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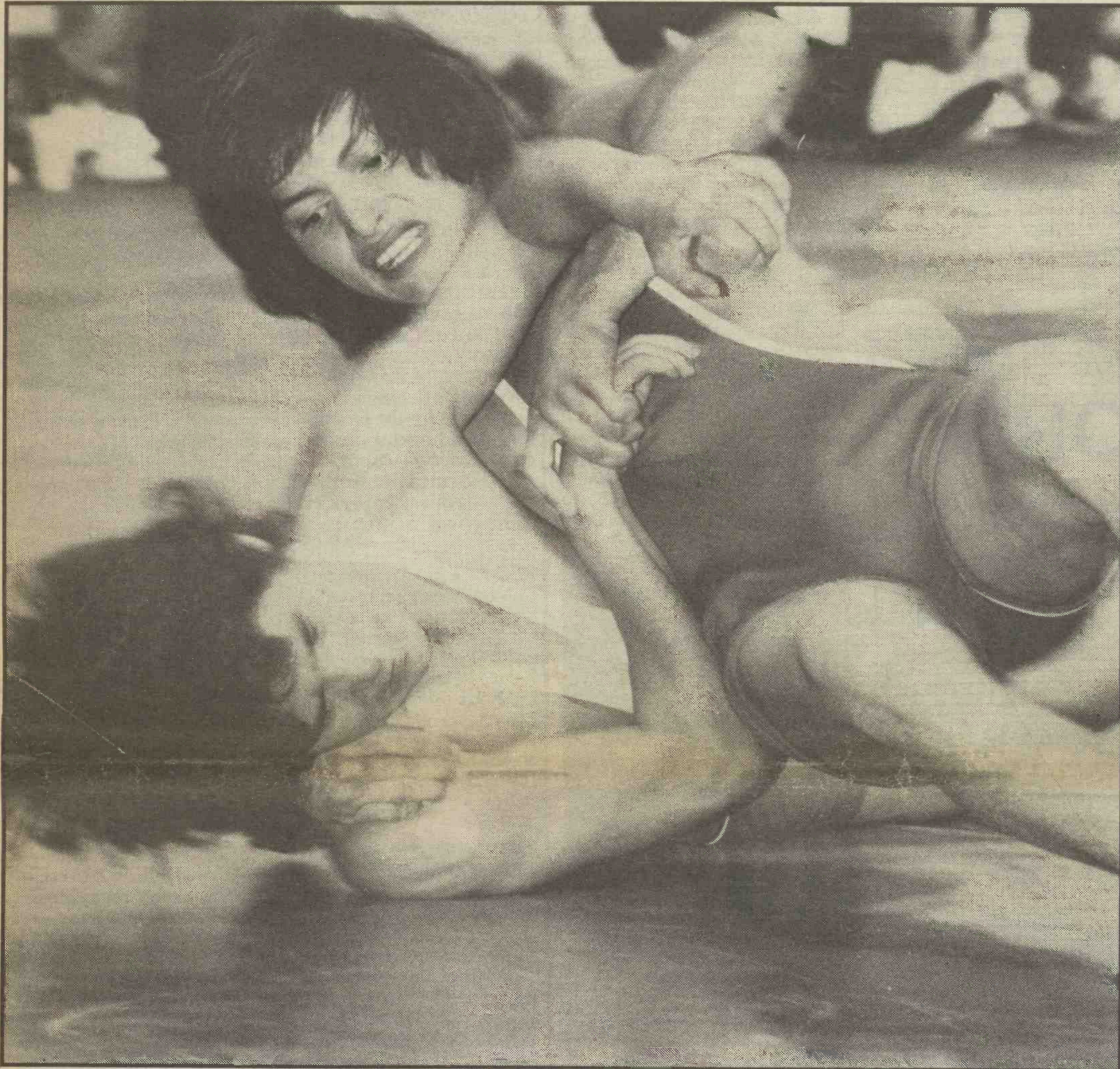
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Rocky Woodward

British Columbia wrestler/boxer Randy Gauthier pins Quebec wrestler Joel Montour in competition at the North American Indigenous Games held in Edmonton. Gauthier won gold in boxing, but failed to click in wrestling. For more on Gauthier, please see page 10.

Saskatchewan tops at Indigenous Games

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

There was no stopping Team Saskatchewan at the North American Indigenous Games. They dominated almost every competition, finishing with a combined total of 199 medals.

Head coach Eugene Arcand credited a strong coaching staff and the dedication instilled in his athletes to their enormous success.

"All our athletes were trained by qualified carded coaches. And our athletes were taught the principal of not giving up when losing.

"We are very proud of all the athletes," said Arcand.

Team Sask. captured 75 gold, 70 silver and 54 bronze medals.

In the canoeing event, where much of their strength lay, teams from Stanley Mission and Cumberland, Sask., won 15 of 18 gold medals available. In four canoeing heats they took all the gold, silver and bronze medals.

About 3,000 athletes from across North America participated in the Indigenous Games' held in Edmonton from June 30-July 7.

With over 350 athletes Team Sask. had the largest contingent.

"We began preparing our athletes last November and much of their success at the games must be awarded to Native organizations and Indian reserves back home. They helped fund the trip to Alberta and were responsible for play-offs and tryouts in their areas," said Arcand.

"It was a mammoth undertaking by many Native people," he said.

In track and field events the favorite, Team Alberta, finished well behind Saskatchewan.

Team Sask. boasted 27 gold, 24 silver and 24 bronze medals while Alberta finished with 18 gold, 21 silver and 17 bronze.

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THE OKA STANDOFF

Alberta Indians back Mohawks

By Rocky Woodward and Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writers

EDMONTON

The IAA and Indian bands across Alberta have thrown their support behind the blockade of a rural road near the town of Oka, Quebec by Mohawk Warriors.

The Lubicon Indians of northern Alberta were one of the first bands from the province to publicly offer their support to the Montreal area Indian band on Kanesatake Reserve.

"The Mohawks have been given no choice but to exercise the internationally recognized right of self-defence," said Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak, who hopes the dispute can be settled without more violence.

The Kanesatake Mohawks have defied a court order, which ordered the blockade removed.

Oka Mayor Jean Ouellette ordered Quebec provincial police to remove the barricade and they stormed the four-month-old Native blockade July 11 to enforce a court injunction that would allow the municipality of Oka to expand the golf course by nine holes. A gunfight erupted leaving Corporal Marcel Lemay dead.

The proposed site is located on 22 hectares of

land claimed by the Mohawks.

Since the shooting both sides have been locked in an armed standoff.

But RCMP officers and Canadian armed forces units have been moved into the area surrounding the Mohawk blockade. It's feared the standoff will erupt in another gun battle if the federal government doesn't intervene.

Kahnawake Mohawks have blockaded the heavily-used Mercier Bridge in support of the Kanesatake Mohawks.

Lawrence Courtoreille, Alberta spokesman for the Assembly of First Nations, said national blockades by Canadian Natives are inevitable and civil war could start if further violence occurs at Oka.

He said railways and main highways running through Indian reserves could be shut down.

Blaming the federal government for not intervening at Oka, Courtoreille said if Indian people are shot at Oka, tensions would mount across the country.

Already 10 Indian bands in British Columbia have blocked roads and highways in that province in support of the Mohawks.

And in Alberta Chief Caroline Beaverbone of O'Chiese Reserve blasted the federal government for its silence on the Oka situation.

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News

Sinclair seeks MAA presidency

By Jeff Morrow
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EDMONTON

Out of the chaotic atmosphere that surrounds Native politics in Alberta has emerged some old and new faces ready to breathe life back into the system.

With complaints mounting against both of Alberta's leading Native political offices, there's a

need to rejuvenate a fading vision for aboriginal rights.

The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) and the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) are both in need of restructuring.

Treaty 8 Indian chiefs and southern Alberta Metis leaders have broken away from their respective organizations claiming their interests were not being properly addressed.

The IAA has elected a new

president in hopes of putting its affairs back on track.

Regena Crowchild jumped into the political fray with clear goals of maintaining traditional beliefs throughout the entire province. Since being elected at the annual assembly last month, she has set an agenda of change to bring back the dissatisfied masses who've lost their enthusiasm.

But what about the MAA? Former Metis president Sam Sinclair insists he has the answers.

He's set his sights on the MAA presidency up for grabs the last week of August.

He, too, says Alberta's top political offices have grown out of touch from the average Native person — those who need them the most.

"It's time to do something about it," he declares.

Sinclair, who has been a driving force in the MAA for 20 years, stepped down as president in 1987 to help with Metis economic development projects. He suggests that may have been a mistake.

"Through the encouragement and support of many Metis communities I am seeking to bring the Metis association back to the people," he said.



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Provincial briefs

Stampede wagon kills 8-year-old

CALGARY — About 60 people attended a memorial service July 15 for Mamie First Rider, 8, of the Blood Indian Reserve, who was killed in the Calgary Stampede Parade. The service included prayers and comments from six Native spiritual leaders. The young girl died July 9 in Alberta Children's Hospital from injuries suffered when she fell off a hay wagon she was riding on and was crushed beneath its wheels. "According to the people who witnessed it, it looked like she got tired, fell asleep, fell forward and went under the wheels of the wagon," said Stampede spokesman Paul Rosenberg.

Pelletier may testify

TURNER VALLEY — Court proceedings against a local RCMP officer accused of breaking the neck of Rodney Pelletier of Eden Valley Reserve will likely move into Foothills Hospital so Pelletier can testify. Crown prosecutor Steven Koval made the unusual request to have Pelletier, paralyzed since his Jan. 16 arrest, testify at the preliminary inquiry of Native Special Const. Willy Big Smoke. The RCMP officer, who has been suspended from the force pending the outcome of his trial, faces a maximum 10 years in prison if convicted. The inquiry resumes here Oct. 11.

Norcen won't re-open oil wells

LITTLE BUFFALO — Norcen Energy has agreed not to re-open its 18 oil wells on traditional Lubicon land, says Chief Bernard Ominayak. He said Norcen agreed to leave the wells idle in light of the most recent breakdown in land-claim negotiations with the federal and Alberta governments. Norcen had said it wanted to re-open the wells, shut down Nov. 30, because the company needs the revenue. Band adviser Fred Lennarson suggested the violent confrontation between police and Mohawk Indians at Oka, Quebec likely influenced the company's decision. The Lubicons hoped closing the wells would help pressure the federal government to reach a settlement in the long-standing dispute over the establishment of a reserve. The Lubicon will decide within 30 days what their next step will be, Ominayak said. He ruled out violent action, but added: "One thing is for sure, we just can't afford to sit back and wait for either government to do something."

Police probe questioned

RED DEER — An internal probe that cleared three RCMP officers of misconduct in a murder investigation lacks credibility, says a Native leader. "I don't believe it is possible to be unbiased when you are investigating yourself," said Lyle Keewatin Richards, past president of the Red Deer Native Friendship Society. After a trial in March, Justice Peter Power of Court of Queen's Bench criticized investigation methods used by Constables Don Szymiec, Bruce MacGregor and Gary McLeod. "It is clear the rights of the accused were violated and this was an error on the part of the police," Power said after a jury acquitted Kenneth Daychief of second-degree murder. Daychief was charged with the 1985 stabbing death of Alex Gopher on Sunchild Indian Reserve near Rocky Mountain House.

Sarcee chief warns police

SARCEE RESERVE — Sarcee Chief Roy Whitney says Calgary police will be charged with trespassing if they come onto his reserve without permission. He issued the warning after criticizing city police over the June 6 investigation into a suicide on the reserve. "They showed a total lack of respect for our laws and culture," said Whitney. An internal police memo issued July 13 instructed police to stay away from the reserve for their own safety. Whitney said police responded without permission from the reserve or the RCMP after a 21-year-old man shot himself. Reserve policing is the responsibility of the RCMP, the Sarcee band council and two Native constables. Whitney said city police barricaded the shooting scene and refused him entry to comfort a woman who found her grandson dead.

Al-Pac says mill safe

EDMONTON — Native concerns about river pollution and employment are addressed in Alberta-Pacific's latest pulp mill proposal, says a company spokesman. "Fish could live quite easily with no effect whatever directly in the mill effluent, let alone hundreds of miles downstream," claimed Brian Hetherington. Jobs will be offered to Natives, he said. "There is a very strong aboriginal development program. But some Native leaders don't believe Al-Pac's promises of jobs and little pollution. Chief Eugene Monias of Heart Lake Band, about 64 km northeast of Lac la Biche, called the company's proposals "empty promises."

Race quiz rejected

CALGARY — Calgary police will reject a request by Statistics Canada to provide a racial breakdown of accused persons. "That's the worst thing you can do, single out a particular race for a particular crime," said Insp. Jack Mullins. He said the study contravenes human rights legislation by asking a question based on ethnic origin. By mid-1993 the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, which is conducting the study, hopes about 80 per cent of police forces in Canada will be feeding information into the system. Brian Edy, president of the Alberta Civil Liberties Association, said "the real question they want to find out is how many Native Canadians are going through the system. And we all know that's a high percentage. Police files are confidential and should remain confidential." Stats Can wants police to compile a list by 1993 of the race of suspects and victims broken down into eight groups: white, South Asian, black, Southeast Asian, aboriginal, Central and South American, Middle Eastern or unknown.

Injured athlete transferred

EDMONTON — A Native athlete who fell 15 metres from the balcony of an Edmonton hotel during the North American Indigenous Games has been transferred to a Winnipeg hospital, says his uncle. Dwayne Vernon McGillivray, 17, of The Pas, 500 km northwest of Winnipeg, was trying to climb between two balconies when he lost his footing falling headfirst onto a parked and unoccupied Ford Tempo. He suffered internal injuries to the head and abdomen and broke several bones. The young soccer player and his teammates won a silver medal at the games.

News

Inmates go to bat for jailed women

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A committee of prisoners at Edmonton's Grierson Centre has gone to bat for incarcerated women.

Since there isn't a federal institution in Alberta for women they're sent to Ontario's Kingston Penitentiary.

"It is deplorable these women can never see their families on a regular basis," Grierson Centre inmate spokesman Richard Stonechild told the provincial Native justice task force led by Mr. Justice Robert Allan Cawsey at a July 11 meeting.

"It's hard for us to talk about women's issues but they cannot be forgotten," Stonechild added.

Committee member Richard Laboucan said women are alone in jail.

"When a woman is given a five-year sentence and has a one-year-old child, four years without seeing his mother can have a grave impact on that child.

"They need a facility here (in Alberta) for them," Laboucan stressed.

At present women sentenced to two years less a day are usually housed at the Fort Saskatchewan Institution. But women sentenced to two years or more have only one alternative, Kingston.

"Have you ever heard a woman cry when she is taken away from her children? Doing life on an installment plan is hard enough for women, right across the country," Laboucan said.

In a written presentation to

the provincial task force the all-Native committee stressed women should have the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

"For too long women have received the dirty end of the stick in corrections. Since they make up the lesser number of those in jails, we see no reason why they should not have the basic human right to be placed near their children," the submission read.

Justice Cawsey said since the task force has been visiting penal institutions across Alberta, they are coming up with many rec-

ommendations that "certainly" must be looked at.

"We seem to get something new out of each institution we visit," he said.

Other concerns of the Grierson committee was the need for the establishment of retreat centres in Native communities for Natives being released, a resident elder in all institutions, a Native youth centre for young offenders and a community support system.

"Retreats are needed where newly-released prisoners can go for spiritual guidance and to

learn new skills," Stonechild said.

Cawsey said the task force made a presentation at the All-Chiefs' conference held in Edmonton July 2-5.

He said the presentation drew a favorable response.

"They pledged support to the Native Brotherhoods and are willing to work with them. I see there are Native leaders willing to take responsibility.

"The Metis Association of Alberta has also indicated they support a support group in the communities for released prison-

ers," Cawsey said.

Cawsey is expected to prepare a report for the federal and provincial governments by Dec. 31, 1990.

The provincial task force is touring Native communities and penal institutions in Alberta to hear from Native people on their treatment and to get their recommendations for changes to the criminal justice system.

The Grierson centre's committee includes Stonechild, Laboucan, John Tourangeau and Darin Breland.

Obstacles challenge Daishowa opponents

By Jeff Morrow
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EDMONTON

A coalition of Native and environment groups are running into legal roadblocks in their battle against the provincial government which they are accusing of pushing through construction of the Daishowa pulp mill without a green light from the public.

It's feared the \$500 million bleached kraft mill, which will spew cancer-causing chemicals into the Peace River, will be operational before the public has a chance to consider its environmental impacts.

Indian bands from northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories have teamed with the Friends of the North (FON) in a campaign of legal actions designed to halt construction until tests are done on the river.

But Little Red River Chief Johnsen Sewepagaham says his efforts to stop construction of the near-completed mill may be in vain because of hearing postponements.

He accuses the Alberta government of attempting to influence the outcome of his lawsuit by having the mill up and running before the September hearing date.

"It's always been their strategy to get the mill going. Now it may be too hard (to stop it)," he says.

The band is calling on the Federal Environment Assessment Review Panel (EARP) to conduct studies of the Peace River which is already being affected by toxic effluent from other pulp mills downstream. Sewepagaham is going to court to get it done.

He hoped to have the case heard in early July, but a heavy court load pushed the hearing to

the later date.

In May the province issued Daishowa operating licences despite pending federal lawsuits by Native and environmental groups.

Alberta Environment Minister Ralph Klein insisted he had no legal grounds to withhold the licences because mill developers have met all their requirements to begin production.

Pulp mill adversaries are demanding river tests be done similar to the ones that halted construction of the proposed

Alberta-Pacific pulp mill.

FON, in conjunction with Dene Nation and the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories, have also filed lawsuits in federal court demanding environmental impact studies of the Peace River.

FON spokesman Randy Lawrence says their hearings have been postponed until October.

"We wanted to prove the operating licence was invalid," he says.

"It's going to be more difficult once it gets going."

Alberta Indians back Mohawks

From Front Page

"Listening to the news I'd say a lot of people across the country are angry. It doesn't look good at all for them (Ottawa) to sit back and do nothing," said Beaverbone.

She said a letter of support from O'Chiese Band was faxed to the Mohawks at Kanesatake.

"We must do the same thing we did with Elijah Harper and back the Mohawks as much as we can, not as far as all-out war, but they must be supported," Beaverbone said.

Bigstone Band Chief Chucky Beaver also supports the Mohawks.

"If it takes people of the first nations to be aggressive in order

to be heard, so be it.

"We've negotiated and sat down with both levels of government over the years but nothing is ever resolved for the aboriginal peoples of this country, except to be ignored.

"It's time for us to be recognized and dealt with fairly and the government of this country must fulfil its obligation to the treaties. We support the Mohawk's position at Oka," Beaver said.

In a prepared statement the IAA said it supports the heroic efforts of the Six Nations traditional and hereditary chiefs of the Kanesatake Mohawk Nation.

"The prime minister of Canada and the federal Indian Affairs minister must immediately

become involved directly to resolve this issue of Indian lands," said the release.

Indian Association of Alberta president Regena Crowchild said the federal government is dodging its responsibility.

"It's the federal government's responsibility to insure land claims by first nations' people are adequately dealt with and they are not doing this," she said.

But she declined comment when asked whether discrimination against Native people is rising across the country because of the Oka crisis. But she noted non-Natives are angry with the Mohawks "but also at the provincial (Quebec) government because they are not dealing with the problem at Oka."

Lubicon lawyer James O'Reilly said it was only a matter of time before Quebec Indians rallied to demand their land claims be recognized. Land entitlement has become the most heated issue for Indian bands across the country, he said.

O'Reilly, who has represented the Lubicons in their land-claim dispute with the federal and provincial governments, has also worked closely with Indian bands in Quebec.

The disputed Mohawk land was granted to Sulpician missionaries in 1717 by the governor of New France to build a church for local Indians.

The Mohawks have always maintained it was theirs to begin with.

Several court rulings within the last century have ignored aboriginal rights to the land, but concluded the land should be used in the best interests of the Mohawks.



Veronica Kootenay and Chief Howard Mustus Rocky Woodward

Veronica Kootenay gets a new name; she's now Eagle Woman

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALEXIS RESERVE, ALTA.

A young celebrity from Alexis Reserve was presented with a plaque and feather in recognition of a winning essay she wrote.

Veronica Kootenay, 8, was honored at her reserve during the 12th annual Alexis powwow.

Chief Howard Mustus said the Alexis band is especially proud this year.

"Because of her winning essay Veronica was one of a group of individuals who met with Queen Elizabeth in Calgary June 22," he noted.

The essay was written by Kootenay as a comparison between Chief Mustus and Queen

Elizabeth and their duties as leaders of people. Kootenay was also given a Cree name by elder Lawrence Mackinaw.

"This morning I was walking along a path and praying. To my surprise an eagle flew by only a few feet above me. It was a mother eagle. It is now an honor for me to present this feather to you and your Cree name. From now on your name will be Eagle Woman," Mackinaw told Kootenay.

Following the grand opening and with the host drum group, the Assiniboine Juniors, singing an honor song, Kootenay was honored with the dance.

The June 14-15 Alexis powwow has always been a highlight for spectators and those who travel the powwow trail.

Team Sask tops

From Front Page

In soccer Team British Columbia grabbed the limelight away from the powerful Saskatchewan team, winning four gold, a silver and a bronze medal.

However, as in all events Team Saskatchewan entered, they still managed to win medals, taking one gold, three silver and two bronze.

Arcand said the calibre of his athletes was no fluke.

"We didn't just pick our athletes by random. Everyone who attended the games had to earn the right to be there," he said.

Arcand added now that the momentum has been established and athletes from across Saskatchewan have been identified, there will be no looking back for Team Sask.

"We plan to continue with the growth of our athletes. It is our intent to keep them involved in sports' activities and we now have the support of the communities and various sports bodies," said Arcand, executive director of the Native friendship centre at Prince Alberta, Sask.

Overall Team Alberta took 180 medals in the games, finishing just behind Saskatchewan but well ahead of Manitoba, which claimed third spot with 57 medals. British Columbia took fourth spot with 52 medals.

One Alberta athlete did exceptionally well at the games. In her first competition, Aura Calahasen, 11, of Edmonton won six gold medals in swimming. She's the daughter of Helen Calahasen-Harrison and Ron Harrison.

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Cowboys and Indians

Quebec provincial police and the citizens of Oka, Quebec now know only too well they picked a fight with the wrong people when they decided to tangle with the Mohawk Indians of Kanasatake reserve.

And Canadians have reflected day in and day out on the total, utter stupidity of that decision.

The police, who clearly watched at least one too many Rambo movies could teach Sylvester Stallone a lesson or two.

The violent assault by police on behalf of Oka town council, which felt it desperately needed to add nine holes to its golf course — and damn the Indians — is up there as one of the most violent, asinine attacks in modern history against Canada's aboriginal people.

Sadly an officer died in the assault.

It could have been much, much worse and may yet be.

A very sad chapter in relations between the dominant society and Canada's Natives is unfolding at Oka.

The supreme irony is that this francophone province which wants — no demands — to be recognized as distinct, is so contemptuous of First Nations.

The popular Robert Bourassa, who thumbed his nose at Canada's aboriginal people after the death of the Meech Lake accord, has no respect for the Natives of Quebec or Canada.

He believes in power.

It's no surprise the police assault occurred in the province of Bourassa, who has been so insensitive to Canadian Natives, especially those in the James Bay area of Quebec, who dare to stand in the way of hydroelectric development to protect their way of life.

But the list of guilty politicians and people in the Oka episode is lengthy and also includes Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Oka Mayor Jean Ouellette, Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon and the police.

They will rue the day they were blind to the aspirations of the Kanasatake Mohawks and Canada's aboriginal people.

After Oka there's no turning back.

The die has been cast.

The message is clear: If Canadian politicians will not peaceably address Native concerns, confrontation is inevitable.

Native people will no longer be cowed.

In a letter from his Birmingham, Alabama jail cell in the early 1960s Martin Luther King Jr. made some observations about injustice. "For years now I have heard the word 'Wait.' ... This 'Wait' has almost always meant 'Never. We must come to see ... that justice too long delayed is justice denied. When you are fighting a degenerating sense of 'nobodiness' — then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait."

"There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair. I hope, sirs, you can understand our legitimate and unavoidable impatience."

From the outside, the massive police assault on a Mohawk blockade of a rural Quebec road seems like a complete blunder. The Quebec government now has two tasks: to assess responsibility for the assault and to begin to restore relations between government and Mohawks to something better than a state of war.

The extent of the government's role in authorizing the military-style raid is murky, although about 100 provincial police officers in riot gear took part. It may be the government's own responsibility in the affair lies more in permitting the dangerous situation to develop.

The same cannot be said for the Montreal bedroom community of Oka, whose council pre-

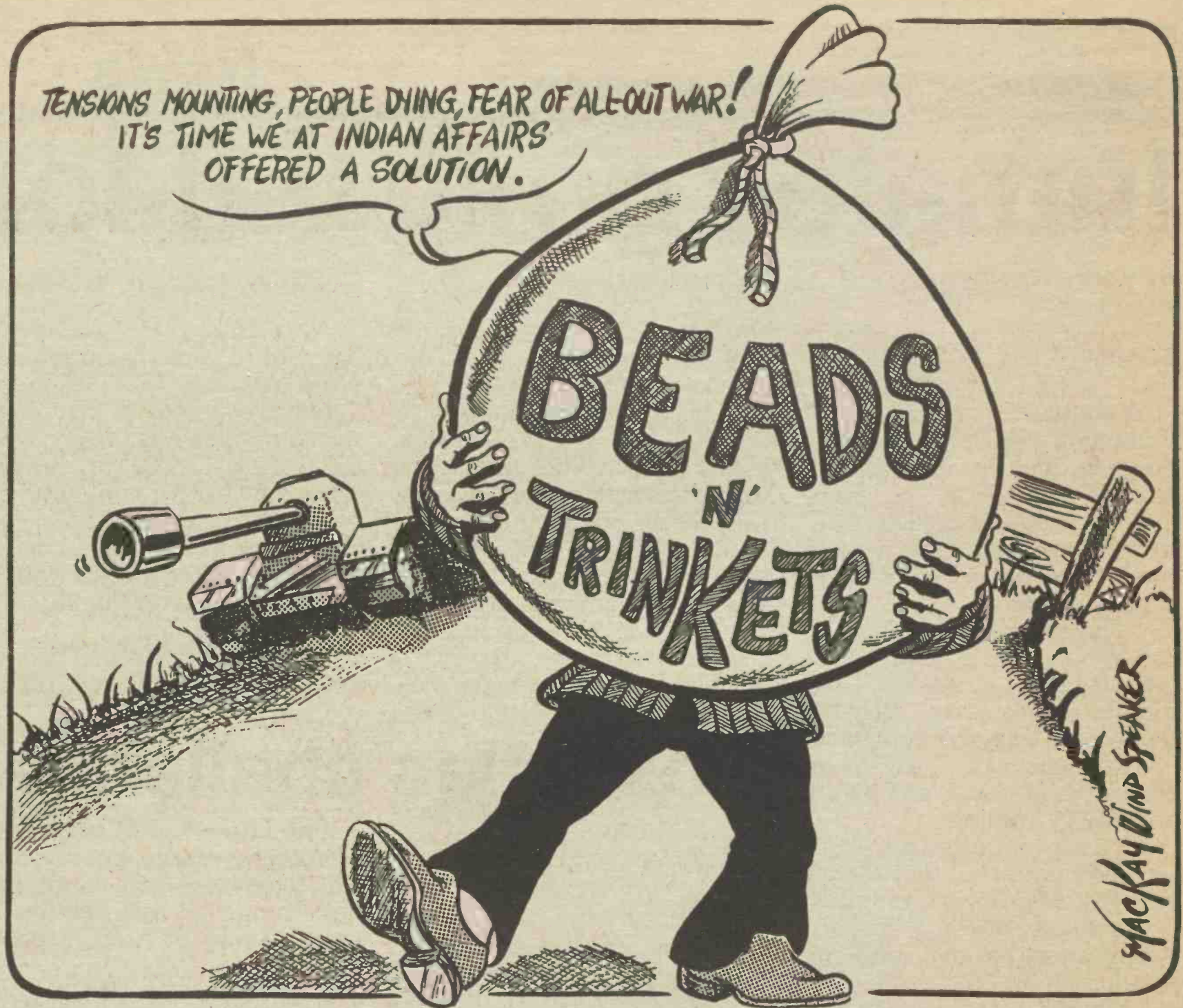
cipitated the blockade by approving the expansion of a golf course on land claimed by the Mohawks. It was the Oka council, blind to everything but its golf course, that requested police to enforce a court order the blockade be removed.

Only the day before, Quebec Native Affairs Minister John Ciaccia had pleaded with the council to delay its golf course in the interests of peace. Oka's mayor Jean Ouellette apparently took these words of reason as a red flag and called upon the police to act.

And they did. The Romanian

government could have learned something from the early morning raid, which featured tear gas, heavy equipment, stun grenades and police snipers with automatic weapons. In the ensuing shootout, one police officer was killed and the Mohawks of Eastern Canada and the United States were perhaps confirmed, yet again, in their growing and tragic belief they are in a state of war with white society.

The Mohawks on Oka reserve had been maintaining their blockade for several months. Many of them were



NORTHERN PERSPECTIVE

Killing industry with kindness

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has once again embarked on an ambitious scheme to help northern artists. This time they have singled out the carving industry and will try to help by importing 132.5 metric tonnes of southern carving stone into 23 N.W.T. communities.

The stone, which will come from North Vancouver, Virginia and Montana, was picked from a number of samples sent to 34 N.W.T. communities. The three southern locations each produce a unique stone that closely matches stone already used by carvers in northern communities.

The reason economic development officials give for importing stone from the south is a shortage of good stone in the North and the high costs involved with quarrying it. However, they caution importing stone is only a short-term measure and hope a northern quarry industry will develop to help fill the gap.

Importing stone fits in very well with the latest economic development strategy of the government of the Northwest Territories. Officials see an industry making money (\$16.8 million last year) and have decided it could produce a lot more

if some of the bottlenecks are removed. That, along with an expensive marketing campaign, is supposed to make sure more people are able to buy Inuit art.

Certainly this sounds very nice. No one can deny carving is a very important industry and it would be great if by simply giving the carvers more stone they would be able to make more money. However, the industry is a little more complicated than that.

Industry people, contrary to what economic development officials believe, are saying the Inuit art market is already soft and is likely to get softer. It, like most other businesses in Canada, is beginning to see a downward trend in demand as Canadians brace themselves for bad economic times.

Industry people are also concerned more stone will not just mean more carvings, but will mean more inferior carvings, undermining the industry as a whole. Arviat is one of the communities that has ordered stone, and according to one businessman, has asked for almost double the amount he supplied to the communities two years ago, which they are just now running out of. The southern supply is supposed to last one

year, which means the community will produce almost four times as many carvings as they did last year. Industry officials feel there is no way the market would be able to support such an increase. However, economic development officials seemed unaware anyone even supplied stone to Arviat.

In addition to the problems of oversupply in a soft market, many industry people are concerned the money being used to buy this southern stone (\$200,000) could be better used to help create a quarrying industry in the north. There are a number of new and used sites that could be developed to produce enough stone to supply all N.W.T. communities. And while economic development officials said they want to encourage more northern quarrying, they readily admit southern stone is cheaper to bring in.

Yet they are again hurting some people in the industry by doing this. The Arviat supplier had plans to send another 20,000 pounds of stone to the community this summer. However, he has now cancelled his plans because of the government's plans to supply the community.

All in all it would seem economic development may be killing a thriving industry with kindness. Industry people feel the market must be carefully controlled to sustain demand. They also feel the quality of the work must remain high. By increasing the amount of stone available it is unlikely the industry will be able to control either demand or quality.

Hopefully economic development is right in this case and the 2,000 or so carvers in the N.W.T. will reap the rewards of having good available stone. The N.W.T. needs industries such as this if it is ever going to be able to gain economic independence. However, only time will tell if this quick-fix solution will actually contribute to the development of a strong arts industry in the North.

(Editorial in Nunatsiaq News/6 July 1990)

WHAT OTHERS SAY

armed and many wore masks like Palestinian demonstrators. They had made plain their intention of preventing the town from bulldozing trees on land they claim. The situation, in a word, was volatile and demanded serious negotiation. Violence, it could be safely assumed, would beget violence.

The province now has a dangerous situation to defuse — one that will require consummate negotiation. It has a shooting to investigate, which will require the co-operation of Mohawk officials. And it has to determine how this situation deteriorated into a predictable gun battle and how moderation can be restored. And it has to start immediately.

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Your Letters

'Get a new attitude, Hank'

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to W. S. Janvier's June 22 letter regarding Hank Williams Jr.'s outspoken, racial comments.

I am a Native who attended the Hank Williams Jr. concert in Calgary June 3, 1990. I had been waiting for over seven years to see Mr. Williams in concert. I was only to be disappointed by his performance. He did not make any discriminatory remarks toward the Natives, however, his attitude was questionable. He played as if he had not wanted to be there and it showed. I can say this as I am a Native musician and play professionally as well.

I perform many of Hank's songs during my performances. I have purchased many of his tapes as well. You might say he was my mentor. At one time I had told my wife, if I ever had a son he'd be named "BO" after Hank Jr. And I was going to plan a trip with my family to Paris,

Tennessee just to get a glimpse of Hank's estate.

So you see I too was very shocked at his racial comments toward Native people, i.e. "Where's all those God damned drunken Indians." Well Hank, I got news for you! They're sobering up and recovering from alcoholism and discrimination and get this I'm helpin' em when I'm not on stage performing.

I work at a Native alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation centre called Stoney Medicine Lodge in Morley, Alberta as an addictions

counsellor, a community development worker and prevention worker. I strongly support W. S. Janvier's idea of demanding a public apology from Hank Williams Jr. to Native people.

To think one of my goals in life was to one day perform on the same stage with Mr. Williams. Well thanks for the vote of confidence Hank.

P.S. If you ever decide you want rehabilitation from your attitude, I know a great treatment centre!
Proud Sober Native Musician,

Pat Cardinal
Cochrane, Alberta

A copy of the above letter was sent to the executive director of the Country Music Association in Nashville along with the letter below.

Dear Executive Director:

Please find attached the article taken from a Native newspaper called *Windspeaker*, a newspaper distributed throughout Canada.

I thought you might be interested in one of your past Entertainer of the Year Award win-

ner's conduct up here in Canada. It is with deep regret I send you this clipping as he has been my mentor for many years.

I am not sure what importance this may be to you. If anything I hope it might shed some light on the importance of country music performers or C.M.A. nominees' responsibility to be role models. Maybe this can be taken into consideration in your selection process for future nominees and award winners.

I thank you for your time and understanding.

Avid C.M.A. Awards Viewer and Professional Native Canadian Musician
Pat Cardinal

A tribute to Elijah Harper

Dear Editor:

Is this the first step to losing our rights as the original Canadians? Has our Grandfather Sun ceased to shine? Has Mother Earth failed in making our grass grow? Has Mother Earth stopped giving us milk by drying up our rivers? These and other questions will be asked as they slowly pluck away our feathers.

Tansi! As the representative for our society, I take this opportunity to say "We are proud of you Elijah Harper and are proud to be Indian." We are behind you 100 per cent in your endeavor to help the original Canadians. And as descendants of the first man on Canadian soil, we should be the ones making treaties for the strangers who have invaded our great land. But now we have to prepare our people for the inevitable changes.

One last thing it seems when a Native tries to help his people they are called drunken Indians. For instance it was written in the papers our brother Elijah Harper had been charged for drunk driving. I'm sure he's not the only MLA to have made a mistake. Another brother who comes to mind is Ira Hayes, who fought for his country and made history. He was called a drunken Indian also.

And with that to you, Elijah Harper, stay proud, for you have made the people who condemned you and shot you down. Take a second look. They should have walked a mile in your moccasins before they talked.

And to you my people, remember, as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the river flows, we can damn well do what we please.

Here is a poem I've written for Elijah.

Elijah was a Cree Indian standing against the government
He held them off until help came his way
Elijah just stood firm and never let his people down
so the government could never answer yes or no

He always wore his feathers and held a Tomahawk
the government always on his back and hoped someday he'd break
Elijah too proud to show defeat because his heart was full of warrior blood

Good Elijah he stood against the government
good ol' Elijah he made his people proud
is it any wonder his people finally backed him up
Elijah just stood firm and never let his people down
so the government could never

answer yes or no.

And then one day his people saw his plight
and came from oh, so far away to join his fight
Elijah you don't have to stand alone
you've shown your people the way is to unite.

Good Elijah he stood against the government
good ol' Elijah he made his people proud
is it any wonder his people finally backed him up
Elijah that good ol' Cree warrior.

In the Spirit of Muskepton,

Albert Saskatchewan
President
Native Brotherhood
Co-Ed Society
Fort Saskatchewan
Correctional Centre

For time is our Keeper

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all Brothers and Sisters who worked behind the scenes at the Chiefs' Summit, the Indigenous Games and the Enoch powwow.

When we speak of unity, we must address those who are the workers/volunteers who display dedication.

As a Native person with HIV, I look for pride throughout these events. I look for faith from those who take the time. I look for re-

spect that is earned by those who care.

Memories will always remain with me in my mind, body and the spirit, my heart.

Thank you.

I would like to share this poem of mine with your readers, which is dedicated to all those who participated in the summit, the games and the powwow. Thank you for allowing me to experience such beauty.

Ken Ward

For Time is our Keeper

*When I sat with many of my silences,
I had listened to the drums beat as one.
And I watched the proud dancers
These are the memories
of a Native man who carries with him
When the sun sets.*

*Being a holder of such strange illness
HIV positive.*

*Will always be with me — perhaps
When the day will come — I will no longer live.*

*But I have gathered so many strengths
Like the branches and twigs
For the sweats*

*For those who will endure
The emotions that run high
I can only offer
My words of experience — That is to try
Time is our keeper
Cling to loving
... to the sharing
... and above all to the caring.*

*Thank the Elders
Hug the youth
Hold your strengths
Believe and live your faiths
To your cultures
...For time is our keeper.*

People who live in glass houses...

Dear Editor:

It is very unusual for me to comment on newspaper articles. However, I felt remarks made by two of your writers in the June 8, 1990 edition of *Windspeaker* warrant some comment. I dare you therefore to print this.

I refer to the derogatory remarks written by Rik Yellowbird in his article "Native Community shuns inmates" and that written by Dennis Maurice in "Bank treatment cheap, vulgar and condescending."

In Rik's article there were terms such as "Indian niggers on the back of a truck going nowhere" and Dennis stated he would like them (in this case I assume those at the bank) to "stop treating him like an ignorant red nigger".

Now such a word often refers to black people and is considered derogatory by such people. I am not sure what either Mr. Maurice

or Mr. Yellowbird meant by their remarks. Whether it was or was not meant as a reference to black people (and I have my doubts about that), nonetheless, the connotation is there. Also I have yet to see a Native black person. Now, do not get me wrong, it is not my intention to take this out of context. If I have done so then I certainly do apologize.

If Mr. Maurice meant to say he is better than black people who are ignorant, then I can only say he is no different from the very people whose behavior he was criticizing in the article. After all his choice of words is also cheap, vulgar and condescending.

Having worked with Native Indians for the past five years, I certainly can understand where you are both coming from, but I strongly object to your choice of words. As a nurse working in these communities, I lose my respect for people who use such

terms. I often hear the kids in the community call out these names after black people when they pass by. Obviously they are listening to people like you who use them. Furthermore, you set no example for these kids, nor those coming after you, nor those who may be looking up to you. You also set yourself up for the same treatment.

I have always been brought up to believe all people are alike, regardless of race, color or creed. Mr. Yellowbird and Mr. Maurice, as well as others who may be thinking the same thing or

along the same lines, consider your choice of words before putting them into print. Also you should take into consideration how other races or groups may feel. If you do not like it for yourself, then do not do it to others.

Remember, Rik and Dennis, the old proverb that says "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones".

Yvonne Applewhaite
High Prairie



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What's Happening

Smellsenough is gone

Hi! There's another official candidate for the prez position of the Metis Association of Alberta.

Edson's Dan Martel has decided to take a crack at the title.

For those of you who don't know Dan, he's the executive director of the Edson Native Friendship Centre.

Over the last while Dan and his dedicated staff have been working closely with the youth in their area.

Just two months ago I had the opportunity to visit the centre and talk to staff and people in Edson. I heard nothing, absolutely nothing, but good words about Dan, who once held the position of MAA Zone 4 vice-president.

Over the years I've personally known Dan, he has become a friend. I remember the first time we met in a blizzard in 1983.

Dan met me in Edson (I had never been to Edson, believe it or

not) and set me up at a motel. Then Dan and a buddy of his bought me supper and over the next two days, introduced me to story after story.

You see, when somebody does Droppin' In a favor, I never forget.

When I was last in Edson, just to make sure my facts were right on a youth story Dan had talked to me about, I asked some teenagers about my story.

Everything Dan and his staff said was true from setting a youth group up with their own office, raising funds so youth could visit other Native communities, working with Edson town council on behalf of their centre to recreation, trips stateside for youth and much more.

No, no matter what anyone says I had a bird's-eye view over the years in regards to Dan Martel and my personal feelings about him are he is both politi-

cally and community-minded.

So best of luck Dan, in your run for the MAA presidency.

KAHNAWAKE: These two lovely ladies did very well on the shooting range at the North American Indigenous Games. Left is gold medalist Ojistoh Horn Miller and her friend and silver medalist Janice Two Axe.

Ojistoh also competed in the track and field event and was one of the carriers of the medicine bundle baton.

Droppin' In's words of wisdom are — pretty, yup, real pretty.

SASKATCHEWAN: Did you know there is a group of Native people who are making a trek from near Meadow Lake, Sask. to the pilgrimage at Lac St. Anne?

Well there is and as I write this the group is near Smoky Lake.

Droppin' In will keep you informed. Their trip by foot is about a 500 km journey.

HIGH PRAIRIE: What a proud bunch they are over at the Native Friendship Centre!

Involvement at the centre is the word, right!

Why? Because the High Prairie youth came through with 10 silver medals and one bronze at the Indigenous Games...Yeceeah!

Their names deserve mentioning. They are track and field and javelin superstars!

Congratulations to Trevor Willier, Bobby Carifelle, Derrick Loyie and Cameron Courtoreille and javelin hurler Lavern Gauchier.

Congratulations must also be offered to their coaching staff.

Congrats Pernella Dwemychuk and Marty Cook.

"It was a positive and great experience for the group," commented Cook.

ENTWISTLE: I know I missed the Norris' anniversary but if you can find it in your hearts to forgive, to forget, I still want to interview the proud couple. Pleecease call 455-2700.

EDMONTON: So many Alberta winners.

In Junior A softball competition the Canadian Native Friendship Centre Bandits captured the gold medal.

Seen in the photo is Sandi Crowfoot and without a doubt she is a formidable ladies' pitcher.

The Bandits beat Kahnawake



By Rocky Woodward

8-1 and Lac Simone Quebec 7-0. They lost to Team Sask. 7-2 and then for the gold beat Team Sask. 5-4.

"Team Saskatchewan was up 4-1 but the girls came back," said coach Bert Crowfoot.

Sandi pitched 41 strike-outs for the Bandits in 3 games.

Congratulations, Bandits!

Also in Edmonton David Calahasen has recently been contracted to do a survey for Wind-

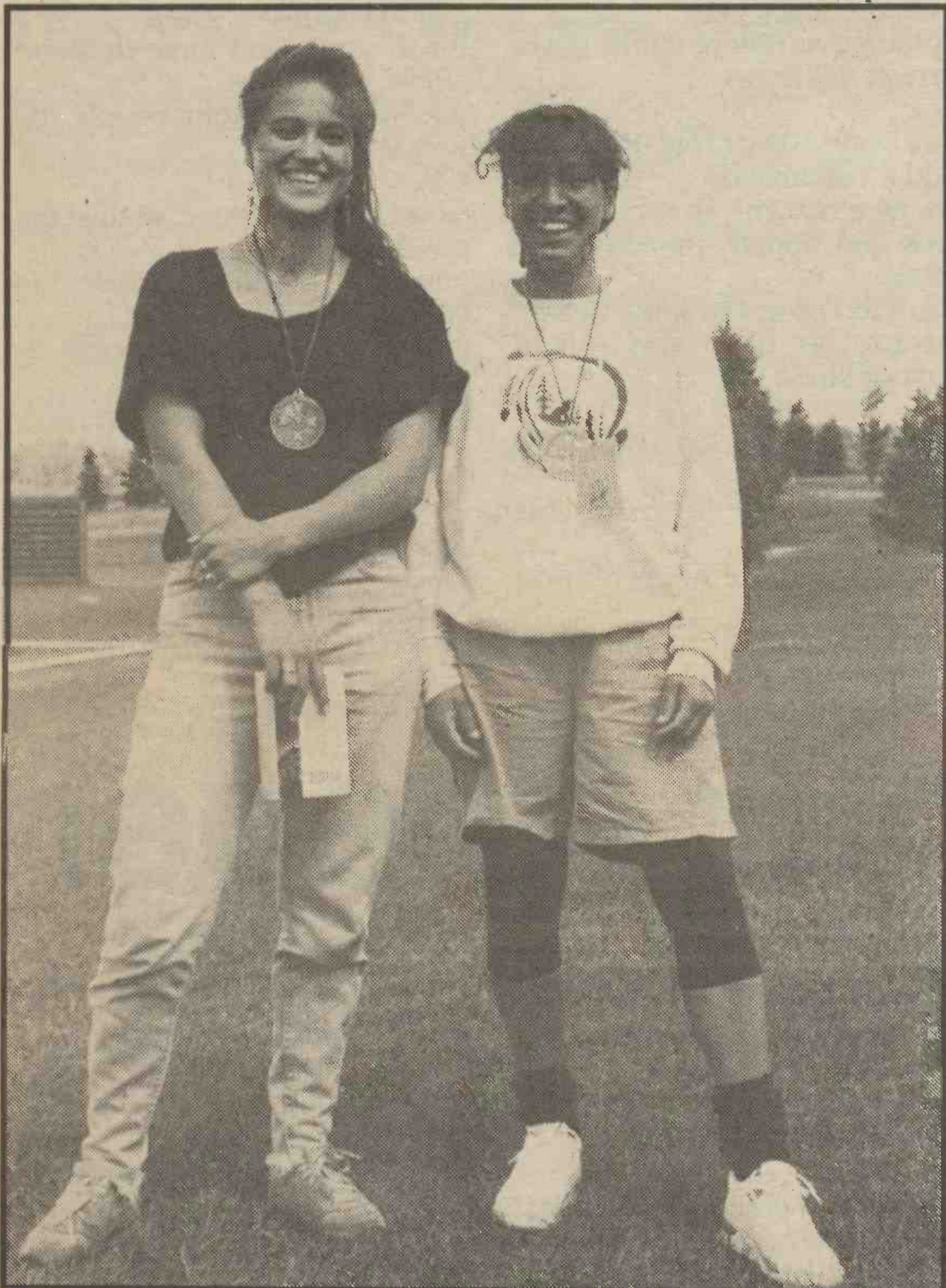
usual cruise of the neighborhood, you know, raiding homes, when Smellsenough spotted a bulldog.

I always knew the damn dog was nearsighted but really...a bulldog on the front end of a Dodge pick-up truck?

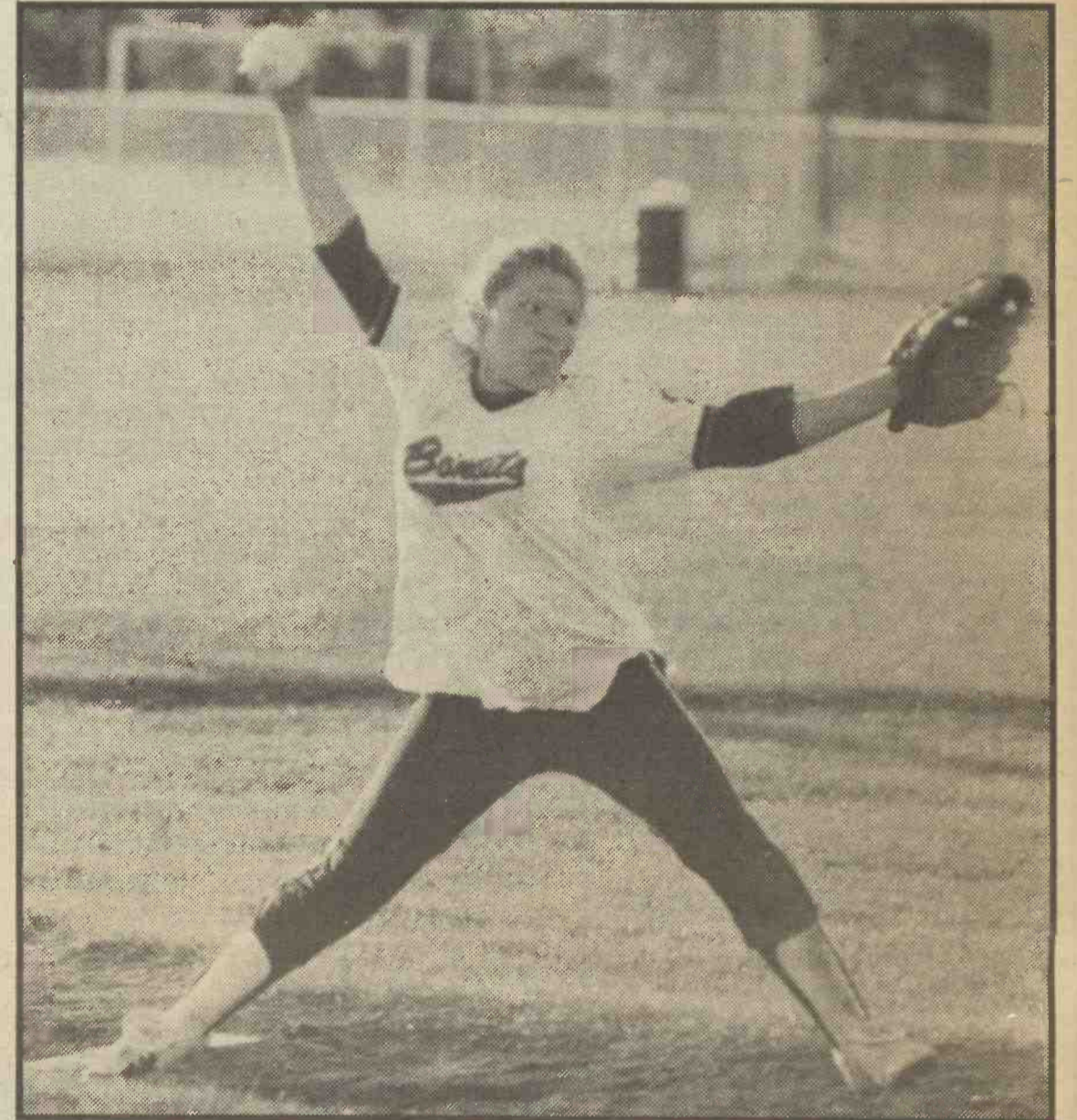
Flattened my ugly dog perfectly.

My son Cory said, "Can we please keep him for a rug? Huh, Dad? Please?"

Kids!



L. Ojistoh Horn Miller wearing gold medal and R. Janice Two Axe with the Silver medal won in women's open shoot out.



Sandi Crowfoot

Bert Crowfoot

speaker/CFWE-FM.

David will be travelling Alberta so treat him with kindness AND when he comes to talk to you and asks what do you like best about *Windspeaker*, remember the humble, loveable, yes your bestest friend, Droppin' In (Yeceeah).

DROPPIN' IN: Whiskey, Cat Stretcher, Jack and Smellsenough. Those are the names of my four ugly dogs. And now Smellsenough is gone.

Last night they were on their

I'm gonna miss Smellsenough. He was one weird ugly dog.

On Sunday Smellsenough will be laid to rest in his favorite place...Mrs. Heinickel's backyard, right near her garbage cans he loved so dearly.

Late Sunday that is.

Lots of excitement happening around Alberta this summer so be sure to enjoy some of it, OK?

See ya all next edition and remember to drive safely and keep your backs to the wind.

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ern Talent.

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Ottawa unveils strategy for the '90s

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

The federal government has unveiled a strategy to fight AIDS in the 1990s that includes spending \$6 million on a computerized information system for victims seeking treatment and \$7 million on education.

But a spokesman for Gays and Lesbians of the First Nations says it doesn't go far enough to battle the disease at the community level.

Claude Charles says Ottawa has to pump more money into programs aimed at high-risk, special interest groups like the country's aboriginal people who can't get information like mainstream society.

He says the federal government refuses to recognize AIDS as more than just a white man's

disease.

"They're not making any commitment to provide help for first nations," he says.

"There's got to be more help at the community levels. That should be the priority."

Health Minister Perrin Beatty announced the AIDS package called the Treatment Information System for AIDS/HIV Infection.

He also pledged \$112 million over the next three years for research and advanced treatment for AIDS.

Charles says that commitment won't help Native people, who don't know how AIDS is contracted or passed on in the first place.

He says his 127-member, Toronto-based group was expecting more from the government to help rural and isolated Natives.

Grant McNeil, a spokesman for the Ottawa-based Canadian

Plan ignores Natives charge critics

AIDS Society, an umbrella group for lobbyists around the country, says the new package "is a step forward," but it's not as strong as he expected.

He says Beatty has once again ignored Native people on the funding agenda.

"That it doesn't have more funding with it is a serious problem that will have to be addressed," he says.

"Money should be set aside for targeted educational programs for the indigenous people of this country."

Other initiatives of the three-year program include spending \$10 million for new drugs and \$7 million for community-based, non-governmental AIDS groups. An AIDS secretariat to co-ordinate programs between federal departments will also be created.

AIDS and the Native Community

Officials fear an AIDS epidemic

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY

Alberta AIDS officials are worried Natives could be the next high risk group to be attacked by the killer disease.

There are signs it has already started.

AIDS groups in Calgary say they're treating a still small, but ever increasing number of Natives who have tested HIV positive and are in the early stages of the disease.

It's the same in B.C., where the province's top government AIDS official estimates as many as 100 Natives have tested positive and are suffering from the initial stages of the always fatal disease.

But the alarm bells won't start ringing until Natives start "dropping like flies," warn officials in Alberta, B.C. and a leading American Native sexuality specialist.

Many officials and experts who deal with AIDS fear it's only a matter of time before that hap-

pens. They are worried remote reserves and Metis communities could be among the worst hit.

Although increasing numbers of Natives are testing positive, organizations helping AIDS victims say there are no official figures.

Dr. Bryce Larke, medical director of Alberta's AIDS program, admits there's a "devastating possibility" of an epidemic among the province's Native population.

But the figures don't show it because the province's statistics for those who've tested HIV positive are not broken down along ethnic lines.

Ken Ward, a Native from Enoch Cree Nation near Edmonton, has gone public to declare he has tested positive for HIV and he's launched an awareness campaign.

Larke says "rumor" has it that another Native, in southern Alberta, has already died of AIDS-related causes.

Various factors put the Native population at risk, he says, including a higher rate for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) than

among the general population and poorer over-all health.

The community is also ravaged by drug and alcohol abuse and poor nutrition, which medical experts say makes Natives more susceptible to the virus.

Larke says Indian reserves and aboriginal communities in remote regions also have less than adequate health care.

It's a deadly combination, says Billy Rogers, an urban Native and community health programs expert at the University of Oklahoma.

The Native STD rates, combined with serious problems with alcohol and drug abuse and inaccessibility to good health care or medical facilities, means Natives are a high risk group who, he fears, are candidates to be hit hard continent-wide by AIDS.

Rogers, a Kiowa Indian who was in Calgary recently to give a Native sexuality and AIDS prevention seminar, says the rise in Native AIDS can easily be traced to these factors and "the high rate of sexual activity" among Indian youth.

Remote reserves on both sides of the border seem to be at highest risk, he says, noting Canada seems to be far behind the U.S. in providing AIDS education designed for aboriginal people. At least 112 Indians in the U.S. are known to have AIDS.

Rogers, in an interview, says it's false for geographically-isolated Native communities to think they're protected.

The reverse is true, he says. They are more vulnerable because there are no health services to detect or deal with AIDS.

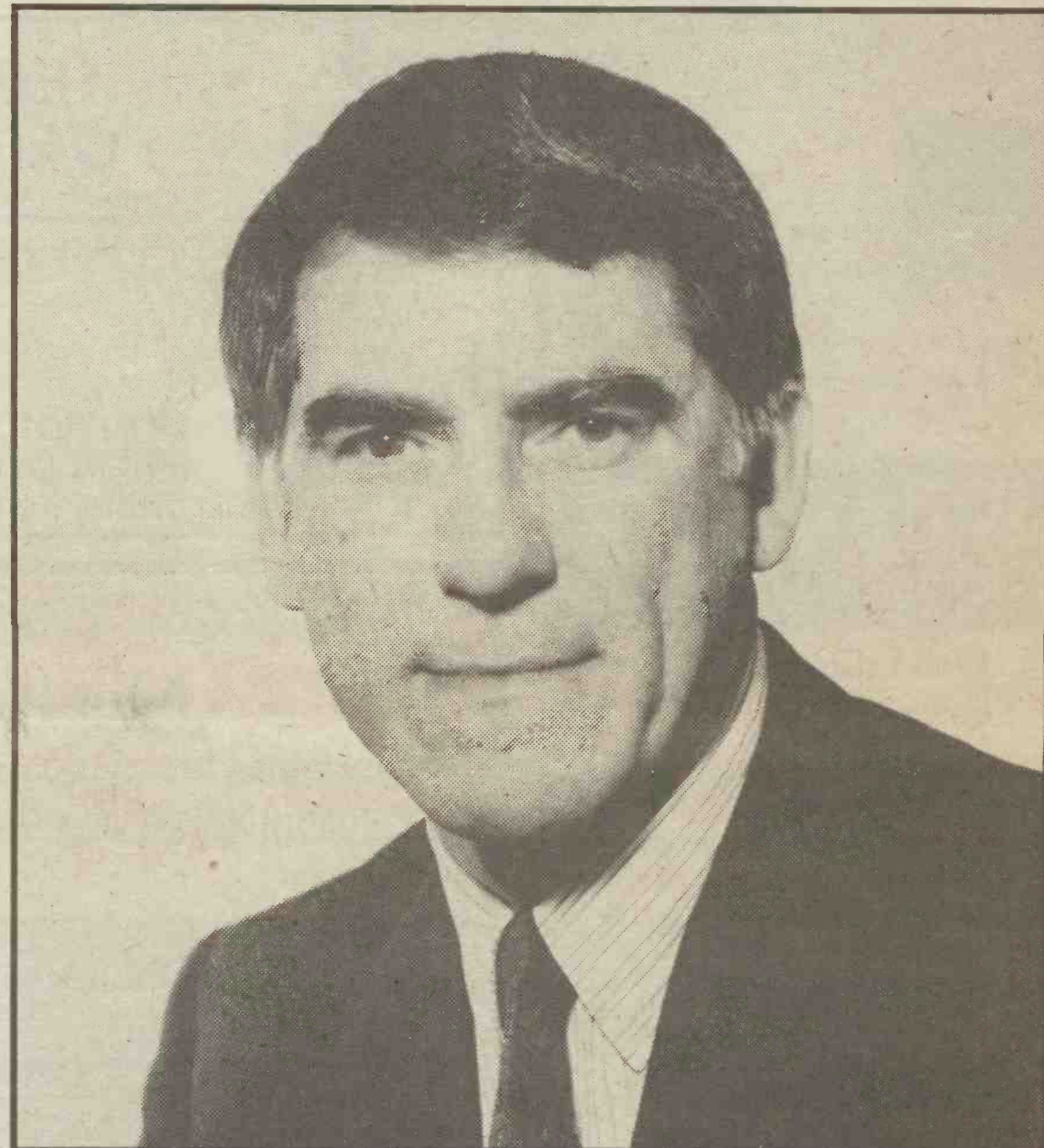
Canadian Native spokespersons — and health statistics — say urban Natives are up to 10 times more likely than non-Natives to contract STDs like gonorrhea and syphilis. The figures on reserves and in northern communities are up to a half dozen times as high as among the general population.

Daniel Holia, executive director with AIDS Calgary, says increasing numbers of HIV-positive Natives are coming to his organization for help.

AIDS Calgary plans to hire a Native worker to deal with Natives who have the disease.

Holia declined to say how many aboriginal people with AIDS his organization helps, noting "the numbers have been small but I anticipate increases."

Dr. Jay Wortman, associate director of the B.C. ministry of



Dr. Bryce Larke

health's sexually transmitted diseases control centre, says Native organizations and health officials are gearing up to combat the spread of the disease in B.C. Native communities.

Also worried about the danger AIDS poses for isolated Native communities, Wortman, a Metis from Alberta, estimates between 40 and 100 Natives in B.C. have tested HIV positive and are in the early stages of the disease.

The AIDS rate is highest in the cities, he says, but warns that Natives coming to major cities from remote areas "engage in risky behavior" like having unprotected sex and sharing needles with others to inject drugs before returning home.

Intravenous drug users are at high risk for AIDS because infected blood can be transmitted by needles. It is also spread sexually through body fluids like semen.

AIDS experts warn there is a multiplier effect, that any person having sex with someone who has been in contact with an AIDS victim also serves as a carrier of the killer disease.

Larke says Health and Welfare Canada, which oversees health services to status Indians on reserves, is acting to deal with the potential crisis.

But he too, says the problem

won't be taken as seriously as it should because "we're not having Natives drop dead of AIDS."

Known for his outspokenness, Larke asks "How long do we have to wait, how long for the alarm signals? 50 to 100 (dead of AIDS) before the problem stares us in the face?"

"The complacency has to be overcome."

He says a consortium of concerned agencies in Calgary, including Native organizations, is working with Ottawa to set up an AIDS outreach program that includes a needle-exchange program.

The program could make clean needles available to drug users at no cost.

Larke says a similar program was recently approved for Edmonton.

Wortman says specific efforts have to be made to deal with AIDS among the Native population.

Organizations like AIDS Calgary are "great organizations but they are mainstream organizations, organizations of white, middle-class, well-educated gay men," he says.

"Gay aboriginal people — and there are just as many of them as there are in any other population — don't feel part of that group. They are more aboriginal than they are gay."

Education must be natural

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY

Indians used to be comfortable with their own sexuality, says a leading American sex educator.

But that was before the arrival of the white man, says Billy Rogers of the University of Oklahoma.

Now it's a different story, he says. Indians are confused about their sexuality, caught in the middle of their traditional values and those of the dominant society.

That's led to horrendous problems involving sexuality, he says, including a high incidence of teen pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases and the potential for an AIDS epidemic.

Rogers, a Kiowa Indian, says it's time Indians again began to do what was once natural and give their children sex education to combat the problems.

It means talking about safe sex, ranging from abstinence to using condoms to protect against sexually transmitted diseases like AIDS.

Sexual feelings are the most

natural feelings in the world, he says. And it's time explanations of these feelings were given the same instructional importance as talking about drug and alcohol abuse.

Using descriptive words — and illustrations when possible — doesn't mean condoning premarital sex, says Rogers.

It just explains to young people what's happening to them or about to happen.

An important part of sex education is talking about appropriate sexual behavior, he says. "Let them (Native youth) know they have choices and decisions."

The key to good sex education is not to lecture or moralize, but to inform, says Rogers.

It's the only way Native youth will make appropriate decisions for themselves, he says, noting a growing number of young people are "buying into abstinence" — not being involved in sexual activity.

Rogers says sex education involves the traditional Indian concept of "wellness" — a combination of spiritual, physical and mental attitudes that lead to harmony with the inner self and nature.

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A special section from Windspeaker on the North American Indigenous Games

The games were magic!

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Wrestler Shawn Three Fingers of Louis Bull reserve met his opponent on the mat, shook his hand and passed him a sports shirt.

Although Three Fingers lost the wrestling bout, the gesture of passing his shirt to his opponent summed up the spirit of the North American Indigenous Games held in Edmonton.

It was Three Fingers' first fight and he lost the match long before the clock ran down.

Three Fingers probably knew he needed a miracle to win his match but even in defeat he respected his rival by handing him his sports shirt.

Three Fingers did well. He eventually won enough matches to claim a bronze medal for Team Alberta.

At the other end of the city an all-star team made up of Native athletes who competed in soccer competitions met at "the Bowl" to face the Edmonton Brick Men Soccer Club.

Before the game began, the all-stars trotted out on the field and offered hats to the Brick Men, again in the spirit of the Indigenous Games.

The spirit was there. It was everywhere June 30-July 7.

In its first year the North American Indigenous Games were magic.

Yes there were growing pains and some people will say now that the games are over, they were poorly organized, that there wasn't enough volunteer staff or lodging for athletes and that there was bickering and poor communication.

But others will have nothing but good to say about the games.

Southern California softball coach Frank Maciel who brought with him 54 athletes from the Soboba reserve said "the rescheduling of events because of rain was difficult but we survived."

Then in a second breath he raised his hands in the air and said "the games, the atmosphere was simply tremendous."

Saskatchewan canoeing coach Steve McKay said more volunteers would have helped things run smoothly. Then just as Maciel did, he praised games' organizers for pulling off what he claimed was an astounding accomplishment.

At the Indigenous Games headquarters at Lister Hall on the University of Alberta campus, I watched one coordinator handle athletes, the media and the constant ringing of the phone with ease.

Rescheduling of athletic events because of the near record rainfall in Edmonton was

handled by staff members Dorothy Daniels, Toni Mecredi, Dennis Pipella, Ray Paskamin, Lila Ross and many others who gave it "their best shot."

The games were a huge event that took great coordination and of course there were problems. But to one organizer the problems they faced and overcame were "a learning experience that will benefit future Indigenous Games."

I travelled from event to event covering the games, watching athletes from across North America vie for a medal to take home.

A lump came to my throat at three different events — canoeing on the North Saskatchewan River, wrestling and shooting.

I wanted to cry when somebody won a medal because I could see the pride in their eyes and the joy of competition. In slow motion one athlete with tears in his eyes, screamed as he clutched his gold medal.

I heard of how canoeist Henry

Duncan from Vancouver Island after losing in his heat, walked up to Saskatchewan assistant coach Ahab McKenzie and gave him his paddle.

McKenzie returned the gesture and gave Duncan his paddle.

I listened to Indigenous Games chairman Charles Wood tell athletes and spectators to not judge games' organizers too harshly.

"We wanted to create a more positive awareness for our people across the continent and I believe we accomplished that."

"When you go home after the games are done, please consider the spirit, the strength of the games and the indigenous competitiveness we all shared in," said Wood.

At the closing ceremonies held on Enoch reserve I felt nothing but pride as I watched the Eagle staff holder, the chiefs and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in their red tunics lead athletes into the arena.



Rocky Woodward

Then I listened to Olympic gold medalist Alwyn Morris tell the huge crowd "this is only the beginning for Native athletes, a quest that is being fulfilled."

"I do not want to be the only Native athlete to go to the Olympics. I want to see others achieve that goal," he said to the roar of the crowd.

And I listened to Enoch Chief Jerome Morin who said it was a "great honor to have all our friends with us. Through the spirit of competitiveness, cooperation and sportsmanship we as Native people have achieved very much," he said.

No, the Indigenous games were not without their difficulties but as I looked around the arena at athletes from Saskatchewan, British Columbia, the Yukon, the N.W.T., Montana, California and Alberta, all stride proudly into the arena with banners waving while hundreds of people cheered loudly, I knew the North American Indigenous Games had fulfilled its quest.

Hats off to the organizers who did their best and a rousing applause to the athletes who participated in the competitions because now the games are a reality, the games are alive.



Rocky Woodward

Closing games' ceremony was tremendous. Hosting Chief Eugene Morin of Enoch Reserve and Eagle Staff holders lead the parade of athletes into Arena.

North American Indigenous Games

Hobbema wrestlers represented Alberta well

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Hobbema wrestling coach Lance Steele can take pride in his

small contingent of wrestlers which attended the North American Indigenous Games.

Pride because two of them, Cody LaRocque and Shawn Three Fingers, won gold and bronze medals respectively.

Pride because of the other wrestlers, Kelsey Godwin who missed the weigh-in and was disqualified, and Dean Deschamps, who although out of the medal rounds, still managed to place fourth.

Pride because the boys have been training for less than two years.

This was Three Fingers' first competitive fight. Even in defeat, like Deschamps, the Hobbema wrestlers never wavered. There was no anger, just a shake of the hand to the winner and on to the next round.

The Hobbema wrestling troupe can take pride in what they accomplished and even more.

Because while competing in an amateur event they represented Team Alberta with courage. As athletes they won two medals to take home to Hobbema. That's quite an accomplishment.

And as competitors they showed the true spirit of the games by taking their losses with dignity. They are truly professionals.

Boxer no ordinary 18-year-old

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Desire, determination and the challenge of competing against another athlete was all Moberly, British Columbia boxer Randy Gauthier needed to win a gold medal at the North American Indigenous Games.

Before coming to the games Gauthier had never been inside a boxing ring.

But Gauthier is no ordinary 18 year old and he has a message for other youth.

"People don't need alcohol or drugs to feel good about themselves. I lost some of my best friends because of drinking and drugs. To me a bottle of booze is a bottle of trouble."

"People don't need alcohol or drugs to feel good about themselves. I lost some of my best friends because of drinking and drugs. To me a bottle of booze is a bottle of trouble," said Gauthier, the only boxer from Moberly to qualify for the provincials.

Gauthier believes in himself. One month before the games began, he spent small amounts of time sparring with friends of his. "That's all I did but in my heart I wanted to bring a medal home.

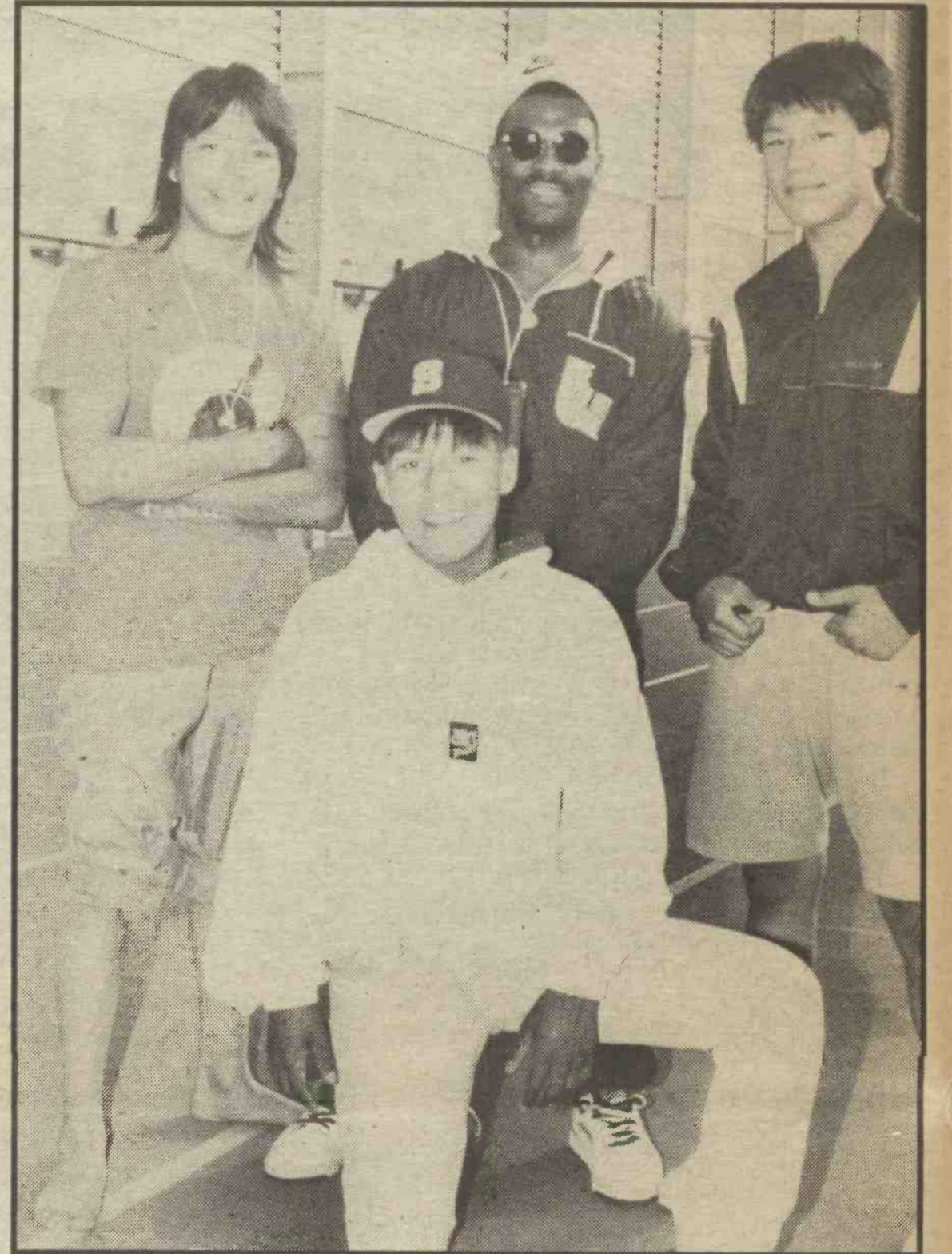
"I have a dream to someday compete in the Olympics. To get there I want to travel around the provinces boxing and wrestling," Gauthier said.

In the 63-kilogram wrestling division Gauthier proved he's a spirited athlete; maybe the term gladiator would fit him better.

"I love the challenge of competing against another athlete. Win or lose I do my best, you know, no hard feelings either way," he said.

In wrestling, Gauthier won his first three bouts and eventually finished sixth in a sport he had never tried before.

In boxing "I achieved a gold medal. When I go home with the medal around my neck I hope some of the younger girls and guys will look at me and see I did something positive without the influence of drugs and alcohol and maybe do something with their lives," he said.



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Hobbema Wrestling Team - Cody LaRocque: Gold, Coach Lance Steele, Dean Deschamps: 4th, and Shawn Three Fingers: Bronze medal winner.

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North American Indigenous Games

Bundle run unites Blackfoot and Cree

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Samson band member Ray Tootoosis travelled to Nordegg, the holy place on the Kootenay Plains below the Rocky Mountains, to prepare a medicine bundle.

The medicine bundle he prepared would become the official baton for the North American Indigenous Games.

On June 17 the medicine

bundle baton began its 2,500-km journey from the Big Horn Mountains in the state of Wyoming to Edmonton, host city for the indigenous games.

It was a trek that would last 13 days.

Early on that June morning Tootoosis stood on top a sacred mountain in the Big Horns. Snow was falling and a runner held the medicine baton in his hands near the sacred medicine wheel, while elders said their prayers.

Tootoosis brought with him

from Alberta four other runners. The rest would be Blackfeet, Crows, Bloods, Peigans and Crees.

Before the runners lay temperatures that would reach 100 degrees above normal and more on the hot tarmac highways. Rattlesnakes slithered across their path and Tootoosis said he saw many.

For the first 400 km Tootoosis and his Alberta runners carried the baton.

"Our running shoes were actually hot from the heat of the pavement. We ran from five to seven minutes and then another runner would take over," said Tootoosis, adding that at one point on the highway, rattlesnakes covered a portion of the roadway.

Inside the baton a pipe was placed and medicine pouches. Along the route, Tootoosis said they needed to be cared for.

"Always we guarded the medicine baton carefully," he said.

Eventually a group of Crow runners took over.

"They ran from Crow Agency to Billings, Montana and they were very impressive. They moved the baton very quickly," Tootoosis said with admiration for the Crows.

Tootoosis said he has nothing but pride for the different Indian tribes along the baton route that helped the run to be successful.

He said at a place called Roundup, just north of Billings, the Assiniboines bought all the runners motel rooms.

At Crow Agency a huge reception of Native people cheered the runners on and by the time they entered Billings, a large caravan of people with car horns blasting followed them into the city.

"They made a real big deal of the run. It was so inspiring," commented Tootoosis.

With a lump in his throat, Tootoosis recalled how at Fort Macleod, Peigan elder Joe Crow-

shoe made him his adopted son. And at Lethbridge a huge ceremony was held.

Tootoosis recalled that a battle was fought a long time ago between the northern plains Cree and the southern Blackfoot near the city.

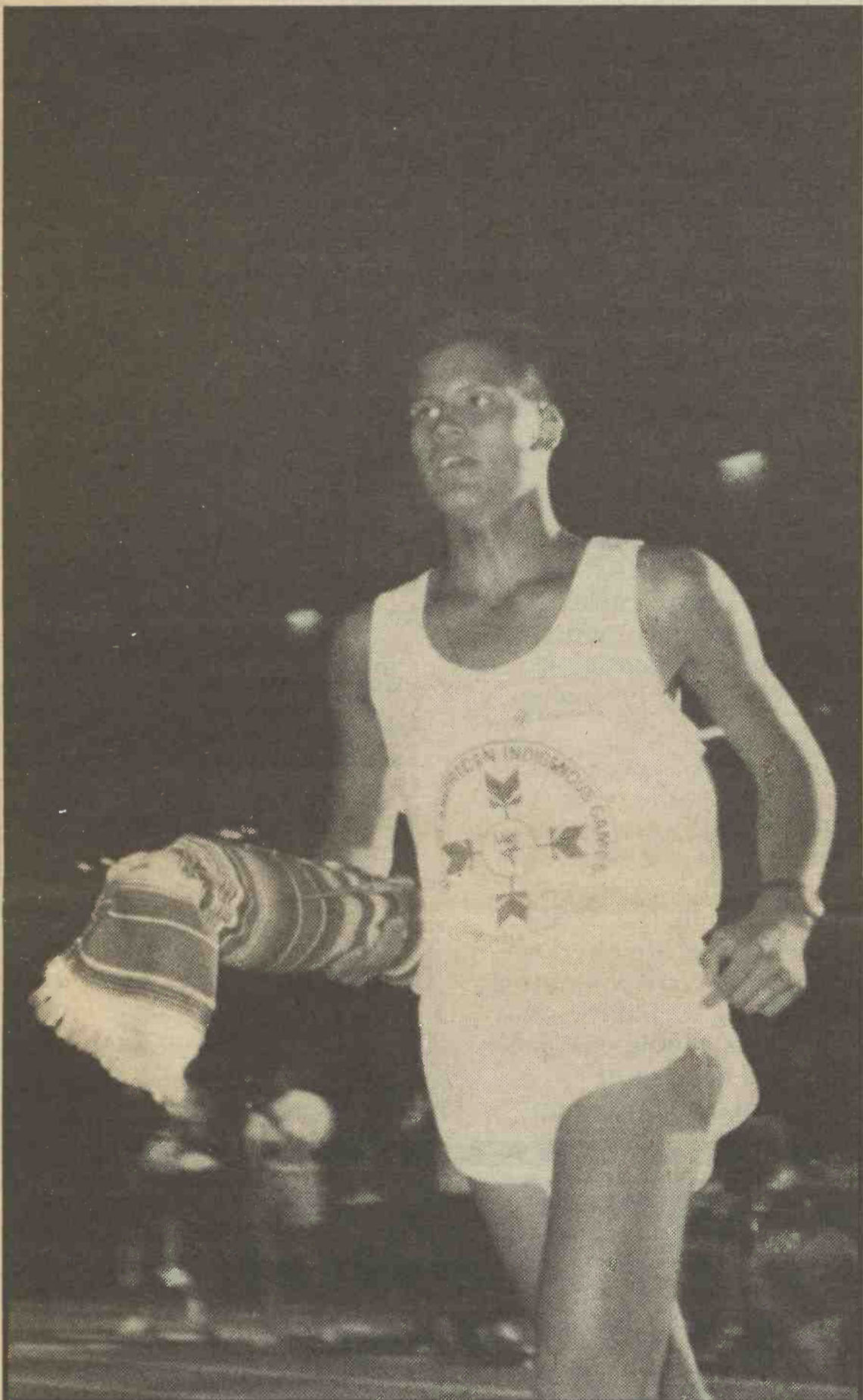
He said elders who met them at Lethbridge said the run was historic.

They said for the first time the

now I am an adopted brother of all the Bloods," Tootoosis proudly said, adding the elders said from that day on he was to always be humble.

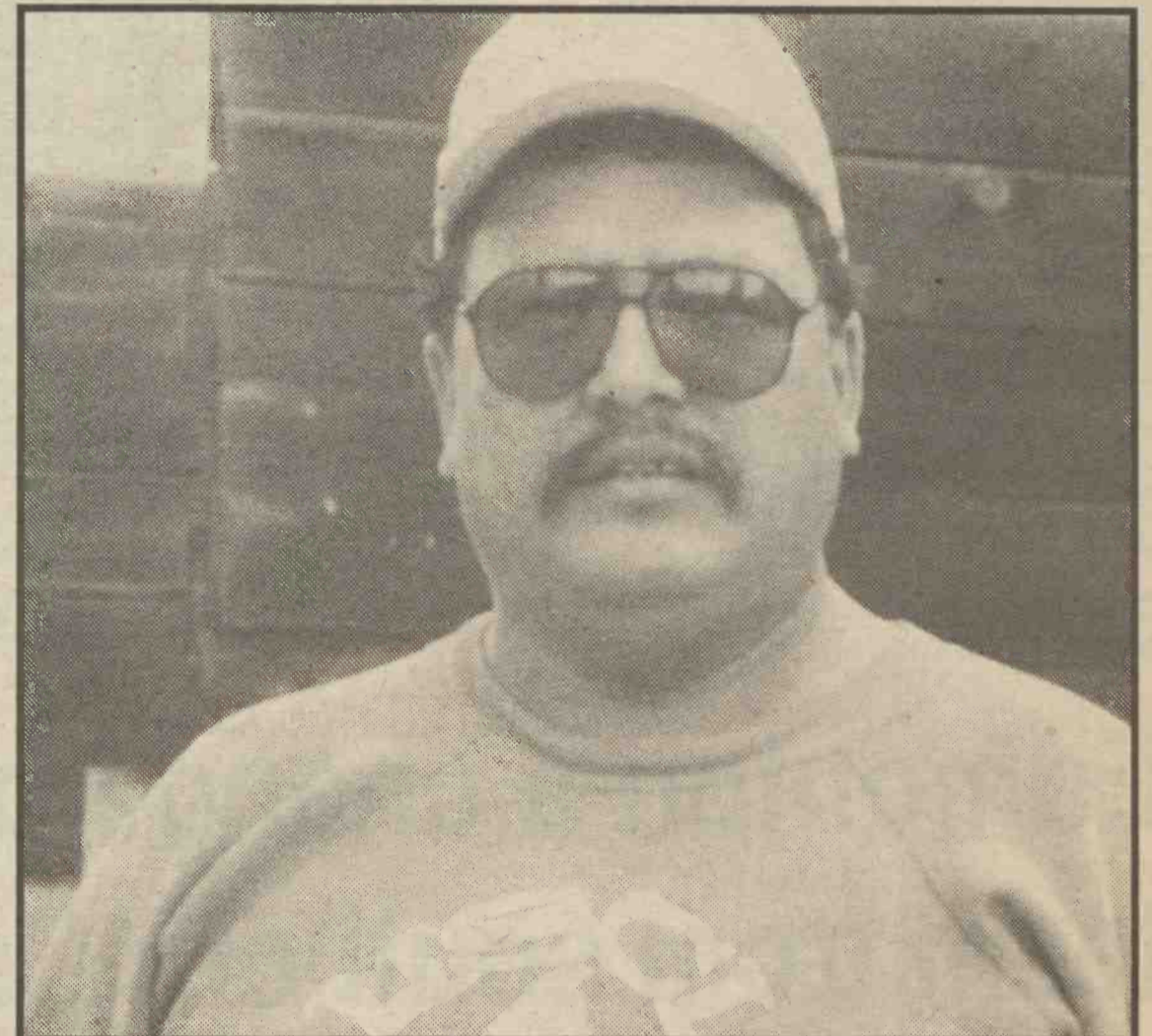
Speaking about all the runners who participated and the people who helped them, Tootoosis said it was a symbolic run.

"We all came together which was the only reason we made it



Michael Snow

Runner carries Medicine Bundle Baton into Butterdome after 2500 km journey.



Rocky Woodward

Samson Band member Ray Tootoosis

Crees (Tootoosis' group) and the Blackfoot could lay down their weapons.

"In a circle we smoked the peace pipe and buried the hatchet. Two of the elders there had relatives killed in that battle," Tootoosis said.

However, the ceremony did not end there.

"They held a naming ceremony for me. My Indian name in English is now Sacred Peace Maker. I was so proud.

"They said I was responsible for bringing the Crees and Blackfoot Nations together and

to Edmonton on time."

Blackfoot runners from Siksika Nation made it to Red Deer, a distance of about 150 km, in under nine hours.

And on June 29, one day before the games opening ceremonies, tired and now soaked by the near record rainfall that hit Alberta, the runners reached Edmonton's city limits.

"So much pride, so much excitement was felt on our journey. None of us will ever forget, I will never forget," said the keeper of the now sacred medicine baton bundle, Ray Tootoosis.

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North American Indigenous Games



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California Soboba Reserve Junior B softball team took home a silver medal. The Jr. A Team also won a silver medal.

Edmonton a change of pace for team from southern California

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

In Southern California, where Soboba Reservation is located, it hasn't rained for four years.

When the 54 athletes, trainers and coaches left their California reserve to attend the North American Indigenous Games, the temperature was at 114 degrees above fahrenheit.

Landing at Edmonton's International Airport for what could only be described as the rainy season in Alberta had to be a 90 degree turnaround for the athletes.

"It sure is a heck of a difference compared to the heat back home. Edmonton is a tremendous place, other than the rain," commented Team California softball coach Frank Maciel.

Maciel said his baseball players did what they came to do in the competitions.

He said despite the short time the two teams practised together they did well.

"We won a silver in the junior B division against the Saskatchewan club. And they were hard to beat. We feel real good about that," said Maciel adding the teams practised for less than two months before arriving in Edmonton for the games.

The California boy's softball club also won a silver medal in the Jr. A event.

Maciel said his ball players are descendants of the Lusieno Indians. He said the names means Dreamers.

At the games each individual Californian athlete was not dreaming, as their legend depicts. They played to win and Maciel said he couldn't ask for

'Edmonton is a tremendous place, other than the rain.'

anything more.

"I've been coaching for about five years and I have to tell you all of my athletes gave it their best. It was a great time and I'm about as proud as a coach can get," Maciel said.

Team California also placed teams in girl's volleyball and Jr. A basketball competitions.

"Although we didn't take home a bunch of medals we had a wonderful time here," Maciel added.

Congratulations to all the athletes and participants in the 1990 North American Indigenous Games.



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North American Indigenous Games

Oklahoman and Mohawk take gold on shooting range

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Oklahoma Cherokee Indian Richard Rowe was disappointed the archery event of the North American Indigenous Games was cancelled.

"I was looking forward to the event. Archery is my specialty," he smiled.

But undaunted Rowe, 51, took his disappointment out on the shooting range, winning a gold medal in the open men's rifle competition.

His score after two days of shooting was 372.

"On the second day it was raining quite hard, but I'm satisfied. I should be, I won the gold," laughed Rowe.

His closest rival, Edward Henderson, who chose to finish his shooting on the third and last day of the competition under sunny skies, amassed a total of 325 points.

Samson band member Raymond Tootoosis narrowly missed taking the silver from Henderson with a score of 324 points.

Tootoosis captured a bronze medal for Team Alberta.

In the women's open, Ojistah Horn Miller from Kahnawake reserve, Quebec shot her way to a gold medal. Horn Miller out pointed her closest rival, Janice Two Axe, who had to settle for silver.

During the three-day shooting match, competition was strong and many medals were won by very narrow point margins.

In junior A competition, Saddle Lake's Allen Cardinal finished with an average of 339 to win the gold.

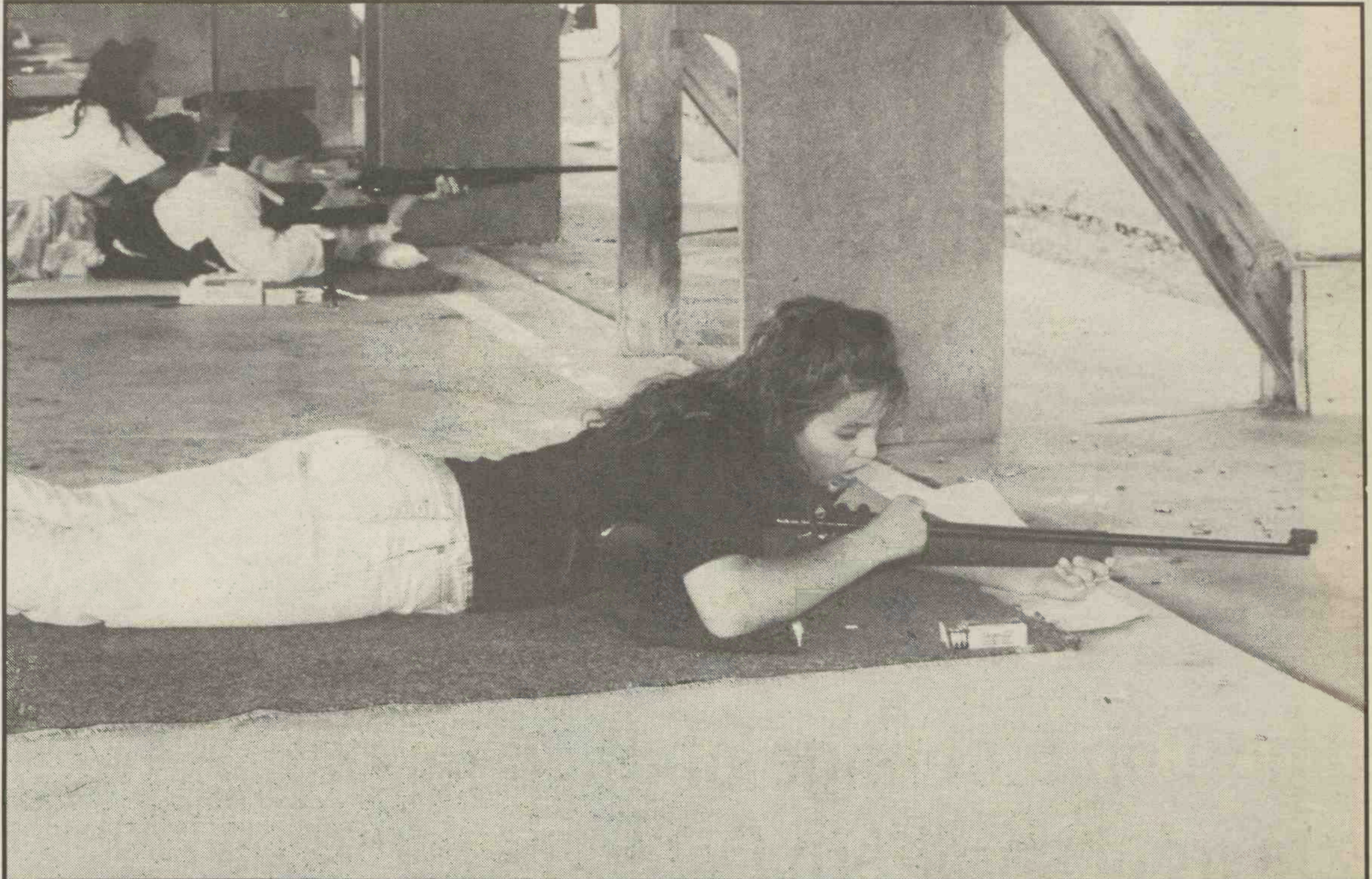
Rowe said Cardinal could easily shoot a rabbit on the run at Saddle Lake.

"He's a great shot."

Another Saddle Lake resident, Evan Cardinal, captured the silver medal (295) while Darren Johnny won the bronze with 292.

In the women's junior A, Ellen Diabo used her 30 plus rounds of ammunition to win a gold medal. Silver was won by Tara Tarbell.

Waneek Horn Miller, also



Kahnawake, Quebec athlete, Ojistah Horn Miller's aim was true. She won a gold medal in the women's open.

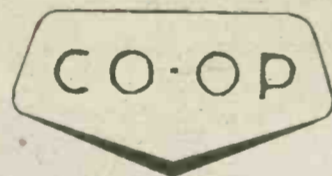
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from Kahnawake, shot her way to a gold medal in the junior B female event while Bonnie Pederson won the silver.

Bobby Smith stayed ahead of

11 other shooters to win a gold medal in the junior B male event while Tyson Wirth and Willy Sheldon won the silver and bronze respectively.

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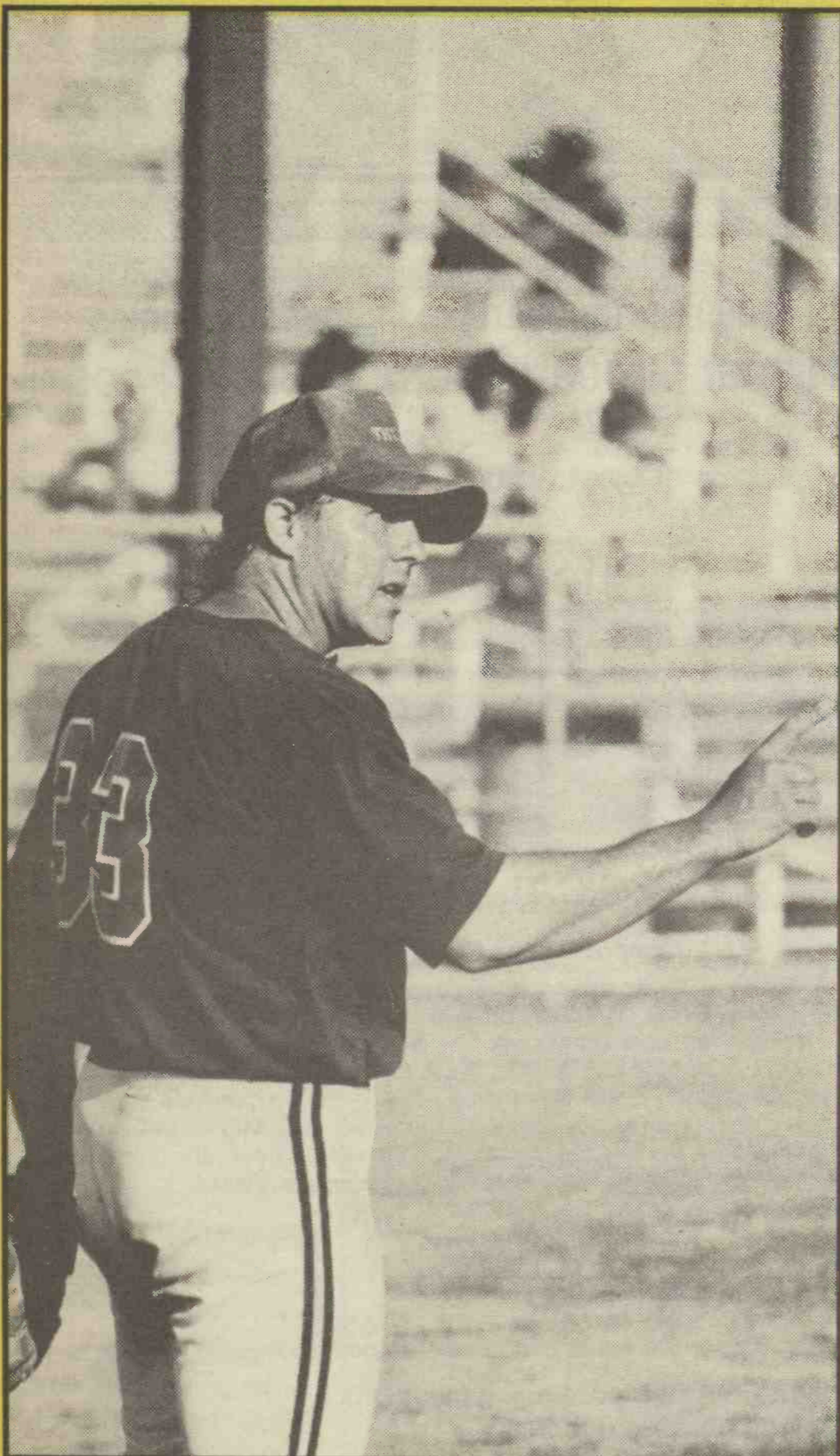
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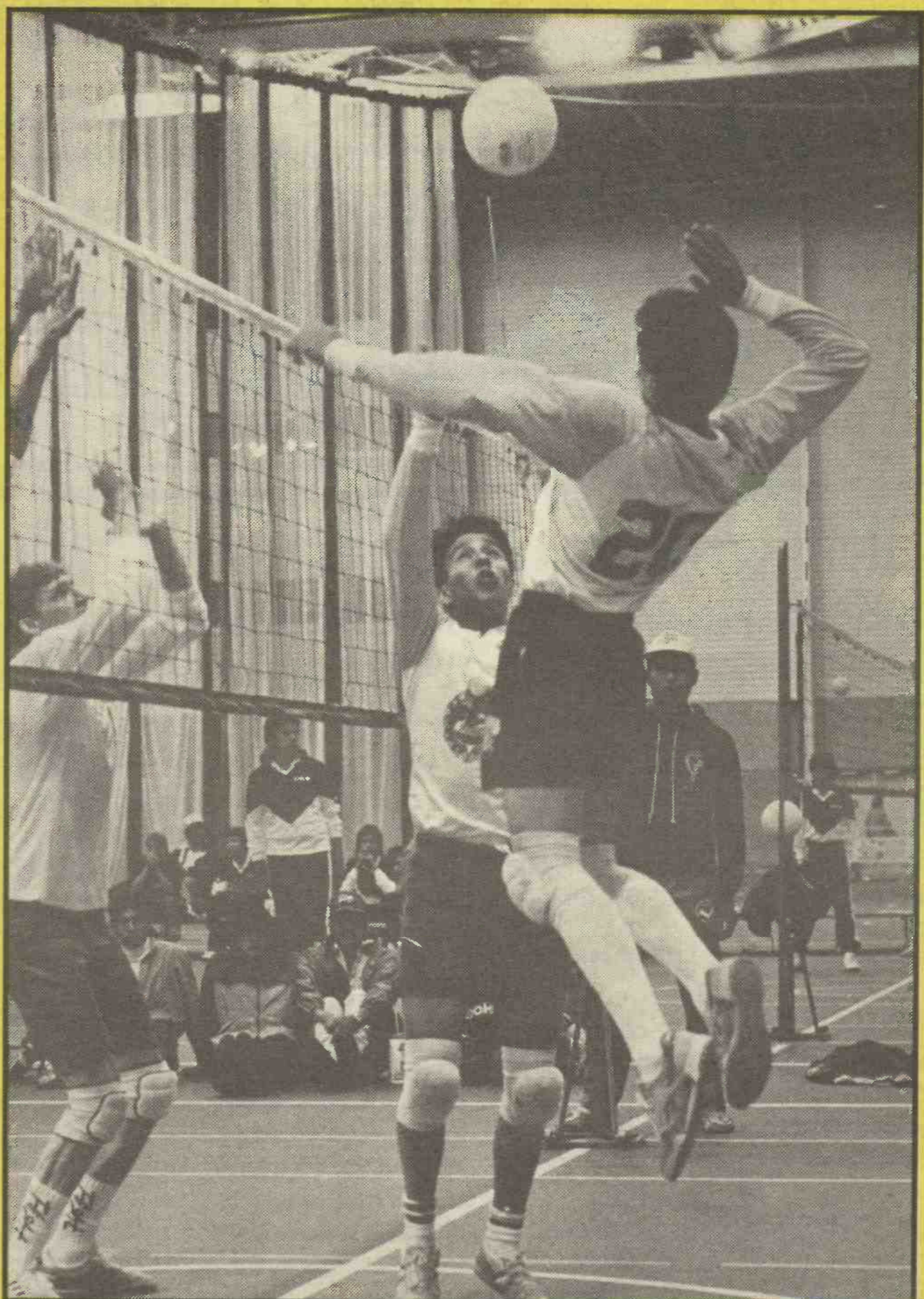
Michael Snow

The medicine bundle baton is held up at the opening ceremonies of the North American Indigenous games by games' chairman Charles Wood. John Belanger looks on.



Bert Crowfoot

Saskatchewan's Joe Basaraba pleads his case with the umpire during the open men's final. He was called on a balk and a runner scored from third. Peavine Rangers went on to win the gold medal.



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Junior A volleyball player Kevin Gambler sets a spike in the gold medal game between La Loche Lakers and Touchwood - File Hills Jrs.

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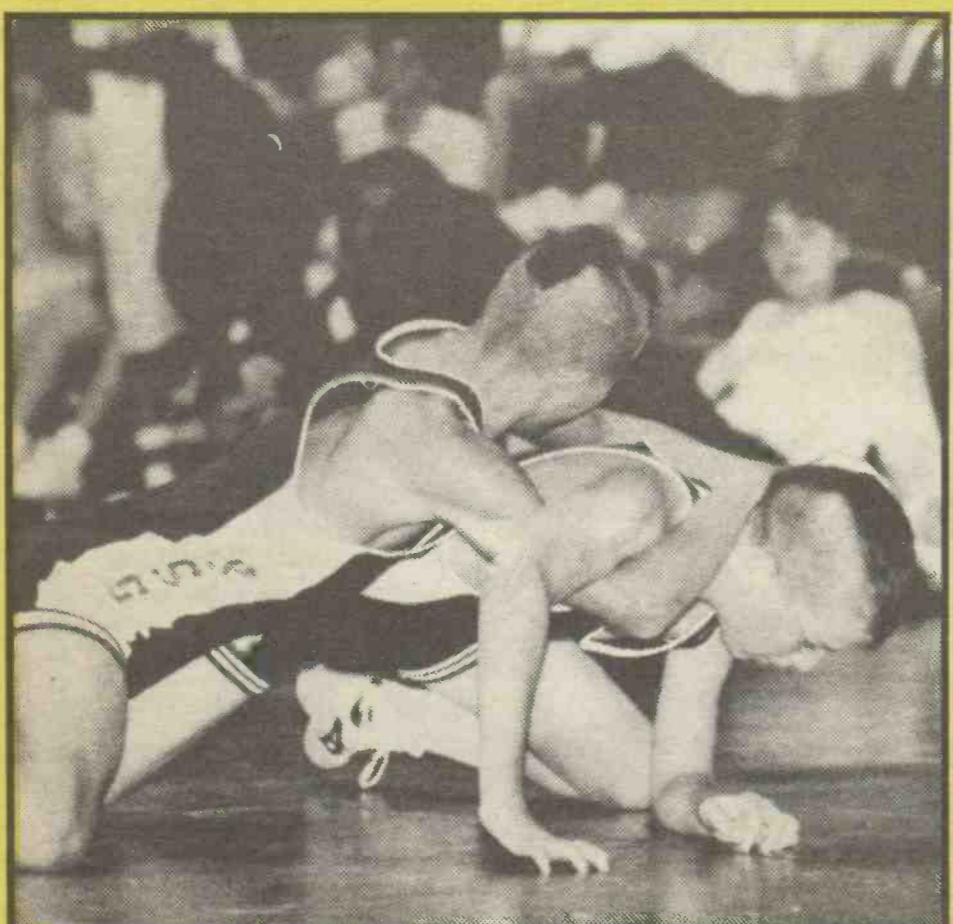
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Mandelle Mitchell of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre Bandits (Alberta) receives her gold medal from Alwyn Morris, 1984 Olympic gold winner at Los Angeles.



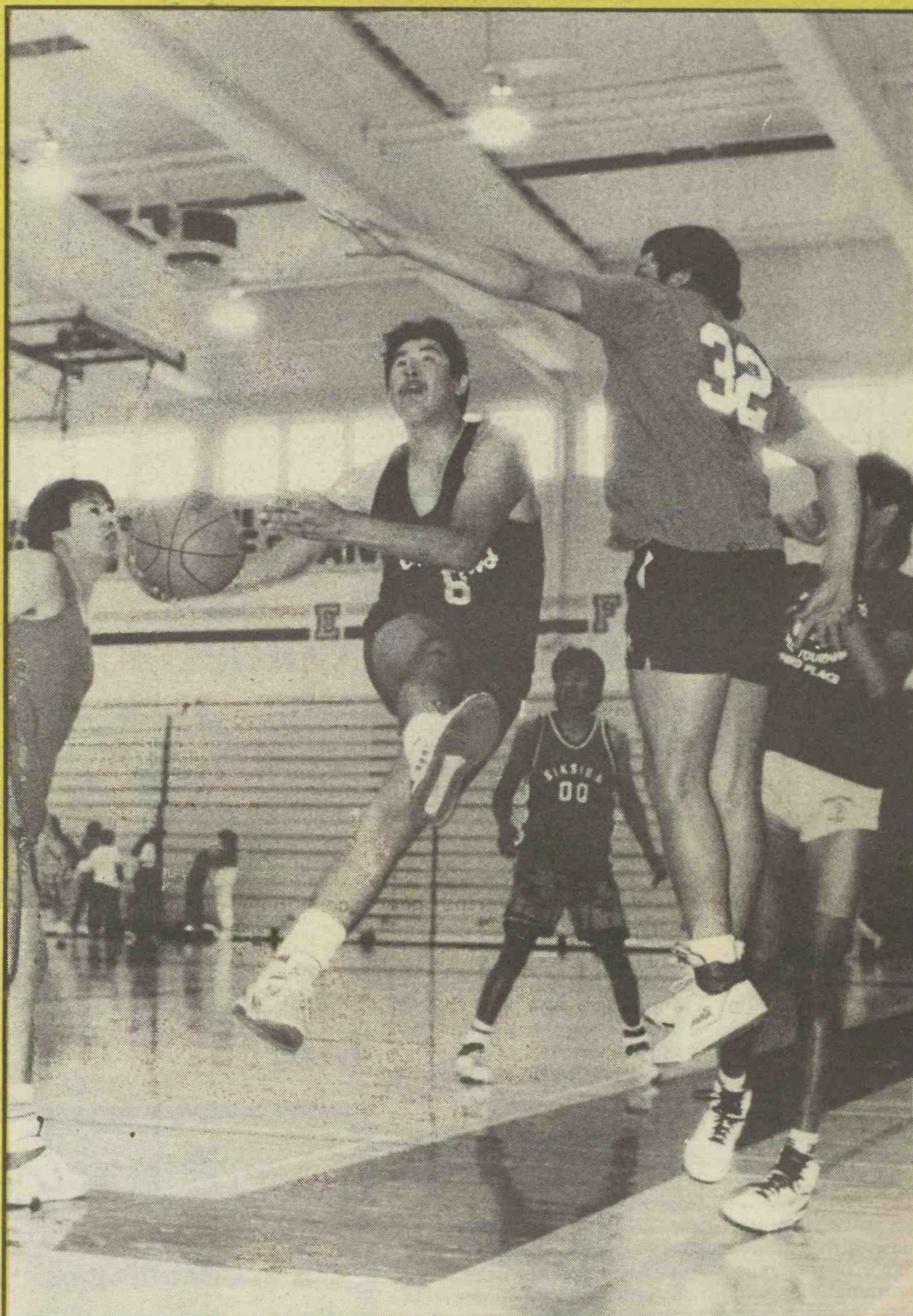
Rocky Woodward

Shooting Range officer Ian Skogstad helped shooters by telling them if their aim was consistent.



Bert Crowfoot

Head shaving was started as hazing by some Mohawk wrestlers and soon most of the team sported the Mohawk haircut.



Bert Crowfoot

Corey Goodstriker of the Sik-oo-kotok Friendship Centre in Lethbridge evades a check by a Peigan player.

Final Medal Standings

<u>Province/State</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Silver</u>	<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saskatchewan	75	70	54	199
Alberta	70	59	51	180
Manitoba	14	25	18	57
B.C.	14	17	21	52
Quebec	26	16	3	45
Yukon	7	9	7	23
Montana	5	1	1	7
Ontario	3	1	1	5
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Washington	0	1	1	2
Arizona	0	1	0	1
North Carolina	1	0	0	1
North Dakota	1	0	0	1
Oklahoma	1	0	0	1

** please note: 11 gold medals (boxing walkovers) not included.

North American Indigenous Games



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Bert Crowfoot

Native fastball making a comeback

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The softball event of the North American Indigenous Games, which featured some teams of the past as well as teams for the future, is proof Native fastball is making a comeback.

One of the teams from the glory years of Native fastball — the late 1960s and the 1970s — were the infamous Peavine Rangers, who dominated Native fastball. They could be compared to the B.C. Arrows of today.

The likes of Elmer Anderson, Terry Gauchier and Ross Giroux brought back many memories of the showdowns between the Rangers and the CNFC Native Sons.

The Rangers proved they still have some magic as they dominated the men's open event, eventually winning the gold

medal with an easy 6-2 win over Saskatchewan's Ochapowace Thunder.

In the women's open event, the Six Nations Native Daughters, another team that used to dominate in the past, were in a division all their own as they destroyed the Saskatchewan entry 8-2 in the gold medal game.

In the junior A boy's event, Peguis reserve from Manitoba sidelined the Soboba team from California for the gold medal.

In the junior B boy's event, the Soboba team had to settle for another silver as Team Saskatchewan captured the gold medal.

The Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) Bandits, made up of AA bantam players from the Edmonton area, came from behind to defeat Team Saskatchewan 5-4 in the gold medal game. The Bandits were originally entered in the Junior B (15

years and under) event but were too powerful for that division, so they moved up to the A event.

In the Junior B event, Team Saskatchewan destroyed the Valley Friendship Centre from Duncan, British Columbia to win the gold medal.

The Indigenous Games are a pretty good indicator fastpitch softball is making a comeback with the youth and hopefully will be as strong as when the Peavine Rangers and Six Nations Native Daughters were kings and queens of the diamond back in the 70s.

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North American Indigenous Games

Team Saskatchewan hopes to keep momentum generated by games alive

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

"I can tell who talked about training and who really trained," says the head coach of Team Saskatchewan Eugene Arcand about his 13 wrestlers at the North American Indigenous Games in Edmonton.

"The ones who were supposed to win are losing and the wrestlers I didn't think would win medals are winning them," he laughed.

Team Saskatchewan arrived in Edmonton for the Indigenous games' with a contingent of 350 athletes.

At the opening ceremonies they looked the most impressive with their banners and in their green uniforms.

Arcand, the executive director of the Native Friendship Centre in Prince Albert, Sask., said he began to take the news about the games seriously last November.

"Basically the news we were planning to attend the games spread across the province by moccasin telegraph. Then people who played in different sports began to step forward," he said.

Arcand said it could not have been done without the input of Native organizations in the communities.

"Each group took responsibility for their particular areas. They held tryouts and local playoffs. So all the athletes you see here at the games earned the right to be here.

Arcand said because all their events were sanctioned by the provincial athletic association, sports bodies across the province now know who the athletes are.

"We've received a favorable response from the governing bodies in sports and it's important to us because we plan to keep the momentum of these games going in Saskatchewan," he said.

He said it's now their plan to instill in the young athletes that only through hard work will things be accomplished.

"We don't just mean training but in order to attend competitions the athletes will have to fund raise, do odd jobs to raise money and other things."

Team Saskatchewan did very well at the games in all events they entered and Arcand credits much of their success to the professional coaching team.

"In each event we entered we had qualified carded coaches like Mohawk Rick Brant who once belonged to the Canadian track and field team.

"It was in fact a team effort by people like Clem Roy, Lawrence MacIntyre, Elain LaFreniere, Harvey Cameron and my wife Lorna who coached the girl's volleyball team.

"There are many more who contributed to Team Saskatchewan and all of them deserve credit," Arcand said, adding it was Roy who designed the team's uniforms.

Arcand said he is fortunate he had people dedicated to youth development.

"The bottom line is we had our turn and now it is our job to make sure our youth have their turn in sports' competitions.

"For many of our athletes the Indigenous Games is a once in a lifetime event. So we were dedicated to making sure our youth had their chance," Arcand said.

'The ones who were supposed to win are losing and the wrestlers I didn't think would win medals are winning them.'



Rocky Woodward

Team Saskatchewan Head coach Eugene Arcand was proud of his athletes and coaching staff.

He said Team Saskatchewan is now prepared for any major sporting event.

"They will always be ready as long as our focus remains on the youth in our province."

What was most gratifying, said Arcand, was seeing the change in the athletes as the games drew nearer.

"Their personalities changed. They became more positive. It was great and I can tell you they know the value of conditioning now."

He said putting the team together for the games was done with little help from the provincial government. It's something they are now proud of.

"That's what makes it taste so good. Various Indian bands supported us, also the friendship centre and fund-raising events were held across the province.

"We received \$3,200 from the provincial government. The rest was done by Native people, the athletes themselves and Native organizations," Arcand explained.

Regarding the future of the Indigenous Games, Arcand said they would definitely be looking into hosting the next event.

"We are willing. But whenever the games are held, Team Saskatchewan will be ready. We believe too much in our youth to stop now," Arcand said.

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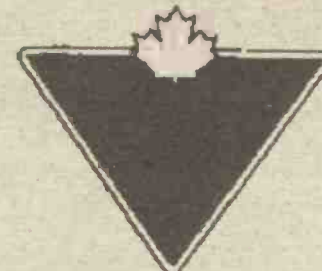
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North American Indigenous Games



Bert Crowfoot

Ranked second in world for Zombo, a combination of judo and wrestling, Quebec Mohawk, Dwayn Zacharie (on top) won a gold medal at the Indigenous Games.

Gold Medal wrestler world class in Zombo

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Dwayn Zacharie, a Native Indian from the Kah Moh Indian Nation in Quebec, had no trouble winning a gold medal in the men's open wrestling category.

He did it in less than two minutes into the five-minute time limit allowed at the North American Indigenous Games.

But then, in zombo, a combination of judo and wrestling, Zacharie is ranked second in the world.

He began his career as a wrestler and judo expert when he was five years old. Since then he has never looked back and has made zombo a sincere part of his life.

In Montreal he competed in high school competitions, becoming Canadian zombo champion when he was 19.

At age 21 Zacharie has set his eyes on the upcoming Olympic games scheduled for Barcelona, Spain in 1992.

To reach there he has set a grueling training pace that he sticks to religiously.

"I practise three times a day. I swim, lift weights, run and go through zombo practices. It keeps me in condition," Zacharie said.

In May Zacharie went to the USSR for training.

"I trained in Moscow and in the province of Georgia. It was great training because Russia has the best wrestlers in the world."


Zacharie can wrestle and at the indigenous games, although the competition in the men's open was very tough, he fought in a smooth style that could not be beaten.

And it won him a gold medal.

Zacharie said he will probably wrestle in the nationals set for sometime in August, but he admits to having some injuries.

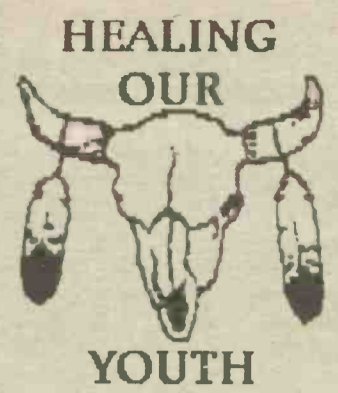
"I will have to take it easy for a while and most of my time will be spent on training. The Olympics are not that far off and I will be ready," smiled the gold medalist.

Ranked second in the world, Zacharie is not far from reaching his goal, being the top zombo fighter in the world and Olympic gold medalist.



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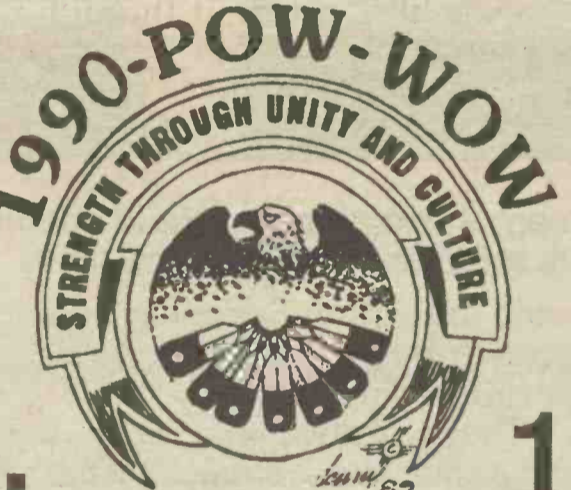


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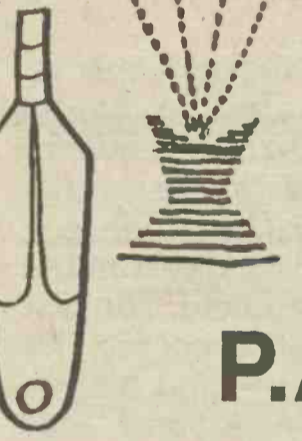
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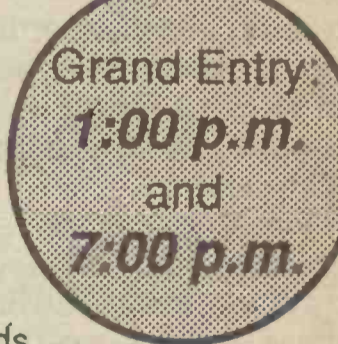


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North American Indigenous Games



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Stanley Mission Saskatchewan Athletic Canoe Team. With Cumberland Saskatchewan Athletes, they won a total of 15 gold medals in 18 events.

Saskatchewan canoeists dominated in every bend of river

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

They came to the North American Indigenous Games to win medals and they did.

On the North Saskatchewan River near Edmonton, the Saskatchewan canoe team rose to the occasion, taking 15 of the 18 gold medals available. They also took 10 silver and 12 bronze.

In short, they dominated their opponents on every bend in the river and their coach Steve McKay says his team deserved the medals they won.

McKay says the two locations the athletes came from are quite a distance apart. Yet they were ready for the games.

"I would say this team is at a national level. I'm proud, proud because the athletes from Cumberland House and Stanley Mission, Sask. shared everything together.

"One gold medal was won by two athletes who never knew each other. Through hard work all the athletes came together as a team."

On the first day of competitions in the junior B male event, the Saskatchewan team completely swept their division.

"They took all three medals. It was like that right through the competition," McKay beamed.

McKay and assistant coach, Ahab McKenzie, have every right to beam. The teams they went up against were tough.

"British Columbia gave us a rough time but I would have to say the biggest fight came from the Manitoba team. They were good," says McKay.

Team Manitoba finished the

competitions with three gold, six silver and two bronze.

On the last day in the open male canoe marathon it was the Saskatchewan team again sweeping the event and winning all three medals.

"We almost did it in the women's open marathon but Manitoba grabbed the silver from us," smiled McKay.

McKay says the Stanley Mission canoe club is the biggest club in the province.

"We'll be going to the nationals in August at Snow Lake, Manitoba and we're going to win," he predicts.

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	Silver St. Mary's	Alberta
	Bronze Sik-oh-Kotok	Alberta
	Junior A - Male	Alberta
	Gold St. Mary's Warriors	Alberta
	Silver Chippewa Cree Nation	Montana
	Bronze Bella Bella	British Columbia
	Junior B - Male	Alberta
	Gold Chippewa Cree Nation	Montana
	Silver St. Mary's Braves	Alberta
	Bronze Sik-Ooh-Kotok	Alberta
	Junior B - Female	Alberta
	Gold Chippewa Cree Nation	Montana
	Silver Saskatchewan Bullets	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Paigan Eagles	Alberta
	Open - Female	Alberta
	Gold Team Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan
	Silver Bella Bella	British Columbia
	Bronze Hobbema	Alberta
	Open - Male	Alberta
	Gold North Dakota	North Dakota
	Silver Chief Mtn. Grizzlies	Alberta
	Bronze Sik-Ooh-Kotok	Alberta
BOXING	Junior B Novice (100 lbs)	Saskatchewan
	Gold Jerry Stewart	Saskatchewan
	Silver Ben Campbell	Saskatchewan
	Junior C Novice (125 lbs)	Alberta
	Gold Ben Pinsmeault	Quebec
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	Gold Jonathan Yellowknife	Alberta
	Silver Francis Beaver	Alberta
	Inter Novice (132 lbs)	British Columbia
	Gold Randy Gauthier	British Columbia
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	Silver Jennifer Fiddler & Heather McAuley	Saskatchewan
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	Open Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Lisa McKenzie & Julie Roberts	Saskatchewan
	Silver Stella Young & Maria Moore	The Pas, Manitoba
	Bronze Caroline Carriere & Marie McKenzie	Saskatchewan
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	Gold Winston McKay & Sam Roberts	Saskatchewan
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	Bronze Marvin Charles & Dennis Charles	Saskatchewan
	1000 m	Saskatchewan
	Gold Lillian McGillivray & Trisha Sindrair	The Pas, Manitoba
	Silver Norma & Erica	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Laura Charles & Jackie Natomagon	Saskatchewan
	Junior B - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Richard Carriere & Danny McKay	Saskatchewan
	Silver Michael Young & Rene Chaboyer	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Dwayne McKenzie & Ross MacKenzie	Saskatchewan
	Junior A - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Jolene Brown & Elizabeth Charles	Saskatchewan
	Silver Jennifer Fiddler & Heather McAuley	Saskatchewan
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	1000 m	Saskatchewan
	Gold Brian Ross	Cross Lake, Manitoba
	Silver Donovan Fiddler & Steve Laliberte	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Ted Charles & Jim McKenzie	Saskatchewan
	Open - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Lisa McKenzie & Julie Roberts	Saskatchewan
	Silver Stella Young & Maria Moore	The Pas, Manitoba
	Bronze Caroline Carriere & Marie McKenzie	Saskatchewan
	Open - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Marvin Charles & Dennis Charles	Saskatchewan
	Silver Glen McKenzie & Barry Carriere	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Darcy Sampson & Leonard Morris	British Columbia
	1000 m	Saskatchewan
	Gold Lillian McGillivray & Trisha Sindrair	Manitoba
	Silver Donna Young & Julianne Cook	Manitoba
	Bronze Laura Charles & Jackie Natomagon	Saskatchewan
	Junior B - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Michael Young & Rene Chaboyer	Saskatchewan
	Silver Richard Carriere & Danny McKay	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Vince Chaboyer & William Cook	Saskatchewan

Marathon	Junior A - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Jolene Brown & Elizabeth Charles	Saskatchewan
	Silver Jennifer Fiddler & Heather McAuley	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Celestine James & Ruby Harris	British Columbia
	Junior A - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Ted Charles & Tim McKenzie	Saskatchewan
	Silver Donovan Fiddler & Steve Laliberte	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Brian Ross & Rodney McKay	Manitoba
	Open - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Caroline Carriere & Marie McKenzie	Saskatchewan
	Silver Stella Young	Manitoba
	Bronze Lisa McKenzie & Julie Roberts	Saskatchewan
	Open - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Marvin Charles & Dennis Charles	Saskatchewan
	Silver Glen McKenzie & Barry Carriere	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Wilfred Buck & Kelvin Fiddler	Saskatchewan
LACROSSE	Junior A	Ontario
	Gold Six Nations	Ontario
	Silver Nanaimo	British Columbia
	Bronze Kahnewake	Quebec
	Junior B	Quebec
	Gold Squamish	British Columbia
	Silver Edmonton	Alberta
MARATHON	Open Male	Manitoba
	Gold Maurice Harper	Manitoba
	Silver Norbert Wolterine	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Brian Campo	British Columbia
	Master Male	Yukon
	Gold Chester Kelly	Yukon
	Silver Barnabas Tallman	Alberta
	Bronze Churchill Wayways	Alberta
SHOOTING	Open - Male	not available
	Gold Richard Rowe	not available
	Silver Edward Henderson	not available
	Bronze Ray Tootoosis	not available
	Open - Female	not available
	Gold Ojsthor Horn Miller	not available
	Silver Janice Two Axe	not available
	Junior A - Male (16 - 18 yrs)	not available
	Gold Allen Cardinal	not available
	Silver Evan Cardinal	not available
	Bronze Darren Johnnie	not available
	Junior B - Male (13 - 15 yrs)	not available
	Gold Bobby Smith	not available
	Silver Tyson Wirth	not available
	Bronze Willy Shekton	not available
	Junior A - Female (16 - 18 yrs)	not available
	Gold Ellen Diabo	not available
	Silver Tara Tarbel	not available
	Junior B - Female (13 - 15 yrs)	not available
	Gold Wanec Horn Miller	not available
	Silver Bonnie Peterson	not available
Soccer	Junior B - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Saskatchewan I	Saskatchewan
	Silver Saskatchewan II	Saskatchewan
	Bronze The Pas	Manitoba
	Junior B - Female	British Columbia
	Gold Sto Lo Soccer Club	British Columbia
	Open - Male	British Columbia
	Gold Terrace	British Columbia
	Silver Sto Lo Soccer Club	British Columbia
	Bronze Squamish Nation	British Columbia
	Junior A - Female	British Columbia
	Gold Caplano Kuswen	British Columbia
	Silver Vancouver	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Saskatchewan II	Saskatchewan
	Junior A - Male	British Columbia
	Gold Kitwanga Rangers	British Columbia
	Silver The Pas	Manitoba
	Bronze Saskatchewan I	Saskatchewan

Marathon	Gold Emma West	British Columbia
	Silver Christina Biavasci	British Columbia
	Bronze Bobby Ann Van Maanen	Alberta
	4 X 100 m Relay - Male	Alberta
	Gold Sara Beaudry	Alberta
	Al Blackwater	Alberta
	Nobert Blackwater	Alberta
	Justin Crier	Alberta
	Chris Healy	Saskatchewan
	Chance Gamble	Saskatchewan
	Eldon Delorme	Saskatchewan
	Colin Delorme	Saskatchewan
	Craig Sand	Alberta
	Bronze Clayton Kootenay	Alberta
	Shawn Frogge	Alberta
	Cody Hodgson	Alberta
	Jody Ground	Alberta
	4 X 400 m Relay - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Iris Mike	Saskatchewan
	Irene McArthur	Saskatchewan
	Michelle Asapace	Saskatchewan
	Lydia Courtois	Alberta
	Silver Lydie Courtois	Alberta
	Marilee Mistakenchiel	Alberta
	Angela Manybears	Alberta
	Judy Fox	Alberta
	4 X 400 m Relay - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Kelly Valloneuve	Saskatchewan
	Kelly Ropa	Saskatchewan
	Colin Delorme	Saskatchewan
	Eldon Delorme	Saskatchewan
	Clayton Kootenay	Alberta
	Avery Roan	Alberta
	Cody Hodgson	Alberta
	Dean White	Manitoba
	Bronze Hex Scott	Manitoba
	Bruce Beatty	Manitoba
	Randy Blacksmith	Manitoba
	Wayne Blacksmith	Manitoba
	Long Jump - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Loretta Dravser	Saskatchewan
	Silver Mona Daniels	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Irene Laprat	Saskatchewan
	Long Jump - Male	Alberta
	Gold Nobert Blackwater	Alberta
	Silver Eldon Delorme	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Dorny Ironchild	Saskatchewan
	High Jump - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Loretta Dravser	Saskatchewan
	Silver Mona Daniels	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Camen Houle	Alberta
	High Jump - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold Aaron Stonestand	Saskatchewan
	Silver Ken Firstrider	Alberta
	Bronze Nobert Blackwater	Alberta
	Triple Jump - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Loretta Dravser	Saskatchewan
	Silver Irene Caprath	Saskatchewan
	Triple Jump - Male	Alberta
	Gold Shawn Delorme	Alberta
	Silver Dean White	Alberta
	Bronze Clayton Kootenay	Alberta
	Discus - Female	Yukon
	Gold Juanita Sidney	Yukon
	Silver Denis Corrigal	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Debra Blacksmith	Manitoba
	Discus - Male	Saskatchewan
	Gold John Kakaway	Saskatchewan
	Silver Cody Blackrabbit	Washington
	Bronze Melvin Blackwater	Washington
	Shotput - Female	Yukon
	Gold Juanita Sidney	Yukon
	Silver Denis Corrigal	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Angie Bignell	Alberta
	Shotput - Male	Alberta
	Gold Ken First Rider	Alberta
	Silver Melvin Blackwater	Washington
	Bronze Jason Chickosis	Saskatchewan
	Javelin - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Mariene Iron	Saskatchewan
	Silver Shelly Hamelin	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Denise Corrigal	Saskatchewan
	Javelin - Male	Alberta
	Gold Cody Black Rabbit	Alberta
	Silver Shane Peacock	Alberta
	Bronze Jason Chickosis	Saskatchewan

Marathon	Gold Cameron Courtois	Alberta
	Trevor Willier	Alberta
	Bronze Sheldon Richard	Manitoba
	Darryl Eastman	Alberta
	Andrew Beauieu	Alberta
	Terry Roulette	Alberta
	4 X 400 m Relay - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Michelle McLean	Saskatchewan
	Jody Houle	Saskatchewan
	Iris Mike	Saskatchewan
	Michelle Asapace	Manitoba
	Nicole McKay	Manitoba
	Laverne Muswagon	Manitoba
	Sharon Frogge	Manitoba
	Maria Miot	Manitoba
	4 X 400 m Relay - Male	Alberta
	Gold Joey Mountain Horse	Alberta
	Al Blackwater	Alberta
	Chris Healy	Alberta
	Nelson Littlechild	Alberta
	Derek Loyl	Alberta
	Kyle Bird	Alberta
	Bronze Daniel Carfelle	British Columbia
	Frank Phillips	British Columbia
	Gabe Abbott	British Columbia
	Jason Brown	British Columbia
	High Jump - Female	British Columbia
	Gold Marilee Draney	British Columbia
	Silver Candace Rabbit	Alberta
	Bronze Heather Martin	Saskatchewan
	High Jump - Male	Alberta
	Gold Aaron Rattlesnake	Alberta
	Silver Joey Mountain Horse	Alberta
	Bronze Darcy Ahenakew	Saskatchewan
	Long Jump - Female	Quebec
	Gold Shafia Howard	Quebec
	Silver Emma West	British Columbia
	Bronze Emma West	British Columbia
	Long Jump - Male	Alberta
	Gold Al Blackwater	Alberta
	Silver Aaron Stonestand	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Sheldon Goodvoice	Saskatchewan
	Triple Jump - Female	Quebec
	Gold Shafia Howard	Quebec
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	Silver Sheldon Goodvoice	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Lee Bitternose	Saskatchewan
	Discus - Female	British Columbia
	Gold Christina Biavasci	British Columbia
	Silver Heather Martin	Alberta
	Bronze Angie Manybears	Alberta
	Discus - Male	Northwest Territories
	Gold Neil Dewsbury	Northwest Territories
	Silver Danny Frank	Alberta
	Bronze Logan Dunk	Saskatchewan
	Shot Put - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Anita Cameron	Saskatchewan
	Silver Anita Cameron	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Traci Crighton	Alberta
	Shot Put - Male	Alberta
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	Javelin - Female	Saskatchewan
	Gold Anita Cameron	Saskatchewan
	Silver Christina Biavasci	British Columbia
	Bronze Christine Ledoux	Saskatchewan
	Javelin - Male	Northwest Territories
	Gold Neil Dewsbury	Northwest Territories
	Silver Lavern Gauchier	Alberta
	Bronze Kevin Prince	British Columbia
Swimming - Female	50 m FREESTYLE	Alberta
	(11 & under)	Alberta
	Gold Aura Calahasen	Alberta
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	(12 - 14 yrs)	Quebec
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	Silver Lisa Mayer	Saskatchewan
	Bronze Andrea Floorman	Alberta
	(15 & over)	Alberta
	Gold Eileen Joe	British Columbia

The Environment

A handy reference guide to contacts

By Chris Menard
and Cora Voyageur

This week the Treaty Indian Environment Secretariat brings you a handy reference guide on agencies you can contact about specific environmental issues.

In alphabetical order they are:
Alberta Environment, Oxbridge Place, 9820-106th St., Edmonton, T5K 2J6 or call 427-2739.

Alberta Environmental Protection Office, Room 210, Twin Atria 2, 4999-98th Ave., Edmonton, T6B 2X3 or call 468-8001.

Calgary has an environmental resource centre, The Calgary Eco-Centre, which can provide a

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The Education Branch of Alberta Environment has an Adopt-a-Classroom program to encourage environmental education in the schools. There are also several teaching kits including Let's Recycle and The Home We Share. For more information or materials contact Education Branch, Alberta Environment,

12th Floor, Oxbridge Place, 9820-106th St., Edmonton, T5K 2J6 or Environment Canada at 4999-98th Ave., Edmonton, T6B 2X3.

The Environmental Choice Program aids consumers in making environmentally sound purchases and supports commercial development of less damaging products. For more information contact Environmental Choice Program, 25 St. Clair Avenue East, 7th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4T 1M2 (416)973-1072.

Alberta's New Democrats are putting together an action plan called Environmental Agenda for 1990. The plan includes environmental law reform, recycling, protection of forest ecology, conservation and toxic substances. For more information contact MLA John McInnis, Room 204, Legislature Annex, Edmonton, T5K 2B6 or call 427-2236.

Here are some other environmental contacts you may wish to have.

Alberta Environment Minister Ralph Klein, Room 130, Legislature Building, Edmonton, T5K 2B6 or call 427-2391.

Robert De Cotret, Federal Environment Minister, House

of Commons, Room 5115, Centre Block, Ottawa, K1A 0A6 or call (613)996-5535.

Trees for Canada is a Boy Scouts of Canada program to train Scouts in conservation and reforestation. The Scouts obtain pledges from the community for every tree they plant and the trees are planted at a family picnic with the proceeds from pledges going to assist developing nations and local scouting programs. For more information contact Bob Schwartzberger, Boy Scouts of Canada, Calgary Regional Office, 2140 Brownsea Drive N.W., Calgary, T2N 3G9 or call 283-4993.

Trees for Life is an organization aimed at reducing deforestation through education and tree-planting programs. For more information contact Treva Mathur, Trees for Life, Inc., 1103 Jefferson, Wichita, Kansas 67203 or call (316)263-7294.

The Treaty Indian Environment Secretariat (T.I.E.S.) can be reached at P.O. Box 516, Winterburn, Alberta, T0E 2N0 (403)470-5751.

(Menard and Voyageur work with the Treaty Indian Environment Secretariat of the IAA.)

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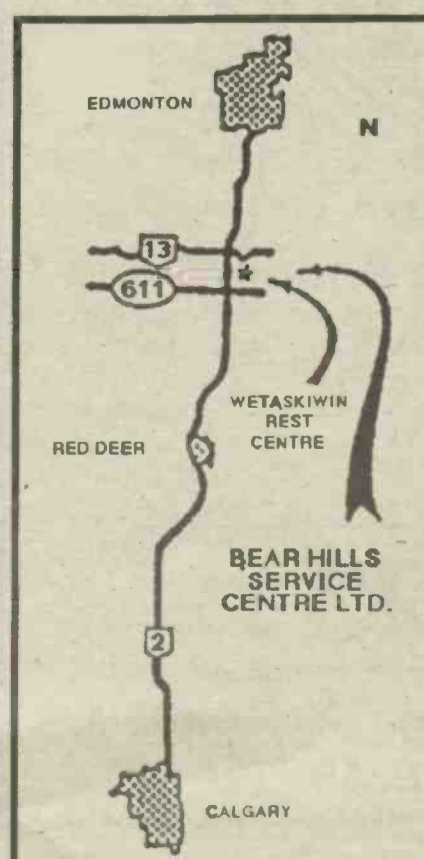
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Calgary

City helps Native people adjust to urban life

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

The first time Miki Wood went shopping at a Calgary department store she got more than she bargained for.

She saw a Native customer badgered and disgraced by a check-out clerk when she was standing in line to pay for her merchandise. Wood said she's confident she wouldn't have been subjected to the same treatment because she's white.

Wood wasn't about to accept that racism is alive and well in southern Alberta so she became a member of the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs committee in an effort to stop discrimination against the city's Native population.

"It was appalling," she scowled. "I've never seen any-

thing like it. I never thought it ever really happened like that."

Woods moved to Calgary last year from Ottawa where she said Native people are scarce.

"My experience with Native people was really limited. I was just here a week when that happened in the store. I still can't believe what I saw," she said.

The committee was established by city council in 1979 after it was noted Calgary's rapidly-increasing Native population was being discriminated against on all political and social fronts.

The committee, made up of members from the Native and non-Native communities, investigates charges of discrimination and makes recommendations and referrals to agencies set up to aid urban Natives.

By setting up the volunteer group, Wood said the City of Calgary has proven it's commit-

ted to helping southern Alberta Natives adjust to city life rather than ignoring their problems.

"Calgary is a place I want to raise my children. It's apparent they need to understand who they're sharing the city with," she said.

There are more than 9,000 Natives living in Calgary and the Sarcee band is located just outside the city's southwest corner.

The city's Native liaison worker Gloria Manitopyes said council is currently looking to hire another full-time liaison worker because of her increased case load.

She believes it's a strong indication there's a need to communicate with the city's Native community.

The liaison office has a "broad range" of responsibilities including conferring with the urban committee on Native issues.



Jeff Morrow

Miki Wood with an aboriginal urban affairs committee display

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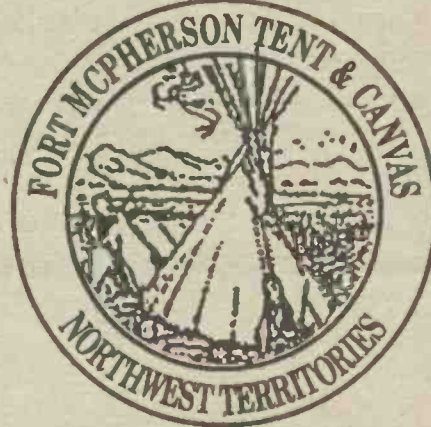
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Valerie Rider
Windspeaker Correspondent

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After his marriage broke up Edmontonian Ed Abbott began to take his frustrations out on canvas.

He used art as a form of self-expression. His marriage in tatters, Abbott's relationship with his only child was also over.

"I haven't seen my son since he was two. He's now seven years old," he says wistfully.

"When I'm upset, it shows in my work. If I enjoy what I'm doing, it brings life to my art. But it's like a fever. When I get an idea, I can't sleep until it's done," Abbott explains, noting however that a painting can take up to three days to finish.

He also likes to test his talents in other mediums like clay and wood sculpting. He prefers three-dimensional art.

The ideas for his work come from Indian culture and folklore. Much of his time is spent researching his subjects.

"I read a lot of Indian material from the past," he says, pointing to a large collection of books he uses.

Abbott feels Indian traditions

show a lot of respect for the environment and he is an avid believer in preserving the environment.

"At one time Indian people knew a lot of plant and herbal cures. They had a cure for cancer, which was herbal as well as spiritual."

His home life played an important role in his belief of the Indian way of life and it shows in his art.

His father taught him trapping skills and told him stories about Indian bush lore while his mother taught him the Indian technique of "fixure" — sitting perfectly still in the bush until animals come up to him.

Today, Abbott boasts he knows the art of creating flutes out of bark. And he likes to chat for hours talking about the Indian legends from his Cree/Chippewyan heritage.

He gives credit for his knowledge about his Indian ancestry and his love for studying Indian cultures to his family.

"Old Granny Callihoo, my great-grandmother who lived to 113 years of age, would talk to us kids for hours. Of course we needed an interpreter, because we weren't taught our Indian language. But now I can trace my

roots back to 150 years ago," Abbott proudly notes.

When he talks about the legend behind his paintings, the enjoyment he gets from his work shows on his face.

Each of his portraits is unique and the depicted spirituality shines through in such pieces as The Indian Legend of Red Swan and Mother Bear Legend.

"I work in surrealism, doing a lot of abstract art," he explains.

In the future, he hopes to captivate the atrocities of industrial pollution so he can help the environment by creating awareness of the turmoil it's in.

"I enjoy creating art because it helps to ease tension and soothes over the negative feelings," Abbott says.

He then shares a quote that inspires him, which was made famous by artist Arthur Shilling. It's entitled The Ojibway Dream.

"Artists may be the only ones God can identify with, all the Great Spirit can look to to represent him. Art is the only true religion God created. Artists are great healers. The energy force painting has is healing, calming. Could we live without the sun?"

Statistics Canada inviting artwork submissions

Native artists are invited to participate in Statistics Canada's census poster program.

One Native artist in each province of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be selected to design a poster which will be acceptable to all Indians, Metis and Inuit living in each of these provinces. The poster will be used to promote the national 1991 census and to encourage Native peoples to participate.

GUIDELINES

1. Artists wanting to participate will provide a sample of completed artwork to the Native Indian census communication program in each province.

2. Artists will be asked to produce a professional sketch of artwork which will: (a) address the census theme "Count Yourself In," (b) address the cultural backgrounds of treaty, Metis and Inuit peoples in their provinces, (c) incorporate a demographic element reflecting the future and (d) be submitted for review by July 31, 1990.

3. Completed sketches based on the criteria outlined in point 2 will be reviewed. A final decision will be made by Aug. 31, 1990 and the successful artist in each province will be notified.

4. The selected artist in each province will be required to release the production and distribution rights to their piece of artwork chosen for census promotion in the prairie region as well as for national distribution.

5. Each selected artist in each province will retain their signature on artwork for use in the census promotion campaign.

6. Each selected artist must be willing to trade regional and national exposure of their artwork on census posters for a symbolic service fee.

Congratulations

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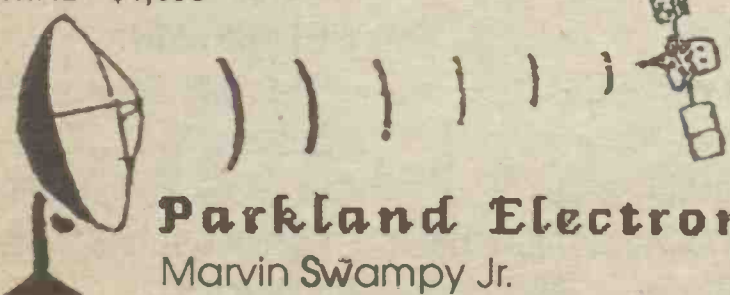
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Focus on Native Business

Company down in the dumps - and loves it

Kanata Environmental Services is down in the dumps but the Native-owned company wouldn't have it any other way.

The year-old enterprise recently completed a test project at the Clover Bar dump near Edmonton. The company's three partners wanted to see if they could make a living retrieving the glass, steel and cardboard that is quickly filling the city-run facility. They were not disappointed.

"Every day we found something," says Kanata's president Blaine Lefebvre. Last spring a Kanata crew of six aboriginal workers was allowed to sift through the dump over a 28-day period. Along with an expected haul of metal and paper products, they found new telephone answering machines, blenders in their original boxes and perfectly useable tea sets. The steel was taken to a recycler and the blenders were sold.

And that's exactly what Kanata wants to do: find markets for goods that can be recycled or re-used and in the process reduce the need for large municipal dump sites.

The test project cost Kanata almost \$10,000 — a request to the city for assistance was turned down.

"We thought we better take the chance," says Lefebvre. A report by Kanata to the city reviewing the project results indicated the salvage operation met all expectations.

Founding fathers

Lefebvre is a relative newcomer to the salvage industry. At 40 years of age, the former bus driver and clothing retailer has a lot of catching up to do with his partners Brian Gaudry and Harry Breland.

Gaudry, a burly ex-construction contractor from St. Vital near Winnipeg, and Breland, a 70-year-old from St. Michael reserve near Calihoo, have been involved in recycling most of their adult lives.

Gaudry began when he was a teenager. In 1948, with few prospects for work in a depressed Winnipeg economy, he bought a \$380 truck to haul coal ash from Canadian National Railway locomotive burners. The ash was taken to local dump sites or re-used to manufacture concrete blocks. The experience at CNR and his life on the farm where nothing was ever wasted, sparked his interest in recycling's potential.

Breland has spent a lifetime working dump sites across northern Alberta. He's picked in Morinville, sorted in Alberta Beach and rolled up his sleeves in Barrhead.

The three partners-to-be met

in 1986 when they joined forces to work on some personal difficulties. As they grew to know each other Harry began sharing some ideas he had about working larger municipal landfills. As a team, they now had the necessary skills to develop formal proposals, deal with local government officials and manage the technical side of the retrieval and marketing operation.

Planting ideas

But ideas take time to be accepted. Gaudry had approached Edmonton officials in 1982, without success, about retrieving useable products at city dump sites. He also thought of using trucks to collect recyclable goods from residences long before the now popular blue box program.

It was the controversial decision last year by city council to spend \$27 million for the new Aurum dump site that sparked the three entrepreneurs into action.

"We don't need the Aurum site," insists Gaudry. "They don't need to spend these millions of dollars to buy beautiful land just to destroy it."

To push their idea that "garbage" could be re-used or recycled, Kanata was incorporated last summer. The city was then approached to accept a test project using manual labour to sort through truckloads of refuse. By this time public interest in environmental issues was keenly felt by city administrators and the attitude to the Kanata proposal was positive.

Lefebvre, Gaudry and Breland now think they have a tiger by the tail. They're hoping the city will approve a six-month pilot program that would see conveyor belts and 38 aboriginal staff work the Clover Bar site 12 hours a day. They hope eventually to turn the operation into a worker-owned enterprise.

The proposal to the city includes a request for an operating subsidy Kanata feels is much less costly than current municipal assistance to the blue box and paper recycling programs. The three partners contend they could recycle virtually all waste that comes to city dumps and save productive land as well.

"It's appropriate aboriginal people are cleaning up the land," says Lefebvre. "There's something there that just grabs people about that idea."

(Focus on Native Business is a monthly column about Native entrepreneurs. It's sponsored by the Economic Development Discussion Group, which meets four times a year to discuss Native employment and business development. Current members include: Alberta Power Limited,

Amoco Canada, BANAC, Esso Resources, Husky Oil, Indian Affairs, Indian Oil & Gas Canada, Alberta Municipal Affairs, NOVA Corporation, the Royal Bank, Shell Canada, Syncrude and TransAlta Utilities.)

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Bert Crowfoot

Brian Gaudry Jr. (left) and Buddy Gordon watch as Brian Gaudry Sr. jacks a scrap automobile onto a trailer from the Weismantle Farm, 50 km south of Edmonton. The car will be sold as scrap metal.

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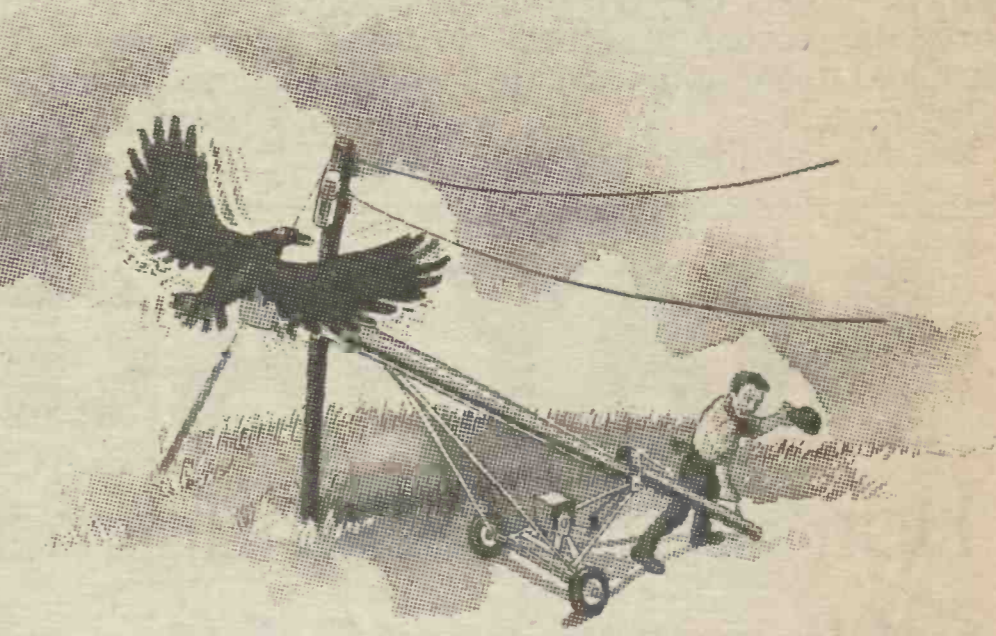
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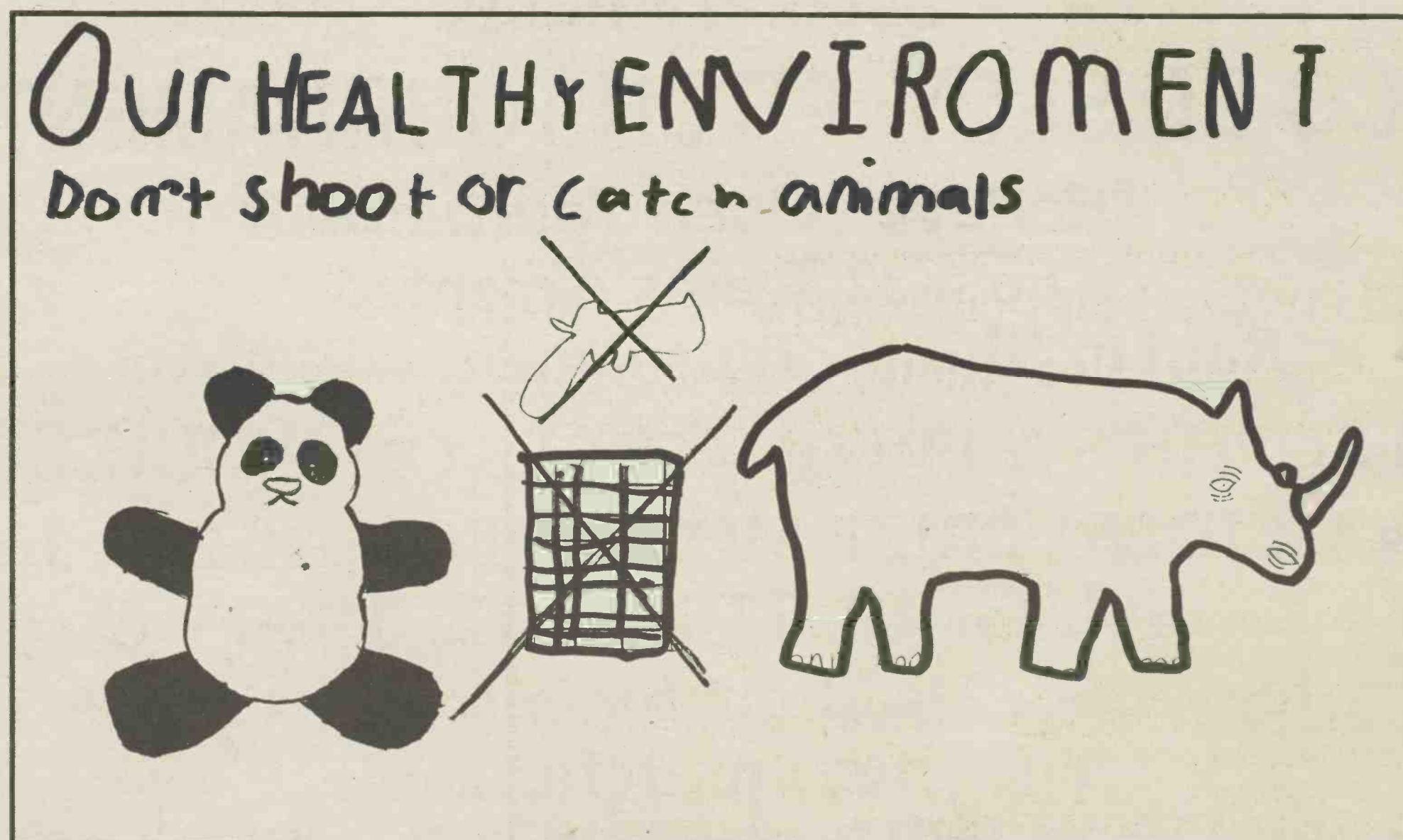
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