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## Rain fails to dampen Games' spirit

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Near-record rainfalls and a flood of setbacks didn't dampen the spirits of organizers and athletes of the first North American Indigenous Games held in Edmonton from June 30 to July 8.

More than 1,500 competitors and performers from across Canada and the western United States ready to punch, kick, shoot and stroke their way into sports fame paraded into the opening ceremonies hosted by the University of Alberta at the Buttermere.

Organizers kept their chins up but were holding their breath in preparation for the 10-day extravaganza they hope will some day parallel the Olympics. As the games progressed, an additional 1,000 athletes showed up to try their skills.

Games chairman Charles Woods, who said he had his hands full trying to find room for many unexpected participants, showed signs of fatigue halfway through the event, but insisted he wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

Games organizers estimated 3,000 athletes would show, but Woods admits he was surprised by the turnout.

"We did have problems finding accommodation for everyone," he said. "But we weren't going to turn anyone away."

"This is what it's all about. This is for the youth."

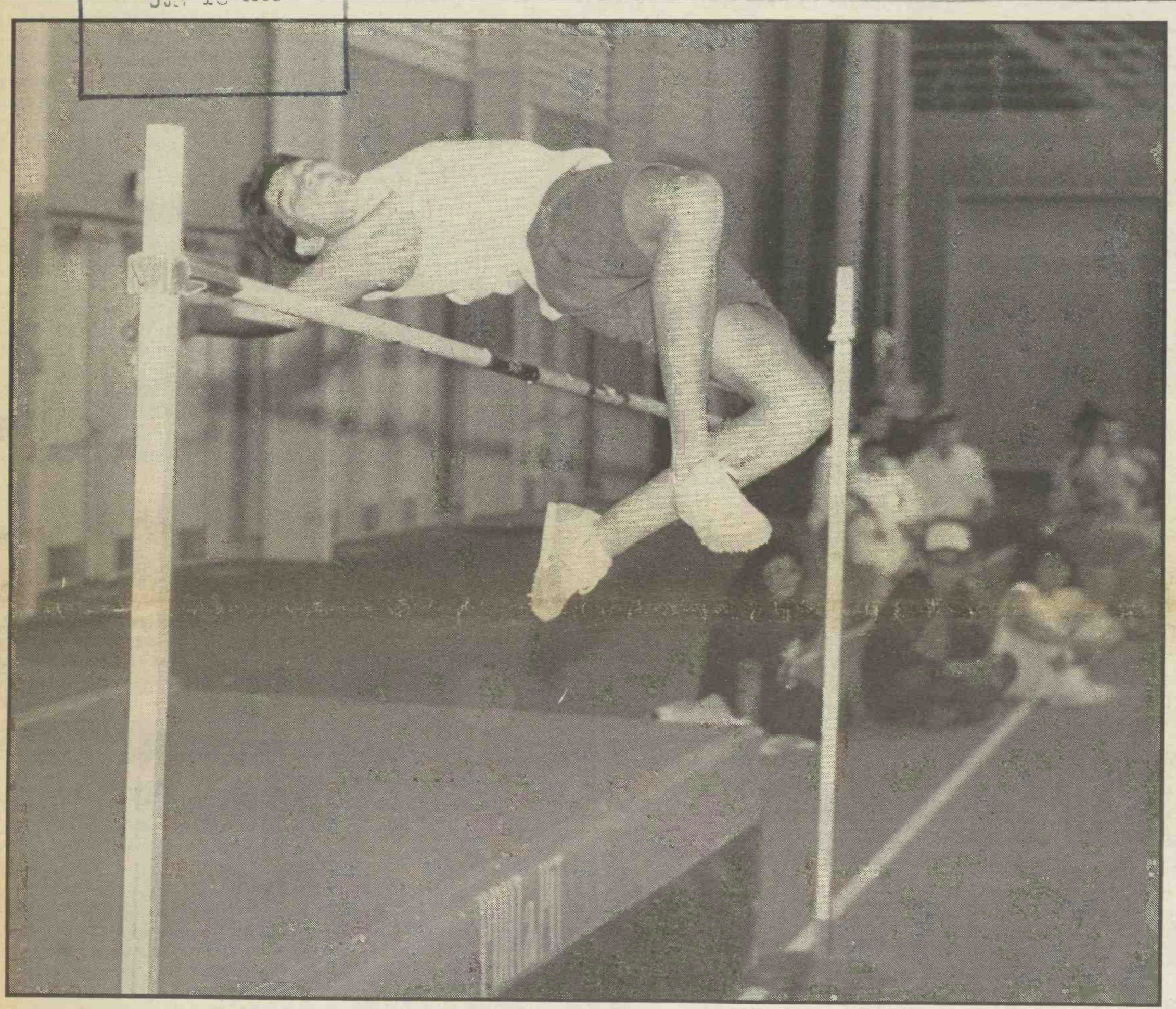
Athletes and performers from as far south as New Mexico and as far north as the N.W.T., gave Edmonton sports enthusiasts a taste of Native culture not to be forgotten.

On day one, traditional dancers entertained passers-by on Jasper Avenue. Later, they gave shoppers at malls throughout the city a look at their customary numbers.

Meanwhile, Native athletes were plying their own talents in the boxing rings, at firing ranges and on volleyball courts located at designated venues around town.

Severe rainfalls didn't affect the games except to postpone some of the outdoor competitions. The archery event was scrapped all together because of lack of participation, according to Woods.

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Bert Crowfoot

Team Saskatchewan athlete Aaron Stonestand leaped 1.75 m to win a gold medal in the Junior A boys' high jump competition of the North American Indigenous Games. Athletes from across North America converged on Edmonton to compete in the games.

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## Alexis student meets the Queen during Calgary royal visit

By Wayne Courchene  
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY

Veronica Kootenay's smile said everything about her pride, excitement and expectations as she anxiously waited for her appointment with the Queen during the royal visit to Calgary.

"We couldn't sleep last night because of the excitement. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Veronica," Desmonia Kootenay, Veronica's mother, said as they waited in the Palliser Hotel lobby June 27 for the appointed time to meet Queen Elizabeth.

Veronica, 8, a Grade 3 student at Alexis Elementary School, was one of four winners of the government of Alberta's school essay contest. "She is representing all students from Grade 1 to 4 in Alberta," said her teacher Ruben Bauer. Alexis reserve is 60 miles northwest of Edmonton.

In her essay, a letter to Queen Elizabeth, Veron-

ica said she enjoyed school and liked her teacher. She said Queen Elizabeth was pretty with her crown and that the Alexis chief wore a headdress much like the crown worn by the Queen.

"Here is a girl talking to the whole nation about hope and freedom," Bauer said. "It is very timely considering what is happening with the Canadian Constitution."

Dressed in a dark buckskin outfit with beaded moccasins and hairpiece, Veronica attracted much attention. CBC videotaped her departure from Edmonton International Airport and she was interviewed by the local newspaper and photographed extensively until she tired of it at the end of the session.

Veronica was also escorted by her Aunt Silvia Aginas, who replaced Veronica's grandmother at the last moment because she was afraid of flying, and her principal Donald Tessier. They had an opportunity to meet Minister of Education Jim

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## News

## Blackfeet seek legal advice

Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

An Indian law expert from New Mexico has been asked to help settle a dispute between Blackfeet Indians and the Provincial Museum of Alberta over sacred relics bought recently by the provincial government from a Montana art collector.

Albuquerque lawyer Alan Taradash was approached by a Browning, Montana Blackfeet member after a delegation of Native elders was turned away from the Edmonton museum June 20 without reclaiming religious items they believe will lose their spiritual powers if kept off the Indian reserve.

Renowned western sculpture and art collector Bob Scriver turned over his 1,500-piece Blackfeet collection in a \$1.1 million (U.S.) deal that outraged Indians in northern Montana and southern Alberta. It has also sent a fire of contempt through Taradash who's been fighting for Native rights in the southwest United States for two decades.

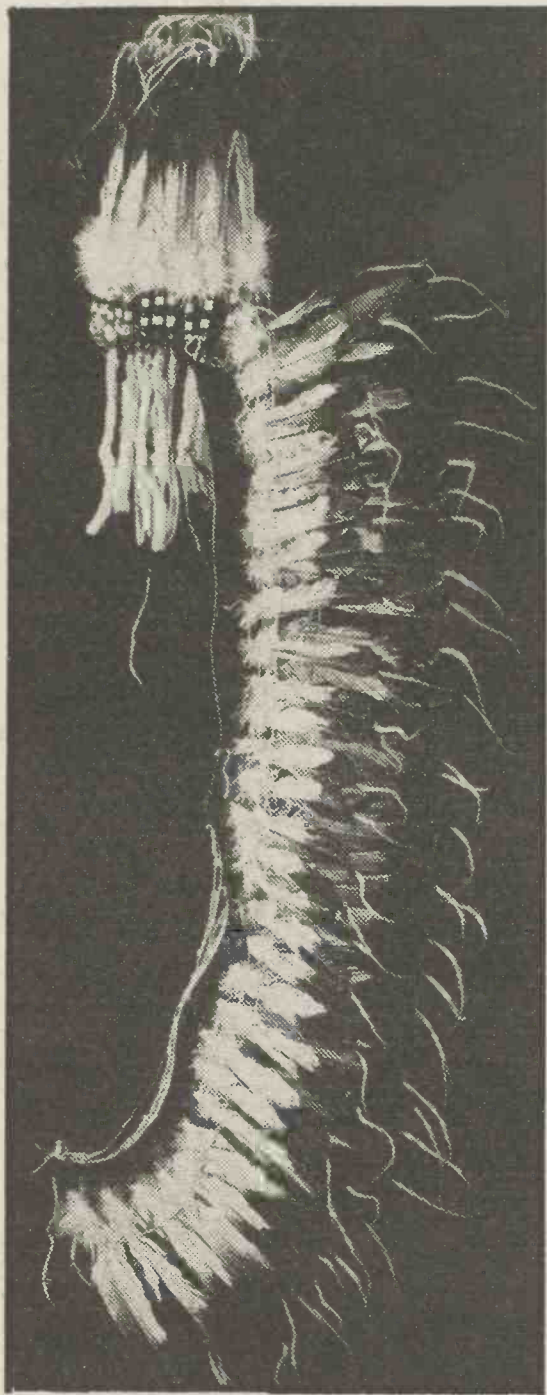
Taradash finds spiritual control by governments particularly offensive and says ethical justice knows no boundaries when it comes to fighting for the rights of aboriginal people to preserve their religions.

"It simply ought to be abhorrent that any person controls religious artifacts just because they happen to be things others find interesting or curious," he says.

"Especially people who are supposedly educated in the areas to understand the sacred significance (of these holy relics)."

Taradash met with Browning Native Robert Doore who is fighting to reclaim sacred medicine pipe bundles that were part of the deal.

The Montana Blackfeet Indians, whose nomadic descendants remain in parts of Alberta,



A headdress from the Scriver Collection

are campaigning to have the bundles returned to Browning.

Taradash says the struggle by North American Indians to retain lost traditions is more than a noble gesture. He says it's the result of a travesty that would never have faced mainstream religions.

"In my mind there's absolutely no difference in a museum or private individual taking religious artifacts from the Blackfeet tribe than it would be for someone to get a hold of the Pope's ring or staff," he says.

Taradash says the struggle of the Blackfeet Indians is indicative

of all aboriginal people trying to cling to their culture while governments are forcing them to assimilate into society.

He would not reveal specifics of the legal arguments of the case because he has not yet been hired by the Montana tribe. But Doore is optimistic Taradash will be retained by the band.

He says he has to discuss hiring Taradash with band elders. "It's important we have our sacred material returned and we'll seek legal means to do it."

On June 20 more than 30 Blackfeet Indians from Montana and southern Alberta met with museum director Phil Stepney to demand the provincial government return the sacred bundles to the reservation.

Stepney assured Native elders he would be willing to "open up lines of communication" for future negotiations concerning repatriation, but backed away from making further concessions.

The Indians stormed out of the museum vowing to return with legal advice. "We decided to take action," Doore says.

Walter Echo-Hawk, a lawyer with the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colo. says the Blackfeet dilemma offers up "very serious legal questions" for both sides of the border.

He says a number of legal arguments can be addressed including a possible violation of the Bald Eagle Protection Act which prohibits the selling of parts of any endangered species in North America. The pipe bundles include, among other things, eagle feathers.

Scriver, a Browning Blackfeet museum owner, could not be reached for comment.

Taradash, who has tackled Indian rights' cases in New Mexico and Arizona, says any settlement for repatriation will have to be a joint decision by American and Canadian federal courts.

## Provincial News

## Museum to return relics

CALGARY — Skeletons and religious relics stolen from an Indian burial ground will be pulled from a Chicago museum collection and returned to Alberta's Blood tribe for reburial, says Blood tribe executive co-ordinator Wallace Manyfingers. "It's unfortunate we can't receive the same consideration from Alberta as we have from the American museum," he said, adding that the return of the remains "is an important step" towards righting old wrongs. A pipe, used for sun dances, is being returned to the band from the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History, said Manyfingers. In addition, the Bloods and Blackfeet will be receiving 15 Native skeletons and various other religious relics stolen from a Montana burial ground in the mid-1800s. Five of the skeletons are thought to be remains of Canadian Blackfoot Natives who were buried south of the border, said Manyfingers, who expects their return later this summer. Jonathan Haas, the Chicago museum's vice-president of collections, said the institution has a repatriation policy for human remains and religious articles needed for reburial ceremonies. "Any other requests will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis," he said.

## 12 new housing units

EDMONTON — The federal government, through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), is providing an annual subsidy and mortgage-loan insurance for a 12-unit housing project in Edmonton for Native families. The units were purchased by the AMISK Housing Association for \$1.1 million through an NHA-insured loan. The project includes one two-bedroom, six three-bedroom and five four-bedroom homes. "It is important for the government of Canada to help our Native people find homes in the cities where they choose to live," said Alan Redway, minister of state (housing). AMISK, which was formed in April 1989, recently celebrated the opening of its new office and its first 10 housing units.

## AIDS project on reserves

LETHBRIDGE — A two-year project is getting under way to educate Natives on the Blood and Peigan reserves about AIDS. The project is being done jointly by the Lethbridge AIDS Connection and the University of Lethbridge Four Worlds Development Project. Spokesman Philip Johnson says program presenters must be sensitive to cultural differences like members of the Blackfoot nation not being allowed to speak about sex if relatives are in the room.

## Cuts threaten counselling service

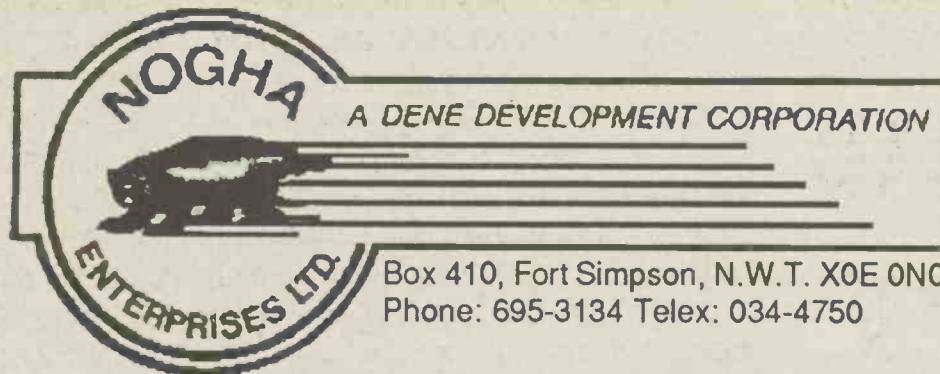
EDMONTON — Native Counselling Services may close its doors if funding cuts continue, says the organization's founder. "We can't stand many more cuts. We may have to fold," says Chester Cunningham. The service, which helps Natives cope with the justice system, has lost \$1 million because of funding cuts in the past four years, he said. The current \$5 million budget is two-thirds funded by Alberta's solicitor general department. Other funding sources include the federal government and Alberta family and social services. Budget cuts, including a five per cent decrease this year, forced the group to lay off court workers and reduce services, especially to isolated communities like Fort Chipewyan, he said. Cunningham said each worker keeps five to 10 Natives out of jails each year by providing advice and help. Larry Desmeules, president of the Metis Association of Alberta, said Native groups always seem to be among the first hit by funding cuts. "Whenever there are cutbacks in government, Native people are the first to be hit because they are choosing the path of least resistance."

## Native cultural park plan unveiled

BANFF — Natives representing five Indian bands have unveiled plans to build a Native cultural park in Kananaskis Country. The proposed Buffalo Nations Cultural Park would include traditional villages, display pavilions, an interpretative centre and an underground exhibits area. The park, a project of the registered Buffalo Nations Cultural Society, would be located on about 130 hectares of land in the southeast corner of Bow Valley Provincial Park. "We're at the point now where it should happen," said Stoney Chief George Labelle, adding that the concept of a park to preserve and interpret North American Indian traditions has been discussed for more than 35 years. He said participating tribes include the Sarcee, Blood, Peigan and Blackfoot. The proposed site of the park — which was chosen because it lies on sacred Indian ground — is also being considered for a recreational vehicle park.

## NWT closing Edmonton office

YELLOWKNIFE — The Government of the Northwest Territories will close its Edmonton office July 31. Louise Vertes, deputy minister of the executive department, said the closing is in keeping with the government's fiscal restraint program. She said government operations will not be adversely effected. The Edmonton office was established nearly 15 years ago to provide a counselling service to NWT students attending school in the city, to handle health-related matters and to provide various services to government departments in Yellowknife. The government is examining an Edmonton-based telephone referral system to reroute any inquiries about territorial government programs and services to the appropriate department or agency in Yellowknife.



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## News

## Veronica meets the Queen

From front page

Dinning and other dignitaries like Calgary's board of education chairperson.

A crowd of about 200 people gathered to see and applaud the Queen as she walked by before entering the Oval Room where Veronica had a private audience.

Alexis Chief Howard Mustus accompanied Veronica at the meeting with the Queen. He used the short time he had to ask for her intervention on behalf of Indians in talks on the Constitution and land claims. Mustus said the Queen did not respond to his request but continued with the award ceremony.

This was not the first time the Kootenay family have had the honor of meeting royalty. Veronica's aunt received an award from the Queen in 1979 for bravery. Donna Potts saved the lives of her brothers, rescuing them from a burning house.



A beaming Veronica Kootenay in Calgary

Wayne Courchene

# Metis legislation gets royal assent

By Everett Lambert  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Only one legislative step is left before the \$310-million dollar Metis settlements self-government deal becomes law. As it nears the end of the law-making process, the legislative process is surrounded by a flurry of activity.

The four bills have now been

given royal assent and are awaiting proclamation, which is the moment at which they become law. Metis MLA Pearl Calahasen expects proclamation to take place around mid-July.

The legislation consists of Bill 33, the Metis Settlements Accord Implementation Act; Bill 34, the Metis Settlements Land Protection Act; Bill 35, the Metis Settlements Act and Bill 36, the Constitution of Alberta Amendment Act 1990.

In conjunction with the bills, several positions have been created and many meetings are taking place.

One of the more high profile positions is that of commissioner, who will be jointly responsible to the Alberta government and the general council for insuring the new laws are properly implemented. Dennis Surrendi, a former senior official with Alberta municipal affairs, has been appointed to the post. His position

becomes law upon the passing of the implementation bill.

In addition, a task force has been put in place to set up the rest of the commission. Harry Supernault of East Prairie has been named as settlement liaison person. He works with former municipal affairs employees, which includes Ian Redmond, Cameron Henry and Bill Millar. The task force has 13 members.

Also a number of settlement people have been recommended by the settlements to sit on a seven-member semi-judicial body to be known as the Metis Appeals Tribunal (MAT). Archie Collins of Elizabeth settlement has been recommended as chairman, Dennis Cunningham of Peavine as vice-chairman, along with Terry Gaucher of Peavine and Alberta Wanuch of Paddle Prairie.

The Federation of Metis Settlements meets almost weekly in Edmonton to discuss the new laws.

A crucial part of the legislative package will be the Metis Settlements Accord Implementation Act

through which the \$310 million will flow.

Bill 34 is the result of the settlers' quest to secure their lands. This bill, which will become the land protection act, will guard the settlers from further loss of land. The only way lands can be lost is by permission of the Alberta government, all eight chairpersons from the settlements, a majority of the people from the settlement affected and a majority of members from all settlements.

Although some members — particularly from Paddle Prairie — are not comfortable the general council will hold land under the new law, federation president Randy Hardy says "it will be next to impossible to lose land."

The general council will be established as a corporation and controlled by the 40 council members of the eight settlements. Each council has five members, of which one is the chairperson. Each council will have one vote on the general council.

## Historic conference attracts chiefs from across the country

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

More than 300 chiefs from across Canada gathered in Edmonton this week for an historic conference to address Native rights from the Indian perspective.

Chiefs' Summit '90, the first meeting of its kind, was held at the Edmonton Inn July 2-5 to help iron out problems facing the country's aboriginal people.

Summit delegates piled into workshops and meeting rooms to air their hostilities and to help provide solutions to the growing resentment they have for the Canadian government.

They discussed topics affecting Native communities ranging from the environment to Bill C-31.

Enoch Chief Jerome Morin said the gathering of Indian leaders was long overdue because of the faltering communication between regions. He said first nations need to work together to fight for their inherent rights and to see that the federal government meets its obligations.

Speaking at an opening-day workshop on treaty rights, Morin lashed out at Ottawa for continuing to insist the infamous Indian Act and the Indian Act alone outlines Native rights.

Morin said the government can use the act to change its obligations to first nations any time it wants.

"Even at an early age I was led to believe the Indian Act determined who I was (and what I got). A lot of us have been led to believe that," he said.

"The government must know by now Native

people don't trust them."

What first nations need now, he said, "is a plan of action."

The plan of action Morin was referring to is a combined effort to force the government to live up to its agreements and to recognize Natives as Canada's first peoples.

Morin's sentiments were echoed by Mohawk Chief Earl Hill from the Iroquois Confederacy at Tyendinaga, Ont.

He called for an impartial Royal Claims Commission from another country to evaluate the treaties and settle the long-standing dispute. Hill said Indians have lost all faith in the Canadian government to make decisions on Native rights.

"We can't go along with (government) proposals any more," he said.

"They're the judge and jury (when it comes to deciding our fate). We have to look for a new format."

Morin, who announced the summit early last month, originally invited more than 500 Indian chiefs and several Canadian political officials.

Manitoba aboriginal MLA Elijah Harper and NDP leader Audrey McLaughlin showed up to support the chiefs, while other Canadian politicians and officials snubbed conference organizers by refusing to attend.

Harper, the tenacious New Democrat from Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba, who helped cause the demise of the Meech Lake accord, said the lack of federal government participation may be in retaliation for his actions.

Harper, angry that Native rights weren't being addressed, in six in-house legislative votes refused to allow the controversial agreement to be approved.

## Rain fails to dampen spirit of games

From front page

During the swimming finals at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse, games' mastermind Willie Littlechild didn't hesitate to share his own observations about the games' success.

"I was confident," he grinned. "I knew it would work like this." Littlechild, the MP for Wetaskiwin, was the stroke judge for the swim heats. He said he volunteered his services because he wanted to keep close to the games.

"I wanted to see things through," he said. During a 1977 meeting of the World Council of Indigenous Populations held in Geneva, Switzerland, Littlechild proposed the games and the resolution was eventually passed.

But the games haven't been without their problems. Aside from a dismal volunteer list, money — or rather lack of it — seemed to be the biggest obstacle facing the games. But a last-minute financial boost from the City of Edmonton and several Native groups pushed the games' budget over its \$650,000 mark.

A surge of volunteers erupted as well as the games came closer to reality. But the driving force behind the games' success, says Woods, was the spirit of competition each athlete brought with them. "It's that spirit that overrides all the trials and tribulations we had to face."







## Your Letters

## Elders: our very own living textbooks

Dear Editor:

There has been a lot of concern expressed on the criminal justice system and its impact on Native people. This is long overdue.

There have been a lot of ideas and suggestions brought to light about possible solutions and alternatives. But I feel we must go further back directly to the very roots.

For crime prevention to be more effective, programs must be implemented to educate our youth on the overall effects of crime and punishment.

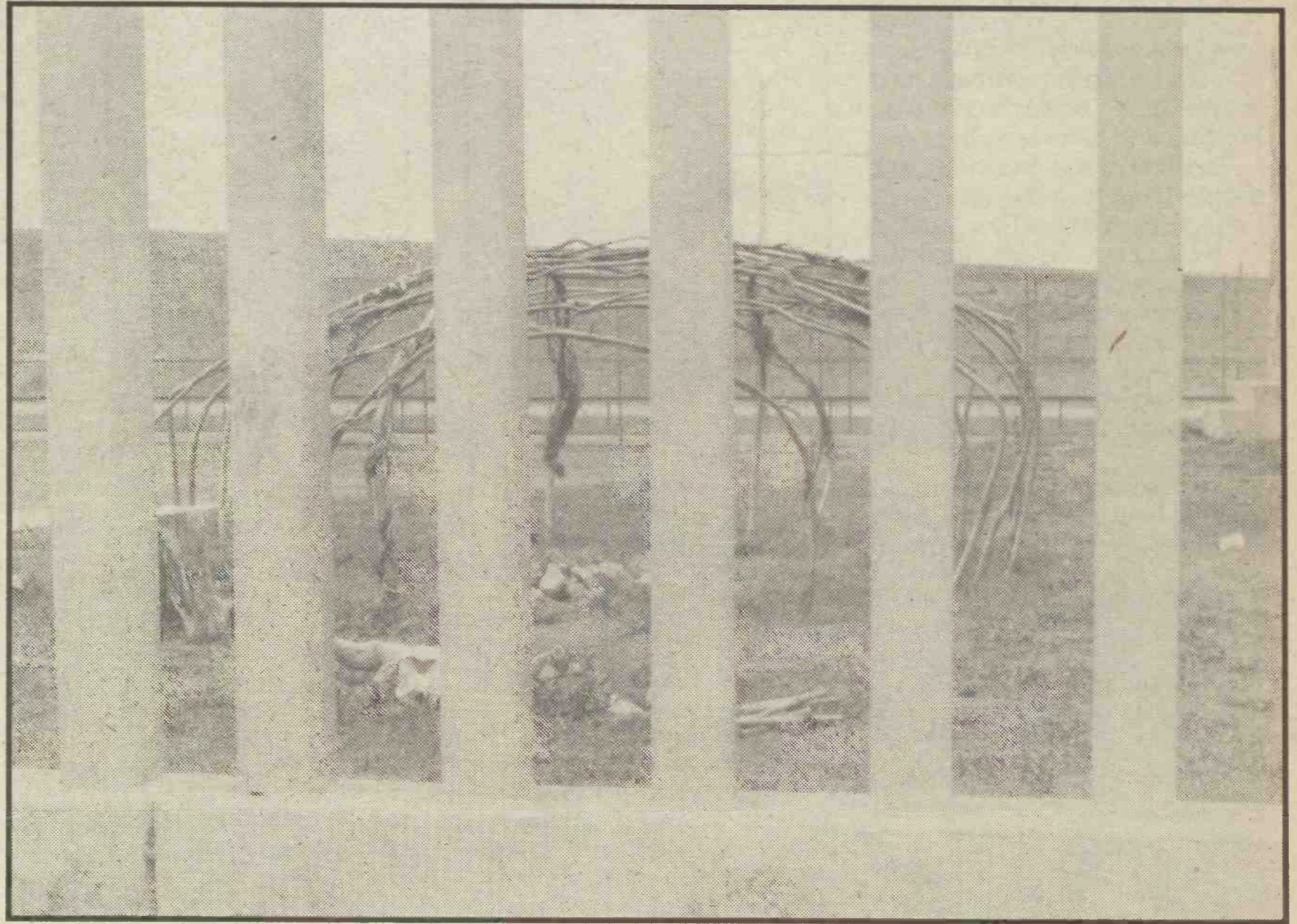
We must first, instill greater emphasis on their cultural identity as Native people through our elders. They must be taught they have a rich and powerful heritage and their ancestors were brave and knowledgeable. They must be given something to make them a proud nation like their ancestors once were. And this must be done while they are still in the impressionable stage.

The elders were very effective in their teaching long ago and it's time we hand this task over to our learned ones. They are after all our very own living textbooks.

Our youth are crying out for guidance and it is up to us to provide a constructive learning tool for them to utilize. Perhaps we can provide visual presentations for their use when our elders and orators aren't able to make a personal appearance.

I feel very cheated having been exposed to a residential school where I was literally torn away from my cultural and traditional ties and force-fed the Roman Catholic religion. Then I had to further undergo contradictory scriptures detailing my ancestors not as heroes and brave men but as murdering cowards and heathens running around half-naked scalping all the good and pious people.

You can imagine my bewilderment which was further compounded when I started learning to read and found out ours was a sordid history of drunken bums and useless, good-for-nothing Indians. Then along came John Wayne who fired one shot and 10 Indians fell. Before long I was cheering for the good guys and determined to have all those murdering savages annihilated.



A sweat lodge at Drumheller Institution

Wayne Courchene

In those days I didn't have very much to be proud of. Let's not have our youth undergo this treatment. Let's help them face a better tomorrow and give them something to be really proud of. Visual presentations would

include the services of elders, artists, doctors, lawyers — and even ex-cons for they have a lot to offer.

Let's teach our youth more realistically, for by teaching them we will also learn something

from them.

Mervin Crier  
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## Sacred Circle Society powwow cancelled

Dear Editor:

We wish to apologize to our people for the cancellation of our Sacred Circle Society powwow planned for July 14-15 in Atlantic Institution at Renous, New Brunswick. We had invited our people through letters and through *Windspeaker* but now with regret we must cancel this very special event. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with reasons for this

action so you may understand and support us in this matter with letters to us.

We have been receiving threats from the administration that they would fire our executive and shut down the group's business night if we continued to voice our opinion or position on Native issues that are viewed as political, especially to the media. Also we were told by an administrator we are not allowed legal counsel. He claimed this came

from their legal advisor in Ottawa. We feel this administration is showing a total lack of regard for our constitutional rights and is dishonoring our Native ways with their disdain. Agreements reached with this administration are routinely violated by other prison personnel.

It is no longer feasible to negotiate with this administration until they respect our inherent right to follow the traditional path and our right to speak pub-

licly on behalf of our imprisoned brothers. We must also be accorded the basic respect due equally to all men regardless of their situation.

May only good spirits guide and protect you always.  
In the Spirit of Crazy Horse.

Running Wild  
Larry Carlston  
Sacred Circle Society  
Renous, New Brunswick

## Budget cuts were unpardonable

Dear Editor:

Finance Minister Wilson's actions slashing secretary of state funds to Native programs is unpardonable. There no longer seems to be any governmental need to mask its campaign to destroy Native cultures. The Assembly of First Nations had all its funds slashed and was given only three months to find a new funding base.

This really is a war — 100 per

cent funding has been slashed from the Native communications' program. These Native newspaper cuts have devastated the creativity and love dedicated people give to simply "helping others." There is no doubt this is racist — voices silenced at the heart of the nation!

Friendship centres across the country have been slashed by \$1.5 million. These centres have been reaching out to people for 18 years. Why punish the urban

poor? Could it be a weakened aboriginal political position was behind the reasoning for all this. The cuts themselves are peanuts in the federal treasury.

I suggest the government of Canada take a hard look at how it's treating people who are helping others.

A Native friend gave these

words: "The drums are the beads of each man." I believe everyone's resolve is growing and the drums are heard.

David Milgaard  
Co-ordinator  
The Justice Group  
Stony Mountain, Manitoba

*"My spirit will roam"*

Dear Editor:

I write to you concerning the many departed brothers and sisters and the ones who mean so much to us. I would like to dedicate this to all those who deal with such situations. I would also like to dedicate it to the late Katie Cardinal and my deceased mother Rose Cardinal.

My Spirit Will Roam  
When time comes to depart my brothers and loved ones, my heart will weep with happiness

and sorrow and my spirit will be set free to roam upon Mother Earth to fly among the eagles. Our paths will gather together and we shall sing and dance with others. As we listen to the music of the wind, we shall dance upon the tree tops and high up on the clouds. We shall praise the music of our prayers of our songs that thank our Creator and our grandfathers for they gave us life and let our spirits roam free.

James Cardinal  
Saddle Lake

## Help needed to find missing sister

Dear Editor:

Hi! I'm writing to you regarding my sister Tracy Lynn Wahsatnow, who was born May 29, 1968. Our mother gave her to

## Love was never simple

A simple thing called "Love" can be hard at times. Yet, we can't live without it. First it was glorious and radiant. Then it turned into hell. That's when the hurting started. I wish I knew what I know now. That love was never simple. To begin with

an adoption agency, when she was 10 years old. She is now 22.

I've been looking for her for many years and I know she is still alive. Our parents separated when we were very young. Mind you, I have never seen her in my life and I don't know how she looks. I don't even know if she has a family of her own. There is a possibility she could be using her adoptive parents' last name (Tracy L. Leonard).

If anyone knows her whereabouts, please contact me at (403) 726-2420 (H) or (403) 726-3930 (B).

It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Mabel Giroux  
Chateh, Alberta

Monia Wahsatnow  
Spedden, Alberta

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## What's Happening

# Fishing derbies, smoked fish and fishing rights

Hi! It was a great time at Sucker Creek June 25/26 when meetings were held with elders, fish and wildlife officials and individuals concerned over hunting and fishing rights.

A great time because you should have seen the great meal prepared by Sucker Creek ladies for everyone who attended the meeting to enjoy.

That was the first time I have eaten smoked fish in a long, long time.

And the heart soup with a sweet taste to it was scrumptious!

I had a chance to visit with old friends, Bruce Wright and Billy Willier. Billy, by the way, promised me the next time I'm at Sucker Creek to visit him, will fill my truck up with smoked fish. Right, Billy!

Not really. We don't want fish and wildlife checking up on Billy.

And Vicki Calliou, the bannock and everything was just great.

You see, Vicki is a Sucker Creek elder. She walked up to me and pointing to her apron



Blood Horn Society elder Dan Weasel Moccasin and Motoki (Womens Society) Florance Scout wait patiently for closed door conference to end

Rocky Woodward

said, "Maybe you'll get sick because I'm cooking," she laughed.

Not so Vicki. I was trying to steal some more smoked fish, hiding it under my shirt but elder Joe Willier caught me and slapped my hand.

I'm so greedy when it comes to community-cooked food.

**B L O O D RESERVE:** These two wonderful people, Dan Weasel Moccasin and Florance Scout, travelled a long way from their home in southern Alberta to protest the holding of the Scriver Blackfeet collection by the Provincial Museum of Alberta in Edmonton.

Both Dan and Florance pleaded with museum officials to give back sacred items to the Blackfeet from

Montana.

Dan belongs to the powerful Horn Society and Florance belongs to the Motoki (Women's Society) on the Blood reserve.

**EDMONTON:** Alberta Education, congratulations on your **NATIVE EDUCATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER.** It sure educated me.

I did not realize how much is happening across Alberta in the education of our Native youth and adults until I read the newsletter — so many interesting stories.

Tell me, is it just a summer ends edition? (By asking this question Droppin' In just might receive a letter. Sneaky, huh?)

Congratulations to Grade 9 student Angus Potskin of St. Francis School who received the top Native Student Award from his principal Len Huculak. Angus received a trophy for his hard work and with an average of 87 per cent, I'm confident he deserved the award.

The award is sponsored by the White Braid Society.

**ALBERTA:** A call for nominations for the 1990 Order of the Bighorn Awards has been issued by the Honorable LeRoy Fjordbotten, minister of forestry, lands and wildlife.

The award is given to individuals, organizations or corporations in recognition of their outstanding contributions to fish



Rocky Woodward

Delores Desjarlais receiving Jo Pryce Memorial award from Cate Gongsos.



## Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward

and wildlife conservation in Alberta.

We are all deeply concerned about the preservation of our natural environment, our fish and wildlife. So, do you know anyone who should receive the Order of the Bighorn award?

The reception, dinner and awards' presentations to honor the 1990 recipients is planned for March 15, 1991 in Edmonton.

Sucker Creek and points north, you must know of someone?

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**EAST PRAIRIE:** She did it!

Everyone remembers past Windspeaker employee Margaret Desjarlais? Yes you do, don't lie.

Well, Margaret ran for council at East Prairie Metis Settlement and was voted in. Yeah! Con-

gratulations, Margaret.

Now there are two winners I know in your family.

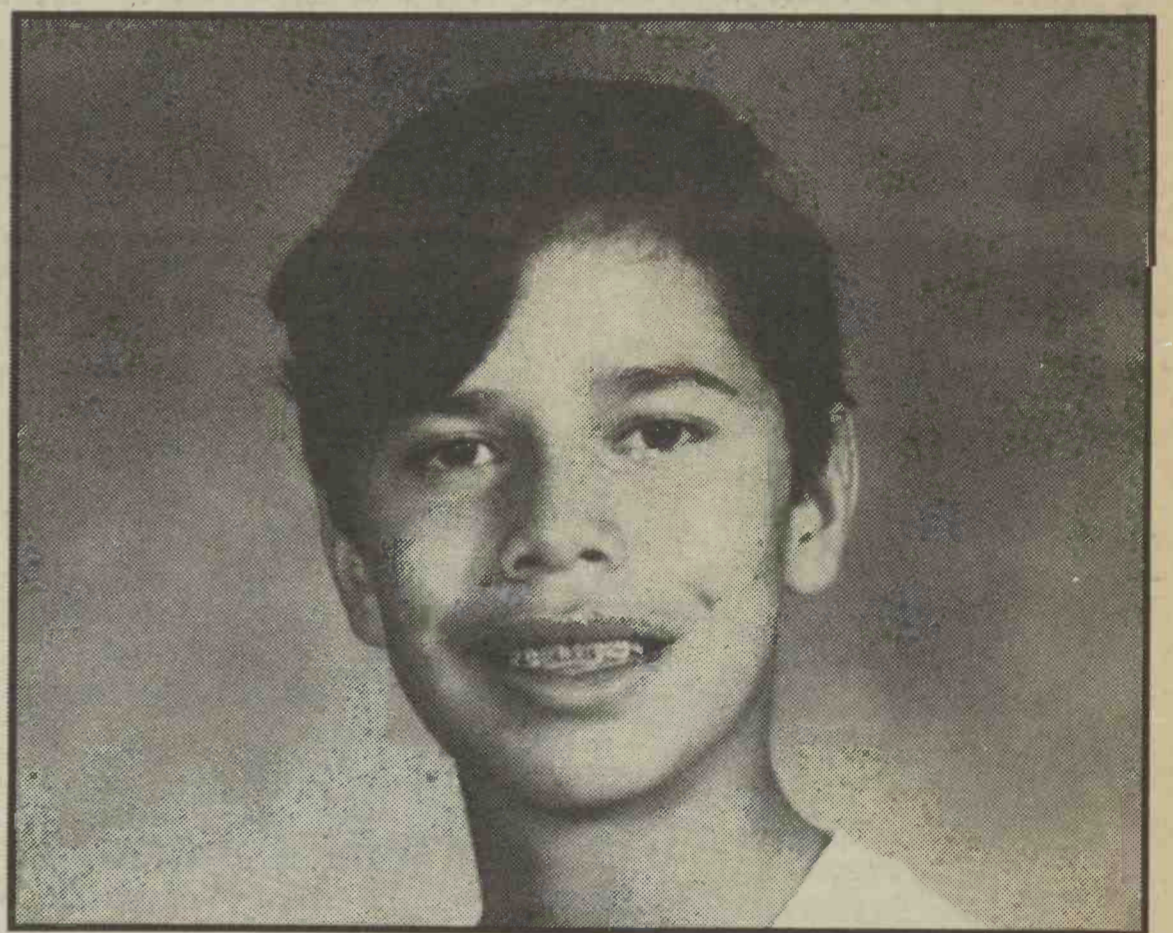
You see, Margaret's sister, Delores Desjarlais recently was honored with the Jo Pryce Memorial award at the Alberta Vocational Centre (Grouard) graduation at High Prairie.

Delores graduated from the AVC high school credit program. The award is for those going on to business education or administrative studies and — of course — for being the most outstanding student.

**DROPPIN' IN:** Powwows, fish derbies, country music jamborees, everything is happening across Alberta so get on out there and enjoy yourselves. I am.

By the way. Just a hello to two of my favorite guitar pickers. How ya all doing Billy Sinclair and Charlie Shott?

Until next time...keep your backs to the wind and drive safely.



Angus Potskin

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## Natives in the News

# The feather, Elijah Harper and Meech Lake

By Roy MacGregor

It is, in the end, the story of one man and one feather.

The man is there for history to measure. He has a name, an age and an address: Elijah Harper, 41, of Red Sucker Lake, Northern Manitoba. He has a voice to speak for himself, a past that can be traced and on Friday (June 22) he took action on a matter for which he will be forever judged.

At 12:30 p.m. his very soft "No" from the back row of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly brought an end to debate on the Meech Lake accord. Elijah Harper knows he will be both blamed and cheered for having done what no one else would dare.

The feather is not so easily explained.

To the vast majority of Canadians it does not speak. No one knows where it came from. And what some say it has done here in the country's central province would, for most Canadians, defy logic and ridicule belief.

The feather is from an eagle and it is held in Elijah Harper's right hand each time he gives that quick shake of the ponytail that said for more than a week the Manitoba legislature must stick to the rules of democracy.

By day the feather lies on his desk where he can reach out and touch it.

By night it sleeps in a Bible, in the Book of Isaiah.

Elijah Harper may have been educated in the missionary residential schools, but he learned from those who followed the traditional ways, what the missionaries would call "heathen" ways.

He was born in the winter of 1949, born on the trapline, the second of what would eventually be the 13 children of Allen and Ethel Harper. He was raised by his grandparents, who clung to the old spiritual teachings.

At the age of eight, Elijah Harper was sent away to school where the battle to change young Indians into future whites was fought for eight unhappy years, until he came home again to take up trapping.

Like so many who came through this experience, he found he was straddling two worlds, with the footing unsteady in both. Like the others, he believed, wrongly, he was alone. It is the mark of his generation.

He would fight back against the white society that was grinding down his own people and he would do it by first getting an education and then returning to his home to work for the people, not as a trapper.

Harper eventually made it to the University of Manitoba, where he soon linked up with another angry young Native, Ovide Mercredi. They soon created an ever-widening circle that would include the likes of Phil Fontaine and Moses Okimaw, all of whom would play key roles in Winnipeg.

They formed a Native association and battled the university for their rights — and won. They forced the engineering students to apologize for a satirical newspaper that contained nothing but pictures of drunken Indians. They tried to impeach the president.

One winter when the group had been to Brandon to organize a similar organization for aboriginals attending university there, they hit a blizzard driving



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MLA Elijah Harper held an eagle feather for spiritual strength during the Meech Lake debate in the Manitoba legislature

home. Cars and trucks were off everywhere. The others wanted to quit, but Mercredi and Harper refused and took turns running, out in front of the headlights, so the car would stay on the road. The police and stranded truckers yelled at them to give up, but they ran for 30 km and made it when no one else did.

That stubbornness, that bond, would pay off 22 years later when they hit another bad patch.

In 1987 the Meech Lake accord had been passed by 11 first ministers in secret without a single thought for aboriginals. On June 9, 1990, aboriginals were again left out, despite the promises of a parliamentary committee and the three Manitoba political leaders.

They were as outraged as they were by the engineers' racist attitudes back in the late '60s, but this time they were no longer just angry students. Mercredi was now a lawyer and deputy chief of the Assembly of First Nations. Moses Okimaw was now a lawyer. Phil Fontaine was the head chief of all the province. All powerful leaders.

But none of them held Elijah Harper's position.

Harper had gone home without his degree. He had worked

and then become chief of his band. Then, in 1981, he became the first treaty Indian to be elected to the provincial legislature. He was elected again in 1982 and served in the cabinet of Howard Pawley.

It was not an illustrious political career. He got in financial trouble. He was arrested for failing to take a breathalyzer test. His marriage faltered. His four children suffered.

But then, around the beginning of Meech Lake, Harper began to pull himself together. He quit drinking. And he started planning.

Chief Georges Erasmus of the Assembly of First Nations says Harper first mapped out his procedural strategy two years ago.

The moment Harper saw the Ottawa deal, he called old friend Gordon Mackintosh, now a lawyer but once clerk of the legislature. A procedural expert, Mackintosh helped refine Harper's old notion and discovered the Filmon government had incorrectly introduced the Meech Lake motion.

Elijah Harper decided to run with it as far as he could take it.

No one ever expected he would last until the end.

Before the delegation from the Prime Minister's Office arrived things were so tense the Natives called an emergency session that turned into a double emergency when Mackintosh's wife suddenly went into labor and had to be rushed to hospital.

The child, a boy, will carry the name Elijah.

Harper could not make the PMO dealers understand he was not there to deal, just to listen out of politeness. They could not comprehend why he could not be bought when everyone else they had ever encountered was buyable.

But the PMO delegation did not know that, nearly 10 years ago, Elijah Harper had been one of the Canadian chiefs who had gone to London to ask the Queen to make sure aboriginals were as fairly treated in the constitution as those who dared to call themselves the "founding" races of Canada.

They did not know he had refused his invitation to attend the signing ceremony when the Queen came to Ottawa in 1982.

They did not know he has been waiting 10 years for this moment.

They thought he was in this for the short run.

Still, they did wear him down, and Elijah Harper is convinced if it weren't for the feather, he might not have lasted.

His older brother, Saul, a trapper and a dedicated follower of the traditional ways, felt he was being told to walk to a clearing near Red Sucker Lake. He got there, and the eagle feather was lying in the middle of it.

Saul Harper gave it to Darryl Harper, a younger brother, and Darryl immediately brought it down to Winnipeg, where he gave it to Elijah.

Elijah Harper rose to speak against the accord in the legislature, carefully holding the eagle feather. He spoke and then sat to a standing ovation, carefully placing the feather in his pocket.

The feather, he decided, would go to the young baby who was born in the midst of all this turmoil.

It will be a reminder to the child that powerful forces were at work in Canada in the second week of June 1990.

(MacGregor is a staff writer with *The Ottawa Citizen*. The above article was reprinted with permission.)



## Fort McMurray

# 'Queen of the North' still sets a trapline

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FORT McMURRAY, ALTA.

Year after year the crowd at the Fort McMurray Winter Carnival cheered on home-town favorite Katie Sanderson. And for eight consecutive years she never disappointed her many admirers.

From 1964 to 1971 Katie was crowned Queen of the North at the Fort McMurray winter carnival.

Before she retired from com-

petition in 1985, she won the crown on two more occasions making her the most successful queen in the carnival's 25-year history.

Whether it was carrying bags of flour on her back, making a pot of tea in the quickest time, snowshoeing or skinning a rabbit, Katie was the best.

Today Katie remembers her 10-year reign with fondness.

She remembers her closest rival was Anzac's Nora Muluka with whom she shared the spotlight as queen of the north. Nora won the title almost as many

times as Katie.

"We are friends. But when it came time to compete for the title, boy, we were like bitter enemies," Katie laughs.

Katie has been a trapper most of her life. So it's easy to see how she captured the queen of the north title so many times.

Katie was trapping when Fort McMurray was still in its infancy and not the bustling metropolis of about 35,000 it is today.

She admits her age has slowed her down but the spunky 'first lady' still lives alone on her trapline.

Katie suffers from arthritis but maintains it won't stop her from trapping this fall.

"I lose money when I don't trap. Now I can't hold my 30/30 rifle anymore. It's getting harder all the time."

Her trapline is about 20 km from Fort McMurray — a place she said she will never leave.

"I can still take care of myself. Maybe I can't use my rifle anymore but I can still set snares to catch beavers," she smiles.

"I like my life on the trapline. I have my dogs. No, I'll never leave that place. What for?"

It frustrates Katie somewhat because the arthritis in her hands has stopped her from doing beadwork and making her own slippers.

"There was a time I never bought anything at a store. I made everything my family needed for clothes. But now my fingers hurt too much, so I have to buy things.

"When I was a young girl, I never thought I would get old.

"Arthritis is terrible if you have it. I know some people my age who are still going good. But now I can't even do the round

dance."

She may have arthritis and sometimes she says it weakens her spirit, but Katie is no quitter.

Just recently Katie and a few of her 'Pals' from Fort McMurray journeyed to Moose Lake near Bonnyville by van for an elders' gathering — a distance of some 500 km.

One of her friends tried to coax Katie to a sweat. But being strong-minded Katie answered with "I don't want to get burned."

"When she makes up her mind there's no changing it," says Rose Cheechum, another friend of Katie's and one of the ladies who also made the 500 km journey.

In Fort McMurray Katie is well-known and respected. She is one of the last pioneers of the community and when they talk about the winter carnival, people always talk about Katie Sanderson.

"And Nora Muluka of course," Katie laughs.



Katie Sanderson

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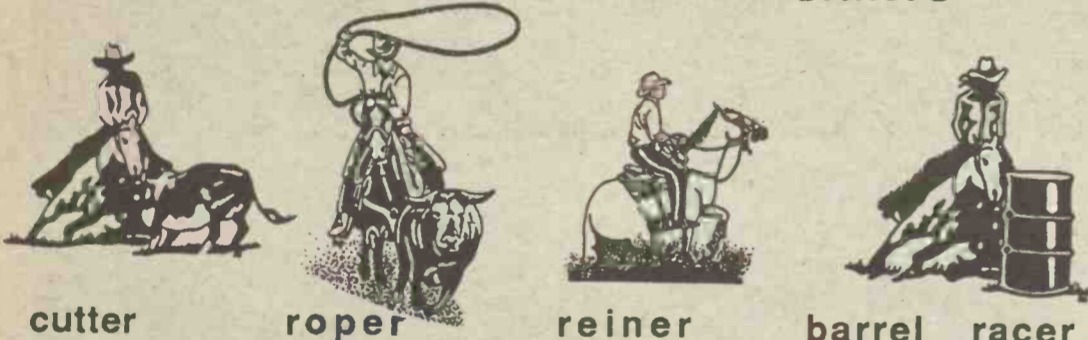
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## Native people helping Native people

# Native Counselling celebrating 20th anniversary

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The 20th annual meeting of Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA) ended as more of a promising look to the future than a celebration of the past.

The rapidly-changing trends and attitudes in Alberta's diverse Native communities will dictate the focus of the agency in the coming decades, said organization president Wilton Goodstriker.

"We have to slow down and reflect on things we haven't done so we can grow stronger," he told more than 80 staff workers on the last day of the annual conference held at Edmonton's Regency Hotel June 19-22.

"We have a responsibility to respond constantly to change on the community level."

Goodstriker, a Blood tribe member from Cardston, pointed to the large migration of young Natives from reserves to urban centres as an indication of the need for more advanced counselling.

He said Native Counselling will have to address the needs of young Natives before they get into trouble with the law.

The conference marked the 20th anniversary of the organization, the largest Native organization of its kind in the country designed to help Natives deal with the Canadian justice system.

This year's theme was Back to the Basics which Goodstriker said was a fitting reminder of how important it is for Native Counselling not to stray from its original intent.

"We have to constantly redefine our emphasis," he said.

Meanwhile, the organization is coming off a \$350,000 deficit

and is facing additional budget cuts that have already resulted in a staff decrease of 20 people across the province to 130.

The group has been plagued by management problems which director Chester Cunningham blamed on a lack of communication between regions.

The agency has set up a task force to evaluate the current system to recommend changes for future administration develop-

ment.

"Things will get better," said Cunningham. "We will start communicating better."

Native Counselling's \$5-million budget is partly funded by the provincial solicitor general's department.

During the conference members emphasized the importance of providing counselling to Natives in remote regions of the province.

Some board members shared their shattered personal histories to express the importance of maintaining a role in Native communities throughout the province in the coming decades.

"I was on both sides of the fence," said board member Dan Sinclair. "I don't regret my past life, but I realize I have to talk about it to help others. We (all) have to talk about it. That's why it is essential NCSA keep going,"

he said.

Sinclair, who went back to school at age 44 to become a probation worker, said he was in and out of jail most of his life which enables him to sympathize with other Alberta Natives in the same bind.

Other board members include Joe Cardinal, Dan McLean, John Samson, Sharon Braglin and Zella Harris.



Joe Cardinal



Chester Cunningham




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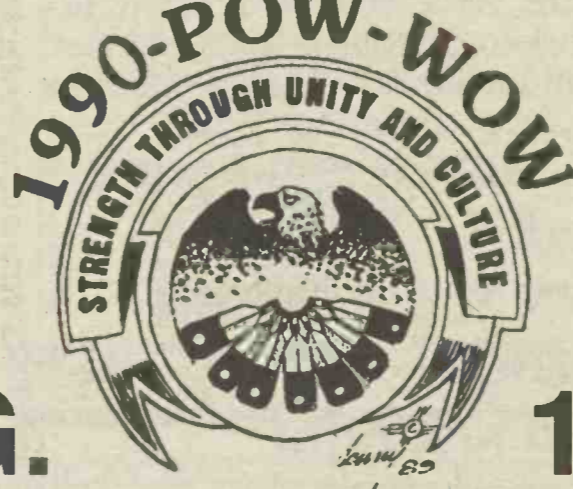


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## Sucker Creek

# Overhunting of bull moose draws wrath of members

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SUCKER CREEK  
INDIAN RESERVE, ALTA.

Native people in the Sucker Creek area are concerned about the overhunting of bull moose.

Something must be done about the overhunting, said Sucker Creek band member Billy Willier in an emotional speech at a two-day conference, which brought together Alberta fish and wildlife officials, elders and band members.

Willier said there has been a drastic reduction in bull moose in Alberta over the last five years.

"I have done a lot of hunting and our (Native) survey tells us the ratio is five to one in favor of female moose. Why not create open season on female moose, because if bull moose continue to be killed there won't be any moose left?" Willier said.

Sucker Creek resident Bruce Wright also said something must be done about the "overkill" of the bull moose.

"We took a survey in one particular area and counted 40 female and seven bull moose. At our last count in that same area there were only 30 females and three bull moose," he said.

High Prairie district fish and wildlife officer Dale Archibald said his department is aware of the problem.

He said department surveys indicated Willier's statement was "fairly reasonable."

"In certain areas a 'draw' has been put on bull moose. This means hunters cannot buy animal tags. They instead have to apply for tags and only a certain number are then offered," Archibald said.

Willier said LeRoy Fjordbotten, minister of forestry, lands and wildlife, is an "armchair expert."

He said Native people spend most of their lives in the bush and applying for tags in certain areas would not reduce the number of bull moose being killed.

"These things must come to light," Willier demanded.

Archibald said fish and wildlife officials are doing everything in their power to stop the over-



Rocky Woodward

**Billy Willier** killing and illegal sale of wild meat and fish.

He said the division has now introduced a program somewhat like Crimestoppers called Report a Poacher (RAP).

"If anyone knows of a poacher and tells us, an award of up to \$1,000 can be claimed. If you call in and wish your name to remain anonymous, that's fine, too," Archibald told the crowd.

He said the poacher does not have to be convicted before the informant receives an award.

"Convicting him is our job," he said.

Meanwhile, Archibald stressed that treaty Indian people must not sell fish and wild meat illegally.

"That's all we've ever been concerned about. It's those people who carry status cards and make illegal sales of game who are hurting you," he said.

Sturgeon Lake elder Dan McLean said he has watched moose being killed since 1928.

He said Native people have to sit with government officials and listen "but the government won't listen."

"I see a day in five years when there won't be any moose left. We have to sit with government," said McLean.

Ron Hanson, acting director of operations with fish and wildlife, said communication between Native people and fish and wildlife officials needs to be

improved.

At the meeting he introduced Roy John, the first Native person hired as an assistant liaison officer by the department.

"I believe John will improve the communication process between our department and Native people."

Hanson said John, a treaty Indian from Kehewin reserve, will travel extensively in Alberta meeting with Indian bands and elders to deal with problems between his department and Native people.

John will be working with the resource management program.

During the meeting many elders said information about changes in fish and wildlife policy never reaches them.

"For five years treaty Indians have been killing elk. Now Indian people have to register them or go to court. That was never told to us," said an angry McLean.

Nor were Native people informed moose were being sold by tender, he said.

Hanson agreed with McLean but maintained the biggest problem was communication.

Hanson said the resource management program could

become a link to Native communities.

"We see a very important need in the fish and wildlife division to get Native people involved in the management of their resources.

"So far we have 26 Native people involved and already six are working out in the field in resource management positions. We are hoping for this program to continue," Hanson said.

The resource management program trains Native people in a variety of positions including field officer and technical positions.

Most of the people at the meeting agreed with the program and were in favor of Native people "finally" working in the department of fish and wildlife.

"There is a big need for a Native liaison person to work with his own people," said McLean.

Other concerns were the destroying of fish nets and the charging of treaty people because their net markers were too low in the water.

One Sucker Creek resident was angry because he was never notified as an outfitter about a

**'Our Native survey tells us the ratio is five to one in favor of female moose. Why not create open season on female moose? If bull moose continue to be killed, there won't be any moose left' - Billy Willier**

bid on big game permits until it was over.

"They hold auctions and we cannot compete with large outfitters who have more money than us little guys," said Bruce Wright.

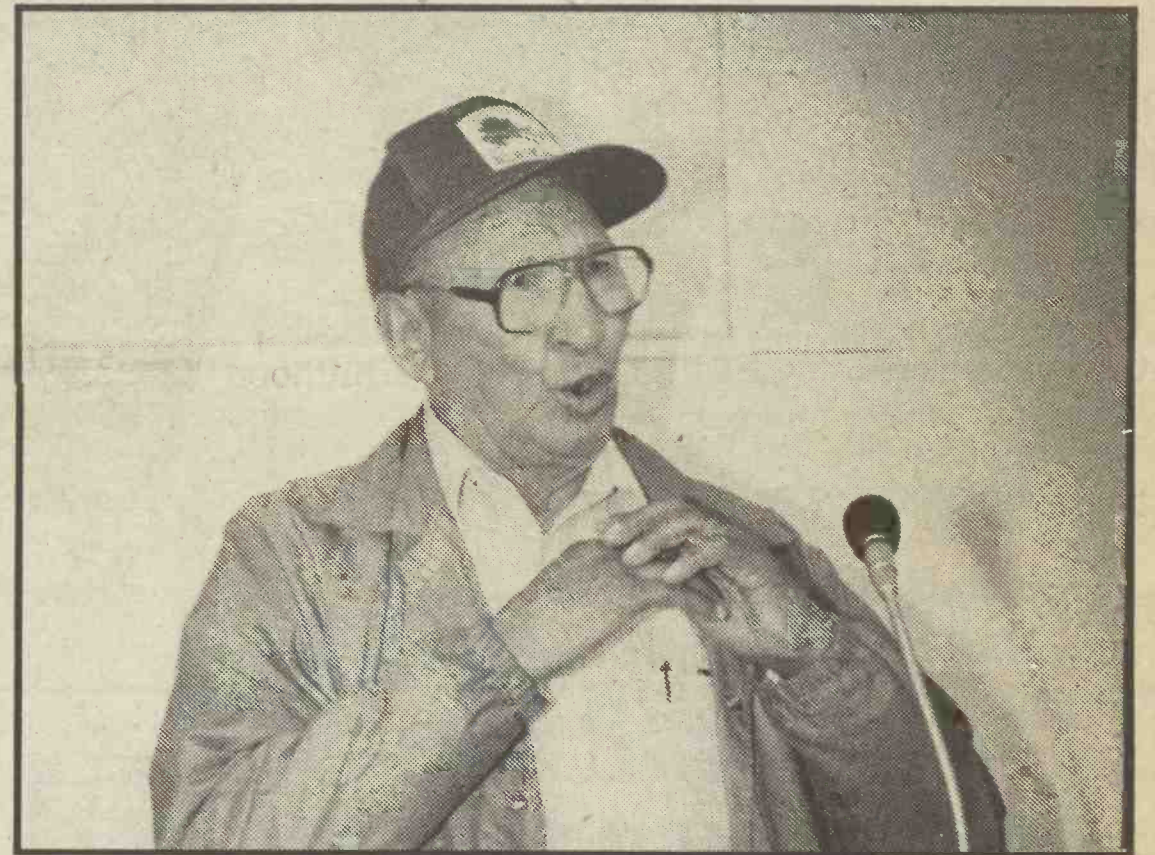
Hanson said because Native people have "hands-on" information his department wants to work with Native people.

"We are just as concerned as you are about our natural resources," he said.

In closing elders asked for a meeting in Edmonton where Fjordbotten could be present.

Hanson could not promise that Fjordbotten or his deputy minister would be there but said he was in favor of the meeting "as long as enough notice is given to our department."

The conference was arranged by the Sucker Creek Resource Society.



Elder Dan McLean

Rocky Woodward

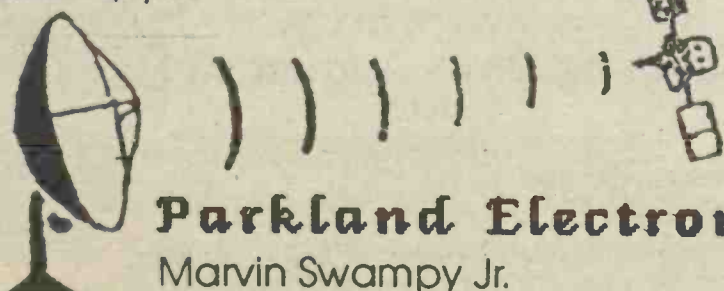
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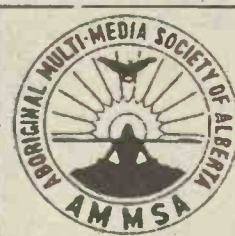
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## Native literature

## An agonizing tale of two Metis foster children

In Search of April Raintree  
By Beatrice Culleton  
Pemmican Publications  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Reviewed by John Holman  
Windspeaker Correspondent

The heart-rending pain and tragedy of being an adopted child, specifically a Native child, has never been painted as vividly as it has in Beatrice Culleton's work of fiction *In Search of April Raintree*.

People can read news reports, watch television documentaries or listen to radio features on the often tragic lives of adopted Native children, but the tragedies aren't as clearly illustrated as they are in Culleton's work.

An emotional juggernaut that runs over its readers, *In Search of April Raintree* is an agonizing tale of two Metis foster children — sisters taken away from their parents when they were young. The stories recount beatings, ostracization, rape and the frustrations of dealing with an insensitive bureaucracy, all more or less on the account of having dark hair and skin.

The older sister April carries the memories of her alcoholic family into a new family that fosters her spirit and well-being, where she gets a taste of what she characterizes as white middle-class life, clean sheets, a large bed, good clothes, lots of friends and acceptance from white children before she enters a Cinderella-like existence with a rural non-Native family, the dreaded DeRosiers.

The mother and daughter of this family are stock characters — essentially evil, racist and absolutely merciless — yet they play an important role in driving April to think Native people are "gutter creatures". The mother and daughter treat April with disdain and hate, taunting her about her people — which she is made to think consists of dirty drunks and thieves and of Indian girls who invariably drop out of school, get pregnant and then turn into prostitutes and alcoholics. She must endure the negative indoctrination that Metis and Indian people are hopeless races doomed forever to a mysterious place called skid row.

Meanwhile, her rebellious and brilliant younger sister Cheryl, who was too young to have any memories of the troubled family life, is raised in a non-Native family that gives her all their support and love and fosters her interest in her Metis heritage.

The two correspond and Cheryl revels in her Metis identity, sending her big sister school essays of the buffalo hunts and the bravery and courage of Metis rebels.

April is both happy and bemused by her sister's intense interest in her legacy, happy because Cheryl enjoys being a Metis, bemused because there is a stigma attached to being a "half-breed" since Native people are forever destined to be "gutter creatures". Nevertheless, Cheryl becomes a bastion April draws on for strength and encouragement.

The book's pace proceeds like a roller coaster and Culleton's simple language offers brutal explanations and narrations throughout. She captures the stereotype of the imperceptive social worker easily led to believe the charades and lies the DeRosiers put her through — the

mother who is charming and considerate to April while the worker is present, but venomous when the worker is gone.

April lives uneasily with her identity, finally getting rescued from the DeRosiers and entering a girls' academy, graduating, discovering the freedom of adulthood and then going through a marriage with a rich Toronto man and living off the divorce proceeds. Cheryl goes on to university and works for a friendship centre helping the surrounding people.

After her graduation April's search for her parents finally confirms her attitude Native people are destined for the poorhouse. The

addresses she's been given in search of her parents are not exactly uptown and she is appalled at the conditions the people live in. The squalor, the flies, the stench and the smell of liquor on the breath of an old lady in the morning do nothing to dispel her sister's thought that the Metis and the Indians were once a strong proud race and could be again with a little help. April gives up, fearing her parents will be all she thinks her people are.

It is young idealistic Cheryl who takes up the search and makes that discovery. Never having known her parents, she kept an immaculate, powerful, noble image of her father and mother. It's shattered when she finally meets him and finds out, forebodingly, her mother jumped to her death off Winnipeg's Louise Bridge.

Cheryl falls apart and April in her role of being a big sister becomes stronger, trying to support her sister, giving her money, food and a place to live. Cheryl doesn't want what she perceives as charity nor does she want Apple's mentality around her anymore. Their relationship deteriorates.

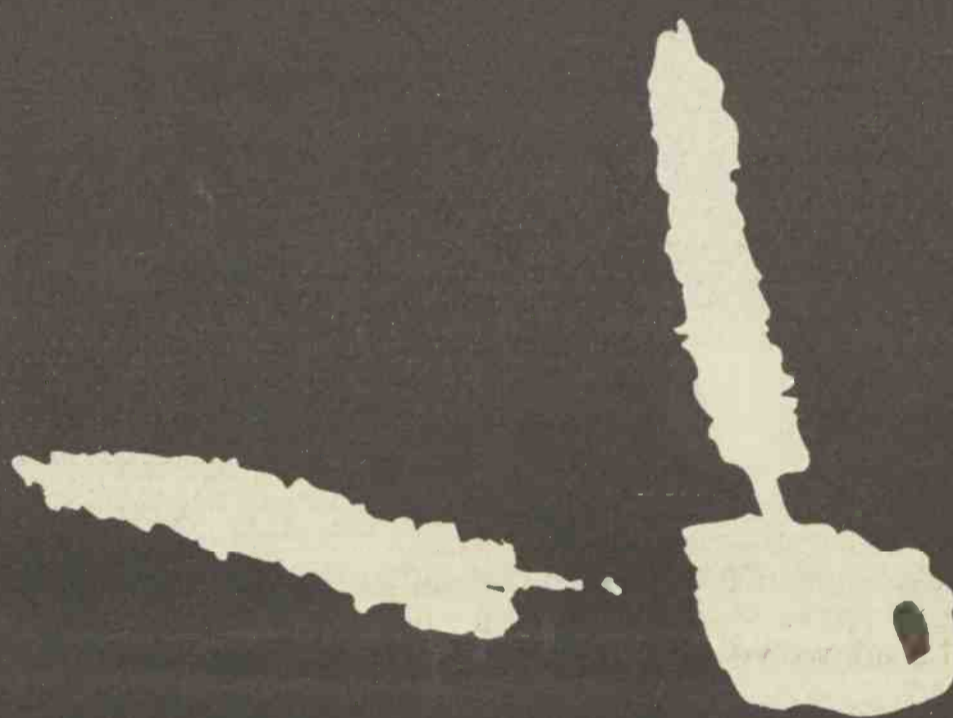
Only at the end does April realize her mistake of trying to become a white person and taking a passive role in the destruction of her people.

The book lacks revelations, but makes up for it with poignancy. It elicits pity and perhaps guilt from a non-Native perspective, but it also incites feelings of resentment, anger and sorrow from the Native reader.

The book illustrates the social mores of Canadian society, from passive uncaring ignorance to outright discrimination, and may be a shocking read, but in the end gives a hopeful message of tolerance and self-help, at the same time warning everyone is vulnerable to losing hope and giving in to the hazards and stereotypes of street life, no matter their education or background.

# In Search of April Raintree

Beatrice Culleton



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## Native Rodeo

## Americans dominate Indigenous Games rodeo

Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

It was just about an all-American show at Hobbema at the first ever Indigenous Games Rodeo June 20-24 as American cowboys and cowgirls took home seven of the 10 major awards during the five-day show.

But Peigan cowboy Tyrone Potts did win the top prize and for winning the all-around title took home a two-horse trailer, a trophy saddle, a gold and silver belt buckle and \$430 in prize money.

A contestant had to place in a riding and timed event to qualify for the coveted bright red two-horse trailer. Potts did just that as he placed sixth in the bull riding and seventh in the team roping with Murray Yellowhorn in the long go.

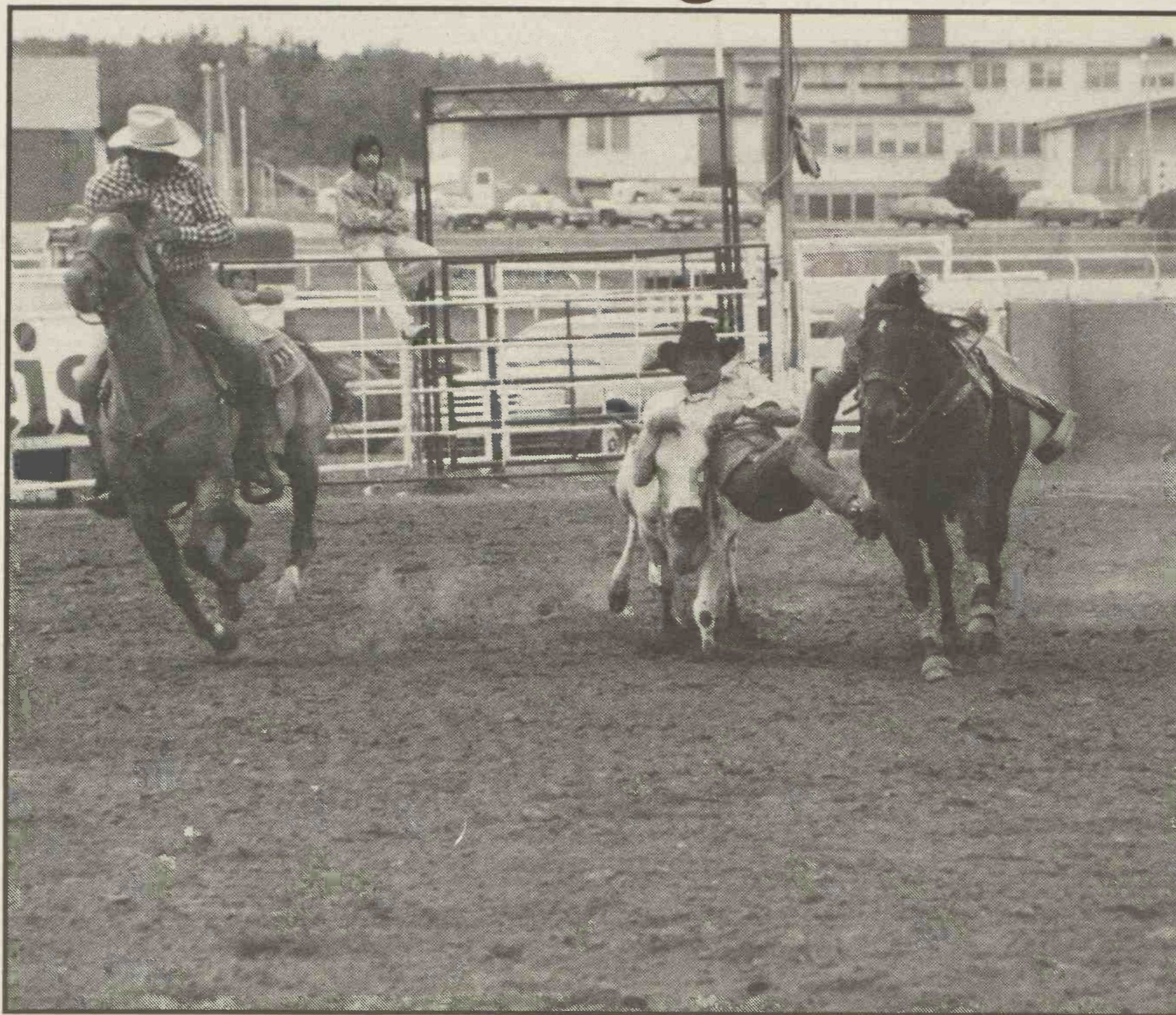
"I pulled a groin on my bull Friday and it was really bothering me and I just couldn't handle my second one on Sunday. He just popped my leg out the first jump out, but I knew I had a good shot at the all-around title. I was just thrilled in winning it," Potts said.

Maybe it was just by coincidence or maybe lady luck was smiling on the 27-year-old veteran as he added "it's funny but I went out and bought a new red truck Thursday and I hadn't seen the red trailer yet, but it just matches fine."

The Best brothers from Omak, Wash. — Dave and Shawn — led the parade of Americans to the winners' podium to accept first-place gold medals and saddles and buckles as they won two riding events.

Dave won the saddle bronc event as he tapped-off a 75-point ride aboard the mighty Snowball during Sunday's performance. He combined that with a 76 on his first horse to win it all with a total of 151 points and total winnings of \$2,589.

He added another \$2,038 to his bank account with a second-place finish behind his brother Shawn in the bull-riding event for total winnings of \$4,627.



John Colliflower, steer-wrestling winner.

"Alberta's been good to me. Every time I come up here, I make some money. I might have won the all-around but I didn't want to spend an extra \$100. Me and Shawn are kind of tapped out," he said with a smile.

Shawn, not to be outdone by his brother, went home with total winnings of \$2,030 bulging in his Wrangler jeans by winning the bull-riding event.

He covered two bulls to win it all, marking 77 on Red Baron in the long go and a 75 on Road Sign in the finals Sunday.

Shawn, the younger of the two, works all three riding events.

Scotty Augare of Browning was second in the bronc riding winning \$839. Kim Colliflower of Hobbema and Vincent Larry of N.M. were third and fourth respectively with winnings of \$656

and \$474.

Behind the Bests in the bull riding were Stanley Yong and Bruce Larocque with winnings of \$719 and \$520 each.

Saskatchewan cowboy Curtis Taypotat came up with an outstanding effort capturing the bareback event, posting 151 points on two heads to win \$978.

Taypotat spurred Happy Jack for 74 points in the long go and fifth place, then posted a winning ride on 77 on Straw Hat in Sunday's finals to win it all.

Bryon Bruised Head of Stand Off and New Mexico's T.J. Holgate split for the next two slots each with 149 points and \$715 in total winnings.

Kelvin Fox of Stand Off managed a fourth place finish with a two-head total of 148 points to collect \$454 at the pay window.

Spike Guardipee of Browning, Montana was the top money winner at the rodeo, going home with \$5,626.

He and Ted Hoyt took the team-roping honors, winning both the long and short gos with runs of 7.1 and 10.1 seconds to split \$5,627.

Spike also added another \$2,825 for a second-place finish

in the calf roping, tying two down in 18.4 seconds, only 1.3 seconds behind winner John Pickens of McLister, Okla.

Pickens won the calf roping with two rapid runs of 8.8 and 8.9 seconds to claim the championship, winning the short go and a third in the long go to pocket \$3,329.

"I'm really pleased with my win, it's been one of my biggest. They sure gave out good prizes, the money was really good and the country is just beautiful," Pickens said of his first trip up north.

Allen Fisher took home \$1,917 for finishing third while Eric Watson was fourth with \$1,185. Both are Montana ropers.

The Montana duo of Lyle Cochrane and Dennis Dalh took second place honors in the team roping with a two-head total of 20.4 seconds earning them \$1,696 each.

Steven Heavy Runner and Dave Shade of Stand Off placed third at 22.4 seconds splitting \$3,391. Another Stand Off team was fourth at 25.7 seconds. Gilbert Black Water Jr. and Shane Little Bear each pocketed \$848.

John Colliflower of Hays,

Mont. went home with the steer wrestling title, taking two heads down in 19.3 seconds and winning \$3,277.

The crafty veteran was splitting second going into the finals at 8.1 seconds and went about his business in a casual manner with another second-place finish at 11.2 in the short go. He edged out Ron Johnson of Browning, Mont. by 9/10 of a second. Johnson posted the best time of the rodeo on the ever tough Gingras steers at 5.4 seconds and a second-place finish that returned him \$2,219 at the pay window.

Oklahoma cowboy Rocky Avery won \$2,503 for third, Darrel Taypotat of Sask. was fourth at 25.1 earning \$1,032.

With his own cheering section in the grandstand cheering him on, young Shawn Supernaut from the north country came up with an outstanding 76 point ride on Sunday to win the boys' steer riding event.

He had split for first and second in the long go with Roy Wai of Eden Valley in the long go at 73 points.

His two-head total of 149 points won him a big payday of \$1,226.

Darrel Montour of Hobbema was second at 140 points to win \$809.

Wai ended up splitting with Stand Off's Tyler Little Bear, each with 139 points and \$990.

The competition in the barrel-racing events was tough in both the senior and junior events, each with big payoffs.

Browning's Shelly Matthews took the senior crown with a combined time of 35.070 seconds on two runs, going home with total winnings of \$2,561. Montana cowgirls Sharon and Cheryl Small were second and third respectively with total runs of 35.568 and 35.730 and winnings of \$1,979 and \$1,591.

Carmin Houle of Paddle Prairie prevented a Montana sweep, placing fourth at 35.919 seconds and pocketing \$815.

The junior event saw Jodi Hibbs of Cutbank the winner at 36.150 and first place money of \$1,320 winning the long go and placing second in the finals.

Two other Montana women were second and third, Jenny Monroe at 36.914 and \$684 and Michelle Walking Bear at 37.024 with winnings of \$573.

Traci Lynn Creighton of Stand Off managed a fourth-place finish at 37.209 going home with \$334.

## Chute Chatter

The five-day rodeo attracted 558 contestants that resulted in a whopping payoff of \$89,628. The format was on one long go and the top 10 finalists in each event on Sunday...Trophy saddles and buckles were awarded to all event winners...Ed Begay, Jay Harwood and Gregg Smith shared the announcing chores and did an outstanding job, keeping the crowd informed of the infield events...Top Indian stock contractors supplied the stock. They were Shade's, Roasting, Buffalo, Beaver, Whitfield, Lazy H., Crane, Pruden and Francis rodeo companies, who proved they can compete with the best in the west with their top stock...Judges were Ken Manel, Kirk Buffalo and Joe Bruised Head while Floyd Smith was chute boss...Marilyn Begay and Gail Gottfriedson handled the stop watches...Rodeo secretaries were Shirley Lee and Colleen Buffalo along with IRCA secretary Monica Wilson...Bull-fighters Herb Chisen and Richard Bish did an outstanding job keeping the bulls away from the cowboys...Clown, barrel and funny man Ernie Marshall kept the crowd in stitches with his jokes and various acts the first two days, then left for other commitments...Junior Eagle Plume was the first casualty of the rodeo suffering a broken nose and face cuts after bumping heads with a bull by the name of Mad Trapper in the toro twisting event Wednesday...The ever popular sheep riding event drew some 20 tikes Saturday and Sunday; each received an Indigenous Games medallion...Fresh, fast, running and tough steers were giving fits to the doggers...Navajo cowchaser Emma Daswood and her daughters Dee Dee and Tammy all placed in the average...MP Willie Littlechild took time out from his busy schedule to attend the rodeo on opening day...The pony chuck wagon and chariot races were very exciting and popular with the fans...A feather in the hat for rodeo chairman Todd Buffalo and his committee for a top-notch rodeo production.



All-around champ Tyrone Potts

Jim Goodstriker



## Native Rodeo

# Rodeo rider lives up to his name

By Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBEBEMA, ALTA.

Dave Best, a 31-year-old Coville Indian from Omak, Wash., certainly lives up to his name in the tough world of rodeo.

His two world saddle bronc championships in 1978 and 1979 and his 1987 bull-riding title certainly back up that he's the best in the business.

He is just a notch above most of his peers competing in both the saddle bronc and bull-riding events.

You could say he grew up in the saddle. "I started riding horses when I was four. Growing up on a ranch, my older brothers would put me on calves, cows, colts, it was either get on or die or something," he said with a laugh.

"All my brothers and sisters have been in the rodeo game for as long as I can remember. My oldest brother Duane taught me how to ride horses, while Jim was my bull-riding teacher." Jim was world Indian bull-riding champion in 1977.

Dave and younger brother Shawn recently cleaned up at the Indigenous Games Rodeo in Hobbema. Dave won the bronc-riding event and placed second behind Shawn in the bull riding. They went home with over \$6,657 in winnings.

"I used to work all three riding events, till three years ago. I dropped the bareback event, too many pulled groin muscles. I

## Sarcee bullfighter aims for Albuquerque

By Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBEBEMA, ALTA.

Richard Bish, a 21-year-old Sarcee Native, is trying to make a name for himself fighting bulls on the Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association circuit.

The diminutive Bish has been a member of the circuit for some 10 years, first as a competitor in the boys' steer riding. He then graduated into bull riding, saddle bronc, steer wrestling and even team roping events.

"I got interested in bull fighting at home, when the boys were practising and there was no one there to help them. I eventually went to the Johansen bull-fighting school in Balzac and just went from there," Bish said.

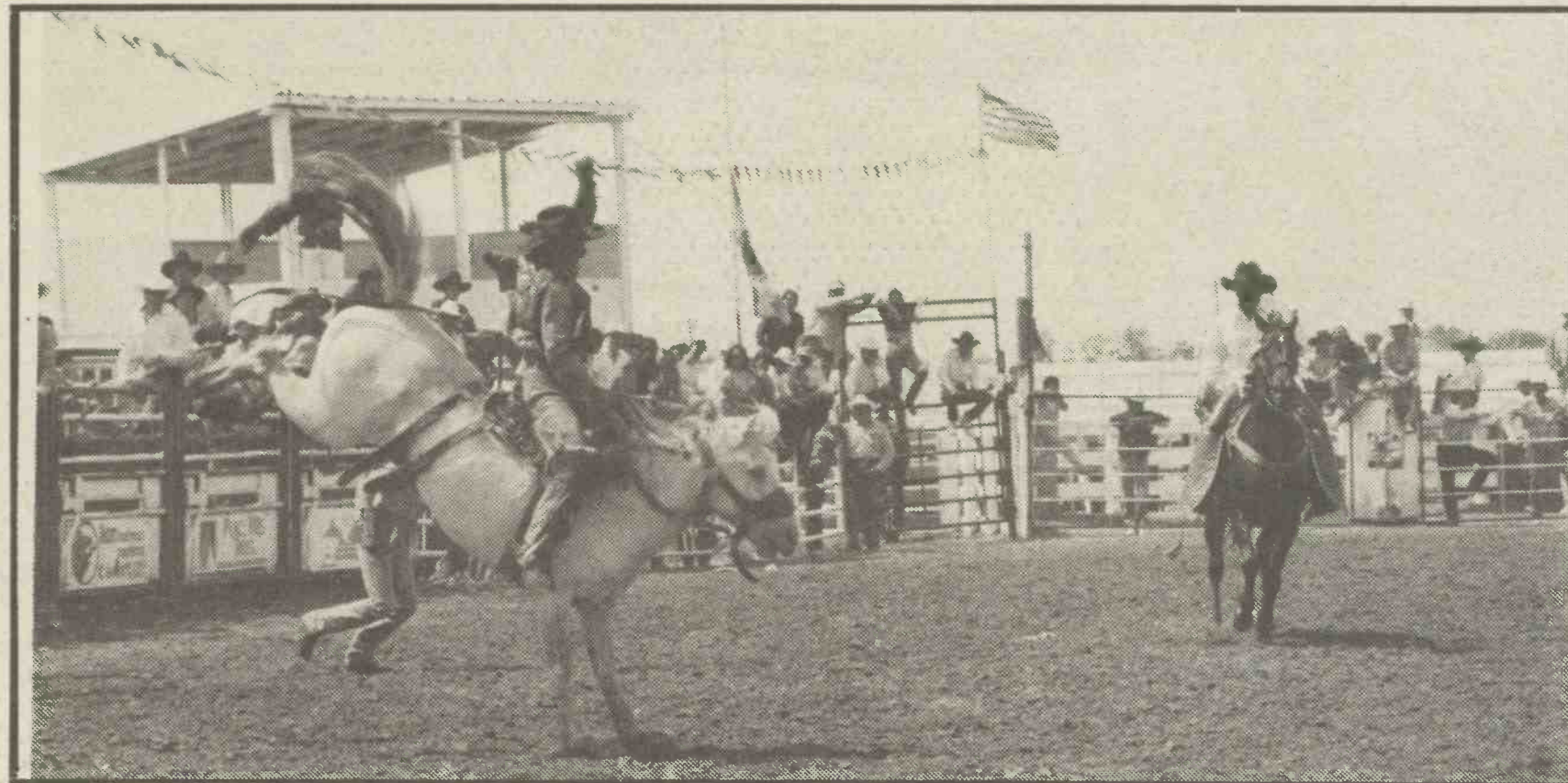
Bish started working a few shows in and around the Treaty 7 area in 1983.

"The danger is always there of serious injury, but you try not to think about it. The best part of the job is helping out your friends in the arena."

One of the most serious injuries he's had was at a junior rodeo in Hobbema when he almost broke his back. "A kid got hung up so I jumped in there, the bull flipped me in the air and I landed on his head. He hit me again, then the boys saved me."

Bish has his sights set on making the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, N.M. in the near future. "That's my main goal right now, I would also like to get into the pro wrangler freestyle bull fighting series.

A bull fighter must gain full confidence from the bull riders since it's his job to get them away



Dave Best, Saddle bronc winner

Jim Goodstriker

made a lot of money at it, but it's too hard on the body."

The highlights of his rodeo career have been the three-world Indian titles he's won and taking the bull-riding title at the Cow Palace in San Francisco in 1983 against the best in the world for a \$6,300 paycheque.

To date he has won close to \$12,000 rodeoing in various Indian rodeo associations and on the pro circuit from California to Hobbema.

"I work for about three months of the year then rodeo full time in the summer. I make good money at it, but it's not all rosy. There's been times I've come home broke, sore and pretty hungry. "Rodeo make you feel good when the crowd goes wild after you make a good ride. It chokes you up a bit. (I also

enjoy) winning lots of money and having fun doing it," he said.

Dave enjoys meeting people along the rodeo trail. "I really enjoy meeting different people at rodeos and making new friends, and visiting and talking rodeo."

The life of a rodeo cowboy is

filled with some wild times and parties. "I quit drinking about two and a half years ago. It sure feels good getting on a bronc without a hangover and not having to rely on a pick-me-up shot in the morning," he said with a sly grin.

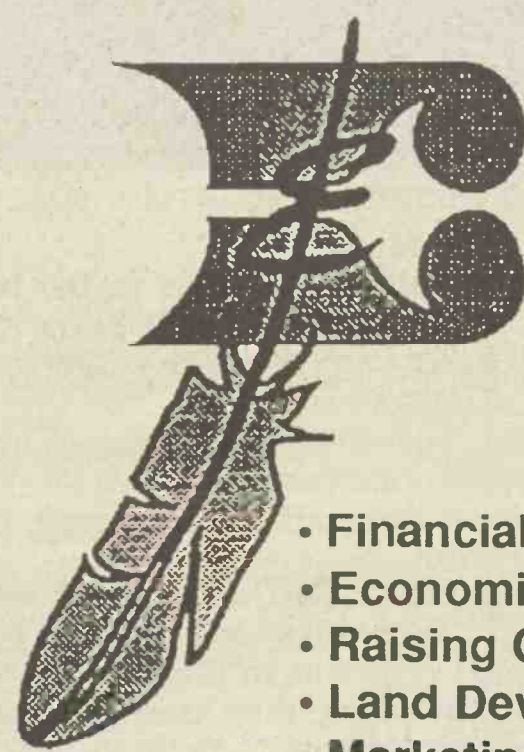
He and his wife Patty have two kids, Dave Jr., 6, and Alona, 18 months. "We have a small place in town (Omak) with a few horses and cows. I plan on slowing down in a couple of years. I hope to buy some land and start raising cattle and rodeo only on weekends close to home."

In his spare time he likes hunting and salmon fishing and chasing wild horses, breaking them and then selling them.

He'll be going hard this summer, trying to make it to the Indian National Finals Rodeo again in Albuquerque, N.M. in November.

He hopes to win an all-around title this time. "I had a chance at it in 1979, I made it in both the saddle bronc and bull riding, winning the bronc riding, but just couldn't place in the bulls, but that's just the breaks of the game you live with. Maybe this time around I'll get lucky."

Make it or not, Dave Best can always say he gave it his "best" shot in the game he loves "best". Rodeo.



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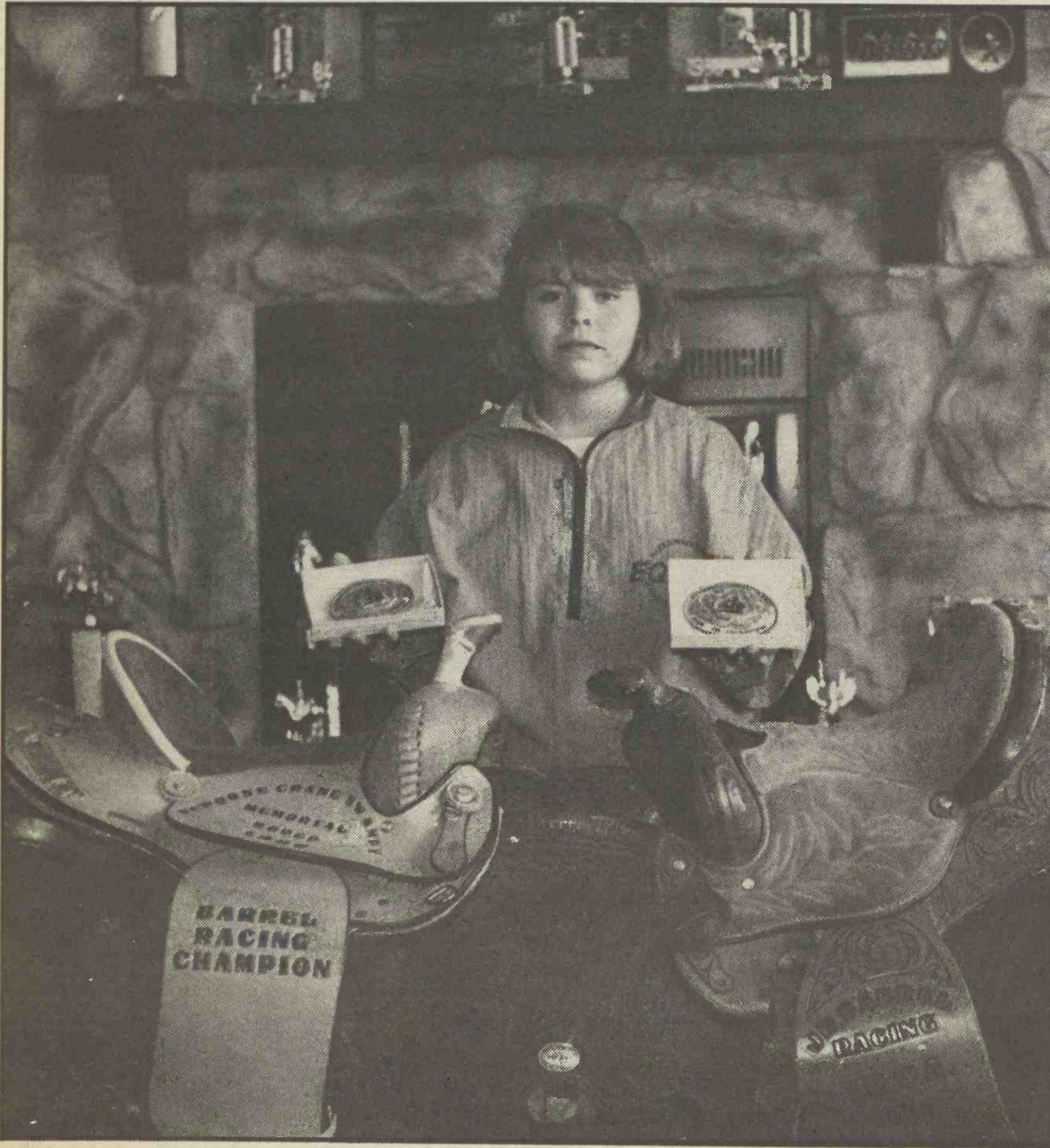
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## Native Rodeo



Chantelle Day Chief with some of her winnings

Jackie Red Crow

# A barrel-racing veteran at 16

By Jackie Red Crow  
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE, ALTA.

Just 16-years-old, Chantelle Day Chief, despite her youth, is a barrel-racing veteran.

This little darling who is a Blood band member has established herself among the top 10 all-time champions on the Canadian Indian barrel-racing circuit. She easily captured four consecutive senior barrel-racing championships in the Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association (IRCA) and accumulated another 20 buckles to her credit.

Right from the beginning, winning was almost routine for Day Chief, who was only five when she first started competing in the junior events, moving up to the more competitive senior barrels five years later.

She finds it challenging to compete against girls two or three times her age. "It feels real good to win against them," said Day Chief, noting the reserve has some of the top barrel racers.

Her best times rounding the barrels in a cloverleaf design have been clocked between 14 to 16 seconds. "It depends on the arena; if it's a small arena, my time is about 13 seconds," said Day Chief in an interview at her parent's home.

"Sometimes I get nervous but I think this is just another rodeo, I can do it. I concentrate on my barrel racing. I don't look at the crowds," she said, describing the seconds before she makes a run.

Her roots in rodeo go deep. Her father, Evens, is also a champion calf roper on the IRCA circuit while mother Delores has won her share of barrel-racing

events. The family often travels to about 50 rodeos during the summer and is on the road almost every weekend throughout Alberta, Montana and B.C.

Her parents' love of the sport inspired her to follow in their footsteps. From the time she was first on a horse at about a year and a half, Day Chief has been trained on the sport's skills and techniques by her father. "My dad really encouraged and taught me a lot," she said.

She follows a strict regime and practises every spare moment, even practising in an indoor arena at Stand Off during winter and tries to keep in top shape. "You need to have a good horse, too," she said.

Above all she is surrounded by a loving and supportive family, who are probably her biggest fans. She says she doesn't feel pressured to win but "just encouraged to do the best I can."

Last year she lost her championship for the first time. "I was a bit disappointed," she said. She explained her horse who had been with her for six years was "slowing down." The horse has since been retired.

For now her priority is to maintain a high academic average so she can go to university to

study veterinary medicine. She is a Grade 10 student at St. Mary's Kainai High School on the reserve.

"I love animals," said Day Chief, who spends a lot of time caring for the family's horses.

Her other athletic interests include track and field.

She now plans to get a new horse and follow the rodeo circuit again, but this time she wants to compete in more B.C. rodeos. She also competes in the United Indian Rodeo Association (UIRA) and the Chinook Rodeo Association. Day Chief estimates collecting more than \$3,000 each rodeo season.

The Day Chief family home is overflowing with trophy saddles, buckles and other paraphernalia received over the years. Chantelle's two younger brothers are strong competitors in hockey. "We support them in whatever sport they're into," said Delores. "It's too bad Chantelle doesn't have any younger sisters to pass her talents on to." The newest member of the family is a five-month-old boy who Chantelle helps her mother with.

Her goal is to compete in the Calgary Stampede and win the barrel-racing event. "That would be real nice," she smiled.

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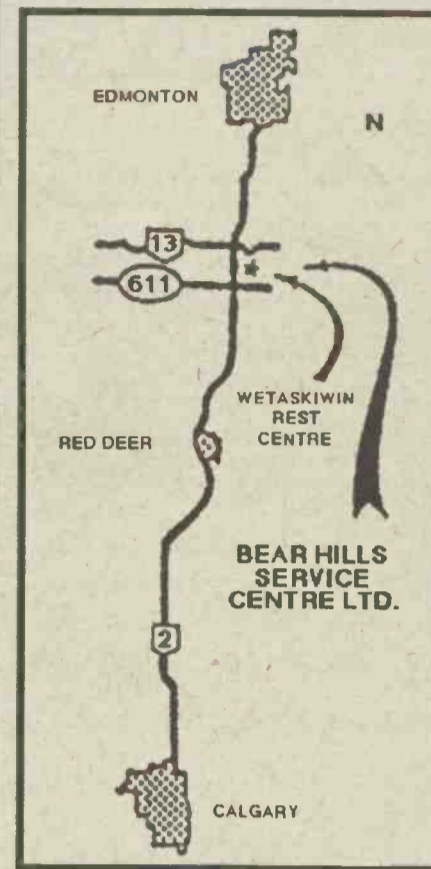
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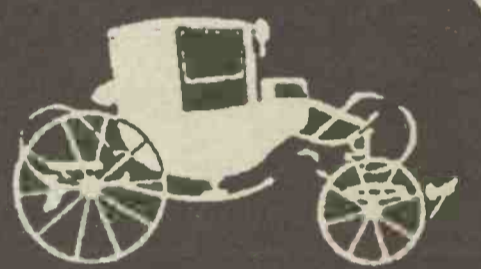


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## Native Rodeo



Richard Jackson in action at Cold Lake

Diane Parenteau

### He's got chuck wagon racing in his blood, despite gruelling schedule

By Diane Parenteau  
Windspeaker Correspondent

COLD LAKE  
FIRST NATION, ALTA.

In a makeshift roped off corral, tired thoroughbreds wait to be watered and fed. Their chuck wagon sits nearby covered in a thin layer of dust beside the holiday trailer, which is the home away from home for chuck

wagon driver Richard Jackson of the Northern Professional Chuck Wagon Association (NPCA).

Despite endless days and even longer roads often with little reward, Jackson of Goodfish Lake and others like him just can't give it up. He works full-time, farms part-time and looks after horses in his off time which leaves him about five to six hours each night to sleep, but he has been involved in the

sport for so many years, it's in his blood.

"I started in 1969 racing big chariots, then I got into flat racing and had two jockies going on the bush track," said Jackson from the kitchen table of his weekend home. "I was hard to beat on the flat races."

Jackson thought about giving it all up but his sponsor, Beaver Lake reserve, approached him and he was into it again.

The NPCA sends its top 16 wagons to the Calgary Stampede based on total points over the season. That can mean a lot of money in sponsorship.

"In the bush here you don't make any money. You just keep trying your best to get into Calgary. This year the bottom wagon sold for \$20,000. Last year I was 15th overall, then I messed up. So I got to follow the circuit. If you miss a show, you lose points.

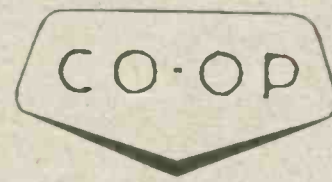
"If I had to quit and give it all up tomorrow, I'd be lost."



Richard Jackson feeding his horses

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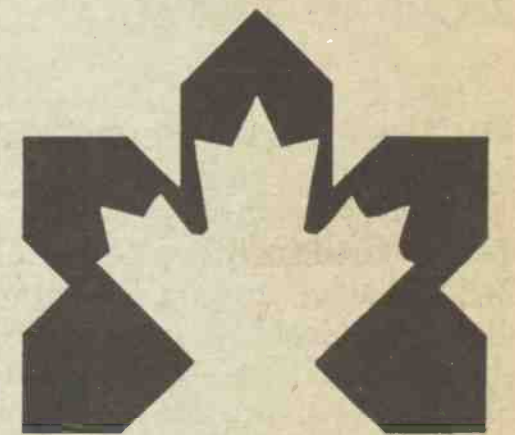
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## Native Rodeo

# Cold Lake chuck wagon driver is in elite group

By Diane Parenteau  
Windspeaker Correspondent

COLD LAKE  
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Chuck wagon driver Maynard Metchewais is a member of an elite group of men who have realized their dream and the dream of every wagon racer — to compete at the Calgary Stampede.

For five consecutive years from 1984 - 1988, the 49-year-old Cold Lake resident finished with the qualifying top 15 total points in the Northern Professional Chuckwagon Association (NPCA) season to clinch a spot at the barrels in Calgary.

"It's 36 of the best wagons," said Metchewais, an original member of the association. "Competition is really tough but just to get there you know you've got one chance out of 36. The secret is to run penalty free for the 10 days. It almost decides the winner."

He admits he did well during the regular season but made a disappointing showing at the Stampede.

"I just kept driving my old horses hoping they would cash in."

Metchewais' interest in horses stems from being raised during a time when horses were used regularly for general chores.

"I kind of grew up with horses and everything we did was with horses. In the winter we always drove a team and used four horses," said Metchewais. "In 1975 I bought a race horse then got into chariots. I just kind of worked my way into it. I did it to begin with because I enjoyed it."

'Competition is really tough but you've got one chance out of 36. The secret is to run penalty free for 10 days.'

"When I first got into it, it didn't cost that much. As time went on things got expensive, so I either had to do it seriously or get out of it. Not being a smart guy, I got deeper into it," he added, with a laugh.

An average set of harness for four horses costs about \$1,500 while track-bred horses required to keep up with the competition run between \$1,000 to \$1,500 when purchased in Edmonton or Calgary. Then there is the out-rider tack and the wagon outfit not to mention travel and living expenses on the road.

Two years ago in the fall, Metchewais sold his rig and team with full intentions of getting out of chuck wagon racing completely.

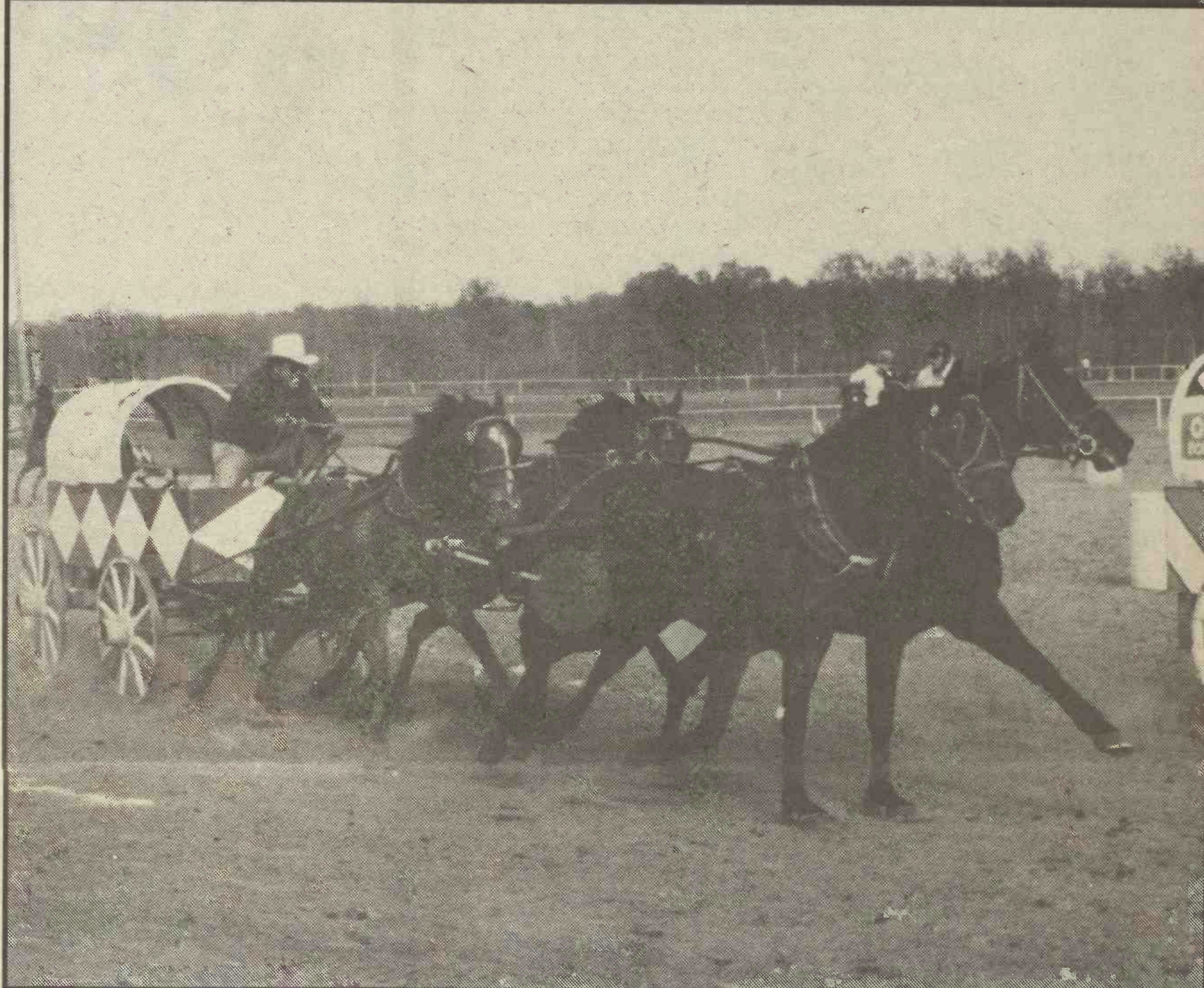
"But it works into your blood," said Metchewais with a grin. "Spring time came around and I got itchy feet."

This second time around he's taking things a little slower. Metchewais runs just one team instead of the two he ran previously and has teamed up with partner Ralph Hallowack.

"We each have eight horses and all our own tack. I have the trailer and he has the truck."

In addition to his hobby that takes up literally every summer weekend, Metchewais is the owner/operator of a school busing business on the reserve that also serves as his chuck wagon sponsor.

"It works out good for me, I run school bus and the summer I have free to travel," said Metchewais.



Maynard Metchewais (inset) and in action at Cold Lake (above)

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## Native Rodeo

# Tyrone Potts returns with a bang

By Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEEMA, ALTA.

After a five-year layoff from the rodeo trail Peigan cowboy Tyrone Potts returned to the Indian Rodeo Cowboys' Association rodeo circuit with a big bang, winning the all-around championship at the Indigenous Games Rodeo in Hobbema.

The talented 27-year-old who has been a special constable for the RCMP going on four years now, started his rodeo career some 15 years ago.

Like most pro cowboys he started out in the boys' steer riding, eventually graduating to the bull riding, the most spectacular and dangerous event in all of rodeo.

Prior to joining the police force, Potts was one of the top bull riders in Indian country. He was always in the top 10 in the IRCA standings, making it to the finals on numerous occasions.

The highlight of his career was two trips to the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, N.M.

"I worked for some 10 years for the Peigan tribe, then quit to

join the RCMP and retired from active rodeo competition," he said.

Potts cracked-out this year with a big win in the bull riding at Carvin, Sask. in early June.

Tyrone started team roping about four years ago just to keep active, but found the event to his liking and started competing at local roping circuits as well as on the Chinook and IRCA circuits.

He found a good reliable partner in Murray Yellowhorn — also from the Peigan reserve — and both have lined up at the window on numerous occasions.

Despite a painful groin injury he suffered during Friday's performance at Hobbema and knowing he had already just about secured the all-around title, Potts didn't let up and gave it his best shot on his final bull that bucked him off before the eight second whistle.

He and Yellowhorn also went into the team-roping finals in seventh place in Sunday's finals. They missed their steer, but Potts still managed to win \$430, the all-around horse trailer, a trophy saddle and a gold and silver belt buckle.

"The bull I rode today (Sunday) was just my sixth in four

years. After I heal up from my groin injury, I'm going to go all out to make it to the IRCA finals and hopefully get another shot at the big one, the INFR in Albuquerque," he said.

Potts is also an outstanding hockey player, having played with the Kainai Chiefs in the senior Foothills Hockey League

for some five years.

Despite being small and slight built at 5'10" and 160 lbs., he was an excellent defenseman and could hit with the best of them.

He and his wife Denise have a family of two: Tia, 5, and Clinton, 1. When asked about possible rodeo careers Potts said "Clinton is going to be a bull rider for sure

and Tia will start in the barrel racing."

Potts has all the tools necessary to make it to Albuquerque and come home with a world bull-riding title. Staying free of injuries and drawing good stock are the only two things he's hoping for.

## Rodeo Queen named

By Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBBEEMA, ALTA.

Blood reserve cowgirl Henny Bruised Head of Stand Off was crowned queen of the Indigenous Games Rodeo in Hobbema by rodeo chairman Todd Buffalo after Saturday's rodeo performance.

The attractive 23-year-old with the charming smile and outgoing personality won the prestigious title over three other contestants.

"I was really happy winning the queen title, it was a wonderful experience, exciting and I got to meet a lot of wonderful people," Henny said after her win.

The women were judged on horsemanship, talent, speech and congeniality.

Bruised Head was presented with a saddle, two breast collars, a jacket and numerous gift certificates for her win.

Henny has been in rodeo since she was knee-high, competing at the little britches level and graduating to high school, college and pro rodeo.

She has been to the North American high school championships four times and has won rodeo titles on the Chinook, college and IRCA circuits.

She comes by her abilities honestly. Her father Pete is one of rodeo history's finest all-time Indian competitors and her sister Trina was also an outstanding high school rodeo star.

Her brothers Lynn, Wright, Allen, Clinton and Ivan all compete in Indian circuits at the pro level as well and are consistent winners in all events. Wright won the world steer wrestling title in 1987 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Her mother Margaret still competes in the barrel-racing event and competes with husband Pete in the Oldtimers rodeo circuit.

Henny packed two of her horses to compete in the queen contest and the rodeo at Hobbema.



Jim Goodstriker

### Henny Bruised Head

She uses Sweet Mister, a 15-year-old gelding, for barrel racing. "My brothers also use him in the doggin event, my other horse Hooter, I use as a parade horse, he is handy for everything, they use him for calf roping and heeling in the team roping," she said.

Henny recently finished college for the summer with the Four Worlds Development in Lethbridge.

"I was taking secretarial science with Frank and Associates Innovation Project and will be graduating at the end of December. I plan on working for a while and then go back to university to try for a teaching certificate."

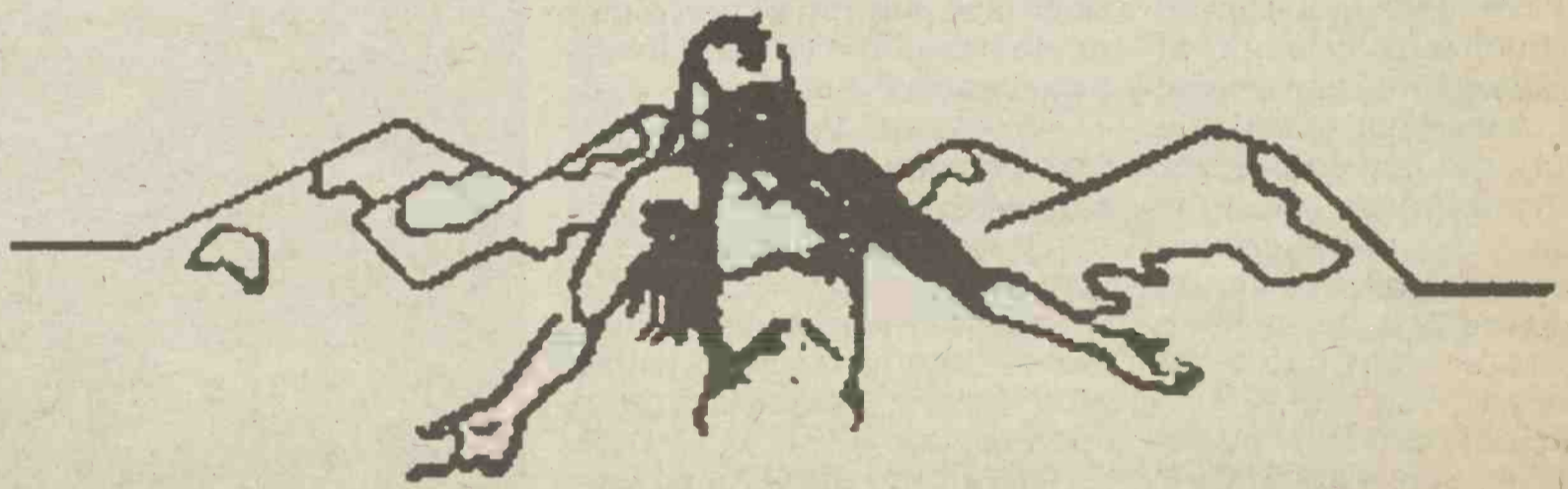
When asked what prompted her to enter the queen contest, she replied with that radiant smile that lights up a room when she enters. "My brother Wright asked me to enter so I thought I'd give it a whirl and I'm glad I did, it's been a very rewarding experience."

She had plenty of support from the whole family and her friends from the Blood reserve. "A lot of people besides my family had confidence in me and it sure lifted my spirits and helped a whole bunch in the competitions."

Henny will be representing the Indigenous Games at various functions during the summer all over the country.

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## Arts and Entertainment

# Natives in media can help environment – film-makers

Valerie Rider  
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Native people can play a major role in preserving the environment by sharing their views through the media, according to Native film-makers.

Indian people must share their unique perspectives, said Native film producer/director

Gil Cardinal.

"The public has seen images of Native people of which Indians have not been the writers," he said, expressing concern Indian people aren't as involved in media productions as much as they should be.

According to Cardinal, a member of a group of film-makers which met recently at the Provincial Museum of Alberta, Canadian Indians are experiencing

a "spiritual regeneration" that must be preserved for future generations.

He insists that Indian culture is alive and growing, but it must be adapted to modern society.

But he notes Indian traditional beliefs emphasize ecological balance and harmony of existence. "The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth," he said, quoting from a well-documented speech of Suquamish Indian Chief Seattle.

Loretta Todd of Vancouver, one of the first Indian graduates of a major film-making course, said the concept of land ownership was introduced by Europeans.

"They named the land to justify the theft and declared ownership."

She explained the land, the inhabitants and the resources was viewed by Europeans as their "property to be conquered or subdued and finally possessed."

Todd said Indian people had a totally different view of property.

"Songs, dances, rituals, objects and stories were considered property belonging to the originator and could be given or shared with others as a way of preserving, extending and witnessing history," she said.

Todd defined 'Aboriginal Title' as a "sacred trust with the land, a religion or belief system that establishes our relationship with the land."

Saskatchewan film producer Wil Campbell said Indian people have a deep-rooted understanding with the land.

"Our environment is our spirituality," he said.

Campbell urges Indian people to gather, sharing the rich cultural legacy "or it will be lost if an effort is not made to record it."

"Our stories, our messages have to reach out to people across the country and across the world," he said.

Alanis Obamsawin, actress and film-maker from Wawa Productions in Quebec, said people everywhere are only now becoming aware of the link Indian people have with the environment.

"Our people did not try to make the river change its course," she said.

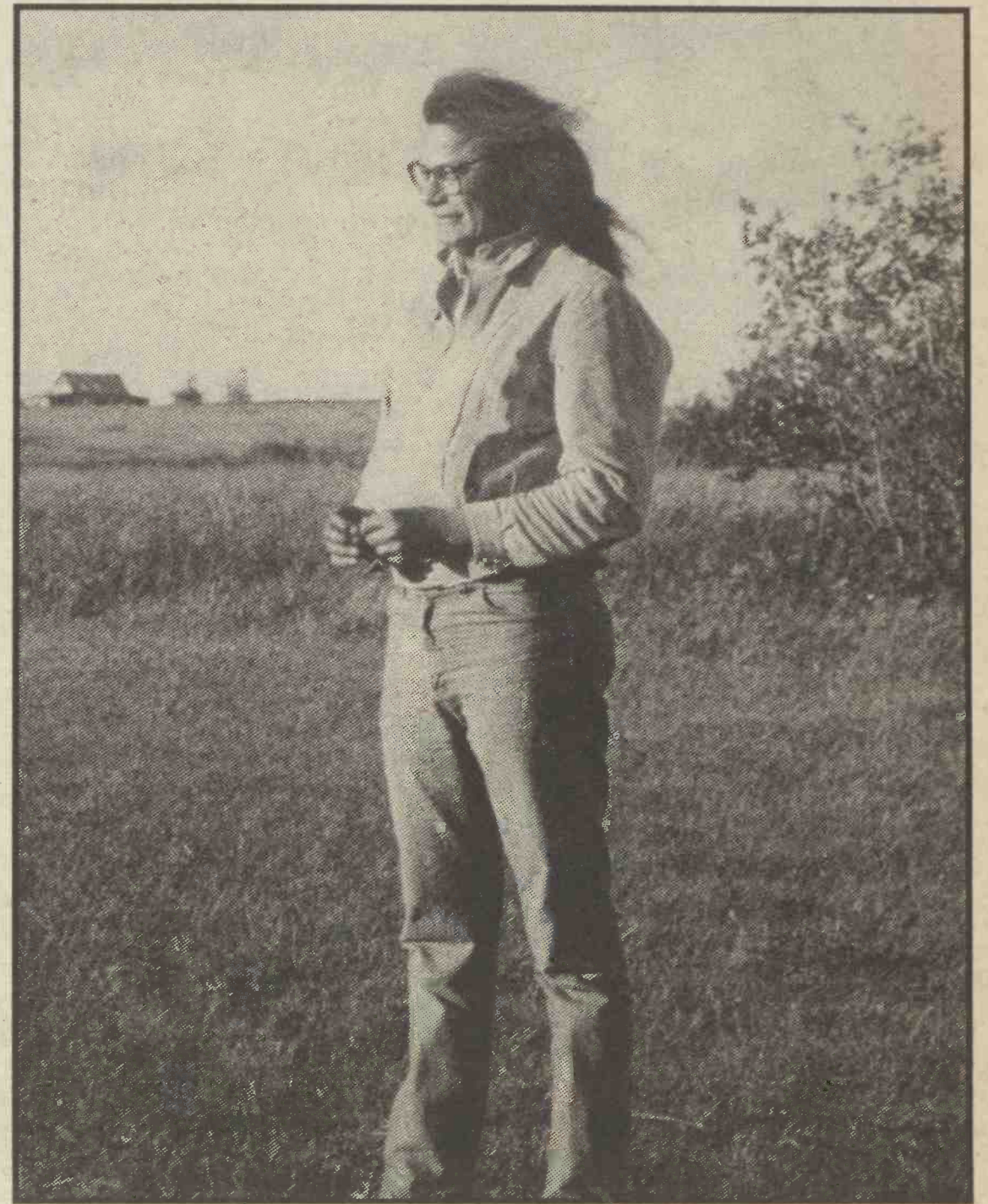
## Statistics Canada inviting artwork submissions

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.
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## Poundmaker's / Nechi

# Nechi awards certificates to 135 graduates

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. ALBERT, ALTA.

Over 135 graduates received their certificates at the 16th annual graduation ceremonies of Nechi Institute on Alcohol and Drug Education.

Nechi trainees from as far away as Hay River, N.W.T. and North Battleford, Sask. graduated June 23 from four programs offered by the centre: community addictions' training, advanced counselling training, program management and the Native trainers' development program.

This year's theme, Strengthening the Circle through Skills and Learning, can be credited to the 16 years of Nechi's existence.

Since its beginning Nechi has

trained over 2,000 individuals in alcohol and drug abuse education.

Nechi executive director Maggie Hodgson said in a past interview that "one of the reasons for Nechi's success is the fact Native people are training Native people."

"Our staff are Native people consisting of non-drinkers who serve as good role models."

"We have a good understanding of the people we train and this helps in upgrading necessary skills and attitudes for them to become more whole human beings and thus better alcohol and drug addiction counsellors," Hodgson said.

Prior to the presentation of certificates a grand entry was held.

Graduates paraded into

Poundmaker's gymnasium to the beat of powwow drums to receive their certificates.

Presenting certificates was Hodgson and Wilfred Willier, chairman of the Nechi board of directors.

Beaver Lake resident Doreen

Lameman, who graduated from the Native trainers' development program, received the Mark Amy Memorial Award. Lameman received the award as most improved trainee.

The award was named after past Nechi trainer Mark Amy

who was killed in a car accident.

Greetings in honor of the graduates came from Brian Kearns of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and Richard Jock of the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program.



Oliver and Florance Parenteau (Fishing Lake). Florance graduated from the community addictions' program.

Lillian Souray

## Poundmaker's Powwow graced with love and friendship

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ST. ALBERT, ALTA.

Poundmaker Lodge held its 17th annual powwow on the Canada Day weekend and each year it seems to become bigger and better.

This year, for a moment, I left my camera in my truck and instead sat, watched and listened to the drum singers and dancers.

This year, like every year I have attended the Poundmaker's powwow, I was in awe of all the splendidly dressed dancers. And as always the Eagle Dance was my favorite.

Poundmaker's powwow has become one of the biggest attractions in Western Canada, not just for Native people who travel the powwow circuit, but also for tourists and Edmonton residents.

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And many who attend will tell you it's their favorite because of the liquor ban.

When you enter the grounds covered with parked trailers and tipis, tight security greets you and it is assuring to visitors

they will indeed have a great time.

Around the powwow grounds many refreshment booths, authentic arts and crafts stands and even things for the children are set up.

And everywhere you look people are dressed in traditional and contemporary Indian regalia.

Metis historian Terry Lusty once wrote "there's something magical about a powwow."

He said it's an occasion that never fails to seduce its audience.

"To some the lure is an undeniable magnetism not easily explained," he wrote.

That's true.

As I sat watching the Eagle Dance, the traditional dance and the round dance I had a sense of belonging, which isn't easily explained.

But as I watched people carrying their babies, the little tots traditionally dressed, grass dancers and elders all joining in to dance to the drums, no explanation was needed.

People make the pilgrimage to Poundmaker's each year from far off places because it offers a gathering graced with friendship, love and a warm sense of belonging.

### Notice for Review of Temporary Guardianship to:

**TAMARA KELLY BUFFALO**

Take Notice that an application for Review of Temporary Guardianship of your child, born on February 7, 1981, will be made on July 11th at 9:30 a.m. in Wetaskiwin Family Court.

Contact: Shonda Kiester  
Alberta Family and Social Services,  
(city) Wetaskiwin  
Telephone: 352-1297

### Notice for Review of Temporary Guardianship to:

**DUANE CRIER**

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**INFORMATION CALL:**



## Peigan Nation

## Athletes honored at 7th annual banquet

By Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Correspondent

PINCHER CREEK, ALTA.

The seventh annual Peigan Nation sports banquet was held at the community hall here recently before a near capacity crowd.

The theme for this year's banquet and awards night was "a salute to volunteers for going that extra mile."

The senior athlete of the year award winners were Lindsay Crowshoe and Dolly Yellow Wings. Crowshoe, male athlete of the year, was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

The 21-year-old Crowshoe is an honor student in the medical science field at the University of Calgary.

He is a defensive lineman for the 1988 national champions U of C Dinosaurs football team. This year he was voted by his teammates as defensive captain for the coming season. His goal is to make the college national all-star football team for the 1990 season.

Female athlete of the year Dolly Yellow Wings, 28, has been involved in rodeo for the past 10 years.

She is a great promotor of the sport and is a tremendous asset to youth on the reserve and volunteers her time and does a lot of fundraising for different clubs.

Shawna Provost was named junior female athlete of the year. The 16-year-old plays basketball with Pincher Creek's Matthew Halton basketball team.

She also participates in volleyball and tennis.

Cory Crazy Boy, 13, was male junior athlete winner. He goes to school in Brocket and is outstanding in hockey, basketball, track and field and also plays baseball. Peigan reserve director Marvin Yellowhorn made the presentations.

"I never thought I'd be stuck for words, I'd like to thank the family, it's a real honor, I love the people on the reserve and it only feels good when I can contribute just a little bit and I thank you all," said Gregg Smith, choking with emotion on being given the Nellie Yellow Horn Memorial award for outstanding volunteer work on the reserve.

Smith, a past vice-president of the Indian Association of Alberta, is involved in provincial and federal Indian politics, but always finds time for his favorite sport, rodeo, as a competitor in timed events and as a rodeo announcer. He also plays oldtimer's hockey.

But he always finds time for people on the reserve and is looked up to as a role model for his outstanding leadership qualities.

Besides the annual award he was also presented with a pendleton blanket. Previous award winners included Norm Grier, Henry Potts, Noreen Plain Eagle, Maryanne McDougall, Margaret Yellow Horn and Eliza Potts.

T-shirts, caps and special plaques were presented to all members of the teams on the reserve. Coaches also received plaques for their volunteer work.

Joe Yellowhorn, Andy Stump and Geo Four Horns presented the track and field and baseball awards.

Minor hockey awards were presented to Mike Smith and Randy Wolf Tail (Rockets), Kurt McDougall and John Holloway (Novice), Frank Smith and Jim Potts (Atoms), Doug Goodrider



Lindsay Crowshoe

Jim Goodstriker

and Rod North Peigan (Pee-wees), Gilbert Provost and Jim Minor (Midgets).

Damien Little Moustache and Bev Four Horns were also presented with special volunteer awards.

The basketball awards were presented by Andy Provost, a great supporter of the game, who plays with the senior Indians' team. Other winners included Junior Girls - Karen Holloway,

Anita Iron Shirt, Claudia North Peigan, Crystal Goodrider, Ula Shirt, Kim Big Swan, Tatum Provost and Shelly Yellowhorn.

Senior Girls - Trina and Vanessa Plain Eagle, Paula Smith, Theresa and Trudy Crow Eagle, Michelle Provost, Anita Crowshoe and Shawna Morning Bull.

Junior Boys - Duane Crowshoe, Leroy Crazy Boy, Malcolm Whitecow and Lorne Many Guns.

Indian Men's Team - Clint Swagg (MVP), Roland Weasel Head (outstanding player) and Sam Holloway Jr. (rookie).

Appreciation plaques were also presented to Peigan public works maintenance staff for their work, to the cultural centre for its financial help and referees Ira Many Guns and Harvey Plain Eagle.

Jeff Crowshoe scholarships went to Michelle Provost, 17, who graduated this year and has been accepted at the U of L in education, and Leroy Crazy Boy, an F.P. Walshe grad, who will be attending college in Rexbur, Idaho in the recreation field.

Guest speakers were head Chief Leonard Bastien who stressed the importance of honoring young athletes and having role models for the youth. "Everyone needs heroes to look up to; it's important for our kids."

Chris Schurz of Phoenix, Ariz. was the other guest speaker. Schurz, a track and field athlete specializing in cross-country running and a possible future U.S. Olympian, attends college in Arizona.

His message for young athletes was to work hard and be dedicated in their choice of athletic events and stay away from drugs and alcohol.

"It really bothers me when I see young people abuse their bodies with drugs and alcohol," he said.



Gregg Smith

Jim Goodstriker

## Share your ideas to better this community.

**How does the future look for your community?**

**How can the community make it even better?**

**How can the Alberta Government help your community develop a better future?**

These are the kinds of questions a newly-appointed Minister's Council on Local Development will soon be asking representatives from your community in a special meeting. It's all part of the Local Development Initiative - a new program to bring Alberta's communities and the Alberta Government together to plan and act for the future of Alberta's communities.

**How the Local Development Initiative Works**

There are two stages to the Local Development Initiative. The first stage begins very soon, and will run until December 31, 1990. In this stage, the Minister's Council on Local Development will hold special meetings - some with representatives from several neighboring communities, others with members of special interest groups which work primarily on community development projects. In the community meetings representatives will share ideas on community development; discuss common problems and potential solutions; and then tell the Alberta Government how it can best help communities reach their goals for the future. The Minister's Council will compile all the ideas from all of the meetings and present them to the Alberta Government through the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Stage two of the Local Development Initiative will begin early in 1991. After reviewing the findings of the Minister's Council, the Alberta Government will respond to those findings with the actions required to meet the needs of Alberta's communities. The Alberta Government is committed to the Local Development Initiative, and to taking responsible action to ensure that Alberta's communities have the best possible opportunity to develop and reach their goals for the future.

**How You Can Participate in the Local Development Initiative**

Your municipal office will be appointing two or three representatives to attend the Minister's Council meeting in your area. Your first opportunity to participate is to share your ideas with one of these community delegates. Tell your delegates where you think your community should be going. Tell them what it should be doing to develop a better future. Tell them what the Alberta Government should be doing to help your community meet its goals. *Call your municipal office today for more information on the Local Development Initiative, or to find out how you can share your comments and ideas with your community delegates.*

Or, if you prefer, you may take your comments directly to the Minister's Council on Local Development. Some sessions of the Minister's Council forum are for delegates only - to permit representatives from several communities to work together in a number of workshops. But, there is a special open discussion session in each Minister's Council forum, and you are invited to attend and personally address the Minister's Council with your ideas. *Call your municipal office for times and locations, and more information on how you can attend the Minister's Council forum in your area.*

**Council Forums Begin July 10th - Take the Initiative Today!**

The Minister's Council on Local Development will conduct its community forums from July 10th to August 30th, so there's no time to lose. Contact your municipal office today for dates and locations of the Minister's Council forum in your area, and for more information on how you can include your comments and ideas in future initiatives to better your community.



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Raymond A. Speaker,  
Minister



## The Environment

### Reduce use of styrofoam cups; use your own coffee mug

The Treaty Indian Environment Secretariat (TIES), an organization sponsored by the Indian Association of Alberta, promotes action on environmental issues and concerns. Each week we will bring you recycling information and useful hints for your office, home and personal use.

Remember the 3 R's: recycle, reuse and reduce.

#### AT THE OFFICE

- Place a container near the soft drink machine for aluminum cans or pop bottles and let the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides or some other non-profit group pick them up for fundraising or place a volunteer in charge of selling cans and either donate the funds to charity or use them to buy lunchroom goodies. The amount of money generated in some offices may not be that much but it does keep recycling fresh in people's minds.

- Reduce the number of Styrofoam cups used in your office by having staff members bring their own coffee mugs. The coffee tastes better and the cheery messages on them can brighten up your day. (Keep some baking soda around to clean the mugs. Fill the mug with water, sprinkle in some baking soda, soak or not and rinse.)

#### AT HOME

- Use daylight whenever possible. Many tasks like reading, writing, studying and sewing can be done comfortably by the light of the window. Using daylight offers two benefits: it's free and it doesn't pollute.

- Use your dryer efficiently. Dry only full loads, but don't overload the machine. Keep your exhaust outlet and lint screen clean and set your timer so it doesn't run longer than necessary. You can always start the dryer again if the clothes are not completely dry. Dry loads one after another to take advantage of the heat build-up in the dryer and separate loads into heavy and light items so they all dry at the same rate.

#### PERSONAL GROOMING

- Don't use disposable razors and blades. Each year North Americans throw away two billion disposable razors and blades, enough to shave every man 50 times. Since the razors

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- Buy shampoo in the largest container possible. Use the large container to refill a small container you can keep in the shower. You'll save money buying the larger size and you'll

throw out fewer empty containers each week.

**KID'S CORNER:** Take a guess

- When was the first light bulb invented?

- Who knows?
- Last year
- Over 100 years ago

**ANSWER:** (c) Thomas Edison invented the light bulb in 1879

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Drawing by Elston Twoyoungmen, 17 years old. Elston is from the Bears paw Band on Stoney reserve in Morley, Alberta.

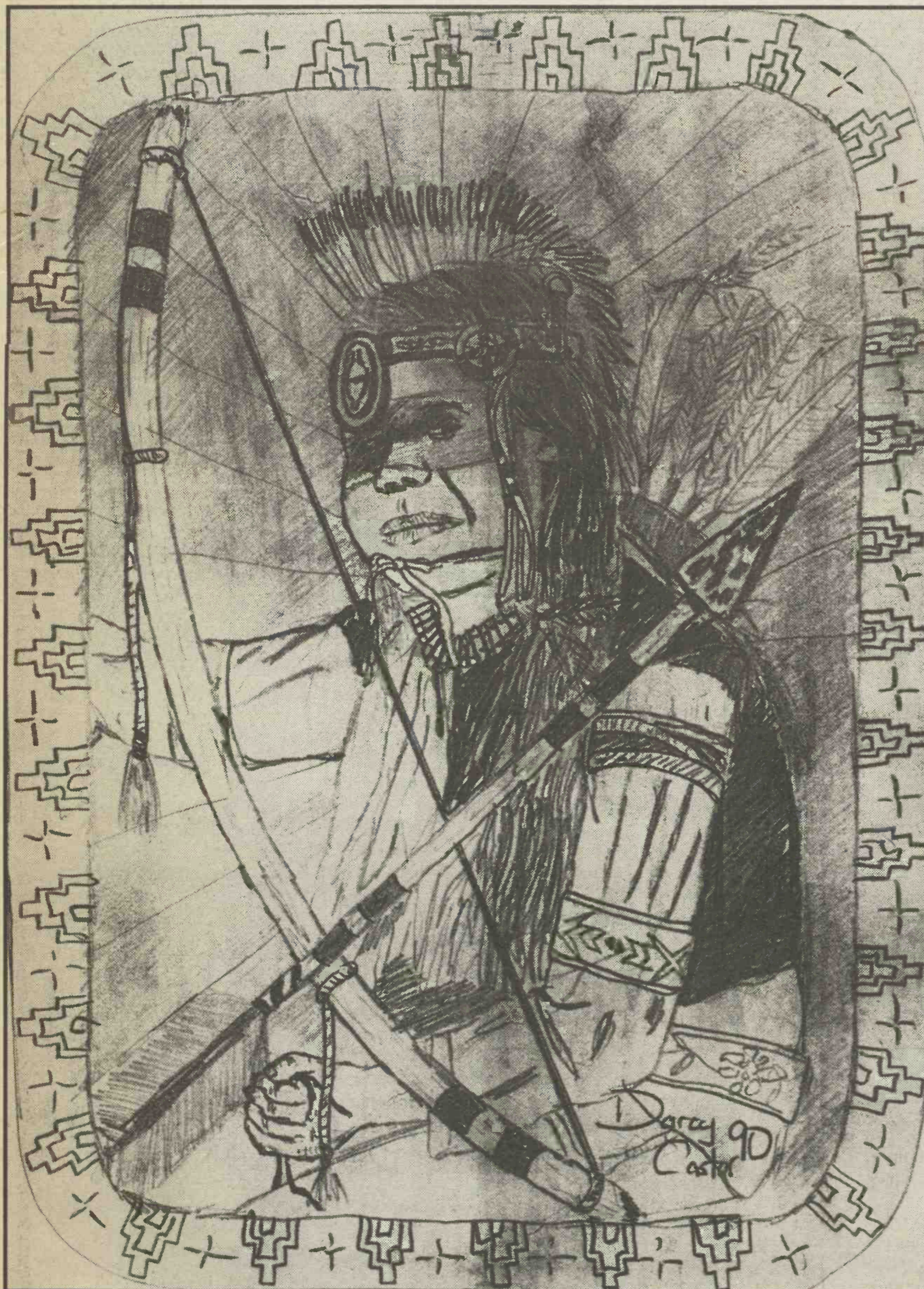
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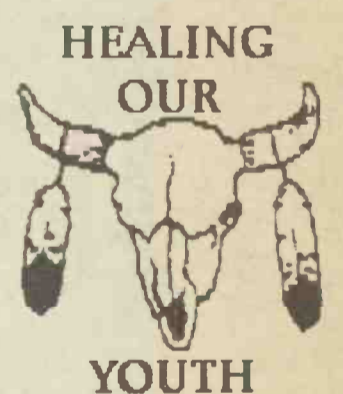
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