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Scientists to decide bundle's fate

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NEW YORK

Jim Thunder won't be receiving a rousing reception at New York City's American Museum of Natural History March 21 when he arrives to claim Big Bear's sacred bundle, according to Thunder's promotions manager. Museum officials have not agreed to co-operate.

The people of New York City are being made aware of Thunder's 4,400-km spiritual run to collect the Big Bear's sacred bundle, said Lewis Cardinal speaking from the American Indian Community House in Manhattan. "But we're not making a great big event out of it. We don't want it to be a circus."

He said museum officials know why Thunder is coming but haven't formally pledged their co-operation.

When Thunder arrives at the museum around 12:30 p.m. he'll make a request to museum curators to have the bundle released. Cardinal said he still isn't sure if they are going to accommodate Thunder or not. "They haven't said yes or no. So far they've just said they're looking forward to meeting with Jim and his support staff. . .They're just willing to sit down and talk about it."

Cardinal said he is trying to inform New Yorkers of the importance of Thunder's trek so they can be on hand to witness the historical event.

"We want people to know what the run is about and what our objectives are."

The museum's public affairs director said the sacred bundle will remain at the museum if department anthropologists say so.

"They'll determine if there's a rightful claim or not and make a decision. . .It may not be right away," Herb Kurz said.

He said the scientists are fully aware of the bundle's history but aren't committed to turning it over to Thunder. "They (Thunder's staff) have simply made a request. We'll sit down and talk it over, but there's no special significance on our part."

There has been controversy surrounding Thunder's run to retrieve the bundle since he began his journey from Edmonton Sept. 1, 1988. Cardinal said there are misconceptions about Thunder's motives.

"He's not claiming it for himself. He's a messenger bringing a message to release the bundle to where it belongs."

Chiefs and elders from North Battleford, Saskatchewan, where Cardinal claims the bundle belongs, will be present at the ceremony. "Thunder's mission as a messenger is simply to return it there," he said.

If the bundle is handed over chiefs and elders will decide then where the bundle will be kept.

It is prophesized a descendant of Cree Chief Big Bear would retrieve the sacred bundle for return to the Plains Cree.



No rousing welcome: Jim Thunder

When Thunder departed on his cross-Canada run, Calgary resident George Chasis said he was the rightful heir to fulfill Big Bear's prophesy and Thunder has no claim.

Chasis said he was the legally adopted grandson of Big Bear and charged Thunder's ancestral claim as "phony."

"People who support Thunder don't have a clue about Native culture."

He says the bundle is destined to be returned to Big Bear's rightful ancestors but not by Thunder. "He's reading too many books."

Ominayak may demand Mulroney meeting

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To the top': Ominayak

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The Lubicons may take their land claim dispute straight "to the top" and demand a face-to-face meeting with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Chief Bernard Ominayak said Sunday.

Ominayak spoke to a crowd of about 200 supporters at a Lubicon rally held to close the University of Alberta's ninth annual Third World Film Festival.

"I think Brian Mulroney has a lot to do with this," Ominayak told reporters after his speech. He was referring to the federal gov-

ernment's unwillingness to budge since talks broke off in January.

"The direction was given to hold things off until the federal election and then beat the Indians back, beat them to the ground, so that they don't create better avenues for other Aboriginal people to follow (as a precedent).

"If that's the kind of strategy they want to put in place, the pressure has got to go to the top," he vowed.

The Lubicon chief said the high profile given to the Lubicon talks has caused a lot of political heat and embarrassment for the Mulroney government.

Recent comments by government negotiator Ken Colby that the Lubicons are

motivated by greed show the government is trying to sway public sentiment through the media, Ominayak said.

"Colby sat through six to eight weeks of negotiation saying absolutely nothing, just keeping the chair warm," he said. "Now, all of a sudden, he claims he's a negotiator."

Ominayak pointed out that Colby is a former public relations spokesman for Norcen Energy Resources Ltd, one of the resource development companies on Lubicon land at Little Buffalo.

The Lubicon band rejected a \$45-million settlement from Ottawa for economic development Jan. 25.

The band is seeking

financial compensation for lost programs and benefits since 1899 when Treaty 8 was signed, a sum which could total \$167 million.

Compensation is also sought for oil and gas revenues earned from Lubicon land. The band is asking for 10 per cent of the approximately \$1 billion Alberta has received in revenues.

Ominayak said the deal had to be rejected because it did not provide for the band's future or assist the Lubicon people, 90 per cent of whom are on welfare rolls.

The band wants additional funds to develop such Lubicon enterprises as a vocational training centre, a cow-calf operation, a saskatoon berry farm, a veterinary

clinic, a mini-mall with an eight-unit motel and wild rice cultivation in three suitable lakes.

The government has offered \$5 million and suggested the Lubicon apply to existing government programs for other funding.

Lubicon negotiator Fred Lennarson said a study group, funded by \$100,000 from the federal government, has been struck to evaluate the economic viability of the Lubicon's business proposals.

Lubicon negotiators will meet with the province Thursday to hammer out a deal on compensation for oil and gas royalties, Ominayak said.

Disgruntled local disbands

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MARLBORO, Alta.

A handful of Metis from Marlboro held a general meeting Feb. 16 and, in the midst of discontent and frustration, voted unanimously to dissolve their local.

"Since last fall, we've been kind of thinking of pulling out...we finally

made up our mind," said Russel Plante, Marlboro's Metis local president.

Ever since his membership card was pulled last summer by the Metis Association of Alberta, other outstanding problems have never been resolved. Plante said the main organization has held back their project proposals once too often.

"All the membership decided we're not really accomplishing

anything...Locally, we can do a lot more than we ever did through the Metis association," he said.

Plante said when two proposals for a guiding and outfitting company and new approach to settling land claims reached the MAA's office, it "died" there.

"We keep banging our head...and get so far when everything dies." Now, he's just "totally fed up with the whole bloody works."

Since the February meeting several Marlboro Metis have contacted the regional office in Edmonton. They want to hold a meeting and possibly set up another local. Joe Blyan, vice-president of the region, said in an interview he's been "keeping in touch" with at least three people who are spearheading the drive for a new local.

"There are some rumors they may be re-organizing,"

said Blyan. He said he will attend a local meeting in Marlboro March 8 to discuss the possibility.

Plante says Blyan's relatives in Marlboro represent the group which is organizing the meeting.

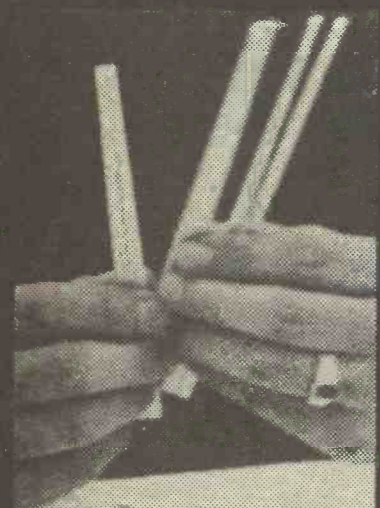
Marlboro is a Metis hamlet, 200 km west of Edmonton, with a population of about 200.

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"I had to laugh. I thought it was a joke. But now I think it will turn out to be a pretty good thing."
— Sturgeon Lake elder Dan MacLean commenting on the chopstick factory. See Page 6.

Women focus on racism

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Native women face two big barriers in their fight for equality; being a woman and being Native, says the president of Women of the Metis Nation.

"From my point of view, Native women have got a double-whammy they share with other women who are noticeably different," said Muriel Stanley-Venne.

Stanley-Venne will deliver the keynote speech on racism Saturday to conclude International Women's Week celebrations.

The speech will kick off the annual International Women's Day march held on the theme of racism this year. Participants are encouraged to bring their children and wear a costume or ethnic dress for the 45-minute walk.

Last year, 250 women turned out for the downtown march which ended with a potluck dinner and dance. Displays and films are planned at the YWCA.

Racism is an appropriate theme for this year's activities since Native and black women were left out of the women's suffragette movement in the 19th century, she said.

"There was such a class structure in those days that Native women and black women were right at the

bottom (of the heap)," said Stanley-Venne, a community marketing officer for the National Film Board of Canada.

And she is dismayed by the recent remarks made by Premier Don Getty.

Responding to a newspaper columnist's suggestion that he was a closet seat-belt abuser, the premier said "I maybe whack my kids, beat my wife, but I've never abused a seat belt in my life."

Alberta women have taken part in International Women's Day events since 1977, centring on such women's issues as affirmative action, sexual harassment and violence against women.

International Women's Day was born March 8, 1957, when women textile workers in New York held a massive one-day demonstration to protest low wages, long hours and intolerable working conditions.

A three-day workshop on "Unlearning Racism and Alliance Building, Leadership Training" will be held for women of various cultures April 28-30 at St. Stephen's College, the University of Alberta.

On April 1, a concert by feminist singer Heather Bishop, with Sherry Shute on bass is scheduled at the Provincial Museum Theatre at 8 p.m.



Irrigation agreement: Cadieux and Fox

\$65 million deal to boost economy

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE, ALTA.

A \$65-million irrigation agreement which will dramatically boost the Blood tribe's economic self-sufficiency goals was signed Feb. 24 by Blood Chief Roy Fox and federal and provincial officials.

While the Old Agency drummers chanted a Blackfoot victory song, newly-appointed Indian Affairs minister, Pierre Cadieux, and Alberta Environment minister Dr. Ian Reid, signed copies of the agreement before a capacity crowd.

The Blood ceded more than 75,000 acres of tribal lands in the '40s and '50s to allow for the construction of the St. Mary's Dam so

that area residents could enjoy the benefits of irrigation farming. "Now it's our turn to enjoy those benefits too," said Chief Fox.

Cadieux said the tribe primarily through farming operations, will finance about \$29-million of the project. A further \$15-million will come from the federal and provincial governments.

The irrigation project will include construction of a main diversion structure, storage reservoir, canals and turnouts, and a distribution system, along with the purchase of on-farm equipment.

The project which will irrigate about 25,000 acres of tribal land in the north-eastern portion of the reserve with construction likely to begin this spring or

early summer.

Narcisse Blood, tribal councillor, said in a later interview, that 1,000-man years of employment will occur during the construction phase. An additional 100 permanent jobs will be created for reserve residents. Spinoff industries may include a food processing plant, and agricultural-related businesses.

He said hiring will be coordinated through the local Native Outreach office. Public tenders will be posted for various sub-contracts needed for the irrigation project. Frank & Associates, owned by Blood Indians, Harley and Lois Frank will co-ordinate the training component of the project, said Blood.

Groups hope to halt E-12

Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The Canadian government needs to learn it can't deny Native people the right to post-secondary education, says a political advisor for the Indian Association of Alberta.

During a meeting with Indian Affairs officials in Ottawa recently, Walter Janvier says he found that the government needs an education in human rights issues.

He says the federal government is proposing to cut back on the post-secondary program (E-12) policy which gives Indians and Inuits the opportunity to attend university, college or technical school. "This

directly contravenes our treaty and human rights."

Indian Affairs officials told Janvier and other Native representatives during a conference Feb. 20-22 in Ottawa the decision to cut back funding was final and will be in place April 1, 1989. Janvier says it's not stopping there.

He feels the government will cut back more on Indian programs in an attempt to reduce the federal deficit.

The federal government has no intention of proceeding with post-secondary rollbacks April 1, according to the Indian Affairs regional director of education.

Sheila Carr-Stewart says the final say will come from "headquarters" in Ottawa. Until she hears otherwise, Carr-Stewart says the cur-

rent E-12 guidelines will be in effect for the 1989-1990 school year.

She says the government is recognizing the Assembly of First Nations and their concerns.

A nationwide rally is being planned in all major Canadian cities for March 22 to protest the policy changes. In Edmonton, a rally will begin at noon at Sir Winston Churchill Square to organize a march on the regional Indian Affairs office.

Janvier says Native organizations want a moratorium called on the changes so the government can better understand they're seriously violating Aboriginal rights.

"All Indian nations across the country will unite to ensure our right to educa-

tion is not violated. We want to get a moratorium out to extend the deadline and make sure Indian people are consulted more thoroughly than the way Indian Affairs first did it."

Janvier says the government based the E-12 changes on a study that was conducted on Indian communities. "But it was unfair, incomplete and all one-sided. They never consulted grassroots people to find out how they felt."

The E-12 guideline changes include a reduction in the number of months education will be funded, dropping from 96 to 48. "If they don't have the time they can't get a degree (students)."

Janvier says the student allowance is already under

the standard of living ratio, and fears it will be slashed even more.

An Alberta all-chiefs meeting will be held March 18 at the Enoch recreation centre to review what will be discussed at the special chiefs meeting in Ottawa March 21-22.

Janvier says an assembly of chiefs will then approach Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux to express their opposition. "He will be made aware," he warned.

He says chiefs are also calling on band schools nationwide to voice their support for the protest using a letter-writing campaign.

"We want students to write letters to their local MPs and even to the Prime Minister and Mr. Cadieux." These are decisions that will affect them, he says.

CLOSE TO HOME

NEWS BRIEFS

Blood band debates education takeover

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE, Alta.

With the issue of the education takeover going to referendum March 17, it is still as emotional and controversial as ever.

When the Bloods assumed control of the three federal schools and administered the tuition agreements for an estimated 2,000 Blood students attending off-reserve schools last April, it was without the blessing of a vocal opposition group.

Once the Blood education board obtained 50 per cent of the eligible voters they promised the move was "a trial basis" and a referendum would be held a year later so that band members could decide whether to continue with band control of Native education or revert it back to Indian

Affairs.

Now, almost a year later, opponents of the education takeover still maintain Native education is not any better than when it was under Indian Affairs.

Mike Beebee, an original member of the Parent Advisory committee, who later strongly voiced his opposition to the education takeover, took issue with education director Dr. Pier De Poala assertions that reserve education has improved.

"It no better than when Indian Affairs had control," said Beebee in a telephone interview. "The attendance (in reserve schools) is very poor and the drop out rate is high, too."

Beebee said band members were enticed to allow the education board to take over education because they believed more jobs would be created on the reserve. "They were just concerned

about jobs, instead of the future of our children."

Beebee charges some education funds were channelled into unrelated education projects. For instance, he says, a \$20 bonus was given to a reserve bus driver who transported students on time each month.

"That's part of their (bus drivers) responsibility anyways. They are supposed to get the students to school on time," he said. "That \$20 could have been better spent."

However, Narcisse Blood, education committee member, said he believes "the education takeover is in our best interest."

"Yes, we do have problems. There has always been a high drop out rate and poor attendance even during Indian Affairs time.

"The difference is that Indian Affairs was indifferent to the problem. Now, as parents, teachers, students

and not just the tribal council can do something about it. We can't blame Indian Affairs anymore."

Blood explained that the referendum is only seeking the approval of taking over the reserve schools and continue negotiating tuition agreements for off-reserve Native students. "The post-secondary school situation and Red Crow College are separate matters. We're doing one time at a time. If we get approval, then we'll continue with our opposition in the Indian Affairs proposal to reduce the weeks for university students. Then, we'll try to get accreditation for Red Crow college," he said.

Blood said opponents of the education takeover want to magnify the problem prior to the referendum. "Where were these people when Indian Affairs controlled education. They didn't scrutinize them," he said.

Blood inquiry announced

After an eight-month waiting period an inquiry into how the RCMP handled investigations into deaths of Blood reserve Indians has been given the go ahead.

WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

Premier Don Getty promised the inquiry last summer after receiving pressure from the southern Indian band who were worried about treatment they received when dealing with the police force.



Deputy Solicitor General Pressured: Premier Getty

Bob King, who negotiated the terms of reference for the inquiry, said, "it is estimated that the inquiry will last six to eight months...it is estimated that the inquiry will cost between \$1 or 2 million."

Assistant Provincial Court Chief Judge Carl Rolf has been appointed to act as inquiry commissioner. The inquiry's headquarters will be in Lethbridge with the hearings taking place on the Blood reserve at Stand Off.

Paddle Prairie elections

Paddle Prairie Metis settlement held a byelection Feb. 23 which saw Emma Martineau elected to the position of councillor.

The election was called to replace Dwayne Calliou who resigned from council. Martineau collected 83 votes in winning the seat over nearest competitor Robert Parenteau who received 65. Brad Villeneuve withdrew from the race.

Martineau joins chairman Merv Bellrose and councillors Ira Lapp, Pat Gaucher, and Joe Cardinal.

Paddle Prairie is located 700 kilometres north of Edmonton and is the largest Native-controlled tract of land in Canada.

Environmental group formed

Fifty representatives from some twenty-three northern Alberta communities, associations and Native groups decided to form a new environmental coalition under the banner of Friends of the North at an environmental workshop held in Athabasca Mar. 4.

Their goal is to provide a united voice on social, economic and environmental issues raised by the provincial government's commitment to pulp and paper projects in northern Alberta's forests.

One of the coalition's concerns is that the province is moving ahead with proposed projects in the north "without meaningful public participation...it is imperative to delay all current and proposed pulp and paper developments until such a time as a series of full and complete public hearings have been held."

They go on to say, "The superficial examination of these questions by the E.I.A. (Environmental Impact Assessment) and the F.M.A. (Forest Management Agreement) processes is not an acceptable alternative to public hearings in an issue of this magnitude and complexity."

Arrests made in beating death

Two men were recently arrested in the beating death of an Edmonton resident by members of Boyle RCMP on the Metis settlement of Caslan.

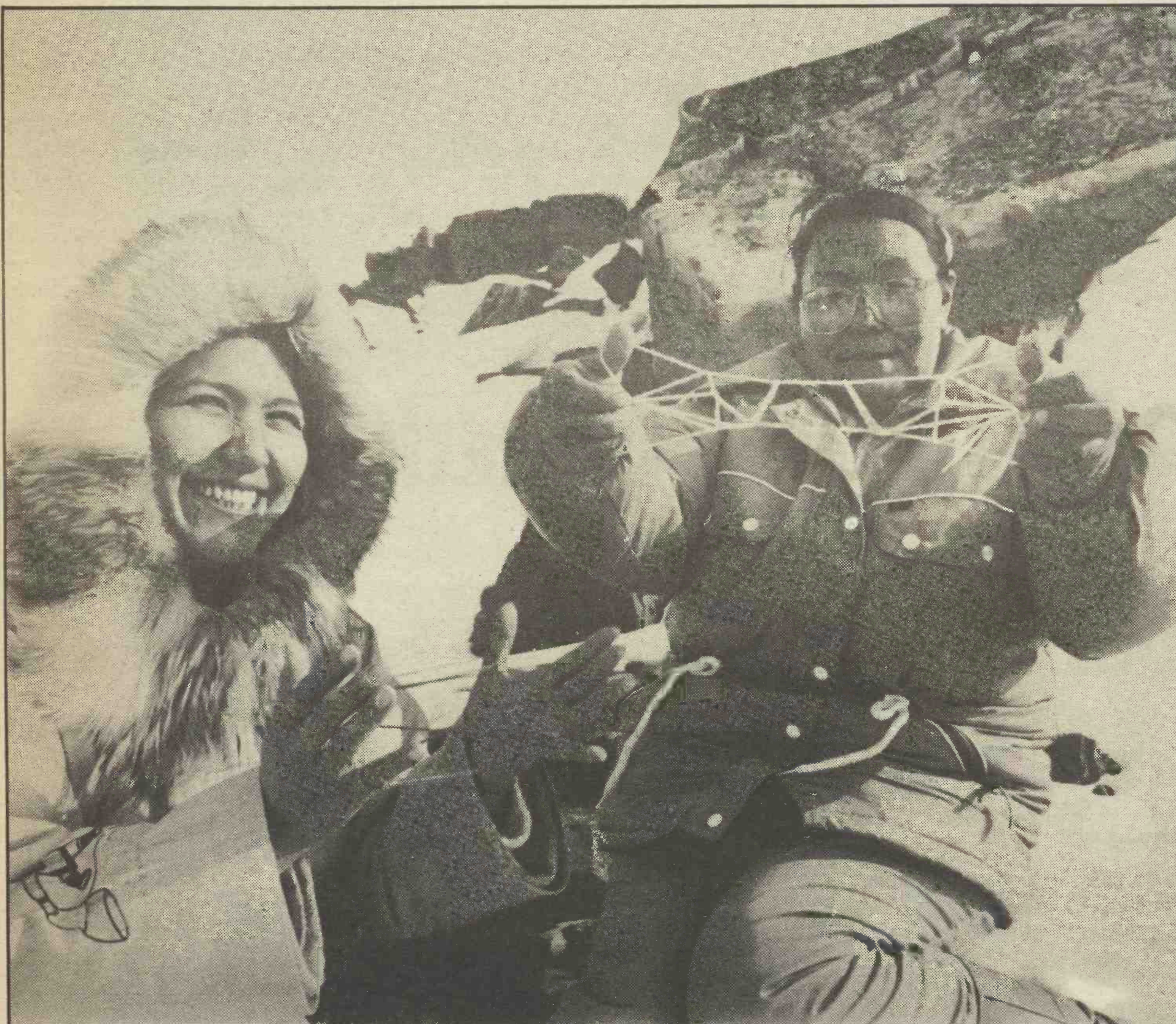
Edmonton Police spokesperson Lori Nagy says, "Edmonton Police homicide detectives, with assistance from the RCMP members in Boyle, have arrested and charged two men in the death of Gordon Desjarlais who was found on the sidewalk in front of the home on 97 Street and 115 Avenue early Friday morning (Feb. 24).

"Arrested and charged with one count of first degree murder each are 21-year-old Aaron Daniel Powder and 19-year-old John Reginald Boucher, she said.

The pair were arrested Sunday, Feb. 26 about 1:00 a.m. at Caslan. The two were scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 27 in Edmonton to face the charges.

EXPRESSIONS

TESSA MACINTOSH, Government of NWT



Some forms of fun are found all over the world

Some forms of entertainment are found in virtually every part of the world. Cat's cradle is one string game which most people are familiar with. Here Lena Evik Twadin

and Annie Nowyook demonstrate the sport of a northern string game at Igaluit, NWT, proving that tradition is an important facet of every culture.



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YOUR WORDS

Prez explains funding issues

Dear Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC), in response to the letter from J.A. Wapoose (February 3, 1989) Volume 6, #48) about the developing friendship centre in Lac La Biche, Alta. and in support of the friendship centre movement and of all the new and developing friendship centres in Canada.

I want to start out by stating that I wish the aboriginal friendship centre programme had monies in the new and developing centres component to fund new centres as they develop each year. However, the fact is that while the program has been renewed on a permanent basis and has managed to secure cost-of-living increases for the core-funded centres, it has been renewed on a "no growth" basis until the federal government reviews a request for funding enhancements to the program.

Where, in the past, the programme was able to fund three new and developing centres each year and after the federal cuts in the spring of 1986, two centres

each year, it has not been able to do so since April 1, 1988 when the program was renewed on a permanent basis, but without funding for the establishment of new and developing centres.

As a consequence, developing centres like Lac La Biche find themselves without any funding support from the program and will find themselves in this position until the federal government approves the requested funding enhancements.

All the friendship centres across Canada have been lobbying their local members of Parliament and communities for support for the past two years. The NAFC continues to press the issue with the Minister, the Honorable Gerry Weiner, and I am hopeful that the federal government has received the message and will act soon.

In the interim, the NAFC has agreed with the department of Secretary of State to hire an independent third-party consultant to study the issue of new and developing centres with a view to developing recommendations for criteria for the selection of new

centres and to outline the issues around new centre funding.

The consultant will be conducting field interviews with some of the new and developing centres and Lac La Biche is one community that will be visited and the input of J.A. Wapoose, the business people and the community will be sought.

Your readers could help us by

writing to their local member of Parliament asking him or her to support the requested enhancements so that communities like Lac La Biche will be able to do the work they want to do.

*In Friendship,
Karen Collins
President, NAFC*

Leaders should get more respect

Dear Editor:

One of the biggest problems that I feel in our Native society is that some of us are too busy trying to find faults in our Native leaders.

I feel that if we showed more confidence in our leaders instead of dwelling on the negative faults we would have more unity and a stronger voice in the right places. Let us stand up and be counted as

one large group of people and get away from little power struggles we tend to involve ourselves in.

Let us leave our personnel indifferences at home and show a little more support to the people that we elected to lead us out of the woods that some of us have been in and are still in.

*Yours sincerely,
Ernest Thom*

AS I SEE IT...

Takeover brings positive spirit

The Blood Tribe nears the end of its one year trial period of band control of education. It is important to see what has been done in a short period of time.

Significantly, under the Department of Indian Affairs, only 18 tribal members were employed at the three on-reserve schools. The Blood Tribe Board of Education now employs 97 employees, with two-thirds of that number being tribal members.

Even more significantly is the awareness that the three schools (St. Mary's Kainai High School, Stand Off and Levern elementary schools) have indeed changed. Changed for the better.

"Things are a lot better. People could see it," says Nina Buckskin. "The teachers are better, there's school spirit, new up-to-date equipment, the list could go on."

An education employee for the past 19 years, Buckskin felt that things in both the schools and the administration were at a complete standstill under Indian Affairs. Not only were the children undisciplined, but the teachers as well.

"Under the D.I.A., there was nothing for the kids at school, you would see three or four walking down the road," said Buckskin. "Schools were going down...I have a daughter who always attended Cardston, she now goes to St. Mary's. She feels she is part of the school, a way she has never felt before."

When Buckskin started working at the Levern Elementary School, three or four years ago as a social counsellor, enrolment at the school was 37. The kids now number 120. Buckskin credits band control for the big increase.

"With Indian Affairs controlling our education, our kids had a lot of problems with teachers," says parents Roderick and Audrey White Quills. "Now with band control, we don't have that problem any longer. In fact there's a very positive change...we could feel it."

The White Quills feel that since band control, the parents and community, have definite inputs on what goes on at school. They have summarized their feelings in one statement.

"Why didn't the Blood Tribe take over its own Education a long time ago. We're behind it 200 per cent."

On March 17, the people of the Blood Tribe are going to the polls, to decide whether or not the tribe will continue to control its own education. Some people are afraid that treaty rights may be affected, due to band control.

In a letter from the Honorable Bill McKnight, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to Chief Roy Fox, dated March 14, 1988 states the following: "control of the education will not negatively impact the rights of the band...the administrative takeover does not relieve the minister of his responsibilities for education of Blood Tribe members under the Indian Act."

Obviously the treaty rights won't be affected. Band control simply means that the people of the Blood Tribe have the opportunity to have say on what goes on at their schools.

With ambitious staff members, the new system greatly caters to the most important persons--the kids. Small things accomplished made big differences to the kids, such as attendance and achievement awards, a full-fledged Boy Scouts at Levern, cheerleaders for the first time after many years of absence at St. Mary's and a page of Elementary Public Relations that appeared in the Lethbridge Herald.

As for the fear of mismanagement, two audits a year are conducted. With the payroll being controlled by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Finally, the future only looks better. Levern should get a new school within the next couple of years. And there are plans of building two new schools, to balance the schooling sectors of the Blood Reserve. One of which will be at the Moses Lake community south of the reserve and the other at the north end of the reserve.

All three would create a better economic situation for tribal interests.

*By Kurt Red Crow
Teacher Aide
Levern School*

YOUR WORDS

Special friend lost to 'greatest enemy'

Tansi, ahnee and hello. this is the morning. Quiet. All around you is the evidence of the hand of the Creator. There is much in this world to connect you to who you really are. This city and its patterns can completely disappear when the eyes are opened to subtler motions.



TOUCHING THE CIRCLE By Richard Wagamese

The smoke rising off those chimneys bring memories of drums on distant hills. The wail and chant of singers. Dancers shuffling steps. Sound and motion praising the Earth and the spirit of its dominion. There is much around you to bring you back to who you really are. There is much around you to reaffirm yourself if you only take the time to try.

A friend of mine has gone away. She left this world very suddenly and there is an emptiness. An emptiness in my life and an emptiness in the middle of my chest that I have not felt for a long time. I loved her. Loved her in that special way that only friends can love. Loved her in that way which tells me that it's going to take a long, long time for the yelling to go down inside.

We shared disaster. Separately but together we staggered down a lonely road. We followed the glittering promise of the world offered by alcohol and drugs. The tricksters. The very nature of the trickster is to mask reality behind the falsehoods involved in whatever the game might be. The nature of the trickster is in teaching through humiliation. And we followed.

Separately, but together we followed. Separately, but together we discovered that the glow wears off. Separately, but together we discovered that behind the laughter, passion and comradeship lies a bleak world of isolation, pain and misery. Separately, but together we fell to our depths and then by the grace of the Creator of all things we had the chance to recover. Separately, but together.

There is much pain in recovery. But it is the kind of pain that leads to growth and development as opposed to the kind of pain that destroys. It is the kind of pain that has the ability to bring people together. It is the kind of pain that transcends all differences. The kind of pain that leads us back to who we really are.

I don't know why my friend went back. I don't know what devices the trickster may have used to lure her back to chasing after that glittering promise. I don't know where the point was in our togetherness when I might have been able to help here. And I don't know who to blame.

But perhaps there is no blame. Perhaps the Creator in his infinite wisdom sent my friend here to help me. Perhaps he sent her here to help us all. The only real pain in departure is in having left no memory. Not having lived and stood for something. This pain I feel is real and indeed my friend did stand for something.

There are many of us in Indian country who have lost friends or relatives to untimely deaths due to alcohol or drugs. There are many of us who have felt the burn of wounds which take so long to heal. Many who have felt anger. Many who have felt cheated. Many who have felt the never-ending why of it all.

The old ones tell us that to live a good life we need to be in balance. In balance with every element of our being. Mind, body, spirit and emotion. To be in

balance means to be centered. Anything that takes you away from your center is your enemy. Anything that takes you away from your center has no place in your life.

It is more than time for us to realize finally that alcohol and drugs represent not only the greatest enemy of our people, but also the greatest enemy of our peoples' future. It is more than time for us to take this pain that we feel separately but together and turn it into a force that removes the enemy from our camps. It is more than time.

My point in all of this, is this. If we really believe that we are trying to live as close to traditional lives as these times allow, if we really believe that we choose to live this way because we want to preserve and protect our culture, if we really believe that our long hair, braids, languages, powwows and ceremonies reflect our desire to continue being who we are as a people, then why continue to put those things into our bodies, homes and communities which will eventually take it all away?

A friend of mine has gone away. In her early departure she has left me more firmly fixed on this path I've chosen. More willing to work with others who choose this path. Separately, but together we heal ourselves. Separately, but together we face the future with the true spirit of the warrior. We move into the coming years with dignity and grace.

Until next week Meegwetch.

Tumbleweeds

By Tom K. Ryan



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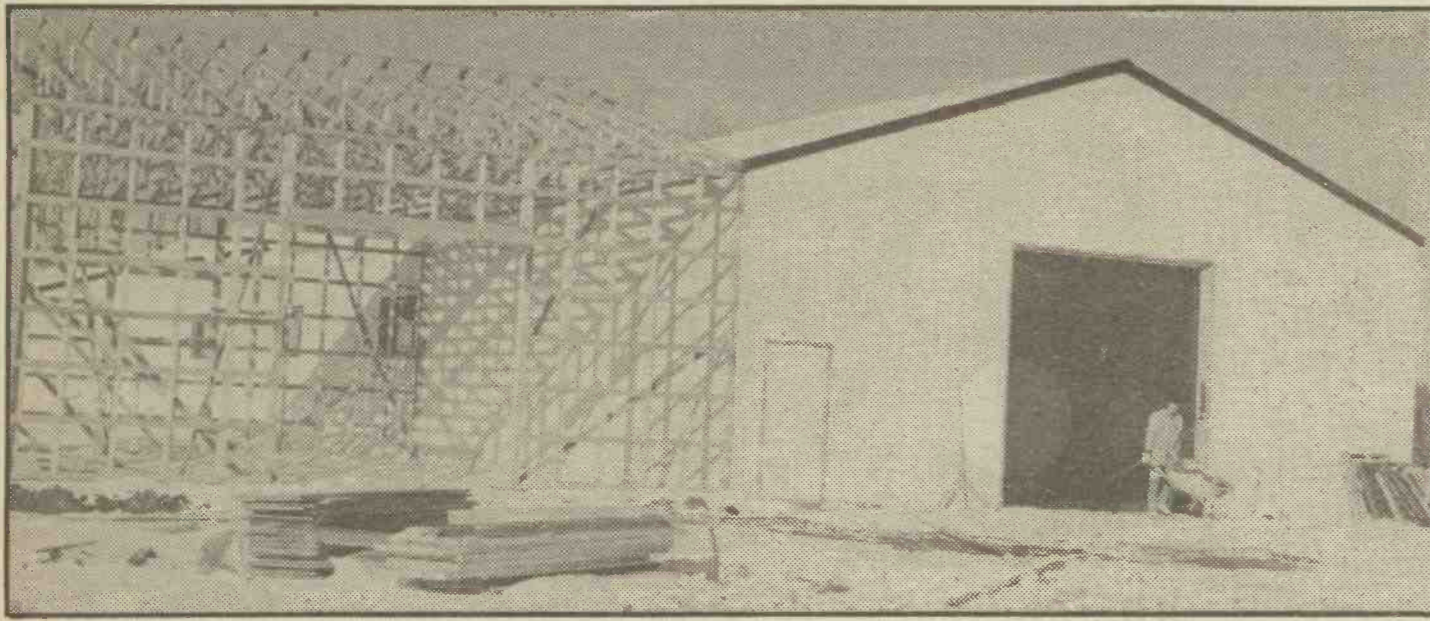
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JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker



75 per cent finished: Sturgeon Lake's chopstick factory

Sturgeon Lake band**Chopstick factory
nears completion**Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

STURGEON LAKE, Alta.

**Idea gets thumbs up
from town and elder**Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

STURGEON LAKE, Alta.

The Valleyview Economic Development Board planted the idea for a chopstick factory in Sturgeon Lake and now it's up to the band to cultivate the plan, according to the board's vice-president Al MacGregor.

"You could say we were instrumental in coming up with idea...going from base one. The Sturgeon Lake band took it from there. They've done a bit of work on it."

MacGregor says the chopstick idea developed during a trip he took to Prince George, B.C. two years ago when he discovered a Korean-owned operation producing chopsticks. The potential for such a market in northern Alberta became evident at that time and Sturgeon Lake became the best candidate for development, he says.

"I took it (idea) back to

the board and they thought it was a good one." The Sturgeon Lake band was then approached the plan "and they were all for it. We helped them with a business plan. Now it's up to them to make it work."

In light of Valleyview's involvement in the project, he feels the band has been responsive and committed to the project.

"I don't want to take any of the credit away from the band. The band has done 90 per cent of the work to get the thing on the road. There has been a lot of ups and downs."

The Sturgeon Lake band organized Cree Valley Industries Ltd (CVI) to run the operation. CVI general manager Steve Shang says Native involvement in the project has been a 100 per cent effort.

"We don't have anything to do with the people in Valleyview," he said.

Sturgeon Lake Chief Ronald Sunshine says he doesn't recall Valleyview making any effort to get involved. "If they were it

was before I became chief" in 1987. Before then, he says, the Sturgeon Lake band may have communicated with the Valleyview board about the chopstick deal. "But we've only worked with Steve (Shang)."

Valleyview mayor Peter Gilchrist says regardless of who came up with the idea, he is optimistic about the band's business future because of what it went through to get the factory built.

"They've had a lot of obstacles but they didn't let that stop them. They were determined to do it and they went ahead."

Gilchrist says he sees the factory as an excellent stimulus for employment and growth for both the Valleyview and Native communities.

Sturgeon Lake elder Dan MacLean says he thought the chopstick factory was a ludicrous idea when first hearing about it.

"I had to laugh. I thought it was a joke. But now I think it will turn out to be a pretty good thing."

before you know it."

After approaching the band with his idea in 1987, Shang says there was a mutual belief the benefits of such a venture would be worth the effort. He says the federal government wasn't so optimistic.

Cree Valley Industries Ltd. (CVI) had trouble at first obtaining a \$600,000 grant from the Native Economic Development Program because they didn't yet have a major investor to back them. CVI went looking for funding and found it across the Pacific in Harbin, China. They also returned from the Orient with a buyer for their goods, Michaelson Japan Ltd.

Now, Shang says, CVI has the capital to compete with anyone in the world using the chopstick production technology called Rikyu. He says it's a technique that makes chopstick production faster and more efficient by using a shaper machine. Eventually, they'll be turning out 15,000,000 chopsticks per day for shipment to Tokyo.

The deal will afford Sturgeon Lake 66 per cent of the profits. The rest will go to Hightech Corporation of China who extended CVI a revocable line of credit of over \$1-million in Canadian funds.

Shang, an engineering graduate from the University of Alberta, admits it took a lot of convincing to get

the plan off the ground but says the finished product should prove CVI can stick with an idea.

Because he's been involved in Pacific Rim business deals since 1985, Shang says he could see the potential Sturgeon Lake had for producing chopsticks, not merely from an economic standpoint. He says there's an environmental element as well.

"I felt they should invest their efforts in a project that uses both natural and human resources effectively." Industries in northern Alberta should be on reserves, run by the reserves and for reserves, he says.

Ronald Sunshine, Sturgeon Lake band chief, says it's good to create jobs locally but it's also good for the band to use its own timber. He says the reserve's Aspen tree supply will be selectively collected. "We won't clear cut. We'll spread it out. . . I can see a lot of labor involved in that process. It will be good for our future."

Shang says plans for another 10 chopstick plants in Alberta are under negotiations. One is already slated for High Prairie.

The 8,000-square-foot Sturgeon Lake plant will offer 60 full-time positions. Shang says CVI is now filling positions in middle management. He hopes to complete the entire hiring process by the opening date in June.

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Hardy gets 'deal'

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The leader of the Federation of Metis Settlements said the "average Metis can get up off their knees" and end their dependency on government handouts, after a land and resources agreement-in-principle was reached with the Alberta's Premier Don Getty March 9 in Edmonton.

Randy Hardy announced he would be taking the contents of the agreement which provides greater self-sufficiency, a co-management of resource activity on settlement lands and a constitutionally entrenched land base to the Metis membership for discussion and ratification.

He said a referendum would be conducted if Premier Don Getty wins the provincial election and the new cabinet endorses the agreement.

However, both representatives emerged from the hour-long meeting reluctant

to disclose the details of the agreement. Neither party would indicate whether half the revenue made from resource development on Metis settlement lands was part of the deal, an issue the federation was fighting for.

And, neither party revealed whether any kind of cash compensation would be provided to the federation for revenue lost from extensive oil and gas development on settlement land.

Hardy said the agreement resembles the offer provincial negotiators made two weeks ago to federation leaders. That package consisted of \$175 million infrastructure building benefits package to be dispersed over the first seven years and an extra \$10 million a year for the next ten years for operation and maintenance funds.

Although the premier refused to disclose financial details he did promise the



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Independence sought: Hardy

Metis he would entrench settlement lands in the Canadian Constitution by amending the Alberta Act with Bills 64 and 65, documents which guarantees "territorial integrity". The two bills also outline the form of self-government Metis Settlement Councils will take.

Federation leaders have been trying to negotiate a deal with the province since 1967. A lawsuit claiming \$250 million in lost revenue was filed against the province in 1977 and has been stalled in the stage of discovery since that time.

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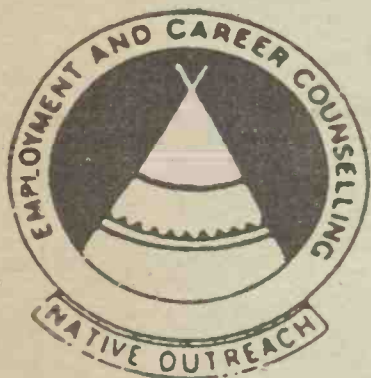
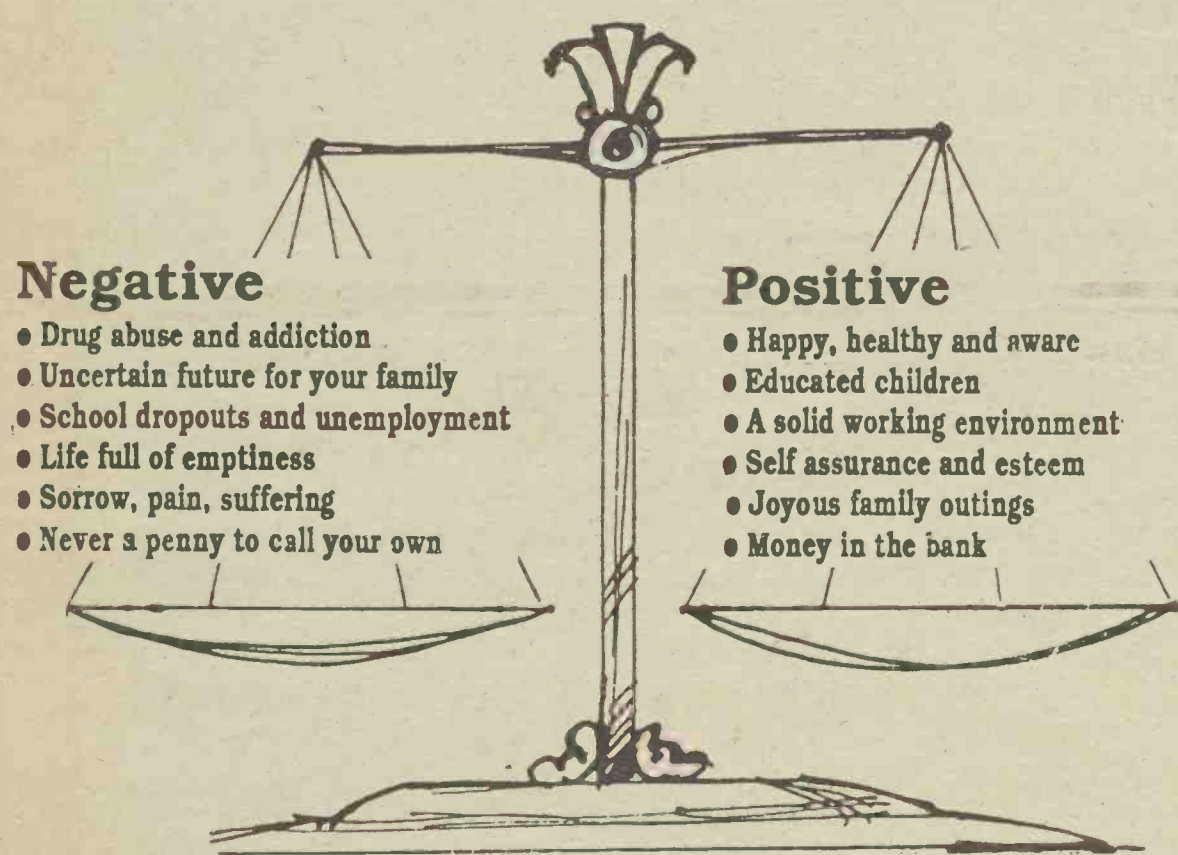
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GRASSROOTS

Kehewin takes chance at prototype business

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

KEHEWIN, Alta.

Kehewin's innovative approach to agriculture kicked off when the hydroponic business venture was officially opened Mar. 3. Honorary Elders Norbert Jebeaux and Jerome Watchmaker performed the pipe and ribbon ceremony for the audience.

The business developed through the efforts of one man's ambition to perfect the method of growing plants in a waterbase medium (hydroponics).

Ron Tuttle began his scientific explorations with this type of greenhouse activity five years ago at his home in Ardrossan.

"At the end of this term things looked fairly good, so I began to look at the possibility of a joint partnership."

Tuttle approached the

Edmonton Journal's agricultural department with his project then, and reporter David Holehouse (currently an instructor at Grant MacEwan Community College) wrote an article about Tuttle's discoveries.

Chief Rene (Gordon) Gadwa picked up on Tuttle's efforts through this article and an advertisement ("looking for investors") and the band hired him on as a consultant and manager for their new greenhouse business venture.

"This hydroponic business is solely the band's operation and my position as the manager is to see that this prototype is working," explained Tuttle.

"This is the first of its kind in this area," said Chief Gadwa. "We're very proud and look forward to expanding. The attitude of the band members is positive toward the employment

opportunities created by this viable business."

"We have at least 6,000 plants growing right now," adds Tuttle. "We're still more or less fine-tuning our equipment. Everything else is working okay."

According to Gadwa, the plants will be ready for harvest in three weeks. Lettuce, spinach and tomatoes are some of the vegetables produced here for marketing in the areas of Lloydminster, St. Paul, Bonnyville, Grand Centre, Cold Lake, Medley (air force base) and surrounding communities.

Kehewin's hydroponic climate buildings (a structure designed to grow plants year-round) will supply the areas restaurants and supermarkets with their "extremely high quality" grade produce very soon according to the manager.

"We had originally planned for a 10 building operation but to date we

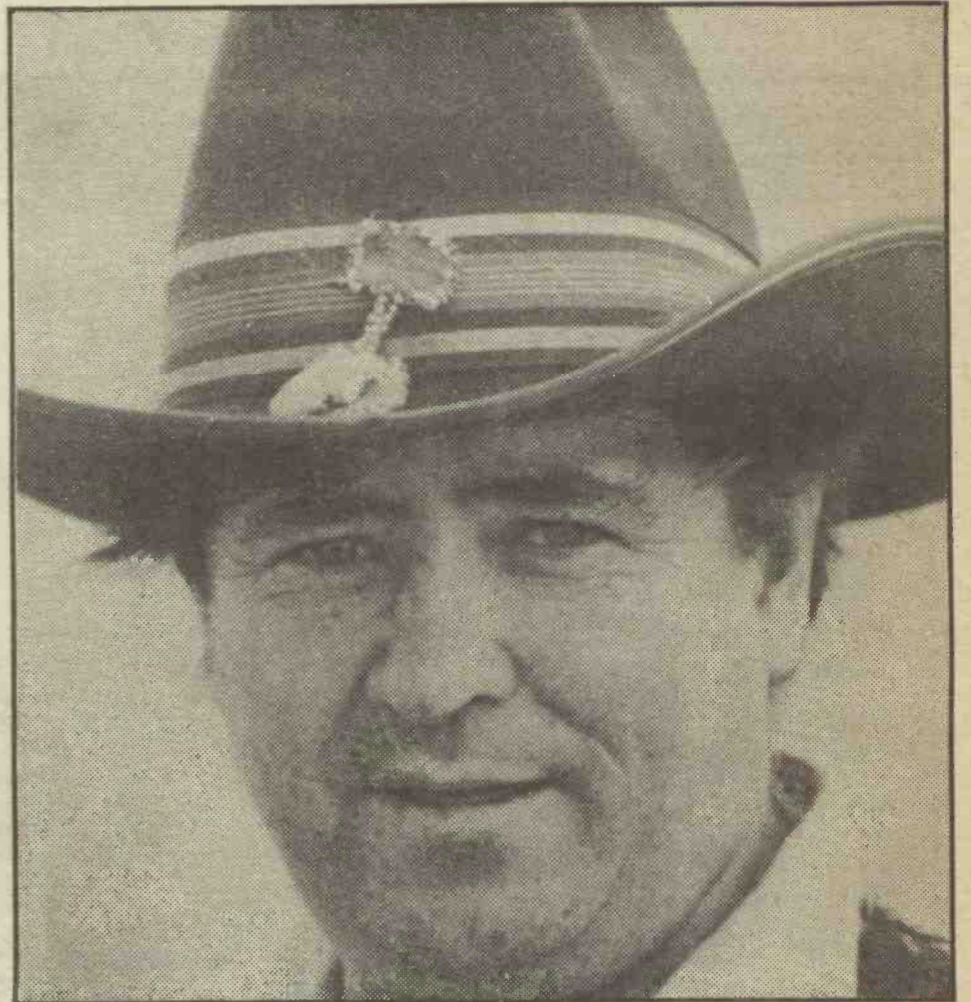
have three," continued Tuttle. The University of British Columbia bachelor of science graduate described the climate buildings 94 ft. long by 22 ft. wide.

Aside from the climate buildings, there is a service building on the site which accommodates all of the things required to pump in the quality control to the produce. This service building is 146 ft. long by 22 ft. wide.

Hydroponics is a new method of growing plants in a water medium which contains all of the necessary nutrients (16 different elements in total) to flourish the plants.

These elements containing nutrients such as: nitrogen, calcium, phosphate, magnesium, potassium, iron, copper and the rest are fed into the plant's water base medium periodically.

"In the summer, the cli-



Harvesting in three weeks: Chief Gadwa

mate building operates as a greenhouse but during the winter time the feeding situation is totally different, requiring different treatment, whereby 'climate' is termed for the annual growth procedures," explained Tuttle.

"The nutrients we're using produces a healthier food product," said Gadwa. "This really interests the military personnel from the nearby air force base."

According to Tuttle, no pesticide, no herbicide and no soil is ever used to grow these plants.

"Response is positive

because the people know where the produce is coming from," said Tuttle.

The present operation is manned by a staff of four including the scientist manager and according to the chief, the crew is testing out the new technology in their endeavors to expand the business.

Proposals for Kehewin's hydroponic business began in August 1986 and Tuttle admits that first year was "intense." Funding for the project came through from the Northern Environmental Development Program in January 1988.

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GRASSROOTS

Stanley-Venne gets new job

Hello family, friends, fans and neighbors!
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"March is Nutrition month," said a reliable source who wished to remain anonymous.

This statement saved the day when I found myself confronted with the dilemma of finding an appropriate intro for this week's column.

Dietitian Margery Petruk from the Charles Camsell hospital offered this basic health menu for adults on a daily basis. Two servings of meat, two servings of milk or milk products, three to five servings of breads and cereals, and four to five servings of fruits and vegetables.

The four year hospital veteran recommends the Canada Food guide available from your local Health Unit offices as good reading material. "Or," she adds, "Dial-A-Dietitian at 454-2649."

Now, the news ...

Edmonton: The Metis lady responsible for helping obtain \$1.5 million for establishing the Settlement Investment Corporation, has recently been appointed Film Marketing Officer for Edmonton's National Film Board (NFB).

Muriel Stanley-Venne's work (stated in a press release) will concentrate on community issues and films.



DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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Stanley-Venne

Corporation (prior to her position with the firm she served as director of training programs for the corporation), and manager of community relations on the Fort McMurray Alsands Project for Bechtel Canada.

Currently, Stanley-Venne is president of the Women of the Metis Nation and is a member of the Alberta Apprenticeship and Trades Certification Board along with serving on the Legal Aid Society of Alberta Board.

She was also an original member of the Alberta Human Rights Commission and recently served two years on the Native Economic Development Advisory Board for the federal government. Also, Stanley-Venne was vice president for the Canadian Native Friendship Centre for six years.

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RCMP: A comprehensive review of this organization's human resource needs has resulted in enhanced employment opportunities for visible minorities and Indigenous persons.

Insp. T.M. Quilley from the 'K' Division in Edmonton informed Windspeaker they would be pleased to discuss

"I am really pleased because the film board is interested in dealing with issues that I am concerned about."

Stanley-Venne has an impressive and diverse background: executive director for Native Outreach for 10 years, general manager for the Settlement Sooniyaw

career opportunities with interested individuals.

Contact Cpl. Peter Nash or Cst. Cindy Brasnett at 471-9487 of the Recruiting Unit to provide you with further details.

Fort McMurray: Eleven couples vied for the King and Queen of the North title during this community's winter carnival sponsored by the local Native Friendship Centre Mar. 3-5.

The reigning winners, Robert Cardinal and Janet Gladue from Wabasca/Desmarais picked up \$1,000 for beating out the rest in the 12 event competition.

Runner-up couple, Butch Plews and Lenora Mulawka from Anzac won \$800 and brother and sister team, George Martin (Fort Chipewyan) and Alice Martin (Anzac) picked up \$600 for third place.

Competition events included: northern dress, Red River Jig, trap setting, log chopping, log sawing, team sawing, tea boiling, bannock making, nail pounding, snowshoe race, target shooting, and moose calling.

Sounds like fun eh? Same place, same time, next year?

Update: Elders Pat and Victoria Lafleur have moved from their Lynnwood nursing care home into another extended care centre in the city's north central district.

The elders were uncomfortable with the separate living arrangements bestowed upon them at the former nursing home.

"They're much happier here, and at least now they're together" said Ken Lafleur the couple's son. "Mom tells me the meals are better too."

According to their son, day passes are always made available which gives them added freedom enjoyment.

(See profile, Jan. 13, 1989 issue.)

Have a good week!

First Nations Child Care Who Cares?

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OUR PEOPLE

Humble Memnooks celebrate 50 years

DIANE PARENTEAU, Special to Windspeaker

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

GOODFISH LAKE

Fifty years ago on a warm winter's day Edith and Paul Memnook were wed. Edith and her husband sat enjoying the Goodfish Lake talent show Feb. 18.

She sat among some of her many grandchildren wearing a woolen tam over her long greying braids while Paul in his Indian tanned mukluks sat with friends just a few chairs away.

"It turned out so nice and warm the kids were playing snowballs," said

Edith Memnook. She smiled fondly at memories of her Jan. 14 wedding day.

Paul suggested his wife do the talking as he sat within hearing distance nodding and smiling in agreement and occasionally teasing about some things she said.

The 68-year-old lady



77 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren: Paul and Edith Memnook

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OUR PEOPLE

System must be changed — Kirkness

By Everett Lambert
Syndicated Native News

VANCOUVER

Verna Kirkness believes Native teachers have to be willing to make actual changes in the system so that Native education will improve.

Kirkness, 53, is the director of education for both the First Nations House of Learning (FNHL) at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver and the Native Indian Teacher Education Program (NITEP), also (located) at UBC.

Both these programs work closely with students wanting to work in Native education.

Kirkness has a message for these students who may return to their home communities: "What I really like to instill in the people is that when you go home you really have to be prepared to change things, (even) if changing things means you do not abide by some of things you have been taught, but rather to do it in the way your grandparents want it done, and your people want it done, and your elders. I think it's happening already."

Kirkness is originally from Fisher River, Manitoba, about 120 miles north of Winnipeg. The Cree Indian attended an Indian reserve day-school at the Fisher River reserve and completed her Grade 12 at a nearby school before starting her long career as a Native educator.

She is one of the great Canadian achievers in the field of Native education. She has three university degrees, two of them in Native education, one of them being a masters of education. Immediately after completing Grade 12 she began teaching. This was in 1954 when all that was required was a teaching permit as opposed to a university degree which is now required.

After teaching elementary school, she moved onto counselling and then onto being a supervisor for a school division in Manitoba. After this, she worked in the curriculum branch for a government department before moving to the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood and the National Indian Brotherhood (NIB), now known as the Assembly of First Nations.

With the AFN, she worked on a policy well-

known in Native education circles — Indian control of Indian education. She says she still promoted the policy.

At present, she is also a professor at UBC in addition to being a director of education for FNHL, which started in 1987, and NITEP where she's been since 1981.

Kirkness has worked in Native education for 34 years and does not mind the thought of retiring.

She believes the main issue facing Native educa-

tion is that the real problem hasn't been properly dealt with yet. "I think we still have not reached the stage of a meaningful education for our people. I think we're too bound by provincial regulations, provincial curriculum, provincial guides and white middle-class standards and values. That's really impacted on us, so much so that even when we have the opportunity, like in our Indian band-controlled schools, there's a great deal of resistance to shedding all that." This is why she

believes Native teachers must be willing to make changes to the system.

NITEP is 15 years old this year and has produced over 100 Native teachers or educators since starting in the early '70s.

The program starts students out at field centres situated in Victoria, Prince George, Kamloops and Chilliwack, all located in B.C. The students study liberal arts for two years in these centres, which includes Native studies, and then are sent to UBC for the



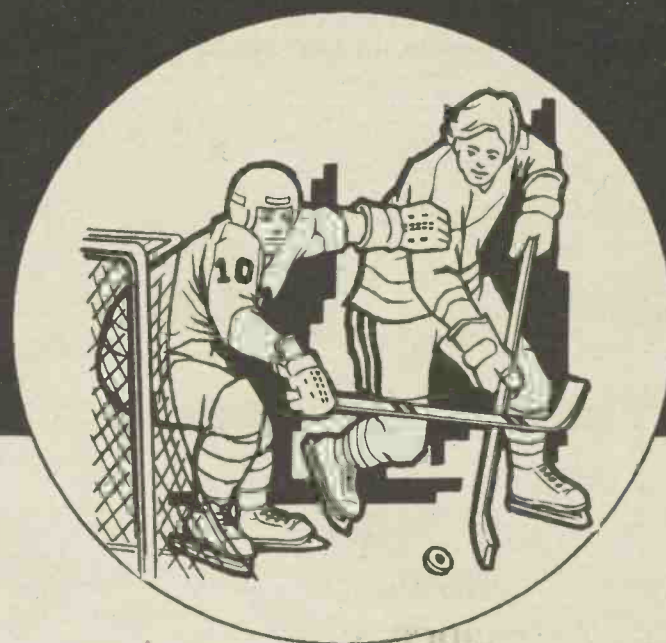
Pioneer: Kirkness

rest of the five-year program. She agrees that the field centres help draw the students out of the communities and into the university setting which is a must for getting a degree or "piece of paper" as she calls it.

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GRASSROOTS

Kermit Karnival — everything from pillow fights to fancy horse parades

DIANE PARENTEAU, Special to Windspeaker

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

FROG LAKE

Despite some interesting additions to the Frog Lake Kermit Karnival activity program, the Wechihtow Ladies Club were unable to draw a satisfactory crowd to their annual fundraiser held March 4.

Club member and organizer Brenda Quinney was disappointed.

"A few of the events have changed trying to get more people involved, but it didn't seem to work," said Quinney following the completion of the indoor and outdoor games. The ladies group have been hosting and coordinating the winter event for the past seven years and attendance has been dropping steadily according to Quinney.

"There seems to be less and less people each year," she added. "Maybe they like it over a two-day period. We usually have the talent show and dance Saturday and the indoor and outdoor events on Sunday. Next year we're looking at going back to two days."

One of the two main events that did well in attendance was the fancy horse parade that started off the day-long activities. Quinney was pleased with the six teams and three riders that harnessed up and pranced for the judges. Bruce Quinney from Frog Lake won first in both the big wagon and teamster categories. The John Stanley team took first in the pony wagon event. Mike

Quinney won the saddle horse competition by a single point.

Activities continued outdoors with men's and ladies log sawing, nail pounding, log throwing and pillow fights. The pillow fights proved to be the favorite. In addition, various races such as the honeymoon race and snowshoe race ran one after the other. Two determined teams dug their heels in for the tug of war.

Returning to the warmth of the Frog Lake school gymnasium, preparations were underway for egg races, pie eating (chocolate creme) and men's and ladies arm wrestling. Defending champ Kevin Bristow took first in his division while Mary Bensmillar proved the strongest of the ladies.

Attendance increased two-fold for the 5 o'clock talent show. All available seating was filled for the three-and-a-half hour show of vocals, instrumental and dancing.

An evening dance concluded the list of events.

EVENT WINNERS

Log Throwing: (Men's) 1st, Donny Deschamps; 2nd, Eddie Soloway; 3rd, Bruce Quinney — (Ladies) 1st, Delia Quinney; 2nd, Elaine Thomas, 3rd; Velma Soloway

Log Sawing: (Men's) 1st, Bruce Quinney; 2nd, Eddie Soloway; 3rd, Emil Blyan — (Ladies) 1st, Delia Quinney; 2nd, Velma Soloway; 3rd, Arlene Calliou

Snow Shoe Race: (Men's) 1st, Albert Berland; 2nd, Adrian Quinney —

(Ladies) 1st, Theresa Boxma; 2nd, Lorna Gail Quinney

Nail Driving: (Men's) 1st, Roy Quinney; 2nd, Bruce Quinney; 3rd, Eddie Soloway — (Ladies) 1st, Glenda Quinney; 2nd, Delia Quinney; 3rd, Elaine Thomas

Honeymoon Race: 1st, Eddie and Velma Soloway; 2nd, Glenda Quinney and Kevin Bristow; 3rd, Lorna Gail Quinney and Norton Quinney

Tug O War: 1st, Emil Blyan team; 2nd, Bradley Quinney team

Pillow Fight: (Men's) 1st, Norton Quinney; 2nd, Malcolm Deschamps; 3rd, Donny Deschamps — (Ladies) 1st, Sherry Soloway; 2nd, Glenda Quinney; 3rd, Brenda Quinney

Arm Wrestling: (Men's) 1st, Kevin Bristow, 2nd, Rocky Moyah; 3rd, Donny Deschamps

Egg Race: (Men's) 1st, Eddie Soloway; 2nd, Emil Blyan; 3rd, Bruce Quinney — (Ladies) 1st, Theresa Boxma, 2nd, Freda Quinney, 3rd, Lorna Gail Quinney

Shoe Scramble: (Men's) 1st, Eddie Soloway; 2nd, Allie Desjarlais; 3rd, Albert Berland — (Ladies) 1st, Joan Soloway; 2nd, Rhonda Quinney; 3rd, Tania Soloway

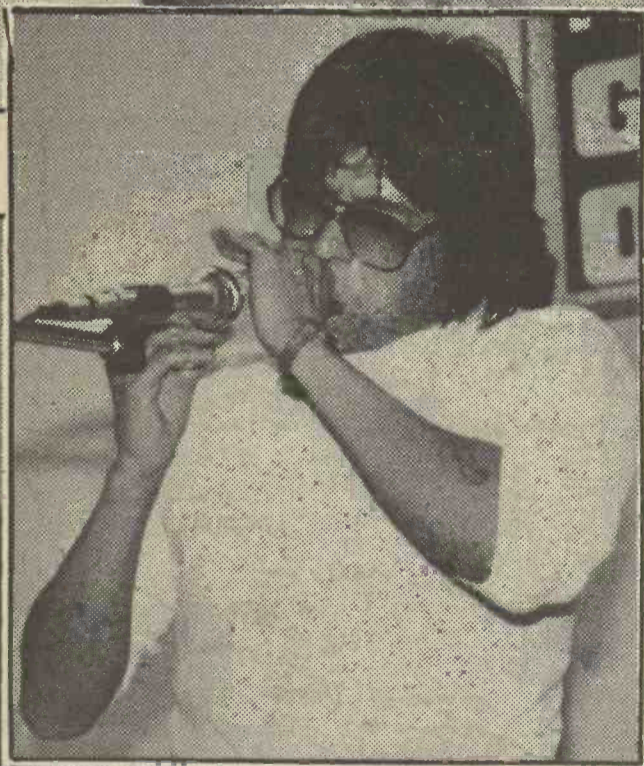
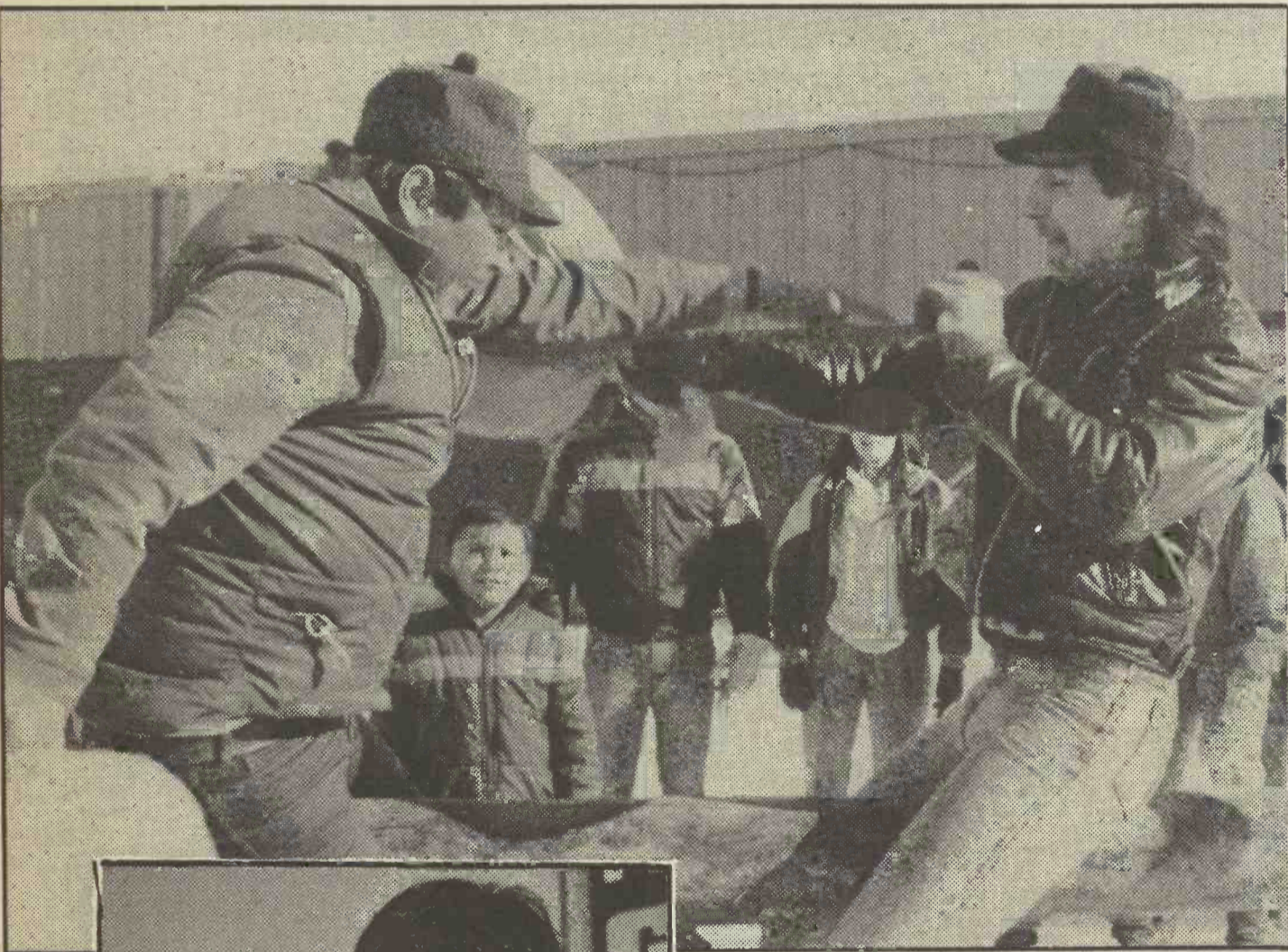
Pie Eating: (Men's) 1st, Norton Quinney; 2nd, Albert Berland; 3rd, Trevor Quinney — (Ladies) 1st, Raven Soloway; 2nd, Tania Soloway; 3rd, Sherry Soloway

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Teen jiggers, above: Bruce Quinney and Donny Deschamps, below

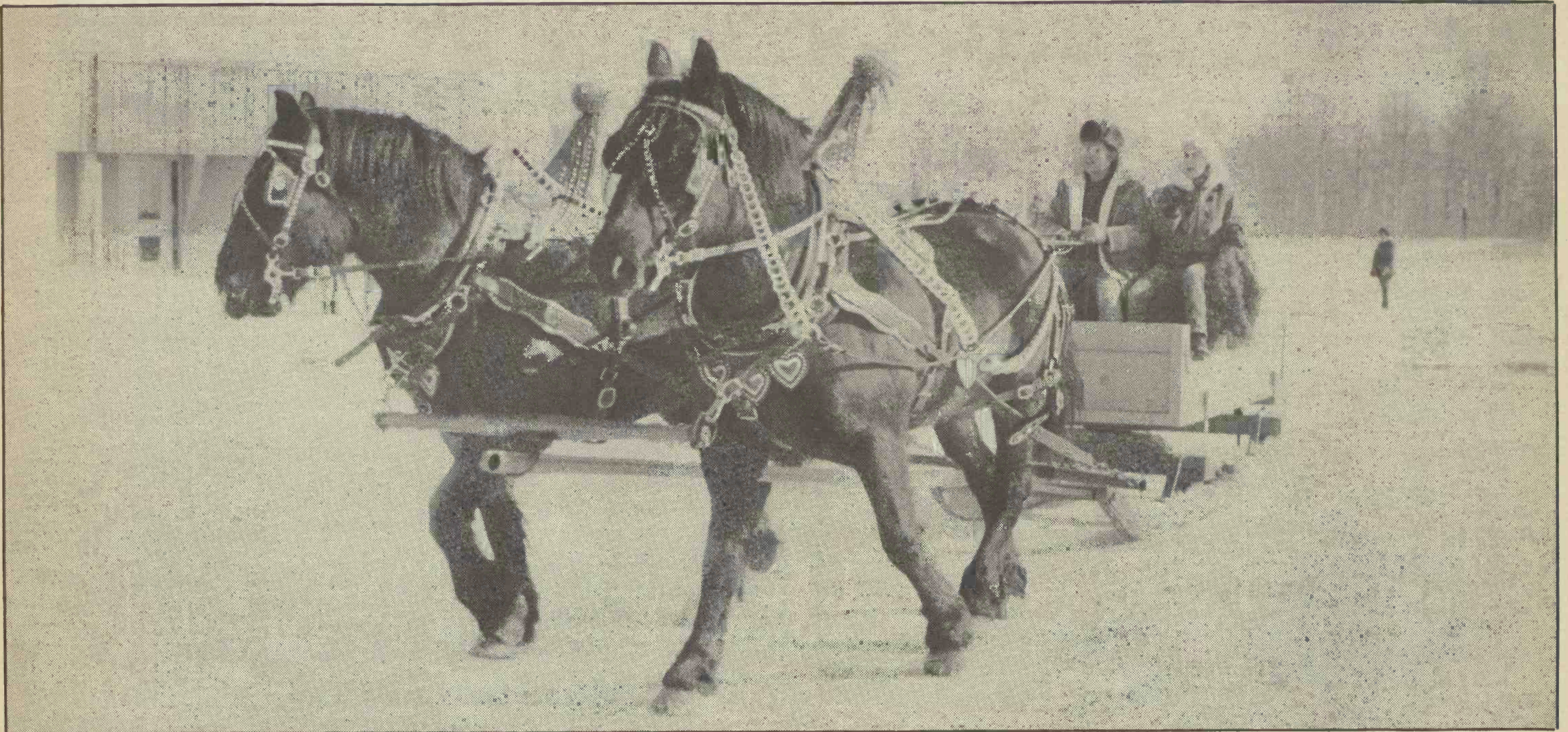
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Glenda Quinney overpowered by Mary Bensmillar, above: A talent show contestant on harmonica, inset

GRASSROOTS

DIANE PARENTEAU, Special to Windspeaker



Fancy horse parading downtown Cold Lake: Allan Jacob

Cold Lakers bust loose at popular fest

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS

The Cold Lake First Nations winter carnival, said to be a favorite in this area, lived up to its reputation by attracting hundreds of people to the reserve recreation hall for three days of activities Mar. 3-5.

In the three years it has been held, improvements and changes in program and organizing structure have continued to boost its popularity, contributing to its success.

This year for the first time a volunteer recruitment plan was put into place where people were given a numbered volunteer card in exchange for their services. The card entitled

the holder to a list of free food items and when returned, made them eligible to win one of three cash prize draws.

"We used to pay a large sum of money for workers for the weekend," said Bernice Martial, recreational director and event coordinator. "This method of recruiting volunteers saved us a lot of money."

Martial herself was a volunteer for six years before being hired as rec director in November of last year.

"The young people have really liked the (volunteer) idea," she added, saying that many of the team of 41 volunteers were youth. "They helped setting up, cleaning up and wherever else they were needed."

A bingo and sober dance started off the weekend Friday night. Saturday and Sunday's afternoon talent show was a big attraction with a new event, the baby bottle sucking con-

test attracting over 20 entries. Cold Lake Chief Francis Scanie was also a competitor in the bottle sucking but lost out on Saturday.

The fancy harness parade was held at noon on Sunday.

"It (parade turnout) could have been better, maybe it was too cold," said John Janvier, parade coordinator. Entries in the two categories were down by half from last year with three big teams and four small outfits.

Other outdoor events went ahead as scheduled despite bitter winds that made snowshoers run for cover and the tea making, not to mention the initial fire making, a challenge in itself.

A unique opportunity existed for local children, when Benny Grandbois and his two half-wolf dog teams began giving rides Sunday during the talent competitions.

DIANE PARENTEAU, Special to Windspeaker

Wolf-dogs capture Grandbois' heart

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

COLD LAKE FIRST NATIONS

When Benny Grandbois was offered the chance to get a wolf-shepherd cross cub, it was an opportunity to fulfill a childhood dream.

As a boy, the 29 year-old Chipweyan Cold Lake man, dreamed of someday having a wolf. Little did he know that the cross-bred litter of six from Laloche, Saskatchewan would grab hold of his heart and not let go.

Grandbois ended up with not one but all six back home at Cold Lake. Since that time three years ago, he has raised them, fed them and trained them to pull a dog sled in the ways of his grandfather.

"When I was a kid I used to run one dog. I always dreamed of having a wolf. My grandfather used a dog

sled long time ago and I started using them again because nobody else was. I want to see them come back," said Grandbois. The tall dark-skinned man put his beaded buckskin gauntlets on the table in front of him. When he spoke of the dogs and his "hobby" there was a certain excitement in his voice.

"They come from the wild," said Grandbois. "They favor the wolves because they don't like dogs. I don't know how they ever crossed them."

The eight-year-old lead dog, given to Grandbois by a friend of the family in Laloche, understands Native vocal commands.

"He knows more Chip than I do," said Grandbois. "That old man that had him up North, they only speak Chip up there."

Part of the training the dogs endure is carrying and

pulling weights.

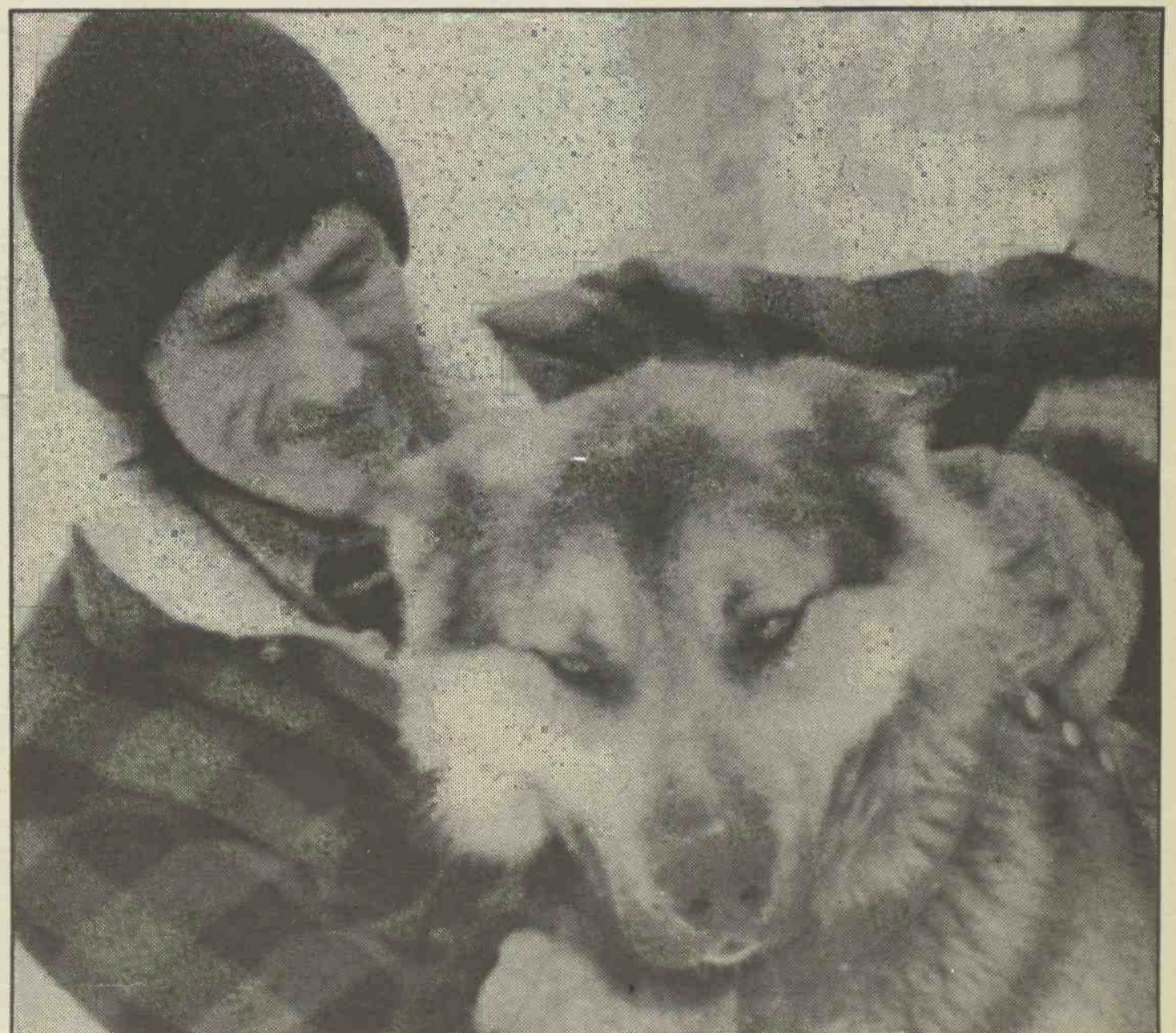
"I train them with dog packs so they can build muscles in their legs. Just three of those dogs pulled a three-quarter ton truck," said Grandbois. Three times a week, he uses them for trapping. There is no place they will ever get stuck.

One of the biggest dogs, Cujo weights 72 kilograms (160 lbs) and stands over 1 metre (three feet) high on all fours.

Cujo and the other dogs seem to favor their mother's wolf side over the German shepherd traits of their father.

Considering their size, the dogs can put away their share of food and have been expensive to keep. Grandbois estimates he spent over \$4,500 on them so far.

"They eat fish and deer meat and scraps, bones and stuff," said Grandbois. He



"I'll never get rid of them": Benny Grandbois

made his own sled and harnesses for the team under the direction of his father who also drove dog teams in his day.

Although presently unemployed, Grandbois wouldn't sell the team he

says is valued at \$6,000. He already turned down a 1979 4X4 and snow machine offered in trade. For him, it's a family tradition of sorts, something worth bringing back and keeping alive.

"They mean everything to me and I guess I'll never get rid of them," he added. Then looking down at six-month-old Bennyshia in his laps, he said "my daughter is going to drive a team one say. It's a thrill."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Films show struggles for culture and rights

By Elaine O'Farrell
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

In *Home of the Brave*, Navajo matriarch Katherine Smith laments the fact that "there is no traditional prayer, there is no traditional song" that remain of her people.

"All the kids today don't understand Navajo. The young kids believe in Christianity. It's going to be the end of the world," says Smith, the keeper of the sacred bundle that protects her land.

Smith may well be among the last of the traditional Navajos left after a century-old struggle that has pitted her tribe against the U.S. government and mining companies.

The struggle of the North and South American Indian to survive is the theme of films presented at the ninth annual Third World Film Festival, held March 3-5 at the University of Alberta.

In the film, the Navahos and other tribes speak out against the industrial development of their land.

The film opens with the hoopla of a Columbus Day celebration in mid-Western America.

"Columbus Day to me is a day of national mourning. By the time the federal

government was created in this country, three-quarters of my people were dead. It means the rape and desecration of my mother, Mother Earth," one Native American tells viewers.

The film is a passionate look at Natives in Ecuador, Bolivia and in Brazil's Amazon River basin who are being displaced and, in some cases, exterminated to make way for environmentally-hazardous industrial projects.

Focussing on the American Indian, it explores what happened in 1973 at Wounded Knee, North Dakota when Indians seized the town to let America know "Indians still exist outside Hollywood movies and picture books."

Although the protest was quashed by federal troops, it provided the American Indian with a renewed sense of pride and a rebirth of spiritualism.

The film profiles the four Means brothers, Russell, Bill, Dale and Ted, American Indian activists who are proud of their heritage. Declares Russell Means: "I'm a born-again primitive."

It has an excellent soundtrack, featuring the music of Tom Bee and the American Indian group XLT, Grupo Aymara and

rare archival recordings.

The effects of America's relocation policy for Natives and strip mining for oil and uranium are voiced in *In the Heart of Big Mountain*, a video documentary by Native filmmaker Sandra Sunrising Osawa.

The film also focuses on Katherine Smith, who in 1986 was among 10,000 Navajo and Hopi Indians relocated off the sacred Big Mountain in Arizona.

The land dispute triggered a complex court case that resulted in thousands of miles of fences crisscrossing Indian land.

Introducing the film at the festival was Smith's daughter, Marie Gladue.

"At Big Mountain, there is a problem of suicide and alcoholism, and nevertheless, the (United States) government is still trying very hard to remove the people from their ancestral land," Gladue said.

Our Land, Our Life is a video documentary exploring the Lubicon's land-claim fight, narrated by Chief Bernard Ominayak.

Canadian award-winning documentary-maker Judith Doyle's *Neguagon-Lac La Croix* examines what is at stake for Aboriginal people in their battle for treaty rights, focusing on the Lac La Croix Ojibway band.



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SPORTS & LEISURE

Goodfish burns Hobbema 4-2

LYLE DONALD, Special to Windspeaker



Winners of 16-team \$1,500 tourney: Goodfish Flames

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

ENOCH, Alta.

The Goodfish Lake Flames burned the Hobbema Oilers 4-2 to take championship game at the Alexis Jets recreation hockey tournament held March 3-5 at the Enoch Arena.

It was a big tournament with 16 teams in the recreation side and four teams in the old-timers division. The draw for the tournament was set up as a double knockout recreation tournament and a total point series in the old-timers division.

Alexander Old Timers walked away with the bragging rights to the old-timers tournament going undefeated through three games. Other teams taking part

were Enoch, Alexis, and Hobbema.

In the "A" division final game for the recreation side saw the Hobbema Oilers and the Goodfish Lake Flames vying for the \$1,500 prize money and the championship trophy.

Both teams had a tough semi-final game with the Oilers getting by their arch-rivals, the Enoch Tomahawks 6-2. The Flames won a squeaker by beating this year's provincial champs Alexis Jets 5-4.

Goodfish finally found an opening as Fabian Cardinal slapped one by the Oilers Darrell Buffalo to put the Flames on the score board. Hobbema had a couple of chances to tie it up but they just could not finish off the play. The first period ended 1-0 for Goodfish Lake Flames.

They kept the same tempo up in the second period and at the 7:52 mark of the period, the Flames' Bobby Houle scored his first of the night by tipping one by the down-and-out Oiler goaltender. The Flames Stan Jackson got on to the score sheet as he beat the Oilers Darrell Buffalo ending the second period 3-0 for the Flames.

The Oilers tried to regroup for the third period to get back into it but the Flames started to play more defensive and held them off.

Finally, the Oilers got one by the Flames goaltender on a controversial goal. The net was off its moorings but the referee said the Flames player knocked it off so he counted it. The goal was credited to Garth Esperance.

That still was not enough to get the Oilers going as the Flames shut them down and with 1:20 left in the game Bobby Houle of the Flames added the icing on the cake by notching his second of the game. The Oilers' Sherman Cutknife finished off the scoring to make it 4-2 for the Goodfish Lake Flames.

In the "B" final the Alexander Braves walked all over the Alexis Crusaders and beat them by a 5-0 count. The story of the game was the excellent goaltending of 15 year-old rookie Dave Auigbell as he shut the Crusaders out and helped his team to victory.

Warren Kootenay lead the way for the Braves as he scored twice and assisted on another.

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He said it

Gordie Howe speaking to a banquet for the Southeast Thunderbirds, an all-Indian team that's been struggling with one victory in 47 games in the Manitoba Junior League: "I can see why you have so much trouble. You've got a whole bunch of chiefs and no Indians." (printed in the Edmonton Sun Feb. 26, 1989.)

Avid golfers tune-up

Levi Bobb and Wanda Baptiste were the top winners at the '89 Louis Bull Mid-Winter Golf Tune-up tournament in Las Vegas.

Bobb won \$600 plus a golf jacket and bag and Baptiste won \$400 plus the jacket and bag. "Prize monies for the ladies' side was less because of the ratio difference in the number of participants," said Bill Goodin coordinator of the event.

One hundred participants paid their golf package fees (\$650, \$600 and \$400) for the Feb. 23-26 tournament at the Sahara Golf and Country Club in Las Vegas. These fees included: air, accommodation (motel with or without casino), and ground transportation.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves and the weather was excellent. The hottest temperature we had was 86 degrees," added Goodin. "The last two tournaments were held in Victoria, B.C. but it was too wet."

Avid golfers from B.C., Ottawa, Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, California and Arizona came out for the fun golf tournament according to Goodin.

"We didn't really focus on the competition aspect of the tournament," continued Goodin. "It was a mid-winter golf tune-up tournament."

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CORRECTION

We apologize for the error in the Feb. 24 and March 3 ads for the Saulteau Indian Band. Please see the correct ad in this issue of Windspeaker. Moberly Lake, B.C. is located in northeastern B.C.

SPORTS & LEISURE



Barrel champ: Norma Muldoon and Gary Buffalo

Diamond 5 event cures 'rodeo itch'

By Gary F. Buffalo
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBHEMA

While the normal person was just getting over the dreaded February winter blues, cowboys were dreading their own type of winter blues — no rodeos.

It is the time of year where rodeos are scarce and the die-hard cowboy is itching to head down the road for another year of rodeoing. To remedy the 'itch'

which only affects the rodeo athletes, professional bullrider, Benji Buffalo and barrel racing sister-in-law Sandy decided, "why not have a jackpot."

It was on. Forty-four bullriders and 50 barrel racers converged at the Diamond 5 Rodeo Complex on the Montana reserve south of Hobbema for a day of professional competition.

The Feb. 25 affair attracted both pro and amateur competitors from Paddle Prairie to Sacramento, California. They came to compete.

Only the top 10 barrel racers in the novice, juniors and the open event qualified for the finals after two qualifying runs.

A five-second penalty knocking over a barrel in the juniors disqualified Cardston's Randa Wilson for the average. Daughter of the Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association secretary, Monica Wilson, Randa led with 31.034 seconds after the two runs. But young Kendra King of Wainwright, with fast and consistent clover leaf patterns, took it all with a final run of 15.569 to Wilson's 15.568 plus five seconds.

Hobbema's eight-year-old Billy Dee Buffalo, daughter of Sandy and Todd, the jackpot organizers, stopped the electric eye timers at 16.062 followed by Cindy Folley's 16.201. Truly an exciting finish for the young 'can chasers.'

Joan Hager, entered in the novice, came to win.

Leading the long go at 30.901 seconds, Hagar also won the short go with a quick run of 14.933 to end the afternoon for a combined total of 45.215. Hagar's effort earned average monies and a saddle blanket for her trusty steed.

Ponoka's Lorraine Cook out of the Riverside Motor Inn Stables was a close second with 15.043. Patience paid off for Cook as she was training a new barrel horse. Silver spurs were awarded to this newcomer.

Muldoon, synonymous in the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) barrel racing standings, Norma, used total control in winning the long and short go's along with a \$1,200 trophy saddle donated by Peace Hills Trust Company.

Marcy Powell, another CPRA member followed with her time of 45.400 to Muldoon's 45.215.

Sandy Buffalo, a former IRCA barrel champion and a mother of three boys and Billy Dee says, "It was all worth it. We're lucky to have had this many entries when you consider the conditions of the roads.

"With what you saw today, it is most probably this jackpot will become an annual event," contended the camera-shy horse trainer.

Sandy and Benji Buffalo wish to thank the following donors for the spring show-down: Buffalo Plumbing; Peace Hills Trust, Hobbema; Denham Ford, Wetaskiwin; Wayside Inn, Wetaskiwin; Riverside Motor Inn, Ponoka; Herman Roasting; John Bull; Lester Nepoose; Oil & Lube; Samson Lumber; Jerry Johnson Trucking; Marvin Buffalo; Darrel Strongman.

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Stopping the spike: Women's provincials at Kehewin

'Edmonton all the way'

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

KEHEWIN, ALTA.

On Thursday before the Kehewin Native Women's Volleyball Provincials, 12 teams had entered and committed to compete but come Saturday morning, half that number actually showed up to play.

The competition against teams from Frog Lake, Saddle Lake, Kehewin, Hobbema, Moose Mountain and Edmonton went on for three days but according to tournament organiz-

er Connie Badger, the defending champs from Edmonton were dominant figures throughout.

"It was basically Edmonton all the way," said Badger. "In the final game it was Edmonton Spirits against the Hobbema Nighthawks. They (Hobbema) just weren't playing at all. They could have gotten all fired up but they didn't. Edmonton took it two games straight."

Team jackets and \$400 was awarded to the Edmonton team. For placing second, Hobbema received team shirts and

\$300. Third place Moose Mountain took home \$200.

Individual awards for best digger went to Heather Poitras from Moose Mountain, best setter was Allison Poitras from Edmonton, best spiker award went to Stephanie Poitras from Edmonton, and MVP was awarded to Darla Ferguson from Edmonton. The six all-stars were Val Cardinal and Trina Poitras from Moose Mountain, Grace Morin and Tracy Lee from Hobbema Nighthawks, Pauline Hunter from Saddle Lake and Glenda Quinney from Frog Lake.

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Yellowknife a bustling centre

By Heather Andrews

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT

The area around Yellowknife, on Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories, was undisturbed for centuries, with only Dene and Inuit people living a quiet, harmonious existence with nature in the one million square miles of the great territory.

A few trading posts and missions were scattered here and there. Occasionally explorers intruded, some searching for copper or gold, some to find the elusive northwest passage, believed by Europeans to be a route which would allow freer movement between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans than the long trip around South America currently allowed. Samuel Hearne, a Hudson Bay employee, travelled with the Indians of the Yellow Knife, or Copper, tribe in the 1770s, exploring their territory and greatly increasing general knowledge of the north. Sir John Franklin asked Akaitcho, chief of the tribe, to guide him up the Coppermine River to the Arctic Ocean in 1820.

But little else disturbed the traditional meeting place of the Dene, which the busy city of Yellowknife would one day occupy.

Then, in 1934, gold was discovered in

the area and the news of the discovery, added to earlier findings of pitchblende at Great Bear Lake, brought an end to the early peaceful existence. Bush planes soon deposited enough people in the area to see a fledgling tent city begin to grow. Development was steady over the next 50 years. Mineral and petroleum exploration and construction of the DEW line (Distant Early Warning) defense system also contributed to development of the area.

Today a modern city of 12,000 people, Yellowknife is linked to the rest of Canada by an efficient highway system and by scheduled and charter flights from its International Airport. The territorial government was established at Yellowknife in 1967 and the federal departments involved began transferring responsibilities from Ottawa. Debates in the 24 member Legislative Assembly are carried on in any of eight languages, as politicians represent Dene of Chipewyan, Dogrib, Slavey, Nahanni, Loucheux and Hare descent, as well as Inuit. Interpreters are never far away.

The government is further divided into five regions and decentralization has increased the emphasis on local councils in the regions, which are Inuvik, Kitikmeot, Keewatin, Baffin and Fort Smith, the latter including Yellowknife itself.

While the city is a bustling urban

centre, nearby communities offer a more traditional way of life. Detah, a settlement of 130 Dogrib people situated just outside the capital, is a popular tourist stop, with the visitors observing the daily activities of the village and its inhabitants. Lac La Martre to the north has some 350 Dene people, also of Dogrib origin and has an economy based on hunting, fishing and tourism.

The two tiny villages of Snare Lake and Rae Lakes have only a store and rest

house, but Dene people in the area live a lifestyle unchanged for many years. Rae, Edzo and Fort Reliance, small Dogrib communities, and Snowdrift, Canada's most northerly Chipewyan settlement are situated on the shores of Great Slave Lake and are involved in fishing and trapping.

Today many Native people in the larger centres are becoming employed in oil and gas exploration, mining and government services. Training programs are available in many fields.



Bustling centre: The Panda Mall in Yellowknife offers full retail services.

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Only way to go: Elder Johnny Neyelle making snowshoes, Ft. Franklin, NWT.
-Photo courtesy Tessa Macintosh, Government of the NWT.

Whitehorse's name is still a mystery Grows with the gold

By Heather Andrews

WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Years before the gold rush brought thousands of people into their quiet, peaceful country, Indian people living in the area near present-day Whitehorse, are believed to have met up with a European explorer, probably from one of the Scandinavian countries.

His blond, almost white hair, coupled with his legendary "strength of a horse," caused the Native people to name him White Horse. When he drowned in the churning Yukon River, the rapids and the settlement which grew up nearby later, were named in his memory.

Other tales claim the rolling rapids reminded the Natives of the tossing of horses' manes. Still another suggested origin is the action of the waves against the rock as underwater channels caused whitecaps which appear briefly in the shape of a horse.

Regardless of which is actually the true story of how the settlement got its name, Whitehorse today, with a population of 18,000, is Canada's most northerly city. It has long been a gathering place of Indians from all over the Yukon, when the people would gather to hunt, fish, choose a mate and visit the long summer days away.

Eventually, as the gold rush, trading posts, mining, pipeline and highway construction caused the non-Native nearby settlement of Whitehorse to grow, the Native encampment became permanent and is part of the city today.

As the capital of the Yukon Territory, the attractive government building houses the public service, archives, public library and territorial council. Sixteen members represent the Yukon population of 27,000 - of which 7,000 are Native - as members of the Progressive Conservative, Liberal

and New Democratic parties sit in the Legislature, which is similar to a provincial government body except for some matters, such as natural resources, still being decided by the federal government in Ottawa. However, as the Indian Land Claims which date back many years, slowly become settled, it is expected all issues pertinent to the Territory will be decided in Whitehorse and hopefully with full input from Native representatives.

The city also offers full medical facilities with the Whitehorse General Hospital as the main Yukon health care centre. Educational institutions include a technical and vocational centre as well as both Protestant and Catholic public schools, offering classes from kindergarten to high school. Many students study University of Alberta courses by correspondence.

Whitehorse residents are employed in administration, transportation and communications as well as tourism. Although the Native population is only about 11 per cent, they are very much in evidence in all areas of business, including shopkeepers and clerical workers. A full range of tourist attractions in Whitehorse and the rest of Yukon with its history and its wilderness attract growing numbers of visitors yearly.

Events at the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre bring the people together as well as the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous which is held every winter. The 10 day February extravaganza features various cultural events, as well as an Indian Arts and Crafts Fair, a Native folklore evening to which non-Natives are welcomed and sled dog racing which is a main attraction, with a \$10,000 prize bringing racers from all over North America. Other events include Flour Packing, Costumes plus Beard Growing Contests.

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A meeting place for the needs Uncle Gabe's open

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Uncle Gabe's has an open door policy which encourages Native and non-Native participation in membership, board positions, staff, as well as all activities offered.

Programs and services offered on a year-round basis are: weekly stew and bannock lunch, Sunday night TV bingo, daily after school and evening programs for youth, drug and alcohol counselling and treatment referrals, an alcohol and drug resource centre and justice programs: Fine Options, Restitution Alternates, Northerners Against Impaired Driving.

Programs offered on a seasonal basis are: Job Entry Program; Work Orientation Programs; Summer Recreational Day Camp for youth; Trapper Training; Job Re-Entry Training and others as the need arises.

There are 11 full-time staff and part-time youth workers and one coordinator for special projects. The centre is governed by a seven person board of directors.

The overall goal of the centre is to provide a base for activities which encourages cultural development, support and facilitate the development of individual learning through training, educational and recreational programs; liase with community service agencies and groups, also to encourage human resource development, thereby enriching and enhancing individual lifestyles.

A salute to our neighbors to the north - Yukon and NWT

Han Tribe camped there, little remains of lifestyle

By Heather Andrews

Before contact was made with Europeans, the people of the Han tribe camped frequently near the location of present-day Dawson City. They spent several leisurely weeks each spring

fishing and drying salmon and other fish, preparing hides for winter clothing and gathering herbs and berries.

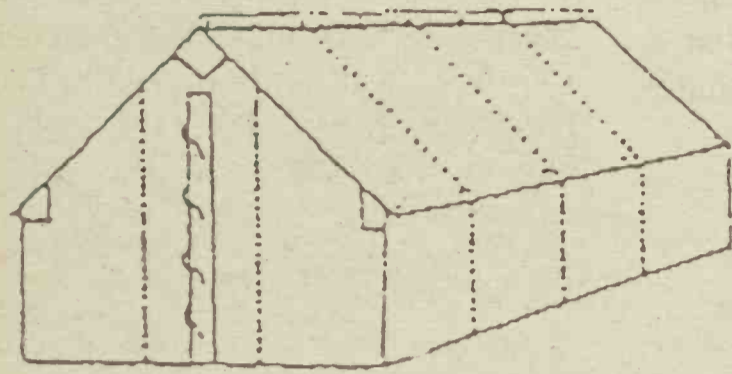
Today, little remains of the early lifestyle. Drastic changes occurred as the white traders, gold seekers, missionaries

and later, pipeline and highway construction companies invaded the Yukon Territory. Caught up in a modern way of life, many people became wage earners and left the old customs behind.

Fortunately, today an active program of

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Their product range includes prospector style tents, various lean-tos, tipis, toboggan canvas, carry-alls, Cordura, duffle bags, backpacks, flight bags and portfolios. These are shipped from coast to coast.

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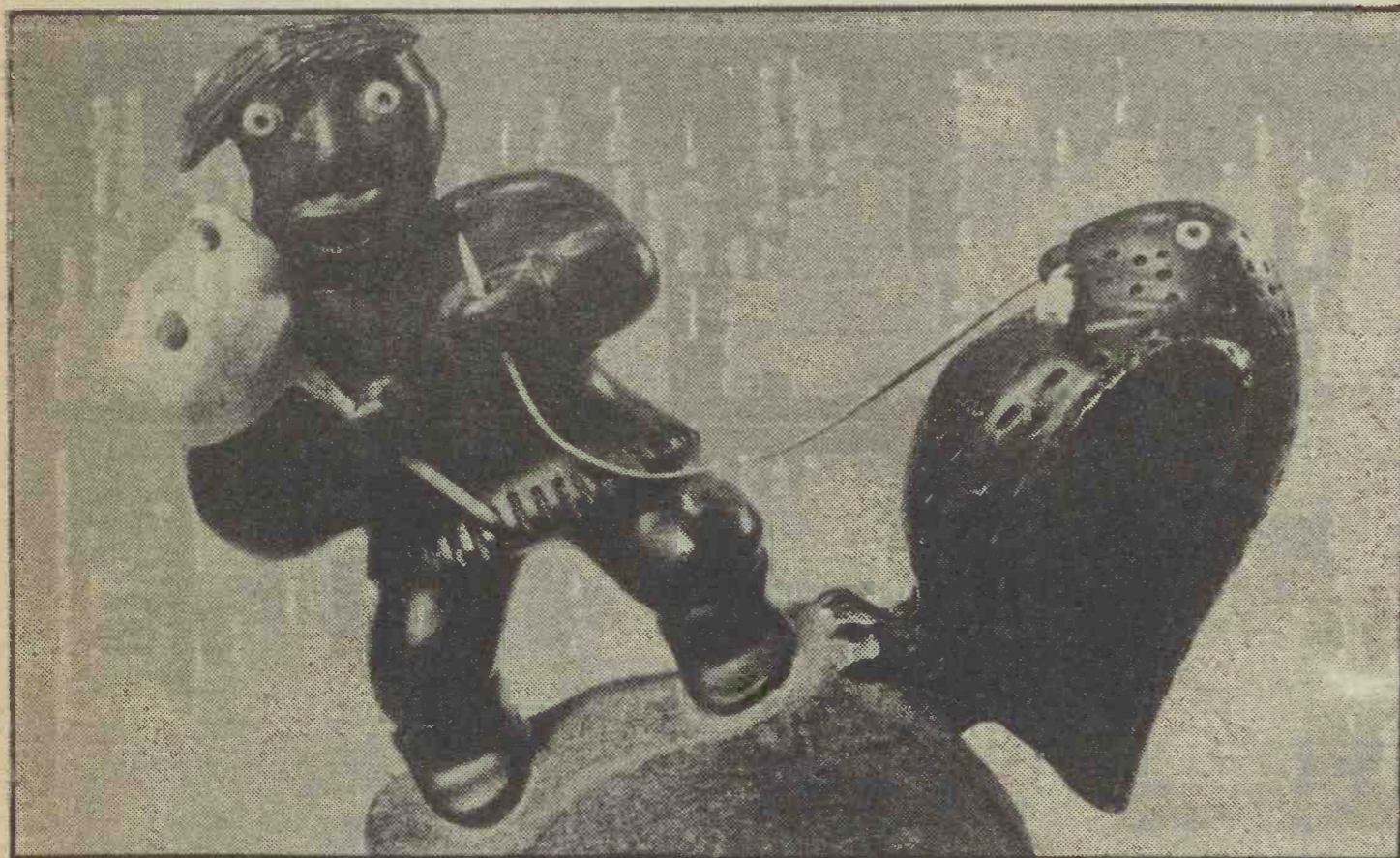
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Fine catch, fine arts: Steve Anavilok of Cambridge Bay (top) holds up a catch of white fox outside the Hunters' and Trappers' Association building. This Shaman and Owl (bottom) carved by Judas Doloolah of Gjoa Haven is on display at Northern Images in Yellowknife.

-Photos courtesy Tessa Macintosh, Government of the NWT

Heritage is preserved by arts, crafts Artisans renowned

By Heather Andrews

The heritage of the Inuit people is in little danger of being lost, at least in six tiny communities along the Arctic Coast. Native crafts from the area are becoming known worldwide which, in addition to preserving their culture, also creates employment for the artists.

The area is historically important as Inuit families have camped at various locations where for centuries to fish and hunt. Between 1850 and 1910, several European expeditions seeking the elusive Northwest Passage wintered or travelled through the waterways, as well as several groups searching for the ill-fated Franklin expedition. These include Raold Amundsen, Vilhjalmur Steffanson and Dr. John Rae. The Hudson Bay and its trading post was never far behind this first contact with Europeans, with the Catholic and Anglican missionaries arriving a few years later.

One such community is Gjoa Haven which is located 600 air miles northeast of Yellowknife and has a population of 600. A traditional way of life still exists here, with families moving to summer camps for hunting, trapping and fishing. The people preserve their heritage through beautiful wall hangings and soapstone or bone carvings. The 460 residents of nearby Spence Bay are known for their use of dyes obtained from natural lichens in the area. Colorful toys, parkas and

other woven garments are offered for sale in the local co-op. The Netsilik Inuit of Spence Bay are also carvers of exquisite whale bone and soapstone sculptures.

Pelly Bay, which is east of Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven, became a permanent settlement when the stone church of the Catholics was built in 1935. The 250 residents are still involved in sealing, hunting a fishing as well as producing miniature ivory carvings, wall hangings and hand-sewn articles of clothing.

On the south coast of Victoria Island is Cambridge Bay, which boasts a bigger population of 900, of which 75 per cent are Inuit. Many work in government positions as the settlement is a regional headquarters for the Territorial government. Traditional hunting and fishing as well as trapping the many white fox are still practiced. As well, arts and crafts are produced and sold locally, including carvings of caribou bone and narwhale tusk, sealskin tapestries, parkas and wall hangings.

Holman, on the other side of Victoria Island, is becoming known for its silkscreen prints. The Catholic missionaries brought the art to Holman in 1939. As well, many of the 350 residents produce bone and soapstone carving. The Inuit of Coppermine had long been using copper for arrow and spear heads as well as a unique circular knife called an ulu, when first visited by the explorers in the 1770s. Now a traditional way of life is blended in with oil and gas exploration.

On behalf of the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories and the Metis locals. We extend best wishes to our membership and all residents throughout the Northwest Territories and invite one and all to call our office for information on upcoming programs and events in your area.



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A salute to our neighbors to the north - Yukon and NWT

The stick game brings many echoes of the past

By Heather Andrews

YUKON, NWT

A campsite, smoke drifting upwards from campfire, children laughing, drums beating, families arriving from

distant homes miles away - it sounds like a scene from long ago.

But this peaceful sight is being repeated today in various communities across the Yukon and NWT as the ancient art of Stick Gambling enjoys a resurgence of popularity.

Long a cultural tradition of native people, the competitions brought friends and families together for visiting, reminiscing and dancing. The pride of winning was, and still is, an added bonus to the overall good time enjoyed by those participating.

Stick gambling is a team sport. A number of sticks are allotted to each team and a wooden chip is hidden in a team member's hand. Through an intricate series of deceptive moves, the location of the chip is obscured. A wrong guess by the opposing team results in the losing of a stick. Each team has its own series of unique movements designed to fool the other team members. Strategies are ingenious and competition intense.

The playing is accompanied by the hypnotic beat of the drum and the dance-like sway of the players. Onlookers cheer, elders smile knowingly remembering competitions from days gone by, young people observe carefully, dreaming of next year when they too might be allowed to be a part of the ancient tradition.

Organizers of this and other such cultural events hope to continue the yearly competitions, helping to preserve the heritage of Native people.



Playing to the beat of the drum: The Dogrib residents, Ft. Rae, NWT, enjoy stick gambling.

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For more information about job duties contact Bill Graham, Regional Superintendent, at (819) 645-2881.

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Persons that are interested in learning Powwow Dancing (mainly the Cree way) please contact Judy at the High Level Friendship Centre 926-3355 or Robert Courtoreille 927-3723 Fort Vermilion

Best Wishes to our many friends and neighbors in Canada's North - We invite one and all to visit our centre and participate in the many activities we have to offer.

The origins of Ingamo Hall date back to 1965 when a group of people living in the predominantly Native west end of Inuvik organized the Indian and Eskimo Association — shortened to Ingamo. For \$50 they purchased an old building and began holding dances, cultural events and other social activities.

Throughout its early years, Ingamo was supported through local fund raising activities, run by volunteers and assisted by such other organizations as the Committee of Concern on Alcohol Problems and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement. Starting in 1971, annual funding from the Secretary of State's Migrating Native Peoples Program was added to local support in running the Hall.

With more regular funding, it was possible to hire a staff person. This in turn led to an increase in the programs offered by Ingamo, especially those for children. This expanded use, coupled with the age and condition of the original building, soon led to a firm

decision to construct a new hall.

In many ways, the history of Ingamo throughout the 1970s was dominated by the construction of its new hall. While the old hall continued to function much as it always had, its operation tended to be over-shadowed by the construction going on next door. For nearly a decade it was the continuing support — both moral and financial — of large number of Inuvik's individual citizens which sustained the vision of a new Ingamo Hall and finally saw it become a reality.

Today, Ingamo Hall is once again fully occupied with serving the social, cultural and recreational needs both of Inuvik's Native peoples and its west end citizens. As a community hall, Ingamo provides a place where people and organizations can hold such events as dances, bingos, weddings and meetings. As a community centre, Ingamo runs its own programs and activities continuing to give particular attention to the children.

We salute our friends and neighbors in the N.W.T. and Yukon.

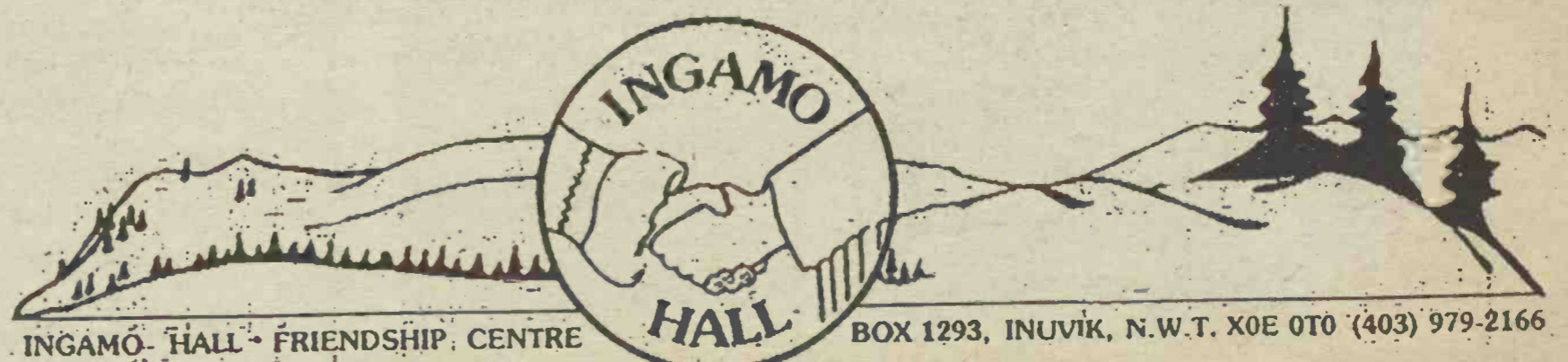


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **New Residents** are invited to contact High Prairie Area Community Welcome by phoning 523-4441.
- **Metis Cultural Dance Classes**, Sunday afternoons, 2 - 4 p.m., 11035-127 St., St. Peters Church Hall, Edmonton. Call 452-7811 for more.
- **Sober Dance**, Last Friday of each month til the end of May, Sacred Heart Church basement, 10821-96 St. Contact: Francis Bad Eagle at 455-3242 for more.
- **Partners in Education Conference**, March 15-18, Spruce Grove. Call 962-0303 for more.
- **Fire Fighting Training Interviews**, March 15-17, Native Outreach Office, #301, 10603-107 Ave., Call 428-9350 to register.
- **Youth Conference**, March 18-19, Cold Lake First Nations. To pre-register call 594-1471 or 639-2046.
- **Sixteen-Team No-Hit Hockey Tournament**, March 17-19, Goodfish Lake. Contact Rene Houle 636-3622 for more. Entry fee \$300.
- **Siksika All-Indian Senior Hockey Tournament**, March 17-19, Blackfoot reserve, Gleichen.
- **1989 North American Indian Volleyball Championships**, March 17-19, Regina, Sask. Contact Milton at (306) 584-8333.
- **Poundmaker's Lodge 2nd Annual AA Roundup**,

March 17-19. For further information call Maureen K., or Don. T. at 458-1884.

- **Co-ed Volleyball Tournament**, March 17 & 18, Louis Bull Recreation Centre, Hobbema. Contact Bill or Anne at 585-4075 for more information.
- **AEM Floor Hockey Tournament**, March 17-19, Wetaskiwin. Entry Fee: \$250. Contact: Craig at 585-3800 or Dave 585-2211.
- **16th Annual All-Native Provincial Curling Bonspiel**, March 17-19, Wetaskiwin. Hosted by Hobbema Curling Assn. Contact: Marcia Crier 585-3793 or Dennis Okeymow 585-2220.
- **Senior No Body Contact Hockey Tournament**, March 18-19, Paul Band. Entry fee \$300. Contact Alex Belcourt or Greg Michel at 428-0188.
- **Winter Carnival**, March 18-19, Beaver Lake. Call Eric Lameman at 623-4549 for more.
- **Alexander Knights Hockey Tournament**, March 24-26, Alexander. Contact: Bill Paul 539-5887.
- **9th Annual Canada West Volleyball Tournament**, March 25 & 26. Contact Cyndie Swampy at 585-3793 Local 168 or Parnelli Cutknife at 585-3012 or 585-3016.
- **Charismatic Healing Mass**, March 27, 7:30 p.m., 10829-105 Ave., Native Pastoral Centre, Edmonton.
- **All-Indian Basketball Tournament**, March 30, 31 & April 1, Blackfoot Reserve, Gleichen.
- **Fashion Show**, April 1, 5 p.m. Great West Inn, Red Deer. Sponsored by Native Friendship Society.
- **Stick & Handgame Tournament**, April 14-16, Panee Agriplex, Hobbema. For more info call Charlie Roasting at 585-3884 or 585-3770.
- **Friendship Centre Dance**, March 31, Rocky Mountain Friendship Centre. Featuring the John Crawler Band. For more information 845-2788.
- **Indian Days Celebrations**, July 7, 8 & 9, Alexis Reserve. Contact: Dan Alexis 967-2225 (office) or 967-5762 & Dennis Cardinal at 967-5344 (home).
- **Powwow**, July 21-23, Enoch Band. For further info contact Vi Peacock at 470-5666.

CORRECTIONS

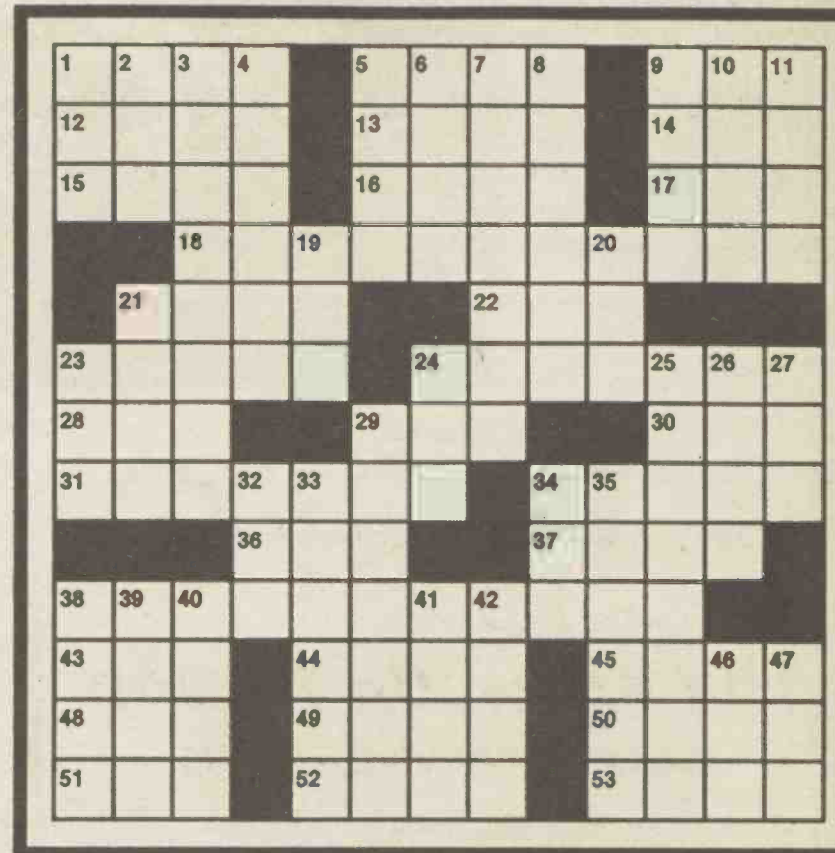
The syllabics in the 1989 Cree Calendar published in the Feb. 17, 1989 issue we incorrectly positioned. Corrected copies (in black and white) are available from the Windspeaker office. To have a calendar mailed to you, include your name and mailing address plus \$2.00 cheque or money order to Windspeaker Cree Calendar, 15001 - 112 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5M 2V6.

In the Feb. 24, 1989 story entitled Louis Wants Bylaws Updated, it was incorrectly stated that the Four Bands of Hobbema included Pigeon Lake. Instead of Pigeon Lake, it should have said Louis Bull reserve.

In the March 3, 1989 special section entitled Native Communications, the Native Communications Inc. advertisement on page 9 should have read: Native Communications Inc. has been providing native language and cultural programing in northern Manitoba since 1971.

Telephone (403) 455-2700 and ask for Keith Matthew to have your community happenings listed in the Calendar of Events free of charge...no news is too small.

THE TV CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Large desert
- 5 "I Remember —"
- 9 Zodiac beast
- 12 Level
- 13 Friends: Fr.
- 14 "— Day at a Time"
- 15 Johnny or Herbie
- 16 "— 45"
- 17 "— Clear Day..."
- 18 "The Odd Couple" star
- 21 Dalai —
- 22 Actress Lupino
- 23 Director Sidney
- 24 "— Green" (Heston)
- 28 Onassis
- 29 "— You Top This?"
- 30 "I — What You Did"
- 31 Actor Corey
- 34 The same
- 36 "You — There"
- 37 "The Defiant —"
- 38 Co-star of 18 Across
- 43 Pie — mode
- 44 "The — the Hill Gang"
- 45 Jal —
- 48 "6 Rms — Vu"

DOWN

- 1 Jewel
- 2 Eggs
- 3 "Private —"
- 4 "— Only" (Eve Arden)
- 5 "— and Mabel"
- 6 Run — (go wild)
- 7 "— Dollar Legs"
- 8 "— In Scarlet"
- 9 "— 222"
- 10 "— and the King"
- 11 Nasty
- 19 "— Ballou" (Marvin)
- 20 "My — Sal"
- 21 Entice
- 23 "L.A. —"
- 24 Actor Mineo
- 25 Winwood and Getty
- 26 Pendleton and Cole
- 27 "— for the Money"
- 29 Actor Little
- 32 Doris or Dennis
- 33 Flynn and Garner
- 34 O'Brien film
- 35 "The —" (Falk-Arkin)
- 38 Scarlett's home
- 39 "Thirty-something" actor
- 40 "— Log" (military show)
- 41 "— Wolfe"
- 42 Young Barrymore
- 46 Adam —
- 47 "— a Living"

Answers to Last Week's Puzzle

CLASS WARDS
 PHILIP MARLOWE
 LEAD ERICS ILL
 AERO NASH PTA
 IRS ISNT TACT
 NS FRED ASTHE
 PIER TEAS
 STAND BARR MC
 THIN POKY CAR
 EEL GENE DOTE
 PK CARET UNUM
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PROFESSOR DOODLE'S

JUST FOR KIDS CORNER

DING DING RINGY DING DING!!!

ANSWER:
TURN THE CRANK
DOWN

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP, BUT I DON'T GIVE A HOOT. PLEASE HELP ME GIVE THAT ALARM CLOCK THE BOOT!

WHICH WAY SHOULD BOSCO TURN THE CRANK TO KICK THE CLOCK?

WEIRD BUT TRUE!

THE IDEA OF A PENDULUM CLOCK WAS GALILEO'S, BUT DUTCH INVENTOR CHRISTIAN HUYGENS FIRST BUILT ONE IN 1673!

IN 10TH-CENTURY ENGLAND, WEALTHY PEOPLE CARRIED A HAND-HELD SUNDIAL TO TELL TIME.

DRAW IT!

PUT A FACE ON MY CLOCK!

Send me a Riddle!

Q. WHAT DO YOU CALL TWO DANDELIONS THAT JUST GOT MARRIED.

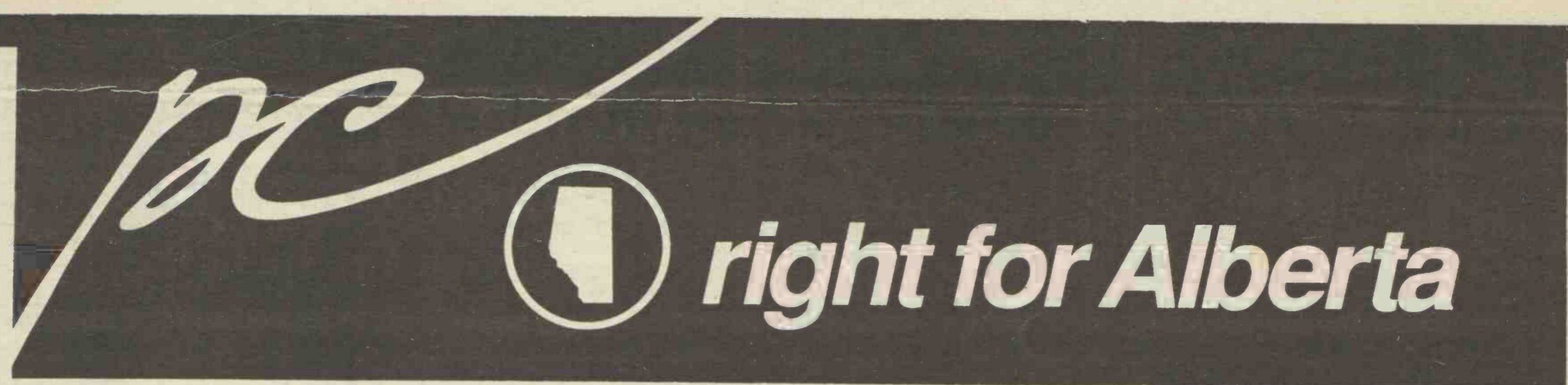
A. NEWLYWEEDS.

KITSY ROBERTS, DEEPHAVEN, MN

Q. WHY DID THE DOG LOSE AT HIDE-AND-SEEK?

A. BECAUSE HE WAS SPOTTED.

STEPHANIE MERRITT, WEST CHESTER, OH



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• Economic Development

"We need jobs, jobs, and more jobs. Industries, such as the Athabasca and Slave Lake pulp mill developments are the beginning. Reforestation through tree farming should be implemented. We also need to promote small businesses. I support short and long-term funding for small business enterprises protection.

• The Environment

"I support all types of economic development, with one important caveat — environmental protection. The decisions we make in the north must be environmentally sound. We cannot pollute the water, the land, or the air.

• Education

"I am an advocate for quality education at all levels. We need more technical training for the people of this constituency. AVC is one way. Apprenticeship programs are another. I am convinced that we must bring the classroom to the people, not the people to the classroom. Distance education programs are part of the solution.

• Native Issues

"Land claims, Aboriginal rights, self-government, trapping, fishing, hunting, forestry, Resolution 18. These are only some of the issues affecting the lives of Native people.

• Oil and Gas Industry

"I support the continued development of our oil and gas industry.

• Tourism

"Tourism is big business. We should work hard to get our share of that business. More tourism facilities should be developed in our constituency to attract visitors. We can do much better promoting our unique fishing and camping areas. I would like to see the development of golf courses around Lesser Slave Lake as one way to attract tourists.

• Agriculture

"Agriculture is one of the foundations of our province. I am committed to supporting existing problems and new initiatives to strengthen the family farm.

• Senior Citizens

"Senior citizens are a unique and special group in Alberta society. We must ensure that they are allowed to live with dignity and respect.

• Family Life

"I support the Premier's initiative to promote and strengthen all aspects of family life.

• Social Development

"We need more housing, hospital, recreation and cultural facilities. I will make certain these issues are addressed by our government.

• Roads

"Without good roads, none of these goals are possible. I will be a strong advocate for the completion and development of key roads throughout the constituency."

With your help, I know I can make a difference.

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