPSTICK FACTORY CLOSED

Sturgeon Lake's \$3-million chopstick factory was closed by foreign investors, who feared the

operation was not meeting their standards.

SADDLE LAKE HOUSING UNHEALTHY

Chief Carl Quinn expressed concern the 4,000 members of Saddle Lake band were living in squalid, unhealthy conditions. "Housing is a treaty right guaranteed to indigenous people," he reminded the government.

IRRIGATION PROJECT BEGINS CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the largest non-energy related project of its kind ever undertaken on an Indian reserve in Canada was begun when a \$65-million irrigation project got underway. Chief Roy Fox of the Blood reserve said water from the main canal and new reservoir should be flowing in time for the 1993 crop year.

MAY

U.N. ATTACHES BLAME IN LUBICON DISPUTE

A United Nations human rights committee found Canada in violation of Article 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It also attached blame to the Lubicons and the federal government for not settling the band's land claim.

AKWESASNE VIOLENCE CLAIMS TWO LIVES

The military and police were sent to Akwesasne reserve to quell further violence after two Mohawks were slain during a week of sporadic gun battles. Arnold Edwards and Matthew Pyke were found shot to death after separate gun battles which forced many band members to flee the reserve.

ENOCH SUES INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Enoch Cree Nation launched a \$450-million lawsuit against Indian affairs for lost revenue and compensation for land turned over to the federal government. Chief Jerome Morin accused Indian affairs of breach of trust, negligence, mismanagement of oil and gas revenues and wrongfully taking reserve land.

OTTAWA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH INUIT

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The Grand Lady of Lesser Slave Lake is carried to her final resting place

land claim in Canada moved a step closer to bringing over 350,000 square kilometres of land and \$580 million to 17,000 Inuit of the eastern Arctic. Ottawa and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut signed the agreement-in-principle in Igloolik, N.W.T.

JUNE

POLICING CHANGES

RCMP commissioner Norman Inkster outlined reforms to Native policing procedures during a conference on aboriginal policing services. The reforms, one of which will provide Natives with the training and education needed to become Mounties, were being viewed cautiously by Alberta Native leaders. Inkster said he wanted to settle the stormy relationship between his department and Native elders across the country that's been raging for the last 100 years.

HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS RECOGNIZED

An historic Supreme Court of Canada decision to recognize aboriginal hunting and fishing rights was expected to allow traditional lifestyle to take precedence over commercial gain. It will give Indian bands the edge in negotiating future land claims with the federal government, said Georges Erasmus. The grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations said the ruling was a significant victory for all treaty First Nations.

SALE OF SCRIVER COLLECTION CREATES STORM OF PROTEST

Over 40 delegates from Indian bands in southern Alberta and Browning, Montana demanded the return of some of the sacred Indian artifacts sold recently by Robert Scriver from his personal collection. Scriver was accused of violating his position of trust as a pipe holder when he sold his collection to the Alberta government. An exhibit of the artifacts opened at the Provincial Museum of Alberta in Edmonton June 4. The collection contained more than 1,500 items dating back to the mid-1800s.

BRAIDS OK'd

A Native Calgary police officer won the right to wear braids on the job when the Calgary police commission announced Const. Norman Manyfingers, an eight-year veteran of the force and a member of the Blood Nation, could wear braids.

NORCEN WANTS WELLS REOPENED

Norcen Energy announced it wanted to re-open 18 shut-in wells it operates in the area claimed by the Lubicon Lake band near Little Buffalo. Norcen officials met with the band and

hoped for a further meeting to determine the status of the band's land claim negotiations. The Lubicons pressured Norcen to shut down the wells in hopes of making progress with Ottawa on the band's long-standing claim.

METIS SELF-GOVERNMENT A STEP CLOSER

A second reading of legislative bills aimed at giving Alberta's eight northern Metis homelands greater autonomy and a 17-year funding package brought Metis people a step closer to self-government and self-sufficiency. The settlements were established 50 years ago under the Metis Betterment Act to aid Alberta's Metis, who were in the grips of the Great Depression.

IAA REJECTS MEECH LAKE

Alberta Indians unanimously rejected the Meech Lake accord. The Indian Association of Alberta sent Prime Minister Brian Mulroney a telex expressing "total rejection of your government's effort to pass Meech Lake without due consideration of the First Nations of the country." The telex said Canada's actions were totally reprehensible as it has totally ignored Indian First Nations.

JULY

HISTORIC CONFERENCE ATTRACTS CHIEFS FROM ACROSS CANADA

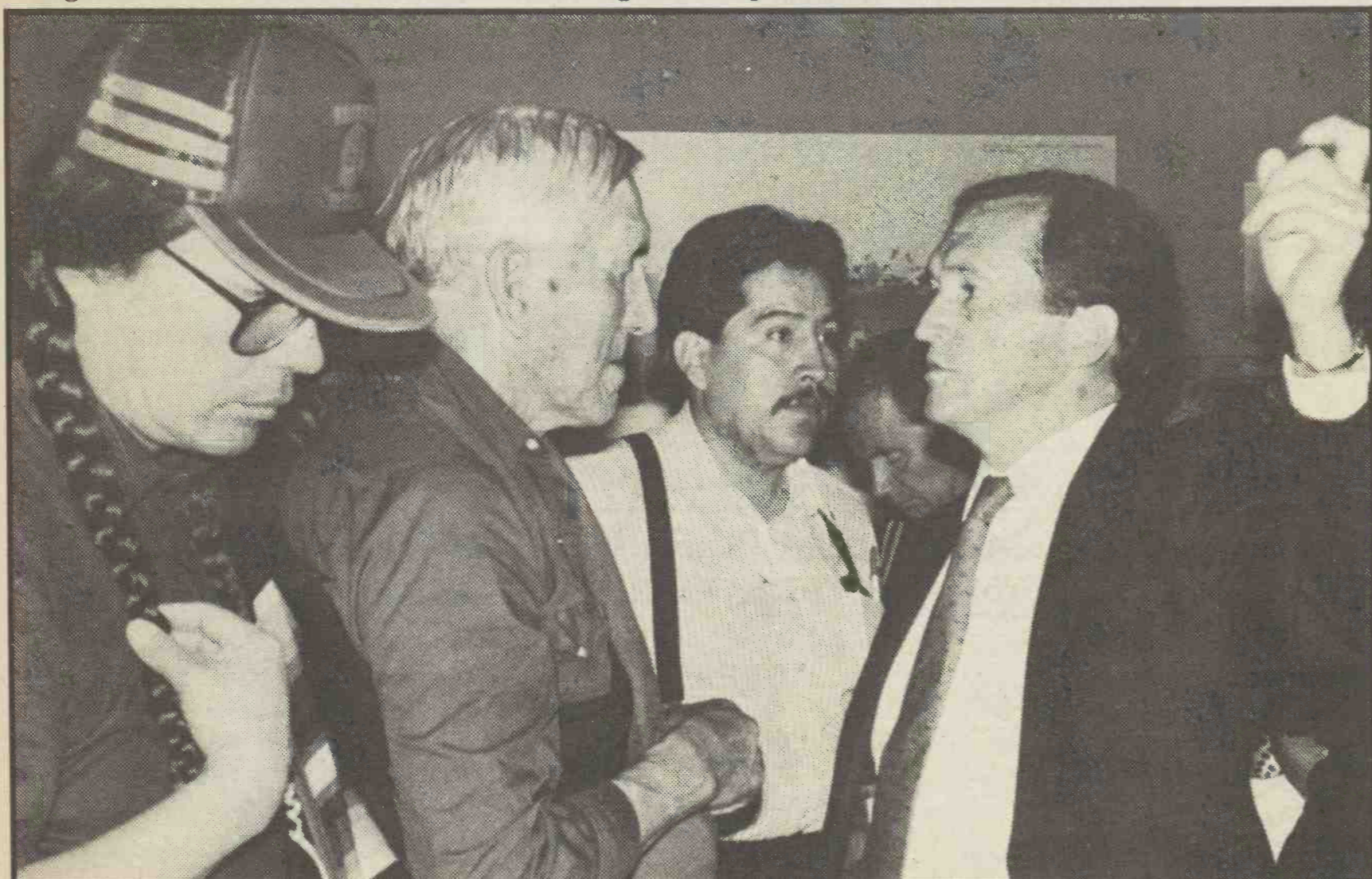
The first Chiefs Summit '90 saw 300 chiefs gathered in Edmonton to iron out problems faced by Canada's aboriginal people ranging from the environment to Bill C-31. Enoch Chief Jerome Morin, who announced the summit, lashed out at the federal government for continuing to insist the Indian Act and the Indian Act alone outlines Native rights. Morin said through unity Natives can force the government to live up to its agreements and recognize Natives as Canada's first peoples.

ALBERTA INDIANS BACK MOHAWKS

Indian bands across Alberta threw their support behind Mohawk Warriors in Quebec, who built a blockade in defiance of a court order. The Lubicon Lake Indian band was one of the first Alberta bands in Alberta to publicly offer their support to Indians on the Kanesatake Reserve. "The Mohawks have been given no choice but to exercise the internationally recognized right to self-defence," said Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak. On July 11 Quebec provincial police stormed the four-month-old blockade to enforce a court injunction, which would have allowed the village of Oka to expand a golf course, located on 22 hectares of land claimed by the Mohawks. Gunfire erupted leaving Cpl. Marcel Lemay dead.

OBSTACLES CHALLENGE DAISHOWA OPPONENTS

A coalition of Native and environmental groups ran into roadblocks in their battle against the provincial government which they accused of pushing construction of the Daishowa pulp mill through without the public's approval. Bands from northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories joined forces with Friends of the North



Jeff Morrow

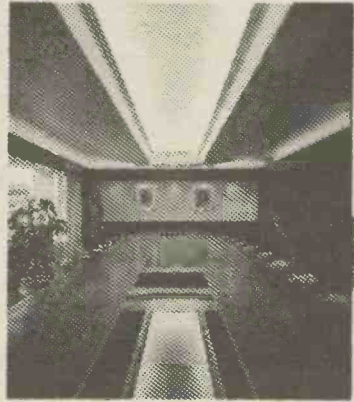
(L-R) George Kipp, George Kicking Woman and George Heavy Runner argue with Provincial Museum of Alberta director Philip Stepney over sacred bundles and pipes

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in a legal effort to stop construction on the mill but met with hearing postponements. They wanted construction stopped until environmental reviews were conducted. Little Red River Chief Johnsen Sewepagaham accused the government of trying to get the mill up and running before the Sept. court date.

AIDS STRATEGY ANNOUNCED

The federal government announced a plan to fight AIDS in the 1990s. But a spokesman for Gays and Lesbians of the First Nations said the strategy didn't make a commitment to Natives. Claude Charles said the government has to pump more money into programs directed at high-risk, special interest groups like Canada's aboriginal people who can't get information as easily as mainstream society.

AUGUST

MOHAWKS ACCUSE POLICE OF TORTURE

Mohawks accused the Surete du Quebec of torturing and beating Indians during the hot summer standoff in Quebec. Don Martin of Kahnawake charged that Indians were taken to a barn where they were tortured and beaten. A police spokesman laughed at the allegations, which he termed "totally false. The police never torture anybody," said Const. Richard Bourdon. "This is 1990." The Mohawks planned to release a report detailing the allegations. Meanwhile, in Edmonton, over 100 Natives and non-Natives rallied outside Canada Place in support of Quebec's Mohawks while Alberta chiefs appealed to Canadians to show sympathy for Native concerns.

LONEFIGHTERS DIVERT DAM

Members of the Lonefighters Society used a Caterpillar to scoop up a bucket of dirt in the northern area of the Peigan reserve to remove the last barrier between the Oldman River and its creek returning the river to its natural creek bed. The Lonefighters were protesting the construction of the Oldman Dam, now more than 75 per cent complete, because they say it will flood ancient burial grounds and traditional areas. The Lonefighters said the province must stop work on the dam before they would reverse the diversion.

LUBICON ADVISER PUNCHED

Lubicon Lake adviser Fred Lennarson was punched in the head when visiting Peace River. The incident followed the removal of Lennarson, a Swiss journalist and an Austrian supporter of the band from the area immediately outside the Daishowa pulp mill. A group of 20 plant workers in a hotel bar identified the men as those removed from outside the plant by RCMP, said Lubicon supporter Peter Schwarzbauer. The workers, he said, called them "dirty commies, Indian-lovers and environmentalists."

MOHAWKS SHOULDN'T DISARM: HARPER

Manitoba MLA Elijah Harper called on Mohawk Warriors not to put down their guns. Although he does not support violence as a means for change he asked: "Who's pointing the guns?" He said the only reason police have not invaded Kanestake is because the Mohawks are "sticking to their positions."

NATIVE UNREST WIDESPREAD IN B.C.

Waiting for the province to take action on land claim settle-

ments was out of the question for B.C. Natives. Indian leaders there were worried if the 120-year-old land claim dispute wasn't resolved it would lead to an Oka-type armed crisis. The first blockades to appear in the province were set up in support of Quebec Mohawks, but soon bands across the province staged roadblocks in what became a B.C. land claim struggle. Unlike



Bert Crowfoot

Lonefighters' leader Milton Born With A Tooth (hand raised) directs diversion work on the Oldman River

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Al-Pac approval enrages Native leaders

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ATHABASCA, ALTA.

The Alberta government's decision to give the controversial Athabasca megamill the go-ahead has outraged Native leaders and environmentalists.

Dorothy McDonald, chief of the Fort MacKay band, says Native people downstream from the planned \$1.6 billion Alberta Pacific pulp mill project are "concerned about the impact of the mill on their traditional food supply."

McDonald says Al-Pac and the government should meet with bands downstream "to tell us what they will do to protect our waters and food supply. If we're not satisfied, we'll explore other options available to us."

Fort McMurray band chief Robert Cree says a lawsuit is being considered to stop construction of the mill.

The Indian Association of Alberta has withdrawn its support for the pulp mill project.



Rudy Haugeneder

Regena Crowchild

President Regena Crowchild says the government's actions are "contrary to the best interests of the members of First Nations."

She says the province has "in effect exercised exclusive control of our environment." In 1989 the IAA under former president Roy Louis supported the project. Crowchild said several alternatives are being considered to halt

the project.

The chairman of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society charges "the Al-Pac decision is a profound subversion of democracy." George Newton says the deal with the Japanese-backed corporation will further pollute the Athabasca river system and "lead eventually to its death."

He says the Getty government promised work on the mill would not begin until all environmental concerns were addressed.

"Those concerns remain un-addressed because public consultation was abandoned."

In March 1990 an environmental review panel recommended delaying the mill until more studies determined the effect of the project on the river, fish and people downstream in northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

But the government called the panel's report one-sided and struck a new panel. The findings of the second panel weren't made public.

Lorraine Vetch, spokesperson for Friends of the North, says the government failed the people of Alberta by "ignoring its own environmental review processes." She says the group will take the province to court to have the decision overturned.

Al-Pac, owned by Crestbrook Forest Industries in B.C. and backed by Mitsubishi Corporation and Honshu Paper Company of Japan, said its new technology will virtually eliminate supertoxic dioxins and furans.

Athabasca Tory MLA Mike

Cardinal says the mill will solve the area's chronic unemployment and welfare problems. About 16 per cent of the town is unemployed.

Construction on the mill, scheduled to open in 1993, will begin this winter.

The province committed an

extra \$100 million to the project as compensation to the company for a two-year delay. The government's financial commitment could reach \$475 million by the time the mill is complete. The mill, which is expected to create 1,300 jobs will be located 180 km northeast of Edmonton.

New Year's baby born to Wabasca couple

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SLAVE LAKE, ALTA.

New parents Brenda Anne Cardinal and Charles Alook are especially proud of their tiny newborn daughter. The couple's first child has the distinction of being the first baby born in Alberta in 1991.

Baby Brittany arrived at Slave Lake General Hospital one second after midnight Jan. 1. "She's a really good baby. I'm looking forward to getting home with her," says Cardinal, who has many family members anxiously waiting to welcome the seven-pound, seven-ounce infant in her home town of Wabasca.

The new mom is putting off any career plans so she can stay home with her baby full-time. Alook is employed in Slave Lake and commutes between the two

towns, travelling the hour-and-a-half drive regularly.

Hospital administrator Cliff Cottingham is pleased his hospital has received such a province-wide distinction.

"As well the merchants in the area are always most supportive of the first baby born at our hospital, offering gifts and special offers. We at the hospital will be giving Brittany's parents a plaque commemorating the occasion, too," he says. Hospital staff are all really happy for the parents, he adds.

Cardinal looks ahead to a bright future for her daughter. The Cree woman feels the special status of being the first baby born in Alberta is a good sign for Brittany, who missed being Canada's New Year's baby by a fraction of a second. Two others were born on the stroke of midnight.

Cardinal and Brittany were released from hospital Jan. 4.

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SEPTEMBER

BORN WITH A TOOTH ARRESTED

The leader of the Lonefighters Society was arrested in Calgary on two weapons-related charges. Milton Born With A Tooth was charged with possession of a weapon and pointing a firearm at another person. The charges stem from a Sept. 7 confrontation with RCMP when they moved in to enforce a court injunction forbidding the attempt by the Peigan Lonefighters Society to divert the Oldman River. Born With A Tooth fired two warning shots forcing police to retreat.

DESMEULES RE-ELECTED

Larry Desmeules was re-elected for another three-year stint at the helm of the Metis Nation of Alberta. Desmeules pulled 37 per cent of the vote defeating seven other presidential hopefuls.

SIDDON'S RESIGNATION DEMANDED

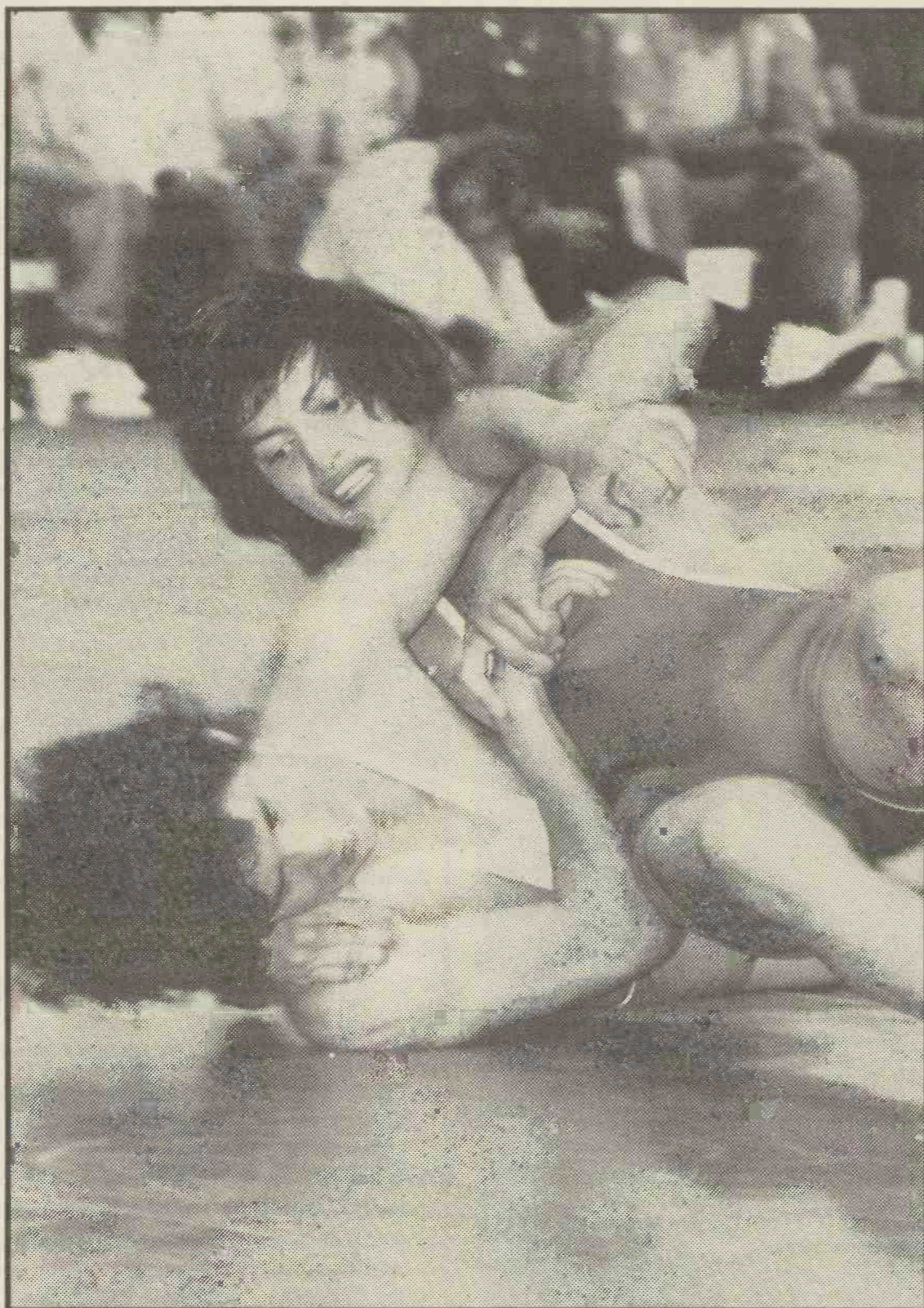
An Edmonton-based group demanded the resignation of Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon. Citizens Against Genocide, formed in response to the Oka crisis, said Siddon "has abdicated his trust responsibility to the Mohawks at Oka and all aboriginal peoples in this country."

LONEFIGHTERS DIG IN FOR LONG WINTER SIEGE

The Lonefighters' Society said it planned to continue with the diversion of the Oldman River despite the arrest of their leader, a court injunction and the loss of their Caterpillar. They said they would spend the winter near the diversion site in an attempt to "heal the river." Lonefighters spokesman Glenn North Peigan said he hoped the government would halt construction of the Oldman Dam and conduct an environmental impact study. If that happened, he said, "we'll be good little Indians and go away."

OKA CRISIS ENDS IN WILD BRAWL

The 78-day standoff at the Kanesatake drug and treatment centre ended with a wild brawl between Mohawks, the military and police. About 50 Warriors, women and children opted for an "honorable disengagement" to the violent dispute over Native land claims. They were crossing the army's razor-wire fence surrounding the centre to surrender to the military when chaos broke out. Fights broke out after the Mohawks fanned out rather than walking directly to military buses which were to take them to an army base away from Quebec provincial police. Women and children were dragged by the hair and punched by soldiers and police. The police arrested a number of Mohawks who slipped through army lines. It also was the first time soldiers were ordered to point their weapons. The Warriors left the centre for fear of falling into the hands of police who were to take over from the military. Georges Erasmus, grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations, described the incident as "appalling" and blamed Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon for the summer of violence.



Rocky Woodward

British Columbia wrestler Randy Gauthier pins Quebec wrestler Joel Montour in competition at the North American Indigenous Games

LITTLECHILD AFTER SID- NEPOOSE INNOCENT? DON'S JOB

Native MP Willie Littlechild said he wanted to be Canada's first Indian-born federal Indian affairs minister. The Wetaskiwin MP said he would take on the challenge if the opportunity presented itself. But he said he wouldn't accept the post unless he was allowed to make significant changes to the department.

Hobbema Indian Wilson Nepoose may have spent four years rotting behind bars for a murder he didn't commit, said investigator Jack Ramsay. Ramsey, armed with new evidence, demanded an inquiry to investigate the reasons behind "a clear miscarriage of justice."

OCTOBER

DAISHOWA BACKS AWAY FROM CONFRONTATION WITH LUBICONS

Japanese-owned forestry and pulp giant Daishowa agreed not to lock horns with the Lubicon Lake Indian band and postponed plans to log Lubicon claimed land for at least a year. Wayne Crouse, Daishowa's communications co-ordinator, said the decision also applied to the company's subsidiaries and contractors. The Lubicons want developers to stay out of a 10,000 square km tract of land they claim is theirs.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE REGIONAL COUNCIL SIGNS \$108 M PACT

The Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council became \$108 million richer after signing a deal with Ottawa. The five-year transfer agreement, which covers 1990-1995, was the largest such agreement negotiated in Canada to date. Unlike other payments the council has received, the agreement gives decision-making responsibility entirely to the regional council, said Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon, who signed it in Driftpile. Grand Council Chief Robert Horseman said the deal was a big step towards self-government.

MISMANAGEMENT ALLEGED AT STURGEON LAKE

Sturgeon Lake Chief Ron Sunshine said six women band members demanding an investigation into the band's financial affairs were on a "witch-hunt." The women arrived in Edmonton Oct. 14 after a 350-km protest march from the reserve to protest what they called the council's mismanagement of band funds, said the group's spokesperson Cecilia Soto. Indian affairs said an investigation would be conducted into the accusations.

LUBICONS PREPARE FOR 'ACTION ON THE GROUND'

The Lubicon Lake Indian band was preparing for direct action "on the ground" to protect its traditional land, said band adviser Fred Lennarson. He said the band had no other option. Daishowa Canada, whose Forest Management Agreement lies within the band's land claim, had announced it would postpone logging in the disputed area until at least next year. But a subsidiary, Brewster Construction along with Boucher Brothers Lumber, were both scheduled to start logging

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as soon as the land froze in mid-November — and had the chief concerned. Chief Bernard Ominayak said the band "can't let anything happen until our land claim is settled. If we allow them to clear-cut, we may as well sign our death certificates."

ENOCH ELECTION DECLARED INVALID

The department of Indian Affairs declared invalid the election of Enoch Chief Jerome Morin. The victories of Morin and three band councillors were set aside because of discrepancies in the election, said Skip Overall, head of band governance for Indian affairs. Indian affairs concluded the casting of ballots by ineligible voters influenced the outcome of the election. The department conducted its review after two band members filed a complaint questioning the validity of the election. University of Alberta political science professor Gurston Dacks said election difficulties should be taken out of the hands of Indian affairs because "there's all sorts of possibilities for conflict of interest." Dacks wants to see election disputes settled in court. The band has two lawsuits pending against the government.

NOVEMBER

LUBICON ISSUE FINAL WARNING TO LOGGING COMPANIES

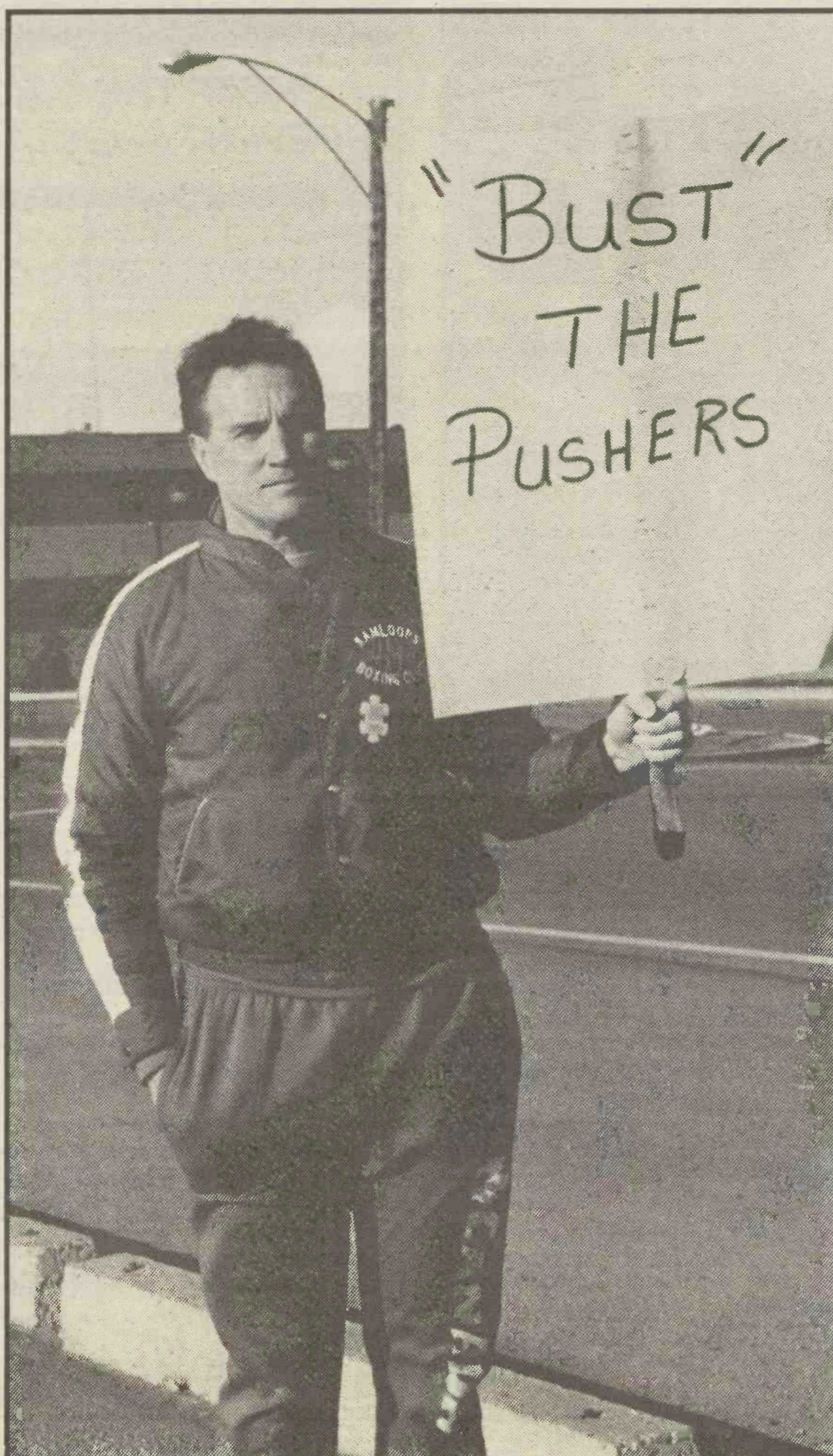
Lubicon Lake Chief Bernard Ominayak issued a final warning to logging companies working on lands claimed by the band. Unauthorized logging equipment on lands claimed by the band "will be subject to removal at any time. They have to have the proper authorization permits from the Lubicon people if they want to continue. This is the only warning they'll get," said the chief to a crowd of 200 protesters in Edmonton.

HATE LITERATURE FOUND IN LETHBRIDGE

A racial letter was found at Lethbridge Community College (LCC) declaring "open season on the North American aboriginal." The letter, printed on Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife letterhead, stated the rules for hunting season on Natives. LCC's manager of public relations said the administration and faculty were outraged and "will not tolerate such racism." The executive director of the Calgary Native Friendship Centre said the letter reflects the misconceptions Canadians hold about Natives. Laverna McMaster called Lethbridge a "redneck town where people look at you and if you're an Indian, they write you off." But Lethbridge Mayor David Carpenter insisted his city is "not at all racist."

EX-BOXING COACH FEARS FOR HIS LIFE

The fired Hobbema boxing coach said he expected to be killed. "There's a hierarchy here that rules by strong-arm and scare tactics. I honestly expect to be killed," said Jim Stevenson, who sent his family into hiding because of alleged threats and warnings to get out of Hobbema. Stevenson said he was fired as coach because of his anti-drug and alcohol stand. Samsón band councillor Cecil Nepoose said he was not aware of any threats or



Jim Stevenson

Heather Andrews



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Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak



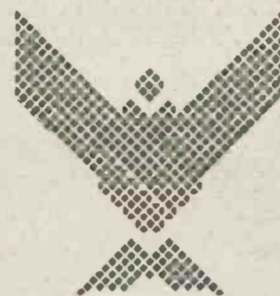
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Competition No. MA90EM141-056-WDSP

Closing Date: Open Until Suitable Candidates Are Selected.

SETTLEMENT TRANSITION OFFICER

(8 Opportunities)

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warnings made to Stevenson. Councillor Stan Crane said Stevenson was fired "for just cause." He said the boxing coach's dismissal was not "in any way related to his stand against drugs."

RESULTS OF ZONE 1 MNA ELECTION CHALLENGED

The Metis Nation of Alberta faced a court challenge over the results of the Sept. 4 election for Zone 1 vice-president in northeast Alberta. "We're going to see some real action," said Emil Cardinal about his court case. Cardinal, who lost by three

votes, claimed the bylaws and rules of the MNA were violated when ineligible voters were allowed to cast ballots. He claimed the breach of rules resulted in his defeat. But MNA president Larry Desmeules denied the allegations of election irregularities. Meanwhile, a shot was fired at Cardinal's home in late November.

His campaign manager, Russell Whitford, said the bullet fired into Cardinal's Lac la Biche trailer home "may have been intended to scare Cardinal into dropping his case" against the MNA. Desmeules said "it's ridiculous to think the shooting had anything to do with the case."

GETTY SIGNS \$320 M METIS LAND DEAL

Alberta Metis settlements received 1.25 million acres of land as part of a \$320-million land deal signed by Premier Don Getty. The move paves the way for increased self-determination for eight Metis settlements. The money will be provided over 17 years.

PROPOSED BISON SLAUGHTER QUASHED BY FEDS

A plan to slaughter 4,200 bison in Wood Buffalo National Park was quashed. The likely

alternative, said Treaty 8 Grand Chief Frank Halcrow, may see a Treaty 8 proposal to quarantine the diseased bison accepted.

NATIVE LEADERS SCORE HIGH WITH CANADIANS

The credibility of Native leaders ranked high with Canadians, according to an Angus Reid poll. When the poll, conducted during the final week of the Oka crisis, asked Canadians who had credibility in dealing with Native issues. Native leaders scored a remarkable 70 per cent compared to the federal government's 42 per cent and Prime

Minister Brian Mulroney's dismal 21 per cent.

POTTS 'NOT GUILTY' OF POACHING

Indian Association vice-president Percy Potts said he was not guilty of poaching following a two-year provincial sting operation resulting in charges. Potts along with eight other people face a total of 65 charges, some of which carry penalties of \$100,000 in fines and/or six months in jail. The charges include hunting for the purpose of trafficking.

DECEMBER

CHARGES LAID AGAINST 13 LUBICONS

Thirteen Lubicon Lake band members were charged in connection with fire damage to logging equipment in Little Buffalo. They were charged with arson, mischief, possession of an explosive and disguise with intent" in the Nov. 24 torching of logging equipment used by Buchanan Logging Company to harvest trees on Lubicon claimed land, said Peace River RCMP Staff Sgt. Lynn Julyan in a news release. Chief Bernard Ominayak was not one of those charged, but band advisor Fred Lennarson said the RCMP are "trying to build a case against Bernard." Earlier, Julyan told *Windspeaker* charges against Ominayak "were likely."

RCMP LAUNCH SURPRISE RAID ON PEIGAN NATION

Heavily armed RCMP officers escorted Alberta environment crews to repair a damaged dike caused by a Native protest of the controversial Oldman River Dam. Last summer members of the Lone-fighter's Society attempted to divert the flow of the river past a weir. The RCMP said their raid "went as planned, it's complete, so now we're withdrawing." Peigan Chief Leonard Bastien was enraged to learn about the raid saying it showed a lack of regard for Peigan people.

SCRAP INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN ACT: YALDEN

The department of Indian affairs and the Indian Act should be scrapped, said the Canadian Human Rights Commission. In a nine-page penetrating report chief commissioner Max Yalden called on the federal government to "move away from the Indian Act regime and out from under the tutelage of the department of Indian affairs bureaucracy." While Native leaders praised the commission for its foresight, Indian affairs officials called the report "totally naive and blind."

PROJECT TACKLES DRUNK DRIVING

A \$50,000 pilot project got underway in Hobbema to help the community curb its drunk driving problem. The province provided the money to an arm of Hobbema Health Services to set up an impaired-driving prevention program. If successful, says the solicitor general's department, the program may be renewed. Hobbema has the highest rate of problem drivers in Alberta.

LITTLECHILD BEATS GST LAWSUIT

Native MP Willie Littlechild beat a lawsuit launched by eight of his Wetaskiwin constituents alleging he failed to represent their views by voting in favor of the GST. The anti-GST voters claimed a majority of Littlechild's constituents opposed the tax. The court, however, ruled MPs can't be compelled to be accountable to their constituents.



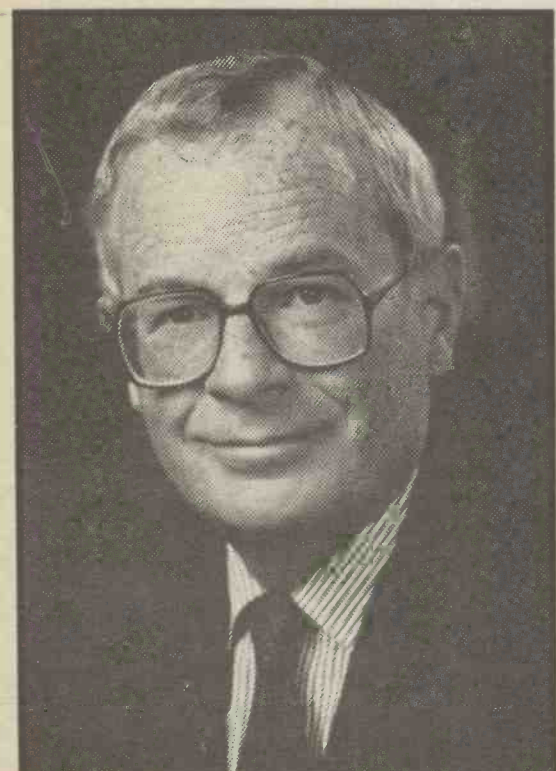
Bert Crowfoot

About 1,400 people joined in two large circles at the Alberta legislature Nov. 19 to kick off National Addictions Awareness week in Edmonton



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Leslie McLaren, a Native Studies student at the University of Alberta, was named Miss Canada in October



Max Yalden


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Hobbema

Cowboy Christmas Rodeo



Dallas Turcotte of High Prairie gets help getting on board in the boys steer riding event. Turcotte went on to score a 72.



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Hobbema's Andy Okeymow scored a 73 to win the December 28 go-round in the boys steer riding

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Subzero temperatures and prairie blizzards failed to dampen the enthusiasm of participants at the world's only cowboy Christmas rodeo at Hobbema's Panee Agriplex Dec. 26-29.

"Over 200 cowboys took part, some from as far away as Las Vegas, Nevada and Billings, Montana," says Sheldon Zook of the Wetaskiwin-based radio station CJOI. Staff attended every event to be closer to Hobbema and the other communities which the station serves.

All-round champion award went to Tut Hart. "He didn't win any major awards, but he participated in almost every event," says Zook. B.J. Zieffle treated the crowd to a 3.9 second display when he won the steer wrestling event. Local cowboy Michael Daines won the calf roping with Guy Shapka and David Reid sharing the honors in the saddle bronc competition.

"The bull riding was won by Mickey Ireland and young Kelly Armstrong took top spot in the boys' steer riding," says Zook, the station's program director. The team of Dwight Wigmire and Jim Rundle entertained the crowd with a 5.3 second win in the team calf roping event.

Winners in other competitions included Leslie Schloser who won the ladies' barrel racing and Bill Boyd and Craig Nil, who shared the bareback riding honors with scores of 78. "The two split \$4,400 in prize money," says Zook.

Lawrence Wolfe and the staff and volunteers at the agriplex were well-organized and the event flowed smoothly. "And announcer Jack Daines did a great job, too," says Zook.

A dance followed two evening performances.



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Photo sequence 1 to 4 shows Shane Parker being prematurely ejected from his horse Casanova. In the end, all he received for his efforts was a round of applause and a few aches and pains.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US.

Native Elders

Elder had century of memories

By Dianne Meili
Windspeaker Correspondent

TALLCREE RESERVE, ALTA.

Taking with him more than a century's worth of memories of northern traditional life, Tallcree Band's Tipemsoo (Jimmy Meeneen) passed away Nov. 24.

Recognized by Catholic priest Paul Hernou as "maybe the last elder who really remembers" life at the turn of the century, Tipemsoo was born at Trout Lake, Alta. in the late 1800s.

Although not sure of the exact date of his birth, in an interview three months before his death Tipemsoo recalled being baptized about 1886. Since he believed he was about six years old at the time, he probably marked his 100th birthday last year. He is survived by seven of his 11 children and 127 grandchildren.

He retained his memory and sense of humor well into his 100th year.

Repeating a story of how, for the challenge of it, he once walked from Fort Vermilion to the South Tallcree reserve in a day, a distance of 95 km, he joked about barely being able to cross the road in his old age.

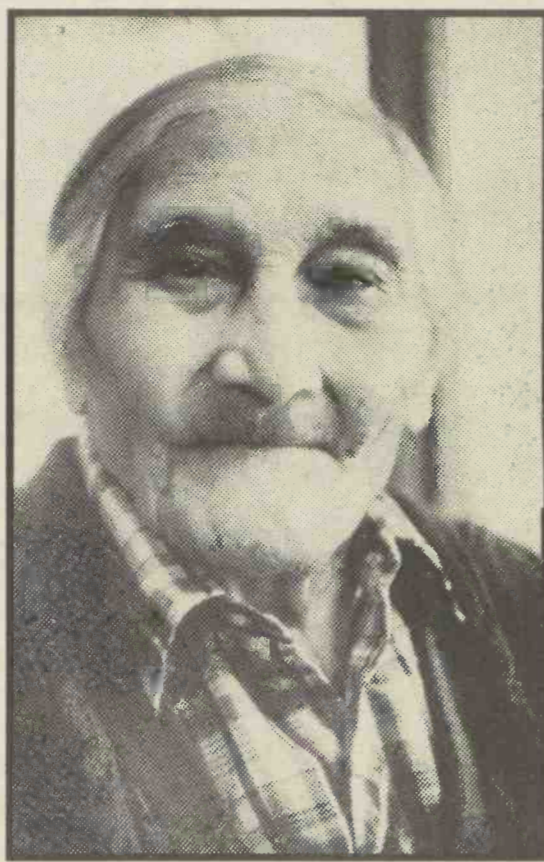
"I guess I must have been pretty strong. We got a bear once when we were out hunting and I carried it home on my back," he recalled.

Taught to hunt at an early age, he remembers trying to set a snare and crying because he couldn't do it.

"When I killed my first moose I had to tie a rope around the moose's legs and the other end around a tree to turn it over so I could gut it."

At 20 he arrived in the area of what is now North Tallcree reserve, about 38 km south of Fort Vermilion. "There were no trees from the Wabasca River right up to here, just prairie. This land was occupied by the Beavers until the Crees moved in. There used to be a lake here and the Beavers had trails all around it, their Trans-Canada Highway.

"There weren't any buildings here then. We built the first three buildings here," Tipemsoo explained, adding that in his long life he'd gone from living in a lean-to to a modern, heated



Dianne Meili

Tipemsoo

house.

"We used spruce boughs for our tipis. We must have been crazy but we didn't use hides for our shelter until later. When my grandfather's mother caught on to making a tipi from hides, she made it from the skins of nine moose. It had to be carried in two sections and was very heavy.

"I can remember my people in my childhood days walking and crying from moving from shelter to shelter. To keep from freezing we had rabbit skin wrapped around us. When the men would see a good camping place with lots of good wood, they'd hang their packsacks on a tree and the women would catch up and make camp."

Tipemsoo recalls the frustration of using the white man's guns which replaced bows and arrows. "The musket, I guess,

was one of the first guns and it sure took a lot of time to go off. It went 'sssssss' after you loaded it and by the time it went off your moose would be gone. But those guns were something new. Really powerful...we could hardly believe our eyes when we saw the first guns."

Tipemsoo also built "anything a man could use...dogsleds, canoes, snowshoes." He built the canoes from birch and spruce and later canvas and linseed oil. He also built dugout vessels. Failing eyesight finally put a halt to his building.

When asked about the best experience of his long life, Tipemsoo immediately replied "killing a moose. If I killed a moose that was everything. It meant food. Being free in the bush and providing...everyone valued that."

Always the philosopher Tipemsoo said he was grateful to be alive and to be able to share memories and the things he'd learned in his life.

"Today you see how old I am, but one thing I've never experienced is standing in a court of law. I was taught never to offend anyone.

"My belief is we are created by one Creator and we all pray to one God. We are all related in some way to each other. Some people say we're not related, but they're wrong. One Creator made us all..."

Tipemsoo recalled the lessons about life his elders taught him and passed on advice freely with a few cautioning words.

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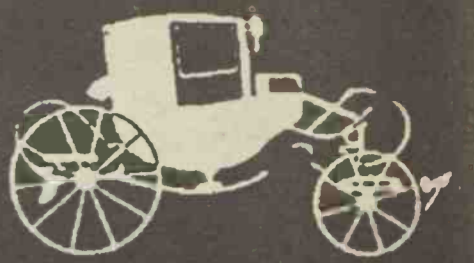
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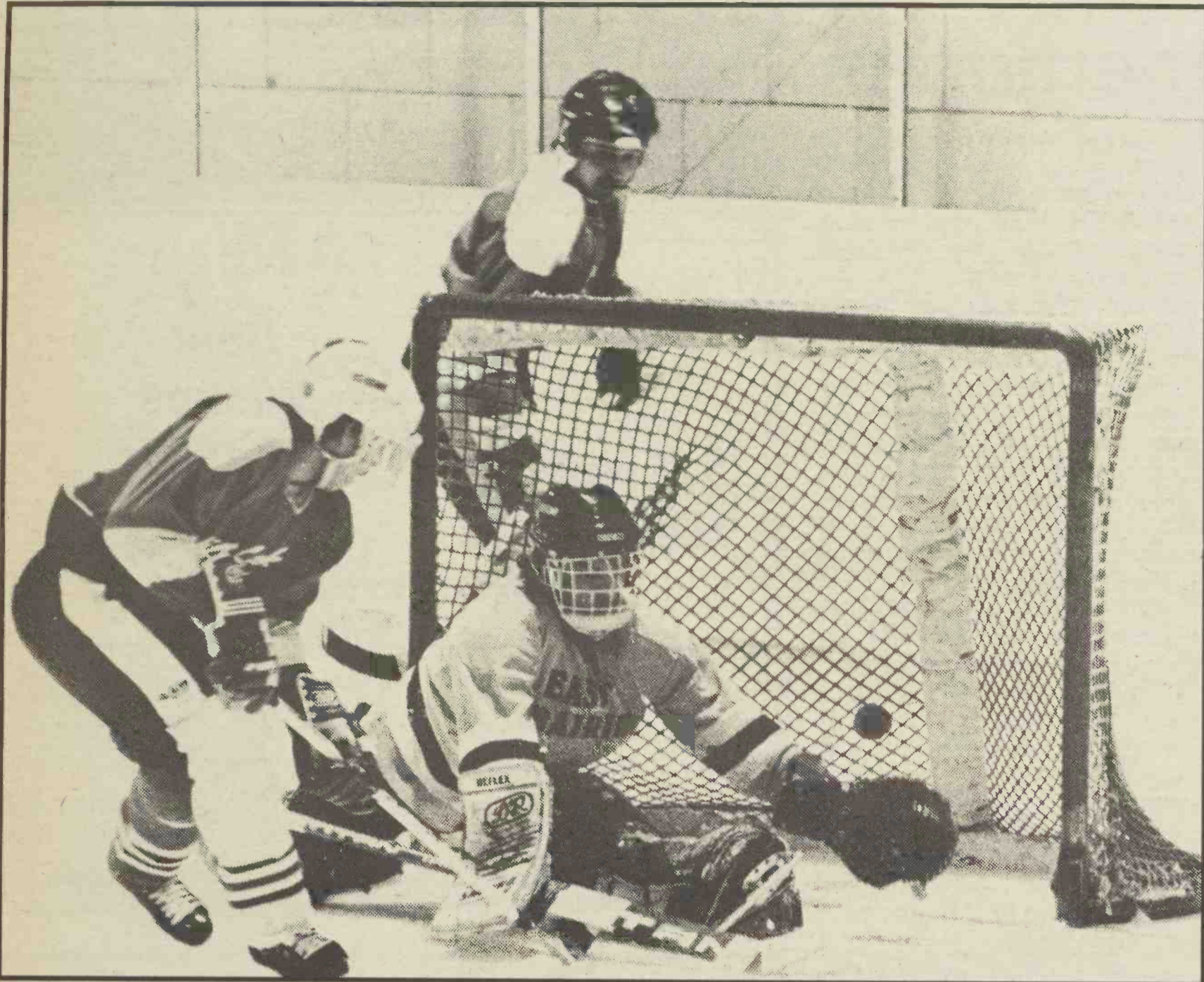
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Sports



Bert Crowfoot

Gift Lake's Travis Cunningham scores one of his hat trick goals against East Prairie's Bingo Morin in the championship final

Gift Lake Islanders romp to easy Federation Cup win

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DUFFIELD, ALTA.

The Gift Lake Islanders won the second annual Federation Cup '90 in an easy 6-2 romp over the East Prairie Athletics.

The tournament, hosted by the Federation of Metis Settlements, was held at the Paul Band Arena Dec. 14-16.

In the championship game the Athletics jumped to a 1-0 lead when Brian Anderson scored with just 45 seconds remaining in the first period.

But their lead didn't last long as the Islanders, lead by Travis Cunningham's hat trick, scored six unanswered goals in the second and third periods.

Brian Supernault rounded out

the scoring with a lone goal for the East Prairie team with just 2:35 remaining in the game.

The consolation game between the Kikino Chiefs and the Buffalo Lakers was the most exciting game of the tournament.

With just 2:14 left in the game, Ray Thompson scored to give the Buffalo Lakers a 4-3 lead and it looked like that would be it for the Chiefs.

But they didn't give up and with just 1:04 remaining in the game, Daniel Halfe scored to send the game into overtime.

After a scoreless five minute overtime, the two teams had to rely on a shootout to determine a winner.

In the shootout Halfe scored first, but Buffalo Lake's Ben Houle replied to even the score.

Kikino's Mark Calliou then

put the Chiefs ahead but Buffalo Lake's Wade House quickly evened the count.

In the next round, Buffalo Lake's goalie Chris Lamouche made an outstanding save and teammate Hector White didn't disappoint the team as he scored the winner.

The tournament all-stars were East Prairie's Greg Desjarlais (left wing), Gift Lake's Kelly Cunningham (right wing), East Prairie's Harold Bellerose (centre), Gift Lake's Gladys Anderson (right defence), Buffalo Lake's Harold Blyan (left defence) and finally Gift Lake's Chris Lamouche (goal).

The tournament's most valuable player was Gift Lake's Travis Cunningham and the most sportsmanlike team was Paddle Prairie.



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Sports: The Year That Was

Looking back at 1990

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

It's been quite a year for sports and *Windspeaker* is proud to present a year in review — a year in sports to remember.

On a cold day in late December the Federation of Metis Settlements held its annual Federation Cup hockey tournament at the Enoch recreation centre — and it was a dandy.

A blast from the past saw the young Peavine Flyers steal the cup away from the Peavine Stingers (their dads and uncles) in a close game.

Seven of the eight Metis settlements entered teams making it one of the best hockey tournaments to start off the new year.

And in boxing, Danny Stonewalker punched his way to the Canadian light heavyweight title after defeating Dave 'Machine Gun' Fiddler in front of 1,600 spectators at the Westerner Exposition Altaplex in Red Deer Jan. 29.

And in Stonewalker's words... "I was unloading my arrows a little too fast for the Machine Gun."

THE COMPETITION IS FIERCE

When the 1st annual Treaty 7 Winter Games ended Feb. 11, the Peigan Nation hosts had collected 38 medals for a bittersweet victory. Holding aloft the aggregate trophy, the games public relations officer Noreen Plain Eagle wiped tears from her eyes, saying she just wanted to go home to her kids. "I was relieved and felt we had accomplished something...and our reserve (Peigan Nation) came out on top," she said. About 1,000 Native athletes competed in the five-day event which featured fierce competition in downhill skiing, hockey, bowling, snooker, basketball and curling.

MINOR HOCKEY A SUCCESS

Hockey among Native youth has always been competitive in the northern communities and it was no different at the Minor Hockey Atoms tournament at

High Level March 10. The tournament drew a huge response from northern teams and when it was over the Hay River, N.W.T. Atoms took first place.

ALBERTA TEAMS TOPS

Alberta teams took home top honors in the National Indian Athletic Association (NIAA) volleyball championships April 7-8. The Canadian Native Friendship Centre's team captured the women's title while the Friends of Carmine defeated the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) from Regina, the site for the games, to win the men's title. Fifteen teams vied for top honors at the championship games.

COLD LAKE CHUCKWAGON MEET

The first-ever chuckwagon meet held at Cold Lake First Nation reserve was also the inauguration of the band's newly-constructed \$250,000 racetrack. Drivers screamed as 20 pony chariot wagons broke in the half-mile long sand track. And Francis Quinney of Frog Lake went home with the championship buckle on the May long weekend.

LIVING ON POWWOW TIME

The sun rises slowly over a distant horizon, lifting shadows from sleepy tipis sprawled alongside a river. A tall man dressed in buckskin leggings and shirt flips back his tipi cover and strolls outside. He whispers quietly to himself "It will be a good day, a great day for a powwow." Across the country June brings the fever — powwow fever — and on June 10 powwows got underway with the Native Brotherhood's annual powwow in Edmonton the first.

June. A time to start dancing — a time to pack and hit the powwow trail and a time for baseball!

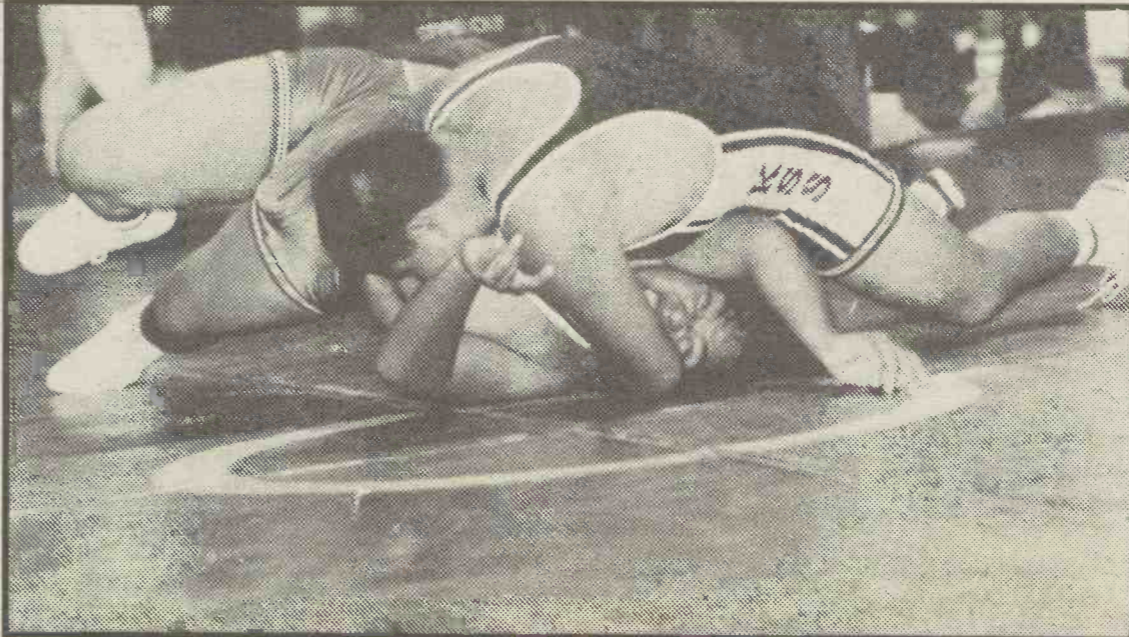
On June 16-17 the Saddle Lake Warriors were at their best, playing five games back-to-back to win the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement fastball tournament.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES



Steer wrestler Steve Bruised Head

Jim Goodstriker



Wrestling at the North American Indigenous Games

Bert Crowfoot

It was the biggest happening in Native sports in 1990 when athletes from across North America came to Edmonton to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in the first indigenous games competitions. It was historic. Held June 30-July 7, more than 1,500 competitors and performers paraded into the opening ceremonies hosted by the University of Alberta at the Butterdome and organizers were

delighted — Edmontonians were delighted as the games turned into a reality.

STONEWALKER DEFENDS TITLE

It's August. Oka was in the news, as many as 5,000 souls made the annual pilgrimage to Lac Ste. Anne and Danny Stonewalker successfully defended his Canadian light heavyweight title against a return match with Dave 'Machine Gun' Fiddler. Stonewalker won a majority decision in front of about 5,000 fans. And Stan 'The Warrior' Cunningham, another Native boxer, won a 10-round decision over Dennis McNiel.

TEEPEE CRAWLERS WIN BIG

For Alberta's Alexander Teepee Crawlers the cornfields of Iowa proved to be the field of dreams at the national fastball championships in Sioux City Sept. 6-9. The Teepee Crawlers ended the seven-year reign of

defending men's champs B.C. Arrows in a thrilling two-game series to win the championship. And the California Peta-luma Chilkats won the women's fastball title.

COWBOY RIDES LIKE THE WIND

In October it was still rodeo time as the 15th annual rodeo finals slated for Albuquerque, New Mexico drew near. And Fort Vermilion's Kenton Randle, 1989 world champion bareback rider, captured the event and third place in saddle bronc riding at the Fifth Annual Indian Summer Rodeo in front of his hometown crowd.

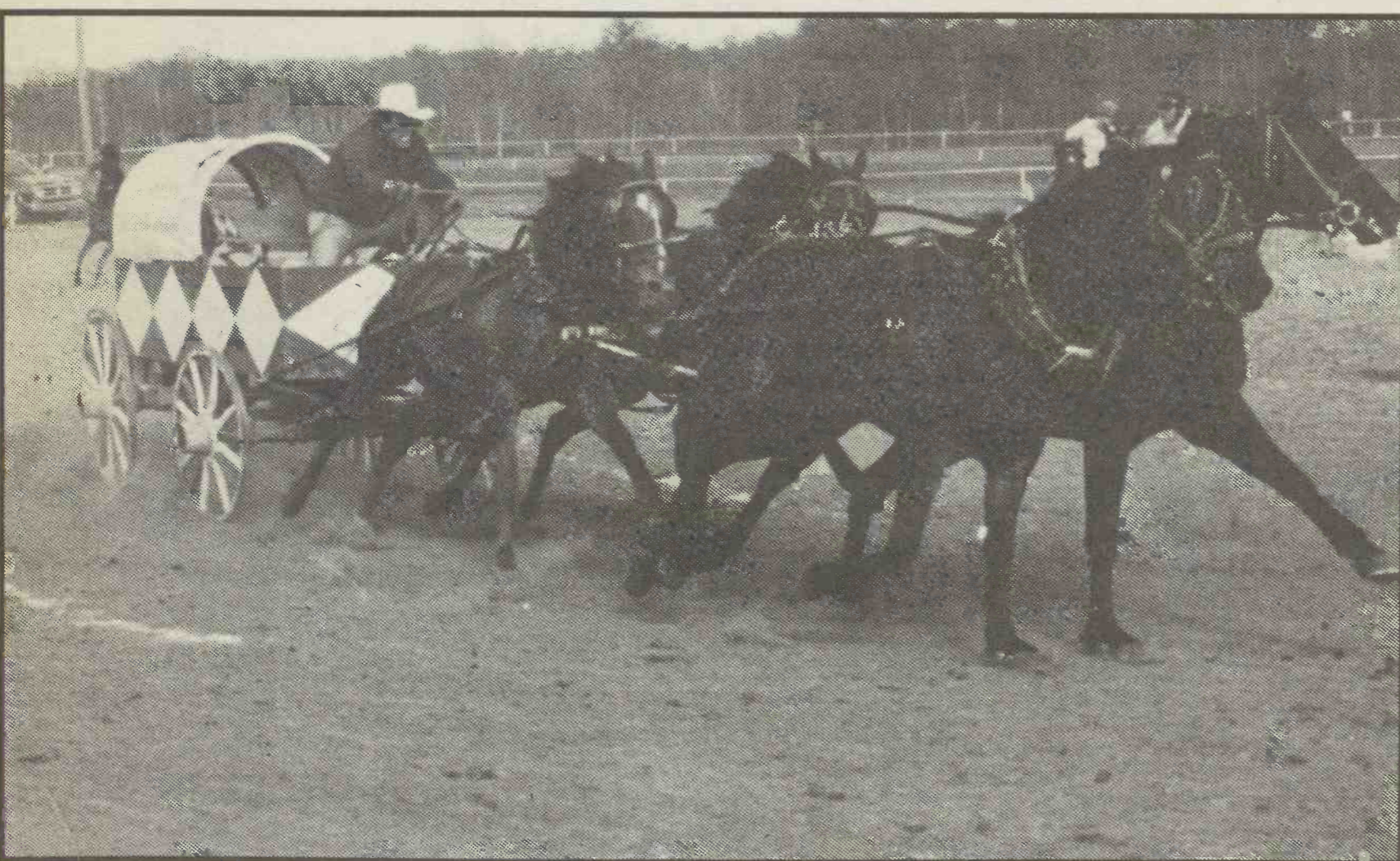
RITA HOULE AWARD WINNERS

Joline Bull, an active 16-year-old athlete from Louis Bull band at Hobbema, won the Rita Houle Memorial Award as top female athlete of the year Nov. 3. Bull excelled in most everything, running, volleyball, basketball...and on and on. The male athlete of the year award went to Willard Lewis of the Beaver Lake band.

Lewis' specialty is boxing. He won awards at the provincial and Western Canadian championship levels in the middle weight division.

STONEWALKER DEFEATED

Defeated but not out. In a gruelling match Danny Stonewalker went eight rounds with World Boxing Organization (WBO) title holder Michael Moorer, before the fight was stopped, in Pittsburgh Dec. 15.



Chuckwagon action at Cold Lake

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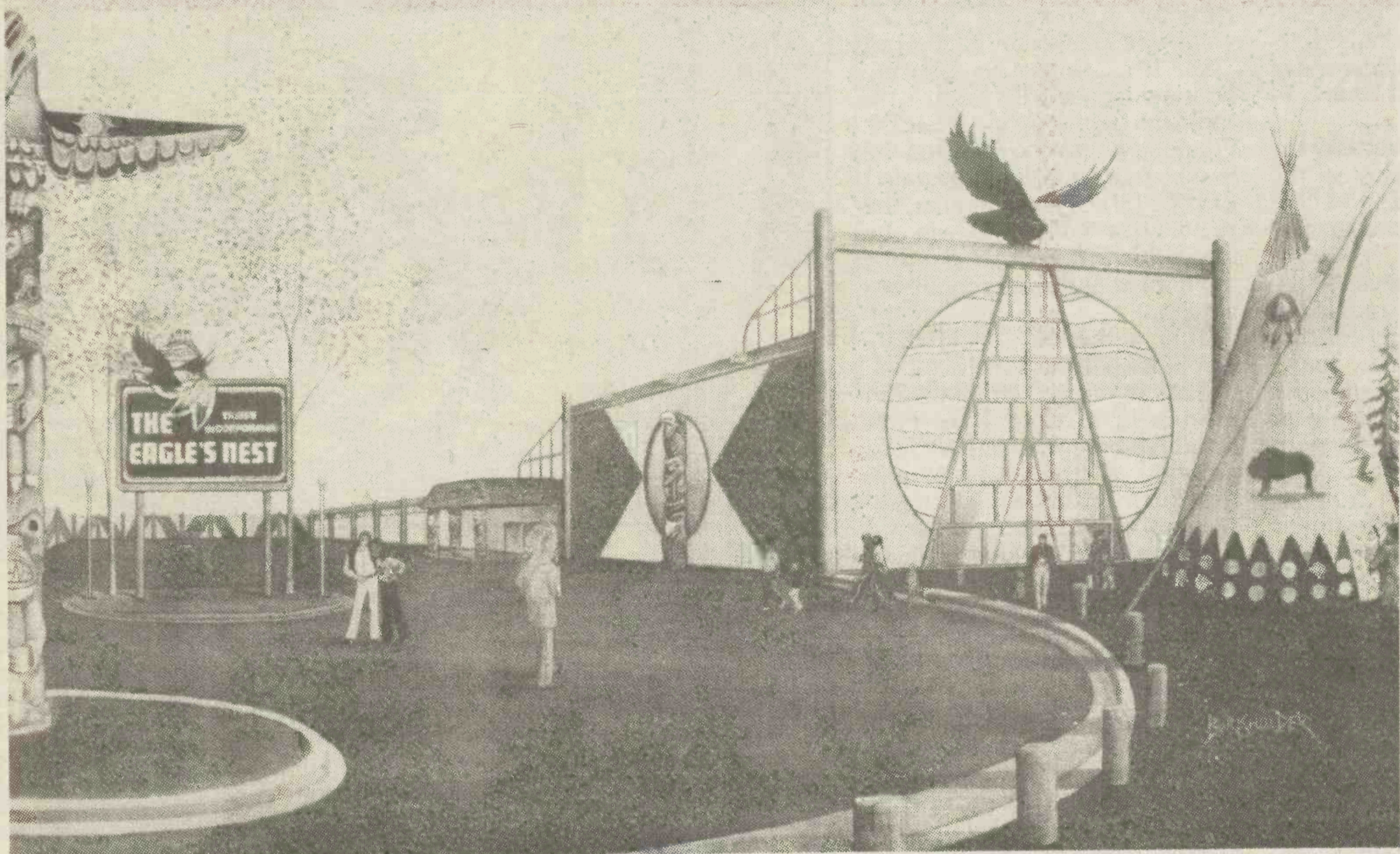
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