

## Leaders optimistic about Cadieux's visit

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Canada's new Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs faced Treaty Indians of Western Canada for the first time during an all-chiefs conference in Edmonton Wednesday.

Later, meeting organizers expressed their hopes his attendance was more than a symbolic gesture of goodwill.

Over 300 Alberta Natives packed into a West- in Hotel conference hall to hear Pierre Cadieux tell of his commitment to listen to the concerns of Native-Canadians and his willingness to negotiate treaty disputes.

He said he wants to resolve many of the pressing Native issues, including post-secondary cutbacks, over the next few months with the co-operation of Indian bands.

President of the Indian Association of Alberta Roy Louis welcomed Cadieux's remarks, but said the proof lies in his actions.

"I'm optimistic he'll sit down and discuss it with us like he said. We'll have to wait and see," he told reporters.

Louis, who was in Ottawa recently to discuss government Native policies

with Cadieux, invited the minister to Edmonton to discuss the issues with Alberta Indians.

"And he agreed to come, that's all. It's really a significant step," he said.

Fort McMurray band chief Robert Cree said his impression of Cadieux has changed dramatically because of the Edmonton conference.

He said the new minister still has a lot to learn about Indian ideals and perspectives but appreciates the efforts Cadieux has made.

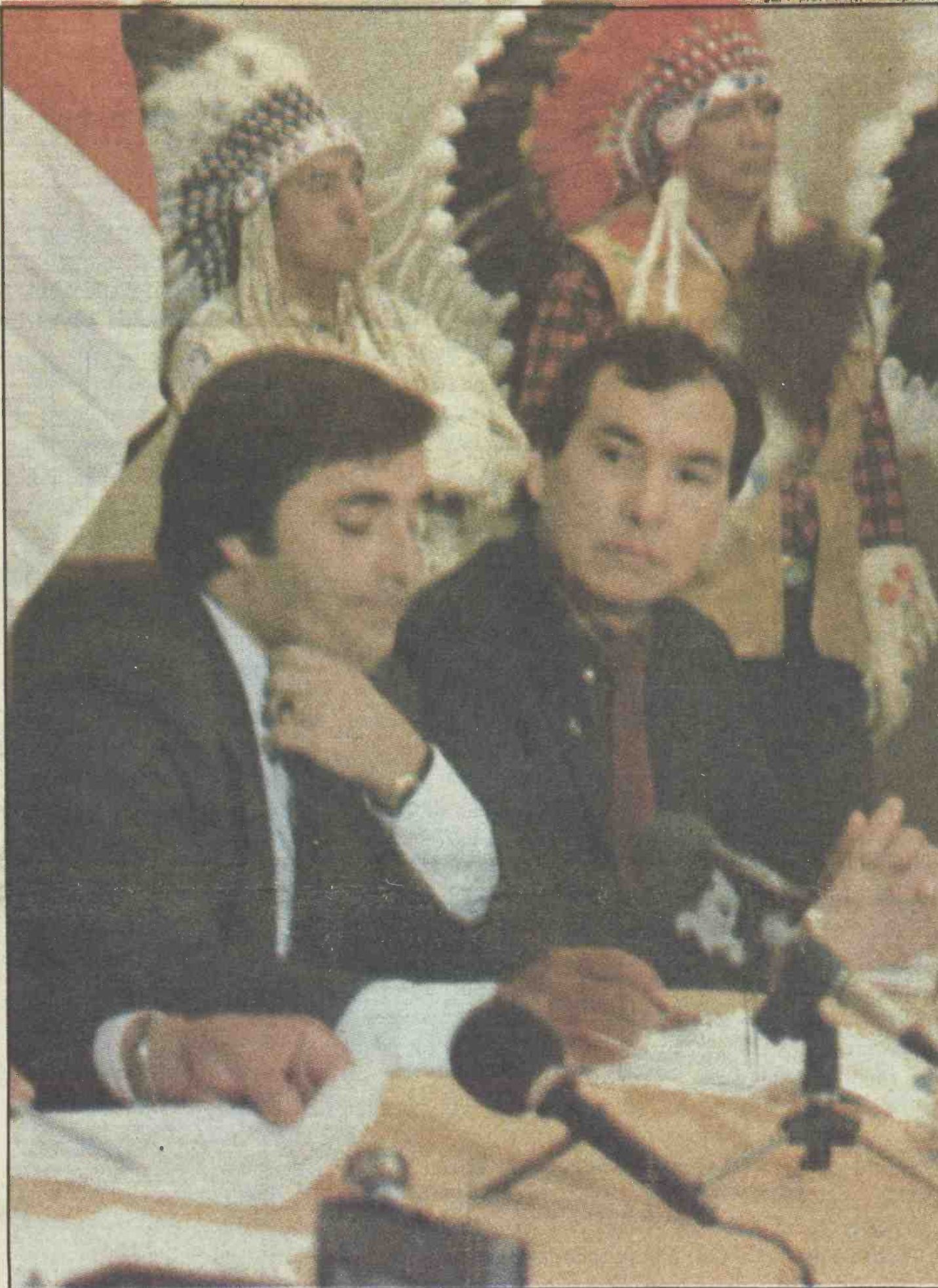
"He's new to the job, but I believe he is opening up. He has shown he is capable of handling himself but he still has to educate himself about the treaties and what they mean."

Treaty 8 vice-president Bill Sewepagaham said the IAA never expected any surprise announcements from Cadieux during the meeting, but considered it a success anyway.

"The IAA made an effort to get the wheels going and it worked. It looks like our initiative paid off," he said.

Cadieux told chiefs and elders there was a greater reason for his visit to Edmonton than answering an invitation. He said it was a significant step in establishing a rapport with Alberta Natives.

Cadieux said the new policies he introduced after being appointed to Indian Affairs are all subject to



Gesture of goodwill: Cadieux and Littlechild

change after consultation.

"Like any process, it can be improved. We can dis-

cuss and consider another process. I'm willing to listen. . .but where do we go

from here? We must seek solutions to all the issues," he said.

### Chief charges feds using divide-and-conquer tactics

## Ominayak calls surprise election

By Jeff Morrow  
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LUBICON LAKE

The federal government has resorted to using divide-and-conquer tactics to discredit the Lubicon Indians, charges band chief Bernard Ominayak. In response, Ominayak called a surprise election to try to discredit his opponents.

Ominayak accuses the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs of enticing a few disillusioned band members to challenge his leadership and to demand he step down.

He said the government is trying to undermine his band's eight-year struggle to settle a land and treaty right dispute by causing dissent among its members.

Ominayak announced there will be a chief-and-council election held on the reserve May 31 in hopes of putting an end to the revolt.

A petition is being circulated at the Little Buffalo reserve which attacks Ominayak's competence as leader by accusing him of mishandling the negotiations and misappropriating band funds.

Ominayak, who said he

doesn't know who the dissenting members are, insists their complaints are unfounded since they refuse to go public. He claims he has evidence the federal government is behind the plot.

"Nobody wants to come forward with these accusations. They won't face me. I know they (federal officials) have been in meetings with them for some time," he said.

A small group of band conspirators have also been attempting to wage their own land-claim negotiations with the federal government. But Ominayak

says their efforts are in vain.

"I'm not worried. We've got more important issues to deal with. The band realizes we have to stay together for the future of our young," he said.

Petition organizer Archie Cardinal told Windspeaker he has no hesitations about sharing his objections to Ominayak's leadership.

He wouldn't divulge who started the campaign, but said there is a feeling among those involved that Ominayak is abusing his position.

Cardinal said the peti-

### Media shut out

Pierre Cadieux, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, was given a lesson in Native student issues Wednesday at an all-chiefs meeting in Edmonton.

After hearing students' stinging attacks on Canadian E-12 policy changes, Cadieux refused to respond in front of the media.

Pam Heavyhead, a student from the Blood reserve, criticized the Canadian government for not understanding the rights of Native-Canadians.

During a presentation to Cadieux, she said lack of understanding is not blamed entirely on him, but rests with the Canadian system.

"We don't condemn you for your ignorance. This policy comes from a bureaucratic empire. How can they have sympathy for Indian people? I believe the survival of my community lies in quality education," she said.

Cadieux told the all-chiefs panel he wasn't prepared to address individual comments until all reporters and cameramen left the meeting room.

"I didn't come here to meet with the press. I came to meet with the chiefs. If we agree to meet, we should do it privately," he said as reporters filed out.

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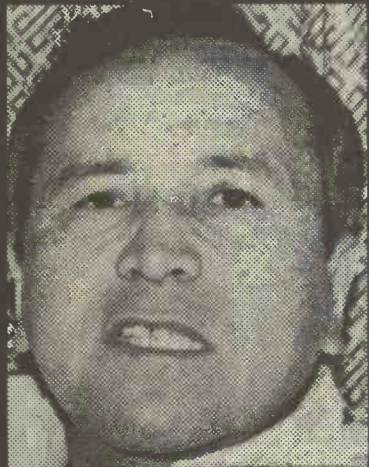


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"we're not fighting him. We just don't want to be forgotten."  
- Archie Cardinal, petition organizer objecting to Ominayak's leadership

# BUDGET SLASHES

## NCC may close Ottawa offices

By Susan Enge  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Ont.

The leader of the Native Council of Canada says they may be forced to close its doors in Ottawa after its budget was slashed by last week's federal budget, says the leader of the organization.

"If there isn't something else that happens it's quite possible that the Native Council of Canada may have to close its doors in Octo-

ber," said Christopher McCormack.

The three major aboriginal groups, the NCC, Assembly of First Nations and Inuit Committee on National Issues funded by the Secretary of State's Native Citizen's Directorate had their budgets cut by \$95,520.

"There seems to be an aim at crippling the Native Council of Canada in its capacity to act as a political organization," says McCormack.

"I don't see how (the fed-

eral government) sees Aboriginal peoples being able to negotiate Aboriginal self-government if they don't have political representatives to negotiate on their behalf."

He claims they were handed a 15-per-cent cutback, almost three times larger than the cutbacks placed on the three other target groups funded by the Secretary of State: the disabled, women and visible minorities.

McCormack says the major drop of NCC's administration budget virtually

"wipes out" their resources to hold their annual assembly. The meeting, scheduled for the end of this month, is critical to this year's elections.

McCormack finds it ironic that funding for immigrants entering Canada remains the same while the budget for Canada's "first residents" is slashed.

The Native Citizen's Directorate will be reduced by 16 per cent over the next two years. In the first year, there will be a ten-per-cent reduction and with six per

cent cut the following year, totalling \$16 million.

The move clearly "flies in the face" of the commitments Prime Minister Brian Mulroney issued to Aboriginal leaders at the 1985 First Minister's Conference, McCormack charges.

Mulroney promised to consult with Native leaders before if financial cuts or policy changes by the federal government were implemented.

The Metis National Council could not be reached for comment yesterday.

## AFN — Cutbacks at Natives' expense

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

The new federal budget is a brutal blow to Native-Canadians, according to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

AFN chief George Erasmus says cutbacks in post-secondary funding were only the beginning of a hard-line stance by the Mulroney government to ease its spending at Natives' expense.

He says the recent budget reform announcement

only brings despair for his people.

"The struggle for our right to post-secondary education for our children and young people, now appears to be but a warning of the brutal funding cuts facing First Nations," says Erasmus.

The AFN's preliminary budget analysis indicates that federal subsidies, part of which finances Native programming, will be kept at the lowest level of growth.

Their findings also show that Native-Canadians will be effected more than any

"target group" that receives the funding.

AFN spokesman Ted Montour says it doesn't make sense for welfare to be increased while Native programs remain underfunded. He says the budget proposal is downplaying the need to strengthen Native funding at a most crucial time.

Montour says Indian bands are becoming bigger and need financial assistance instead of more cutbacks.

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern development will be allo-

cated \$3.3 billion, \$95.9 million of which is slated for welfare payments.

Montour says welfare benefits are an important and necessary part of society, but feels a greater emphasis should be placed on creating economic opportunities for Native people.

As welfare spending goes up, other programs invariably go down.

"Welfare increases are mandatory. We realize this. The government is obliged to do it."

But, said Montour, they're not obliged to ignore

Native communities.

"There has to be some bigger plans for more positive solutions."

According to the AFN budget analysis, subsidy expenditures will be slashed from \$11.2 billion to \$10.2 billion. The budget fails to include any commitment to Native economic programs.

Indian Affairs Deputy Minister Harry Swain says the federal government has shown a strong commitment to Natives who have regained their treaty Indian status by providing \$78 million to the Native program.



At the AFL rally: Lubicons march in downtown Edmonton

## Ominayak gains ally with AFL

By Jeff Morrow  
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EDMONTON

The Alberta Federation of Labor (AFL) has a new president and the Lubicon Lake Indian band has a new ally.

AFL's secretary-treasurer, Don Aitken, was voted into office during a labor convention Saturday at the Chateau Lacombe.

Later, union groups and supporting organizations paraded to the Edmonton Convention Centre for the May Day solidarity celebration.

Among the banner-waving participants in the march for unity were four members of the Lubicon

Lake band of northern Alberta, including chief Bernard Ominayak.

Ominayak said he is confident the federation's new president will be just as dedicated to fighting for Aboriginal concerns as outgoing AFL leader Dave Werlin.

He said talks with the province are at a standstill until the Stettler byelection is held May 9. "We want him (Premier Don Getty) to get himself together" (before resuming the land claim negotiations)," said Ominayak.

Aitken vowed he won't use a less militant attitude than as his predecessor.

He pledged AFL support for the Lubicon dispute will remain the same.



## CLOSE TO HOME

# Janvier gets timber deal

By Susan Enge  
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EDMONTON

Janvier Indian band and Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Ltd. have hammered out a deal to exchange their sawmill's wood chips for harvesting rights to spruce trees.

The deal was reached after Janvier band officials realized that the expansion of their mill might depend upon the forestry giant's proposed forest management agreement with the province.

It was ironed out at a two-hour meeting between leaders of the Chipewyan Indian band and company officials in Edmonton May 1.

The band wants to expand its production by an extra 1.5 million feet of board.

Under their current commercial timber permit issued by Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, the band has harvesting rights to 3.5 million board feet.

If their application to increase harvesting rights to five million board feet is rejected, Janvier members hope the new agreement with Alberta Pacific will provide the needed harvesting rights.

Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Ltd. was recently awarded a contract by the provincial government for forest management of 100,000 square kilometres of aspen, poplar, small black spruce, jack and pine trees in northern Alberta.

Chief Walter Janvier described the first meeting with company representatives as productive.

"It's going good. Alberta Pacific made a commitment to give us timber in the

area...we're after spruce," said Chief Janvier.

The meeting was organized after Janvier considered seeking a court injunction to halt all forestry activity within a 25-square-mile radius of their reserve, located 100 kilometres south of Fort McMurray.

Janvier had hoped a ban, if successful, would protect band land from being expropriated.

Company representative Bob Rault said the company will accommodate the sawmill's bid for more spruce.

"Think of a way and we'll do it. We don't want big spruce because we won't use it. We've agreed to buy their (wood) chips and supply them with volumes of wood spruce in the aspen stands," Rault said.

Before Chief Janvier signs the deal, he plans to consult with the provincial

forestry department to discover whether there is enough spruce in the area.

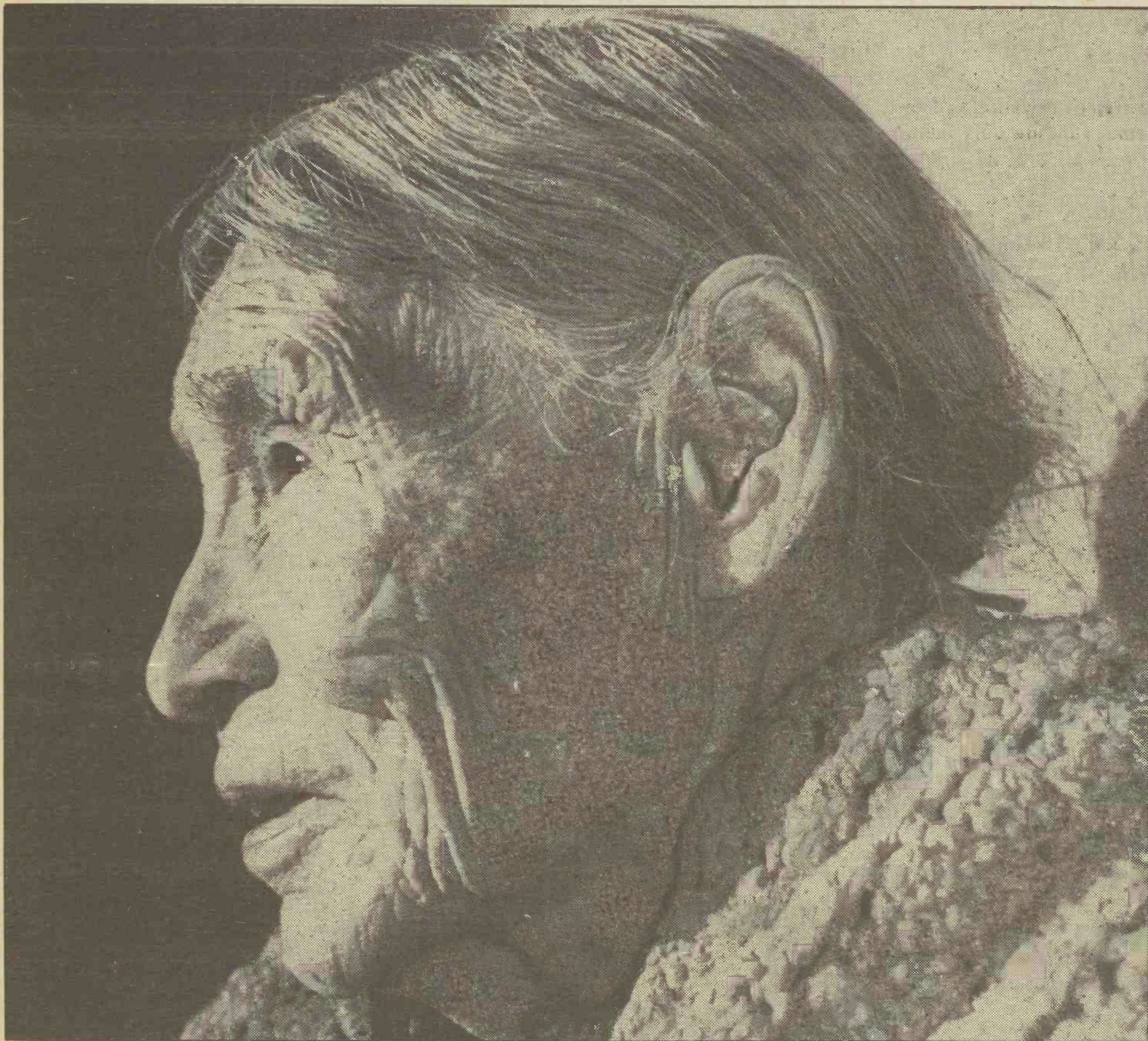
"We're going to talk forestry this week and get them to analyze whether there is spruce in that area," Janvier said, pointing to a forestry map of Alberta.

The Janvier band may soon enter into a joint-business agreement with an Athabasca-based company, said Janvier, who said negotiations in the early stages and refused to identify the company.

Talks with company officials have already begun, he confirmed. Two of the company's representatives attended the Edmonton meeting with Alberta Pacific.

"They're the expertise that we don't have. They will run the mill, train and manage it for us," Janvier explained.

## EXPRESSIONS



### Lifelines show hardship and laughter

Catherine Marie Piche loved and lived for her children.

Widowed early, during the Depression era, the courageous young woman was left alone to raise four sons and one daughter.

She adapted very well to a life of farming, trapping, hunting and fishing to keep food on the table for her children.

In her spare time, she enjoyed doing beadwork, knitting, sewing moccasins and gloves, and tanning hides.

Her all-time favorite pastime was playing solitary card games. Those who knew this kind, generous woman, will

always remember her by the way she used to hold a deck of cards in her hands.

In the bad times, she always found the strength and stamina she needed to rise above life's hardships.

The grand old lady from the Cold Lake First Nations band passed away Sept. 1, 1984, just three months prior to her 89 birthday.

She is survived by her three sons, grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

— Photo by John Piche

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Cutbacks for 4 Native groups

Alberta's four main Native groups will have to tighten their belts after the federal budget reduced their grants by 15 per cent.

The four groups funded by the Secretary of State Department are the Indian Association of Alberta, the Metis Association of Alberta, the Federation of Metis Settlements and the Alberta branch of the Native Council of Canada.

The budget cuts will mean a reduction of \$67,500 for the Indian Association, which now gets about \$450,000 from the Secretary of State.

The Metis settlements group which now receives about \$35,000 from the department will take a loss of about \$5,000.

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Innu supporters: At a Calgary protest

### Innu reject offer of freedom

Eleven Innu protesters arrested on the runway of Canadian Forces Base Goose Bay were sent back to jail after they rejected an offer of freedom last week.

The judge hearing their case offered to free the Natives if they signed special undertakings, the details of which were not made public.

The Innu were protesting low-level jet flights when military police and RCMP removed them from the runway. The protesters claim the noise scares away animals and the CFB base is built on their traditional hunting land.

The group, including Chief Daniel Ashini, were charged with trespassing on military property under the National Defence Act.

### B.C. to probe Natives' justice system

B.C. Attorney-General Bud Smith promised last week to probe charges that Chilcotin Indians are being dealt a raw deal by the province's justice system.

Chilcotin Indians of central British Columbia claim they are being treated like second-class citizens by the provincial police and courts.

Smith told a conference of provincial Crown counsels he will investigate the complaints by seeking the advice of the province's Native leaders.

### Ontario reserve schools graded unsafe

Native students are missing their lessons or studying in unsafe classrooms while the federal government dithers about whether to renovate or replace reserve schools in Ontario, Native leaders charge.

One schoolhouse near Kenora, Ont. was forced to close its doors because substandard wiring, plumbing and inadequate heating made it unsafe.

At another school on the Sandy Lake reserve, a substance believed to contain PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) was discovered seeping out of the electrical units.

### Natives demand Meech Lake changes

Native protesters packed Manitoba's Legislature building last week to demand the protection of their rights and changes to the proposed Meech Lake accord.

The turnout for the rally was the largest since public hearings on the constitutional accord began in Winnipeg three weeks ago.

Native leaders believe the accord should be amended to guarantee the right to self-government and to recognize Canada's first people as a distinct society.

Meech Lake recognizes Quebec as a distinct society and grants the provinces new powers over spending and federal appointments. Manitoba and New Brunswick have yet to ratify the agreement, which needs the signatures of all ten premiers.







CLOSE TO HOME

Settlement Metis to vote

# Booklet published about Metis deal

EDMONTON — The Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements is mounting a major information drive this month to inform their members about the land and cash deal their leader reached with the Alberta government.

A 15-page booklet outlining what the tentative agreement-in-principle in layman's terms means is being printed this week. The booklets will be distributed next week throughout the eight settlements.

Two residents from each of the settlements will go from house-to-house, explaining the \$310 million and 1.28 million-acre deal.

The federation executive and local settlement council jointly selected two Metis from each settlement to conduct the task. They were chosen on the grounds they were neutral and were not councillors or federa-

tion executive staff employees.

To help inform the Metis, the federation will be placing ads in eight newspapers across the province for the next eight weeks.

Members will be asked to vote on June 20 whether they accept the agreement in exchange for dropping their \$275 million lawsuit against the province.

To date, small workshops have been conducted by executive members of the federation. However, poor turnouts and insufficient information have hampered the education process.

As a result, Metis who feel ill-informed and rushed into making a decision have begun speaking up against the referendum date. Some want a delay imposed while others want more information so they can study the contents of the agreement

before casting their votes.

Meanwhile, the provincial government has yet to ratify the Metis agreement.

Premier Getty promised to present the document in the Alberta Legislature after the March 20 provincial election. However, that commitment was postponed when Getty lost his seat in the Whitemud riding.

Until the byelection in Stettler is held May 9, the commitment to ratify the agreement remains on hold.

Regardless of the outcome of the byelection, the federation plans to meet with the premier by May 15.

In the meantime, Metis settlement members who have questions about the deal can call the federation's toll-free number 1-800-282-9902. More detailed documents can be faxed from their Edmonton headquarters office to settlements upon request.

# Film fest on again

The Indian Summer Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures in Pincher Creek will receive a windfall of \$85,000 in lottery funds over the next two years, Alberta Culture minister Greg Stevens announced last week.

"The festival first gives the people of Alberta a chance to see movies with a strong cultural focus from around the world.

"Secondly, the festival offers professional development opportunities to both Native and non-Native film

and video-makers," Stevens said.

The grant is taken from lottery revenues allocated to the prestigious Banff Television Foundation.

It will be used to fund both motion picture screenings and workshops planned throughout the week of the festival.

Ken Kowalski, the minister responsible for lotteries, said the festival will showcase unique films about our Native people.

"The festival brings motion pictures that would

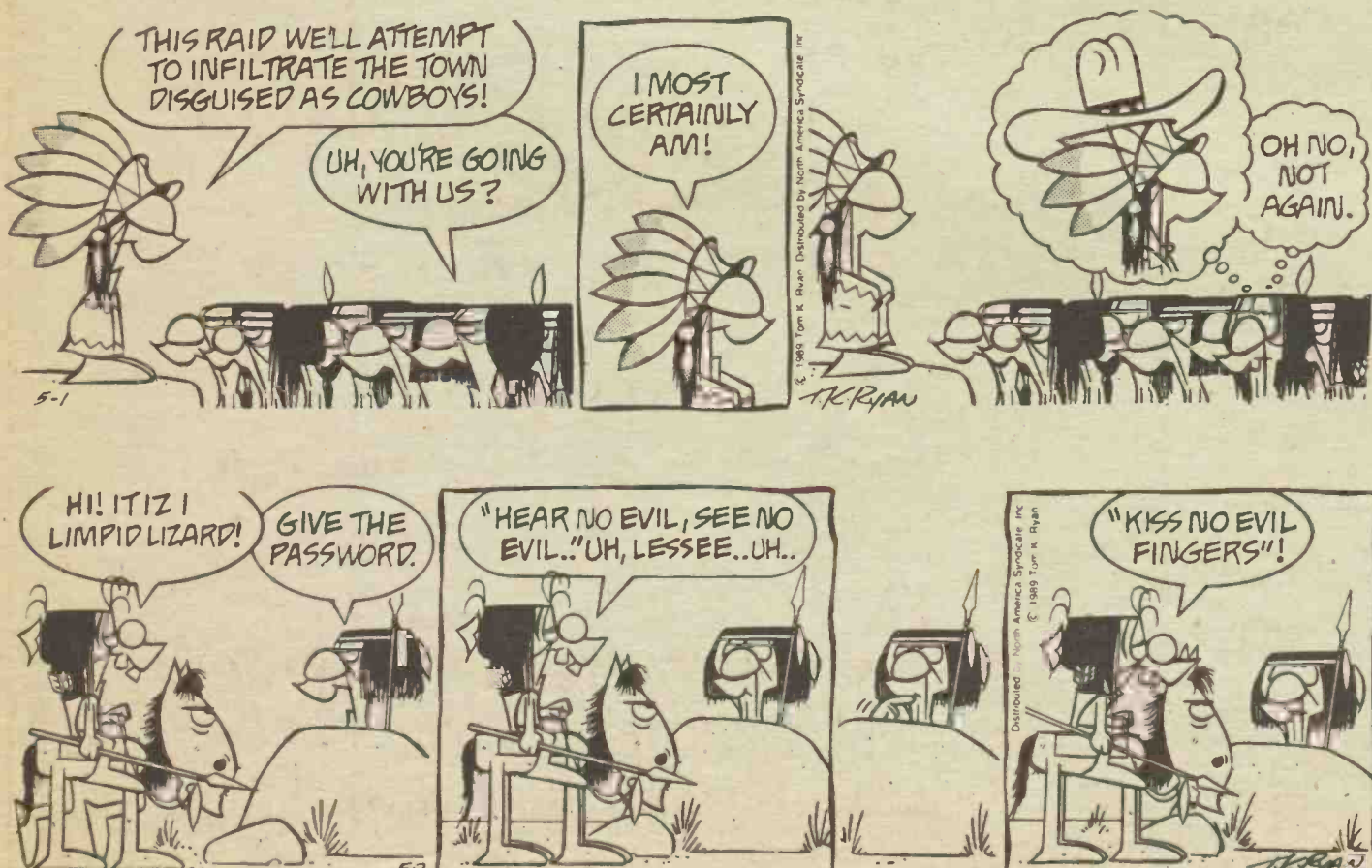
otherwise be unavailable to Albertans. This grant from Alberta's lottery revenues will allow the Indian Summer Festival Committee to begin making long-term contracts for the festival's future in our province."

The festival, which is held in Pincher Creek every September, is by, for and about Aboriginal peoples.

Only two years old, the festival has attracted entries and delegates from as far away as New Zealand, Australia, Scandinavia and the United States.

## Tumbleweeds

By Tom K. Ryan



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# Thai lady impressed

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

A social worker from the National Council of Social Welfare of Thailand is returning home Monday with news about Canada's welfare system.

Sutluck Saragupta says the Canadian Committee of International Council on Social Welfare offered the Canadian study program to social welfare professionals in Asia to study in Canada for a period of 4-6 weeks.

"The Canadian Committee of the ICSW contacted the Metis Children Services Society here to be my program coordinator," said Saragupta.

MCSS's family intervention worker La Verne Young offered her residence as the host family for Saragupta, during her month-long stay in Canada.

This was the first Canadian visit for Saragupta, who lives in Bangkok. "This is the first time I've seen snow," she said.

The council Saragupta

works for in Thailand, places special significance on their "Golden Land of Dharma" social development project.

This project places emphasis on rural development, as 80 per cent of Thailand people are farmers living in about 60,000 villages throughout the tiny country. Thailand's population is 53 million.

The villagers are faced with many chronic problems, such as poverty, poor health, and lack of education.

The project's ultimate objective is to make the villages self-reliant.

"With my responsibility as a Chief of the Golden Land of Dharma, I have to coordinate and cooperate closely with the governmental and private organizations in helping villages develop their own villages through self-reliance," said Saragupta.

"The Golden Land of Dharma project has three dimensions of development which should be carried out in balanced harmony, namely, moral, social, and eco-

nom development. Moral development is given top priority, since development should take place in the minds of men," continued the social worker.

This project has been adopted as government policy and national ideology in Thailand according to Saragupta.

Unlike Canada, Thailand's administration system is centralized to the national government. "We don't have provincial government, we have the same law throughout the country," said Saragupta.

During her Canadian social welfare study program, Saragupta visited the Native Counselling Services, Indian Health Care Commission, the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, Boyle Street Community Services, Operation Friendship, Edmonton Social Planning Council and Grierson Centre.

The social worker also went to the Louis Bull, Blackfoot and Blood reserves aside from attending two workshops for her study project.

One workshop dealt with suicide prevention, while the other took her to Poundmaker's lodge for a week's training on alcohol and drug prevention.

"The worst findings," she indicated from her study were "the high case numbers of sexual abuse, incest and alcohol-related problems."

She says the unemployment rate is very similar to that in Thailand and added that poverty there is a much greater problem.

About Canada's social welfare system, Saragupta commends it as "excellent."

Thailand's strongest area, according to the social worker, was their family unit.

"The family unit is very traditional and strong. We set very high family moral standards, thereby, our children are protected, loved and honored.

"Teenage pregnancies, is not an issue because of these high moral standards maintained in the family unit. And, abortion is illegal in Thailand. Abortion is administered only if there is



Sharing ideas: Young and Saragupta

a severe risk to the mother."

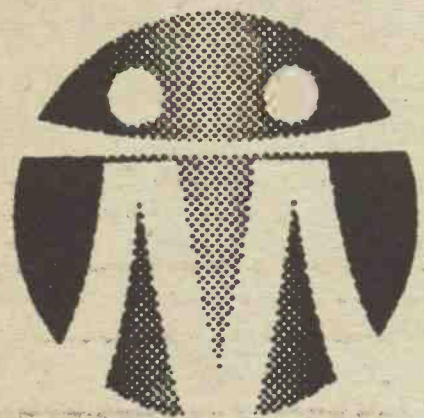
In conclusion, Saragupta noted her country does not provide an income security program nor does everyone obtain a life or health insurance policy.

"Only those who have a lot of money will carry the insurance," she said.

"Likewise, Thailand's

education mandate goes up only to Grade 6. Only the very rich send their children to private schools. The poor go to the public schools," Saragupta added.

The quiet spoken lady was impressed and thankful for all the support, information and knowledge she gained during her stay in Canada.



## Protecting our Land

*The Proposed Agreement Between the Metis Settlements and the Province of Alberta*

The proposed agreement with the Province of Alberta would include:

- constitutional protection of Settlement land and joint management of subsurface resource development
- the creation of a unique form of Metis self-government
- secure funding to develop the Settlements now and in the future.

To allow all Settlement members a vote on the proposed agreement a referendum will be held on June 10, 1989 with voting taking place on all eight Settlements.

If you would like more information on the proposed agreement with the Government of Alberta, please phone the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlement Associations, free of charge at:

**1-800-282-9902**

or write:

**Alberta Federation of Metis Settlement Associations**

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Louis Lariviere hauling logs at Wolf Lake Metis Settlement in the Spring of 1942... eighteen years later in 1960, all the families of Wolf Lake were forced to leave their land by order of the Alberta Government.



GRASSROOTS

# Bea salutes Moms everywhere

Gla ne ttou? Tansi? Hello family, friends, fans and neighbors,

Happy Mothers Day! Hope your special day is filled with love and happiness. In honor of my late mom, I wish to extend this greeting out to all my aunts with love and fond memories of yesteryears.



## DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

Telephone (403) 455-2700 to put your community happenings considered here free of charge...no news is too small.

Also, May is Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Awareness month, according to the Transportation Minister Al Adair.

Bicycle riders are reminded to abide by the same traffic laws as other vehicles, and motorists are encouraged to show these two-wheelers "more courtesy and caution."

The city's Finest are out in full force over the next two weeks to ensure these traffic laws are being met.

Now the news ...

**Lac La Biche:** The Native Perspective is hosting their third annual Good Times Jamboree May 19-21.

The public is welcome to attend two full days of the best in great country music featuring 12 of Canada's top Native bands.

A talent show, with ten hours of recording time going to the winner, is slated to kick off the annual event.

All-time favorite music entertainer George Tuckaroo will be there to emcee the festivities.

Tuckaroo says he's always wanted to attend the local radio station's annual jamboree.

"Oh yes," exclaimed the entertainer to confirm his two-day commitment. "I'm very interested. I know there is a lot of work to do. I was on stage with Winston Wutunee at Craven Saskatchewan about three years ago for their Big Valley Jamboree. The two of us made good conductors together. We're like water and electricity," he

laughed.

"I'm just a crazy Indian from Fort Chipewyan," added the 38-year-old singer-comedian and radio announcer.

Tuckaroo is an executive producer and a senior radio announcer with CBC Yellowknife.

Admission tickets to the jamboree are \$25 each for the entire weekend or \$10 each per day. Purchase advance tickets by mail or come into the radio station. The address is: The Native Perspective, P.O. Box 2250, Lac La Biche, Alberta, T0A 2C0.

Come out and support your favorite radio station by attending the Victoria Day long weekend jamboree.

**Calling Lake:** The newly elected president for the local Community Association is Clifford Cardinal. The association's executive board elections was held April 22 at the new community complex building.

Randy Auger and Peter Bigstone also won themselves a seat on the executive board. The two will join forces with previous association members Clarence Cardinal, Ralph Crawford, Ken Walton and Barry Schmith.

The newly elected members have committed themselves to a three-year term according to that office.

**Healing Workshop:** "Healing the Hurt and Shame of Residential Schools," is the theme behind the

May 14-18 workshop at Alkali Lake, B.C.,

Sponsors include Alkali Lake's New Directions Trainings and the Four Worlds Development Project from Lethbridge, Alta.

Phil Lane Jr. will host the intensive four-day workshop which will focus on the experiences of residential schools and its effects on Native people and their communities.

A workshop fee of \$425 has been set to cover the training seminar, supplies, meals and accommodation within the area. Tips are available.

To register, call Louis Thadei at (604) 440-5630.

**High Prairie:** The local Native Friendship Centre is holding its annual general meeting and executive board member elections May 13 at the High Prairie Legion Hall.

Voting will begin at 2 p.m. sharp.

**After-care camp:** American Indian Allan Smoke is determined to set up an after-care camp at Wizard Lake. Wizard Lake is south of Calmar and north of Pigeon Lake.



New idea: Allan Smoke

The 34-year-old convict is working with community elders to plan his innovative idea.

"So far, we have two tents. We're looking for at least 12," says Smoke.

"Natives all over are starting to rise up. The circles are getting stronger," he continued.

According to Smoke, the concept for the after-care camp developed over the past year.

Interested parties

may call Allan, Don L'Hirondelle or Bertha Stamp at 470-5677.

Have a safe week everyone! Smile!

# Of consuming interest

Year after year, government after government, Canada has built up a debt that now totals over 320 billion dollars. So that today, one third of every tax dollar is wasted just paying the interest on this massive debt. Let's stop short-changing ourselves. We've got to deal with the debt now. That way we can guarantee our social programs in the future. And that's in everybody's best interest.



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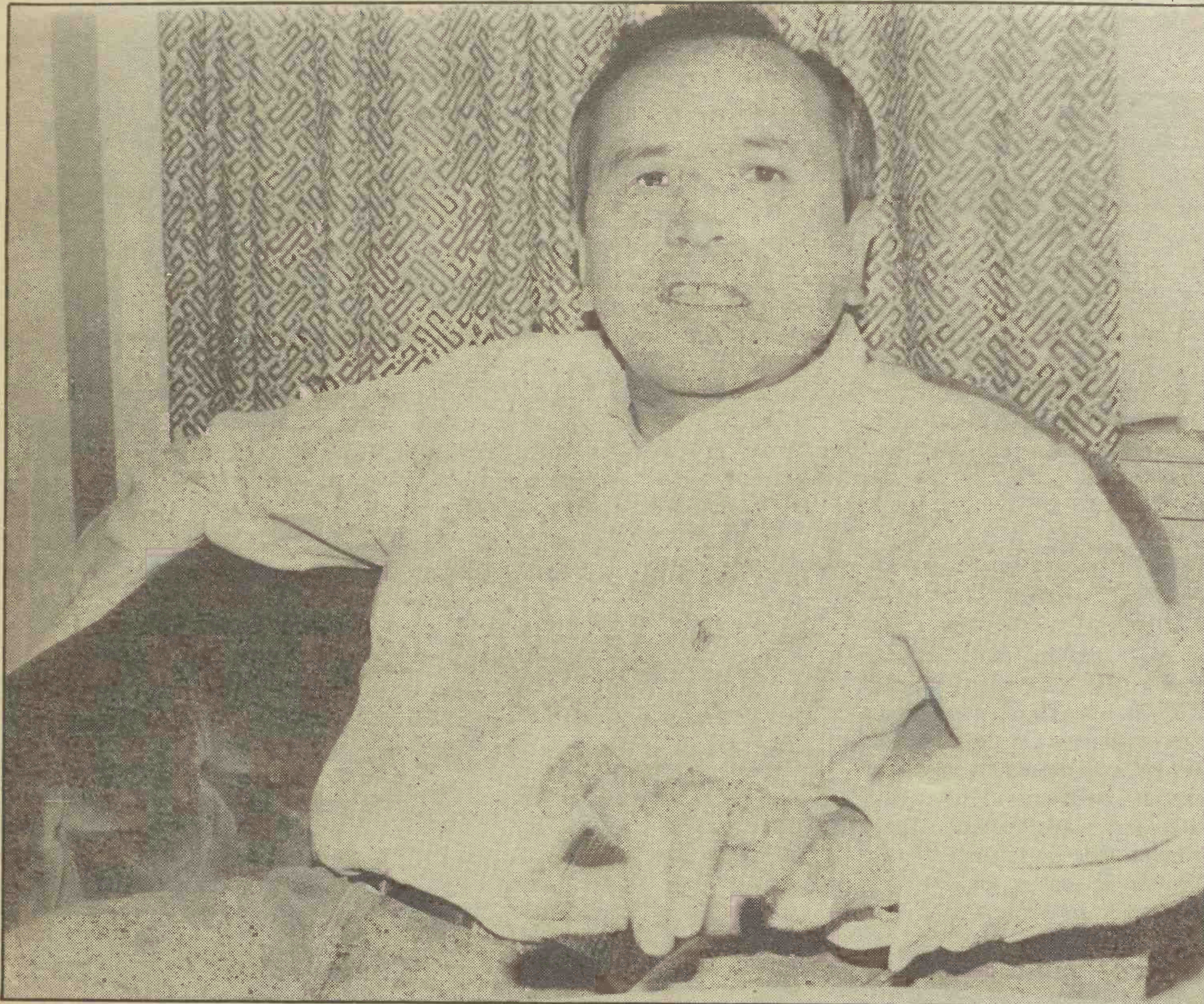
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OUR PEOPLE

# Marchand: Cutback 'sleight of hand'

JEFF MORROW, Windspeaker



Liberal senator: Leonard Marchand speaks out

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Cutting back on Native education funding is a "sleight of hand" manoeuvre by the federal government to reduce its excessive debt, says Liberal Senator Leonard Marchand.

Marchand, the first status Indian appointed as a special assistant to a cabinet minister, feels he wouldn't have risen to his position without being educated.

Now, he says, the federal government is trying to keep other Natives from following in his footsteps.

He doesn't accuse the government of a devious plot to undermine Native people, but simply blames Tories for following their mandate.

"They're just conservatives. There have no compassion for the poor. I don't believe they are afraid of us (Natives) becoming educated. They're just heartless conservatives," he says.

Federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson presented

the budget ahead of schedule April 27 after an embarrassing, premature news leak last Wednesday.

Marchand, 56, agrees Canada is in financial chaos, and something needs to be done, but says it's the government's fault.

He charges the Tory government of misleading the public by announcing the E-12 changes before the budget was put forward.

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs argues post-secondary funding is not a treaty right and not a federal responsibility. When they announced their intentions of capping student funding, department officials insisted they were not trying to reduce the deficit.

Marchand disagrees.

"The only alternative for our people is to remain on welfare. There are no jobs on the reserve," Marchand said.

He believes the Canadian government wants to help itself at Natives' expense.

Marchand, who was born in Vernon, British Columbia, rose through the political ranks in the early '60s after joining the now-defunct North Indian Brotherhood.

He was educated at the University of British Columbia and University of Idaho before being named to various federal positions including special assistant to the minister of Indian Affairs.

In 1984, he was appointed to the Senate by then prime minister Pierre Trudeau.



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No fire to compete: Victor Oates, 61

# Cigarettes just trouble for ex-bronc buster

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY, Alta.

Blood reserve elder and former bronco buster Victor Olds doesn't have the fire to compete anymore, and he doesn't blame it on age. He credits his retirement on smoking cigarettes.

The stout, 61-year-old from Cardston cringes at hearing the word smoke but isn't hesitant to share his views about the addiction that has stamped out part of his life.

Olds suffered a lung hemorrhage in Vancouver six years ago and underwent surgery. Now he must to

visit a specialist at Calgary's Holy Cross Hospital once a month for a check up.

"That's no way to live," he said. "Smoking can take your health and cause you nothing but trouble."

Olds' 32-year-old daughter Julie is in hospital with breast cancer which is also due to smoking, he said. "I told my kids about smoking, but they're not listening. How much can I do."

At the age of 12, Olds said he began his athletic career as a jockey traveling the Western Canada circuit. He also dabbled in amateur boxing before joining the Armed Forces where his smoking habit went ablaze.

"I don't even know how

many cigarettes I smoked. I just know I smoked all day long. If I smoke now it will effect my whole body. My stomach and everything."

Olds, a widower, said he has 17 children but isn't sure how many grandchildren.

Although he has lived a full life he said he's not quite ready to hang up his spurs. Olds confessed he made some mistakes when he was healthy, but says he'll keep going, even if it takes him a bit longer.

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# Film board celebrates 50th

By Elaine O'Farrell  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Years before the advent of television, rural Albertans gathered in schools, church basements and auditoriums to witness the magic of the National Film Board.

The arrival of the film board's travelling projectionists bearing a projector, generator and armful of films was the social event of the season in many isolated areas.

Movie Showman, which had its Alberta premiere last Wednesday, tells the story of the men and women who brought NFB movies to out-of-the-way places.

The free screening at the Provincial Museum of Alberta Theatre was part of the Golden anniversary celebrations for the venerable Canadian institution.

On May 2, The National Film Board of Canada turned fifty, making it the oldest government film production agency in the world.

However, the history of government involvement in film in Canada dates back to 1917, when the Canadian Department of Commerce set up an Exhibits and Publicity Office.

In 1938, John Grierson, a witty Scotsman now recognized as "the father of the documentary," was invited to Canada to study the film needs of the country.

Grierson's vision was that "the National Film Board be the eyes of Canada."

Founded in 1939 with Grierson as its first film commissioner, the NFB has come a long way from its humble beginnings as a two-room operation in an Ottawa lumber mill.

Since then, the board has completed over 6,500 original films in both French and English, a body of work that includes some of the world's finest documentary, animation and experimental films.

Productions range in length from theatrical shorts and television vignettes to feature films. They have been translated in up to 60 languages, distributed in 80 countries throughout the world, and won almost 3,000 awards in international competition.

The film board has won international renown by consistently producing films that are thought-provoking, informative and original.

Grierson, a pioneer documentary filmmaker, put his stamp on the NFB from the beginning. Uncompromising in his demand for truth in film, he sent his teams of filmmakers to all regions of the country to shoot live footage of Canadians' everyday life.

In 1941, Grierson made a phone call which would forever change the history of the NFB.

With an offer of \$40 a week and a bed at the YMCA, he persuaded fellow Scots Norman McLaren to join the board.

McLaren founded the NFB's animation department and revolutionized the genre, using innovative techniques like painting



Foster Child: Director Gil Cardinal

directly on film and stop-action photography to freeze the human form.

The Cold War between the two super powers in 1952 prompted McLaren to make one of the greatest shorts ever produced by the National Film Board.

Described as the most eloquent argument for peace ever made, Neighbors has been borrowed more than 106,000 times from NFB libraries and more than 2,500 prints have been sold around the world.

McLaren, who died in 1987, was without a doubt Canada's most famous cinema ambassador.

Inspired by McLaren's work, NFB filmmakers have animated with sand, beads, pins and computers and their animation studios have won four of the board's eight Oscars.

In May, it was announced that the Cote-de-Liesse building of the National Film Board, located in Montreal, will be dedicated to his memory.

At the end of the fifties, the National Film Board headquarters moved from

Ottawa to Montreal, beginning the French production unit in 1957.

During the sixties, the NFB ventured, for the first time, into the realm of the feature film with such releases as *The Drylanders* and *Nobody Waved Goodbye*. In 1967, the world flocked to Montreal to visit Expo '67 and more than one million visitors experienced *Labyrinth*, a revolutionary new style of film projection which would later lead to the creation of Imax.

In 1971, the late Claude Jutra directed *Mon Oncle Antoine*, considered by many to be the greatest Canadian feature film ever made.

The film board broke new ground again in 1974 with the creation of Studio D, the world's only all-women filmmaking unit, headed by Kathleen Shannon.

Apart from offering a unique women's perspective, Studio D won three Oscars for its productions.

Studio D also prompted the board to institute training positions for women in non-traditional occupations such as sound mixing, lighting and cinematography.

Heated national debates were provoked by public screenings of such contro-



Daughter of the Country: Ikwe

versial films as *If You Love This Planet*, about the arms race and *Not a Love Story: A Film About Pornography*.

The United States Department of Justice joined the fray in 1983 by labelling three NFB films as propaganda: *If You Love This Planet*, *Acid Rain*, *Requiem or Recovery and Acid From Heaven*.

In the seventies, the board tried to decentralize its offices to give regional filmmakers greater access to production resources.

The eighties have seen major upheavals within the board including the departure of Kathleen Shannon, and sweeping budget cuts and program reductions.

Yet despite the changes, a successful new style of low-budget filmmaking emerged with such films as *90 Days* (Giles Walker), which later became the

largest international single sale of any NFB film.

Computer animation and 3-D Imax filmmaking also made its impact felt.

The latest Imax production, *Qin Shihuang*, *The First Emperor*, is a \$7-million co-production of the NFB, the Museum of Civilization and Xian Film Studio of China. The feature, filmed entirely in China, will have its world premiere at the opening of the new Museum of Civilization in Hull, Que.

For the first time, the Chinese have allowed film crews to shoot on the excavation site of Qin's tomb, where thousands of terra cotta statues have been unearthed. The underground palace and enclosed army of statues took 700,000 men and 36 years to complete.

Feature films at the board set a box-office high in 1987 with the release of *Le Declin de l'empire Americain* (*The Decline of the American Empire*) by Quebec director Denis Arcand.

Along with other box-office hits like *Un Zoo la nuit* and *Anne Trister*, Arcand's film prompted Toronto film critics to hail Quebecois films as Canada's "new wave" cinema.

One of the highest tributes the NFB has received came several years ago when New York's Museum of Modern Art ran a major retrospective of its films.

"It was as natural for the MOMA to do a National Film Board retrospective as it was for the museum to do the Picasso show," noted Larry Kardish, the museum's curator of film at that time.

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## Native Women: A Special Salute

# Mom inspired MLA's success

By GARY GEE  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

As one of only two Aboriginal people ever elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, MLA Pearl Calahasen has a heavy burden on her shoulders.

But it's a burden the rookie MLA carries with resolve and a positive attitude about her role and responsibilities as the elected member for her constituency of Lesser Slave Lake.

Elected in the March 20 provincial election, the 36-year-old mother of two spends long days -- often 14 to 16 hours travelling to meet constituents on the road. She can be found in her legislative office doing the assorted paperwork necessary to keep on top of the government's policy-making agenda.

It's a schedule that's relentless but Calahasen says she accepted that challenge when she was first encouraged to run.

"They're long days but its exciting, challenging. I'm learning the political process," I want to give time and myself to the people I'm going to serve," she said.

Although she represents both non-Native and Native people in her diverse riding, Calahasen says she recognizes the special significance of being elected with Willie Littlechild as the first ever MLAs of Aboriginal descent.

"Native people can see we can get to places where we want to go. We have to work hard, set our goals, put our minds to it and things can be achieved."

Native communities are becoming better organized and are striving to determine their own future, says Calahasen.

Born in the small community of Grouard, Alta., Calahasen still calls the small Metis community of 400 her home.

"Grouard will always be home to me," she says fondly.



Friends and family: Husband Ivan, daughter Alexandra, Pearl and father Adolphus

As a special assistant to former MLA Larry Shaben, Calahasen's political acumen was nurtured after receiving her political indoctrination working for MP Ged Baldwin in 1967.

She worked as an educational assistant teaching native students from grades one to nine in Grouard before becoming the supervisor of Native programs with Northlands School Division.

But it was her mother, who died in 1986, who had the greatest influence on her life, says Calahasen.

"She encouraged me to go to school, was always involved in politics and was very influential as a role model."

She says the death of her mother three years ago was the most devastating loss of her life.

"I used to think I was going to have my mother forever. But it's not true. You really have no control over it."

"She was always there to comfort me and care for me when I needed her. Young people who have their mothers are very lucky and should appreciate them," she said.

Although her mother did not live long enough to see her elected, Calahasen says she thinks her mother knew she would run. "She was the one who said no matter what you do, you have to try. If you don't, you'll never know."

One important lesson of her upbringing was to keep her Native Cree language and culture, which she has passed on to her three-year-old daughter Alexandra.

Calahasen says her daughter has the best of three worlds: Ukrainian from her father's heritage, her own Cree culture and English.

She hopes that not only her daughter but a younger generation will be helped by what she does with her own life.

"If I have helped them in anyway, I feel I have accomplished something."

And she'll do it with the knowledge that her mother still has a presence in her life.

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## Native Women: A Special Salute

# Shy single mother blossoms in sobriety

By GARY GEE  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Graduating from Concordia College's university entrance program for native students this past spring was a thrilling experience for Cecilia Adam.

It also marked a turning point for the 35 year-old Cree mother of two.

Adam moved to the city from her native Fort Chipewyan last year and in the process left behind a life that she says she'll never return to.

Although she worked as a teacher's aide with native elementary schoolchildren, Adam said life in the small community is a constant battle with boredom and in many cases, alcoholism -- a problem which she personally had to overcome.

Shy but forthcoming, Cecilia Adam, hopes she has escaped from an environment that seemed to have imprisoned her much

of her life. "I always had low self-esteem about myself. The only time I had the nerve to do anything was when I was drinking," she confessed.

But she says once she came to Edmonton, she stopped drinking and decided to rebuild her life.

A single mother of two, Cecilia plans to work towards earning her bachelor's degree in education. In four or five years, she hopes to be teaching native children in the small isolated community of Snowdrift in the Northwest Territories.

Cecilia says she wants to go there because the native community is very closely knit and the native culture and language is taught in school, unlike her own schooling where at the age of seven she began losing her native Cree and in the process -- her sense of who she was.

Like other native chil-

dren in Fort Chipewyan, she was sent to a residential school run by a mission of nuns. Separated from her parents, Cecilia was forced to lose her language. "After coming out of there, I was ashamed to be Indian. I was ashamed to be around my parents, ashamed to be who I was. I just sort of gave up," she recalled.

"I don't remember anything from what happened after I went to residential school. I just never talked, just listened.

She eventually quit school to look after her brother's four children who would have become wards of the state and given up for adoption had she not

intervened.

Today, with a 14 year-old daughter in school and a four-year old son who will start next year, Cecilia says it is her mother who died in 1979 whose influence and wisdom still guides her. "I found out later in life but what she told me and her advice made sense. I try to keep it and go by that."

Cecilia says there have been major changes in her life in the last year especially going back to school.

"I had to really look at myself. I wasn't getting anywhere doing the same thing day after day."

I'm finally giving myself and my children a chance to live again," she beamed.



New nerve: Cecilia Adam and her children

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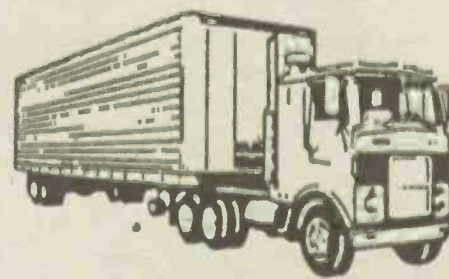
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# Thompson boosts Metis culture through dance

By Heather Andrews  
Windspeaker Correspondent

### KIKINO

Kikino Metis is fortunate to have someone like Georgina Thompson.

The energetic elder is the founder and instructor of the Kikino Lites Metis Cultural Dance Group.

With culture preservation an emphasis at Kikino, located some 120 miles northeast of Edmonton, Georgina's contribution has become increasingly important and valuable.

Georgina has been pro-

moting her Metis culture all her life.

Born at Lac La Biche in 1923, she and husband Leo raised seven children and are now helping to raise their grandchildren.

Traditional ways were incorporated into the family's everyday life wherever possible, including arts and crafts as well as dance.

The Northern Lites Dance Group began in 1979 when funding from the Education North Society of Alberta launched a cultural awareness program on the settlement.

As first, Georgina guided

the dancers through performances only for the 900 residents of Kikino.

As their confidence and ability increased, however, the group began competing and appearing farther afield, and one short year later, had won the Honourary Achievement Award in the Lac La Biche Music Festival.

Georgina led the group to an increasing number of awards over the next few years, including the Louis Riel Memorial and Inter-provincial Square Dancing Championships, both prestigious, first-place awards in

1985.

The dancers became known for their fast-tempered footwork as they performed the Red River Jig, the Duck Dance, Drops of Brandy, and the Reel of Eight, all traditional Metis dances, and competed in Square Dancing.

Georgina felt a wider exposure was needed and 1985 and 1986 were devoted to fundraising so the group could accept an invitation to perform at Expo '86 in Vancouver.

There, people from all over the world enjoyed performances of the Metis

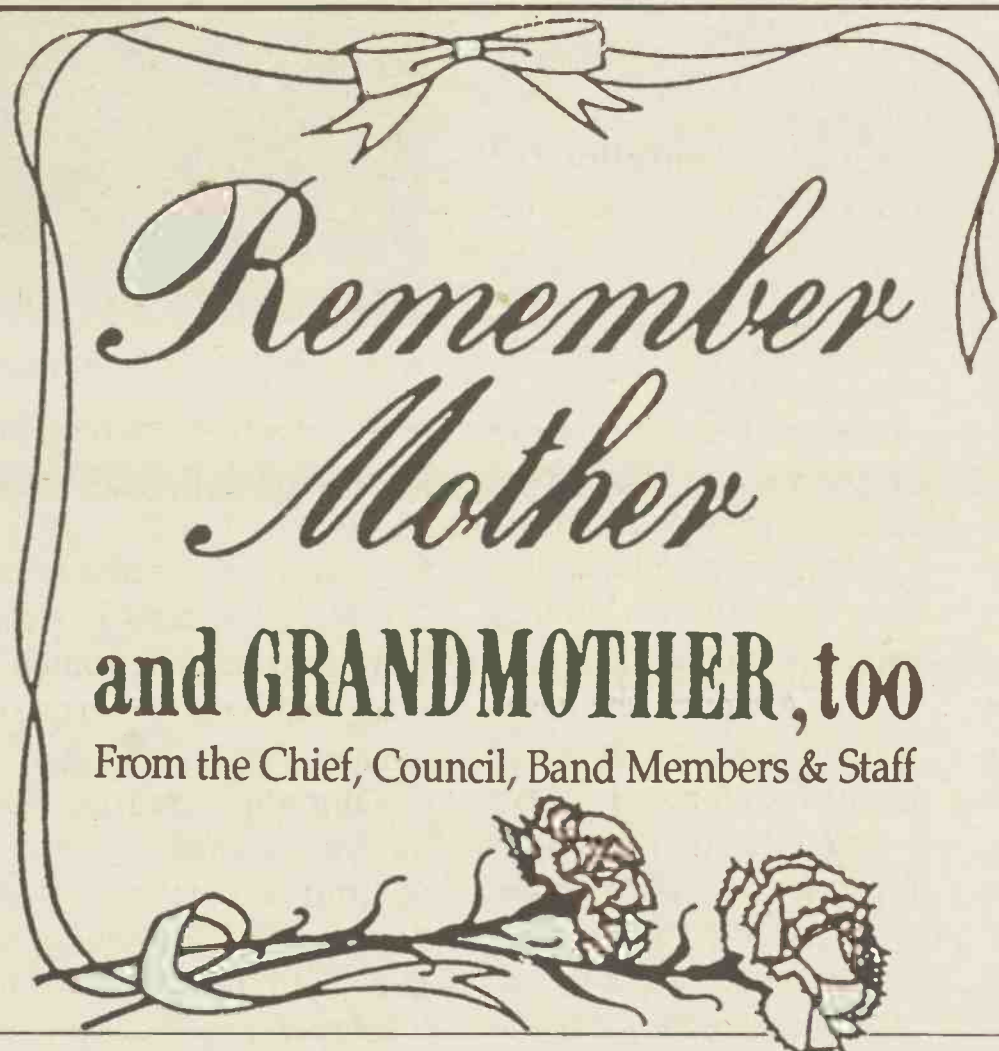
dance, with commentaries by group members and the five back-up personnel, explaining the blend of French and Irish reels, and Indian powwow dancing that is the tradition behind the Metis culture.

Soon, the group was appearing regularly on the

national television show Native Nashville North. The eight dancers and two musicians charmed audiences through 1987 on the CBC weekly show.

Today, at 66 years of age, Georgina is busy recruiting and instructing.

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## Native Women: A Special Salute

# Dumont: Writing is personal therapy

By GARY GEE  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

For Edmonton writer Marilyn Dumont, writing is therapy.

"I write about personal experience - confessional experience. I write to be able to be more honest with myself and others," says the 34 year-old author who first began writing as a teenager.

As one of the few published authors in Alberta who is of native heritage -- she is Metis -- the 34 year-old writer tackles subjects that are universal, appealing to both a native and non-native audience.

Dumont writes about feelings and experiences that she believes every person deals with some time in their life -- loneliness, remorse, loss, anger, love.

But in much of her writing, Dumont also speaks to a native audience as a woman of native heritage living in a society that neither accepts or validates that experience.

Her experience, and that of other native children, growing up in rural Alberta during the late '50s and

early '60s marked her for much of her adult life, she says.

As she recalls of her hometown of Sundre, Alberta: "We were one of the few native families in town. Being native then wasn't very popular. I refer to it now as that little red-neck town in the Rockies."

But it wasn't just the time nor the place, she believes. "I remember feeling very different in school. We were never encouraged in the school to do well. It was like a feeling that you just weren't going to succeed," she said.

Fortunately, says Dumont, her family moved to Golden, British Columbia in her tenth year of schooling and the kind of prejudiced attitudes she encountered earlier weren't evident in the classroom.

"The teacher expected me to do well. For the first time, I became a person," she recalled. In fact, it was during that time, that Dumont says she found the inspiration to seriously consider writing after a poem which she had written was read out loud in a Grade 10

English class.

"A lot of the kids were surprised. I thought since he (the teacher) read it out loud, it must be good."

After high school, Dumont travelled and eventually returned to school, earning a social work diploma before entering the University of Calgary to study anthropology.

It was at the U of C, says Dumont, where she says for the first time in her adult life, she "reconnected" with her native heritage. "From the time I was five to 25, I didn't know anything about my nativeness. Like a lot of young native people, I didn't really think there was any difference between me and anyone who was non-native," she recalled.

Although it was a painful journey, Dumont says discovering her roots helped her to find her freedom. In the past seven years, she has kept a journal of her thoughts and feelings which have translated into some published poems and short stories.

In "One Day in May", Dumont writes about one of her brothers and other

native men whose lives are characterized by what she calls a "recklessness" and cavalier attitude towards a non-native world that fails to understand them.

It's a feeling which many native people have, says Dumont. "One of the experiences I've felt very much as a Metis person is being on the margin of things all the time although I don't feel that as near as I did a few years ago."

Dumont juggles writing with her full-time job as an academic counsellor for native students at the University of Alberta, a job she was hired for after volunteering in a similar capacity at the U of C.

She still believes there are cultural and institutional barriers, including racist and discriminatory attitudes that face native students but they can be overcome.

Although she hasn't thought of herself as a role model for younger native people, she believes it is important for native people to write about their experiences and to be published. "It was very easy for me to be published. Part of me



Reconnected with heritage: Marilyn Dumont

wants to believe it's because I write well... the other part wants to believe it is because of my nativeness. But there's a trend in publishing to hear a woman's voice and hear the voice of woman in color," she says.

Dumont credits her mother for encouraging her to find a career and to become fiercely independent and determined in whatever she does. "She influenced me a great deal."

Despite success in having a number of poems and short stories published, Dumont is still not sure if she wants to be a writer or social worker.

"I'm scared of writing," she confesses. But it's that fear she says which has pushed into a field where the native voice is making itself heard.

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OPPORTUNITY

**Aboriginal Student Council**

**Club welcomes U of A students**

By Jeff Morrow  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The Aboriginal Student Council, tucked away within the confines of the U of A campus, may seem small and obscure at first glance.

But when there's an issue to be addressed, it makes itself known loud and clear, says council president, Carolyn Buffalo.

The 40-member group often gets involved in projects and protests involving Alberta's Native peoples. Buffalo says when things really get going, most of the 200 Native students at school get involved.

"It's a social support group. That's what we're focusing on this year."

Buffalo, 22, says the council's main function is to make all students welcomed. She would like for all of them to formally take part in the council. "But time is a big factor." There's not always enough of it to allow everyone to come to the meetings.

When the council sponsors a rally or protest, there's a large Native turnout. The Aboriginal student council has recently been involved in Lubicon and E-12 protests.



Council president: Carolyn Buffalo

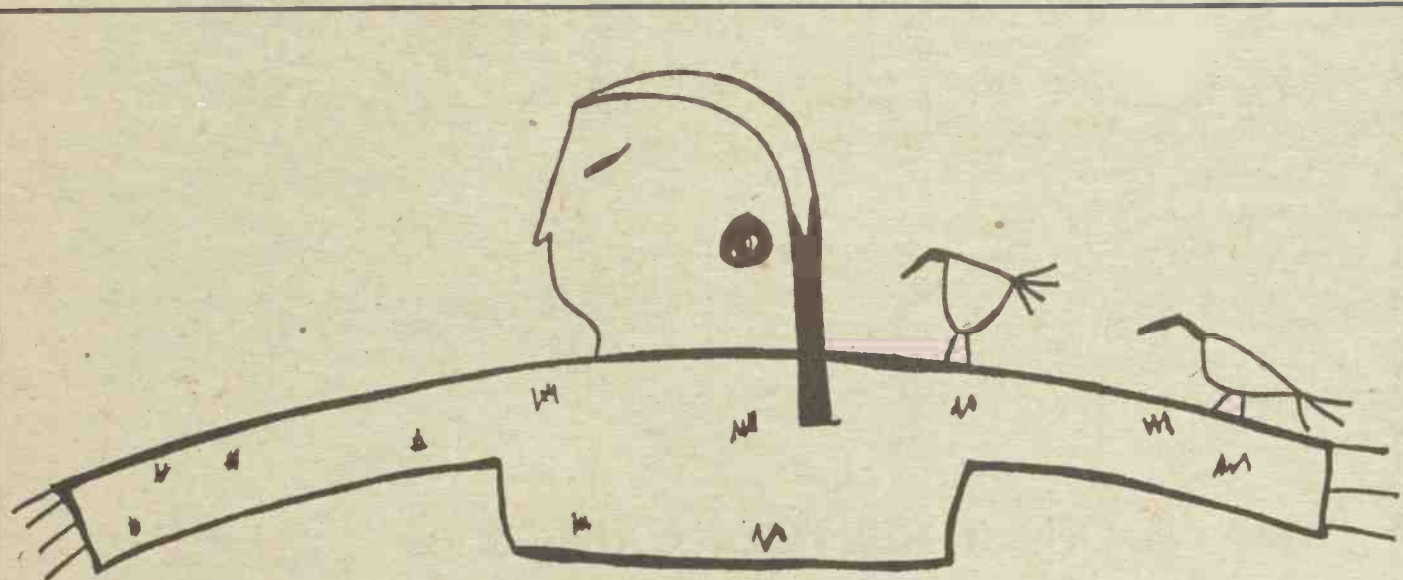
"If we need a number of students, we can get them," she says.

Buffalo, who majors in political science, says many of the club members volunteered during last month's education convention, sponsored by the Yellowhead Tribal Council.

The next major event on the club's agenda, says Buffalo, is a banquet and dance

May 5 at the Sheraton Plaza. It is being held to honor Native graduates from the past three years. The banquet theme will be called "Pathmakers," expressing gratitude to those who ventured on after university with successful careers.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

# Fears conquered by riding bulls

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA, Alta.

*It is a hard title to earn and a constant challenge to maintain. A cowboy is not just a hat, boots and jeans, but an attitude of how and why life is to be lived. There are no guarantees in rodeo thus the cowboy earns only what he wins. However, he answers to no one and his lifestyle offers as much freedom as is possible in today's world.*

That is a sign on the wall of Panee Memorial Agriplex.

The young cowboys taking the bullriding and boys steer-riding school at the arena April 25-27 are a symbol of that attitude.

"I was good at horse back riding," says a proud and determined eight-year-old Christopher Calliou.

"My mom decided to put me in steer riding school because that was what I was good at. I was scared before but I don't feel scared now."

Most of the twenty young cowboys in the school hold the same "never-say-die" attitude and are enthusiastic toward instructors Benji Buffalo and Collin Willier.

"Most of these guys are from Sunchild reserve and Hobbema reserves,"

explains Dennis Ward. He is an employee of the arena and is responsible for lining up the instructors for school in addition to overseeing the operations.

Instructor Collin Willier, 21, is a seasoned professional on the rodeo circuit and has ridden them since 1984.

"Bullriding is not a hobby — it is my profession," he states.

Edmonton resident Willier has a lot riding on a successful career in his sport.

Back home, his wife Debbie and four-month-old daughter Rylee depend on it.

He is also a full-time student at the University of Alberta and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with thoughts of going on for his doctorate.

He does not exactly fit the stereotypical image of the rough, tough cowboy but brings an analytical approach to the sport.

Willier grew up on a farm just outside of High Prairie and started his career in bullriding inconspicuously as a steer rider who used two hands to ride with.

He says he got into bullriding because of a friend who wanted to try it and was afraid to enter it alone.

His friend eventually discontinued bullriding but Willier continued on with the sport very successfully.

He was the Lakeland Rodeo Association rookie of the year in 1984 and the champion just one year later in the same association. He was the champion of the Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association from 1986 to 1988. He was also the Northern Alberta Native Cowboy Association season leader in 1987 and 1988.

As part of his instruction to his class, Willier showed the students videos of various riders and pointed out either good styles or showed them how not to do something if it was a bad style.

However, most of the instruction took place on steers or bulls in the arena.

The young cowboys were taught how to properly stretch the muscles on the insides of their thighs because that is where most of the injuries occur to riders who are not properly warmed-up.

They were also taught how to properly rosin their bull ropes so they would get the best grip possible.

The twenty kids were split up into two groups of 10. The groups were split into those above 15-years-old and those below.

The younger riders were given steers and yearling bulls to ride, but the older group had full-grown bulls to contend with.

After getting bucked-off of one of the full grown bulls, 15-year-old Curt Ferguson was amazed at the raw power of the animals.

"I should have been sitting up when I came out of



Panee bullriding school: Barrels first, then bulls and steers

the chutes but I wasn't ready and he threw me," he said.

He also suffered a sore arm after his riding hand was jerked around with such fury by the beast. Ferguson wasn't alone with his injury. Francis Buffalo also suffered from pulled or bruised muscles on the inside of his calves because of a rough ride.

But they were proud of

their accomplishments and the bruises were worn with pride.

The other instructor for the school, Benji Buffalo, gets a certain pride out of seeing young Natives learning how to ride and he would like to see more Native champions in the professional circuits.

But he says the good riders who show promise don't

want to leave the reserves.

"A few of these kids look pretty good," he states. "I've produced two Canadian steer riding champs so far."

The riders are Roddy Baptiste and Shawn Vant.

"There should be a lot more Indians in the professional ranks. Hopefully, what they get out of this school they can use down the road," he says.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

# Chu Chua man revives sports column

Hello sports fanatics out in Indian Country. I know you're out there. I've seen some of you at the various events. I will be your on-the-spot sports reporter for Windspeaker.



**SPORTS ROUNDUP**  
By Keith Matthew

How about them National Hockey League playoffs? This year's playoffs are particularly interesting for yours truly. My favorite team, the Vancouver Canucks, lost a heartbreaker in the first round to the Calgary Flames.

They are my favorite because I was born in Kamloops, B.C. and grew up just 45 miles north of there on a small reserve named Chu Chua.

However, the interesting thing about this year's playoffs is that here at the Windspeaker offices we have a playoff pool going. More interesting is that I happen to be leading the pool over such luminaries as AMMSA's Bert Crowfoot (last year's pool winner) and Kim McLain.

As of May 2, I was leading the pool with 113 points to Bert's 71 and Kim's 99. Read 'em and weep boys. So far, out of eleven players that I drafted, I lost four. Seven of my players are playing the Wales and Campbell Conference finals.

**Fort Chipewyan:** Community recreation director Steve Courtoreille says that winter activities in this northern community are winding down with their outdoor hockey arena fading fast and players burning out as spring fever hits everyone.

"There is nothing going on right now because there is still snow but it will probably pick up within the middle of this month," he explained.

Plans are being made to start up the mixed slowpitch league. Last year's league had six teams and Courtoreille expects the same number of teams this year.

He also mentioned that a junior men's fastball team is

being organized by Roy Vermillion to compete in the Alberta Summer Games later this summer.

**Standoff:** It's outdoor rodeo season and the Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association-sanctioned Standoff Rodeo results for the April 29-30 show some competitors taking up

where they left off last season — on top.

In saddle bronc, there were 15 competitors with Dallas Young Pine coming out on top to take home \$223.10.

In bareback, Bill T. Head won \$204 and first-place over Darcy Cressman who finished a respectable second and won \$153.

Last year's IRCA bull riding champion, Colin Willier, was up to his old tricks and shared marks of 67 with Allison Red Crow to share top money of \$212.18. Willier suffered some bad luck at another rodeo on the same weekend when he pulled groin muscles and reportedly will be out till June because of the injury.

In calf roping, Robert Bruised Head won the event in nine-seconds flat to win \$371.02. Spike Guardipee was close behind with 9.34 to claim second and \$283.72.

Clinton Bruised Head won steer wrestling a scant three-one-hundredths of a second over Harley Louis to finish first and win \$354.53.

Bruised Head posted a 3.71 seconds to Louis's 3.74 seconds.

Marvin Dodging Horse and partner Jessie Starlight each took home \$622.16 to take top honors in team roping. Dodging Horse also placed second in the event with Glen Starlight to add \$475.77 to his already-bulging pack saddle.

Boys steer riding champ Tibbs Little Bear scored a 64 and won \$149.38 for his bruises.

Senior barrel racing saw Lisa Creighton with a time

14.83 win the event and \$329.80 and in junior barrel racing Traci Creighton won \$97 and took first place with a clocking of 15.30.

**Hobbema:** The Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre is gearing up for a floor hockey tourney and slow pitch tournament later this month.

Dorothy Swampy, secretary for the centre, says a co-ed slow pitch tourney is scheduled to go May 20-22. Entry fee for this tournament is \$200. She also mentioned that there will be a men's open floor hockey tournament May 27, 28. Entry fee for this tourney is \$250. For more information call the centre at 585-3012 and ask for Vaughn Crier.

At the Ermineskin band's Jim Rattlesnake Sports Building, Recreation Director Madeline Littlechild is preparing for the Alberta Summer Games and hopes to enter teams in basketball, golf, track and field, and volleyball competitions.

Zone playoffs are scheduled July 7-9 and, if successful, the teams will advance to the summer games which will take place in Brooks Aug. 9-13.

"Co-ed slow pitch will hopefully be starting on May 16," says Littlechild. "We are combining with Louis Bull (Recreation). They have four teams and Ermineskin has six teams.

**Goodfish Lake:** Roland Bull, recreation worker, says the rec department out there is gearing up for a big weekend of baseball and fastball May 20-21. Tourney organizers are expecting eight men's baseball teams, 12 men's fastball teams and eight ladies fastball teams.

The tourney is an annual event and slots for the tourney are expected to fill up fast.

**Enoch:** Robert Morin, rec director, says, "We've got a major slow pitch tournament May 26-28." For more info phone Robert at 470-5647.

Hey, sports fans. That is it for this week. As Les Nessman from WKRP in Cincinnati used to say, "may the good news be yours."

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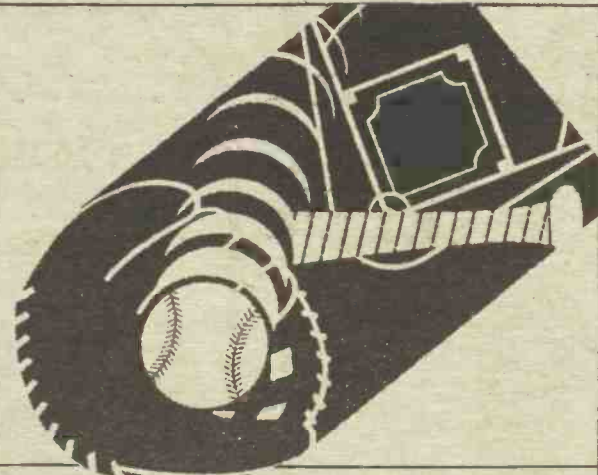


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SPORTS & LEISURE

# Enoch skunk Hobbema 10-2 to win \$1,000

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ENOCH, Alta.

The final hockey game of the Enoch 2nd Annual hockey tournament proved to be anti-climactic as the Enoch Tomahawks rolled to an impressive 10-2 win over the Hobbema Oilers at

Enoch Recreation Centre April 30.

Robert Morin, manager of the Tomahawks, says the game was called due to the eight-goal rule which allows game officials to cut short the contest if one team is up by eight or more goals.

Hobbema opened up the scoring by beating Tomahawks' goalie Harvey

(Bingo) Morin at 9:23 of the first period and then added another just over a minute later. Then the roof caved in on the Oilers.

The Tomahawks scored ten straight goals on beleaguered Hobbema goalie Darrell Buffalo to ice the win.

Tomahawks manager Robert Morin says the tournament was not as successful as he would have liked to have seen.

It was the last tournament of the year "but next year I am going to move the tournament back into either the

third or first weekend in March," he said.

Morin said that he was not very pleased by the local support for the tournament.

"I was displeased with the local fans," he explained. "At times, we had only 20 local fans at any given time. Not only this tournament but in the last couple of years."

The season started out slowly for the Tomahawks, who have been one of the more successful Native hockey teams in Alberta this year, but Morin is not pleased with the overall play of the teams from Enoch.

"It was a good season in a sense that Enoch is respected among the hockey circles in Western Canada. The interest was brought back on the reserve. I am still not satisfied with some of the boys on the reserve because we've got some really good players," he said.

"I tried to get the boys who played for us to put on the Enoch sweater with a lot of pride," explained Morin.

"The other goal before the season was that by going out to other hockey tournaments in not only Alberta but in Western Canada is that other teams would come out and support our tournaments and revitalize senior hockey in

Alberta."

Morin said that the biggest problem of revitalizing Native hockey tournaments is that tournaments don't offer enough prize money for the top-calibre teams to afford to travel. He estimated that it costs about \$1,000 for a team to travel to a tournament with meals, room and travel making up much of the cost.

In the awards department, Rene Hunter of Enoch Tomahawks won the most sportsmanlike player; the top scorer award was won by Joey Potskin of Prince George Lumber Kings; the most valuable player was Sid Boyer of Enoch Tomahawks and Ron Ahenakew of the Tomahawks was given the best defensive player award.

The best left wing of the tournament was Bob Houle of the Tomahawks; best right wing was Dennis Whitebear of the Hobbema Oilers; best centre was Sid Boyer of the Tomahawks; best right defense was Joey Potts; best left defense was Dale Raine of the Oilers and best goalie was Harvey Morin of the Tomahawks.



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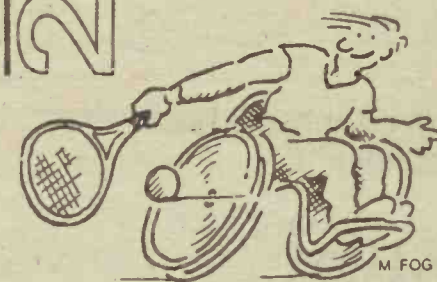
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- **Parlmutural & Chuckwagon Races**, May 19-21, Panee Agriplex. Call 585-3770 for more.
- **Memorial Day Handgame Tournament**, May 26-29, 1989, Fort Hall, Idaho. Call (208) 237-5239.
- **Zone IV Metis Regional Council 3rd Annual Meeting**, June 2-4, Grande Cache.
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- **Powwow**, Aug. 15-17, Prince Albert, Sask. Hosted by Prince Albert Indian & Metis Friendship Centre. Contact Brenda 1-306-764-3431.
- **Moosehorn Lodge School Reunion**, this summer at Grouard. Call or write Mary Cardinal-Rizzoli (403) 456-0539 or 483-2348 (work) - 17278 - 104 St., Edmonton, AB T5X 3Z5.

## RECEPTIONIST

### Duties:

- Answering all incoming calls.
- Referring incoming calls to appropriate person.
- All typing and photocopying for all departments as requested.
- Upon purchase order approval is responsible for ordering, receiving and distributing supplies.
- Filing correspondence and maintaining filing system.
- Maintains individual staff records of long distance calls, correlates said records with long distance bill and submits to General Manager for approval.
- Keeps a daily log of all incoming mail.
- Provide refreshments to clients and visitors.
- Job application forms supplied to applicants.
- Ensuring waiting area is tidy.

### Qualifications:

- Ability to respond to client needs.
- Good organizational skills.
- Friendly, courteous and assertive individual.
- Typing skills of 45 words per minute.
- Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture, language, organizations and communities a definite asset.
- Ability to work on own initiative.
- Ability to effectively communicate both in person and on the telephone.

Please send your resume to:  
**Susan St. Laurent**  
 15001 - 112 Avenue  
 Edmonton, Alberta  
 T5M 2V6

Closing Date: May 20, 1989

**Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta**

LAC LA BICHE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 51  
 invites applications for the position of

## PRINCIPAL

### CASLAN SCHOOL

Located between the town sites of Boyle and Lac La Biche, the Caslan School is situated in the hamlet of Caslan. The school is in the completion stages of modernization and commencing with the 1989-1990 school year will house 172 students at the E.C.S. to Grade 9 levels.

Applicants must be in the possession of an Alberta Teaching Certificate and have successfully completed a minimum of three (3) years of teaching. Post graduate studies in educational administration and/or demonstrated skills in educational leadership will be a definite asset.

Please submit applications to the undersigned by May 12, 1989:

**Mr. Peter Ponich**  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 Lac La Biche School Division No. 51  
 Box 870  
 LAC LA BICHE, Alberta T0A 2C0

## Napi Friendship Association requires a dynamic creative individual for: Executive Director

Duties include day to day operation of the centre.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- financial background and managerial skills essential;
- experience in public relations;
- familiarity with Native/Non-Native organizations;

Salary: Negotiable

## Urban Referral Worker

Energetic self-motivated individual.

**DUTIES:** provide direction and referral service to clients in areas of education, employment and social service. Research on all relevant material.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- familiar with local community organizations an asset;
- human relations skills;
- experience in programming;

Salary: Negotiable

Send resumes with references, educational background and experience to:

**Personnel Committee**  
 Napi Friendship Centre  
 Box 657  
 PINCHER CREEK, Alberta  
 T0K 1W0

Application deadline for both positions: May 19, 1989

## The Alberta Indian Health Care Commission requires a SECRETARY/ASSISTANT to the Urban Health Worker based in Calgary.

Duties include reception, typing, filing, maintaining statistics, assisting with client intakes and referrals and acting as Urban Health Worker in her absence.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Minimum of one year secretarial experience.
- 2) Typing speed of 55 wpm.
- 3) Ability to work without supervision.
- 4) Knowledge of health care programs for Treaty Indians.
- 5) Good organizational skills.
- 6) Good communication skills.

### DESIRABLE:

- 1) Fluency in an Indian language.
- 2) Direct experience in a health care delivery field.

**SALARY:** \$18,000 - \$20,000 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

**STARTING DATE:** May 29, 1989

Send resumes to:  
**Alberta Indian Health Care Commission**  
 1390 First Edmonton Place  
 10665 Jasper Avenue  
 Edmonton, Alberta  
 T5J 3S9

Closing date for receipt of applications is May 12, 1989.





ACTIVITY PAGE

**PROFESSOR DOODLES** **JUST FOR KIDS CORNER**

WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO LET TOBY PICK OUT OUR NEW PUP TENT?...

TOBY CAN THINK OF 8 WORDS THAT RHYME WITH "TENT". CAN YOU?

1 _____	5 _____
2 _____	6 _____
3 _____	7 _____
4 _____	8 _____

(more?) \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEIRD BUT TRUE!**

MIDDLE EASTERN BEDOUIN TENTS ARE MADE OF GOAT HAIR CLOTH STRETCHED OVER POLES—OPENINGS ALWAYS FACE AWAY FROM THE WIND.

THE ANCIENT TENT OF THE MONGOLS IS THE "YURT." IT'S STILL IN USE BY THEIR DESCENDANTS!

**DRAW IT!**

WHAT KIND OF TENT DOES TOBY HAVE?

**Send me a Riddle!**

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A. THE MILKY WAY.  
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Q. WHAT IS THE BIGGEST JEWEL?  
A. A BASEBALL DIAMOND.  
KELLY BARRY, FT. THOMAS, KY

Employment Opportunity

# Band Manager

Dene Tha' Band

**Qualifications:**

- Previous work experience with Native organizations
- Effective verbal and writing skills
- Proposal writing
- Knowledge of various funding sources
- Sound knowledge in organizational skills and the ability to initiate and co-ordinate short- and long-term planning
- Public relation skills
- Ability to speak the Dene language would be an asset

**Salary:** negotiable depending on qualifications

**Competition Closing Date:** May 12, 1989 5 p.m.

Send resumes to:

**Chief and Council  
Dene Tha' Band  
Box 120  
Assumption, Alberta  
T0H 0S0**

BEAVER LAKE EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Amisk Community School  
Beaver Lake Indian Reserve  
requires a

# COUNSELLOR

Duties to include: Working with students, class presentations, life skills workshops and home visit. Ability to speak Cree would be an asset. Salary commensurate with experience. DUTIES TO COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please send resumes by May 19 to: Mr. Don Kirby, Principal Amisk Community School, Box 960, Lac La Biche, Alberta T0A 2C0.

Amisk Community School requires a

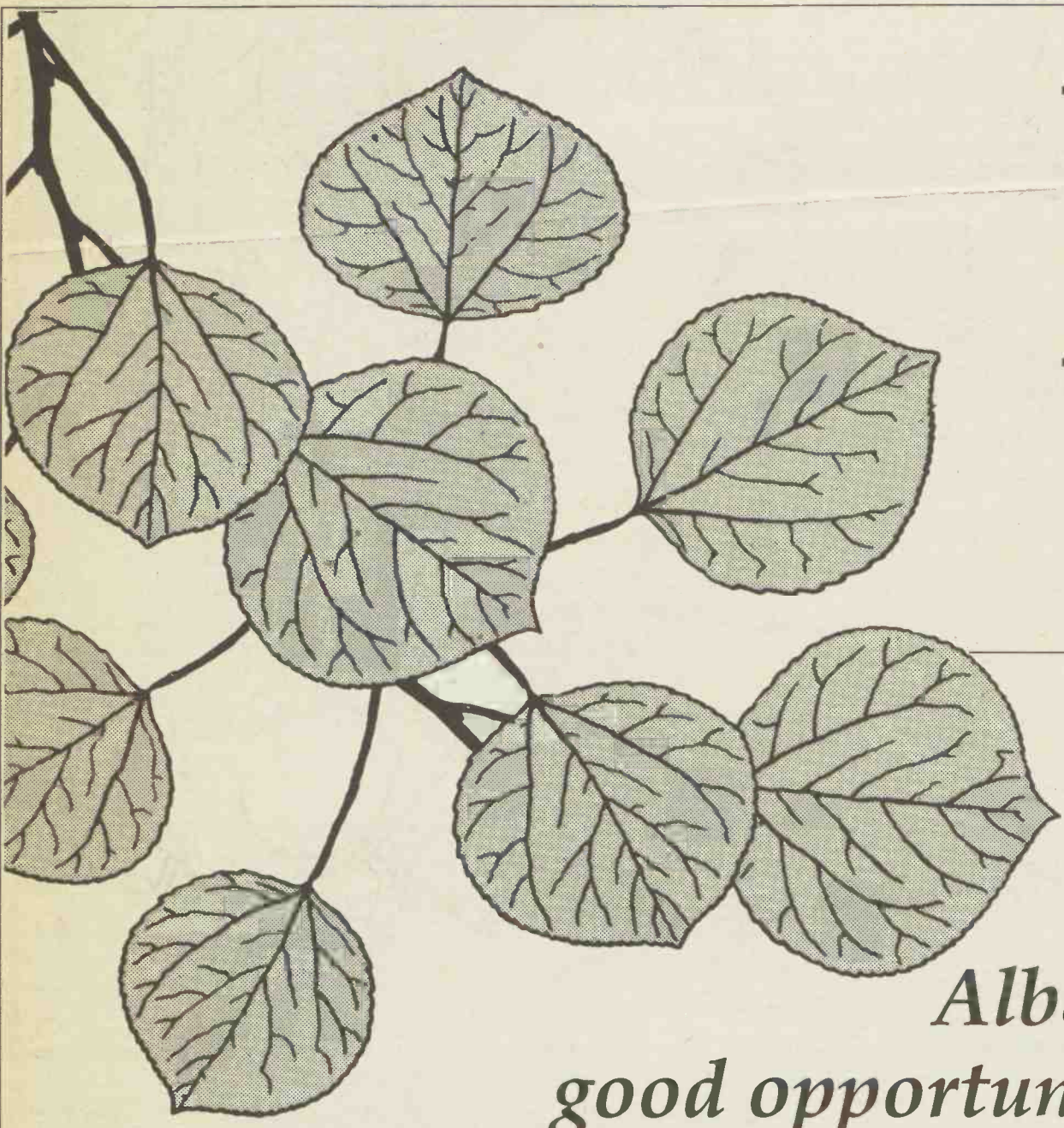
# Grade 1, 2, 3 Teacher

for the 1989-90 School Year

Salary Commensurate with experience and education. Please send resumes by May 19 to:

**Mr. D. Kirby, Principal  
Amisk Community School  
Box 960  
Lac La Biche, Alberta  
T0A 2C0**





# In-sites

(An Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc. information series which answers questions received from area residents.)

## 5. Woodlot Program

*Alberta-Pacific believes there is good opportunity for small-scale forestry*

*“woodlot” operations in the area of the proposed pulp mill.*

*Local residents, farmers, and native groups who are interested in tree farming as a cash crop could provide Alberta-Pacific with another source of wood supply, while improving the forest resource through good management.*

**Q. Who owns the land that has potential for woodlot operations?**

**A.** The land under consideration is in the White Zone — which is basically agricultural land as opposed to forested land — and it is owned by three major groups: Crown land, 36%; Private land, 48% and Native-owned land, 15%.

Although the total area reviewed is about 356,000 acres, we expect only about 40% of the timber would be available for harvesting under the woodlot program. A number of owners may not wish to participate in the program, and a portion of the timber resource will be used for parks and recreation areas, windbreaks and shelters.

**Q. Most people in this area are unfamiliar with tree farming. Where do we get information about this business?**

**A.** Alberta-Pacific hopes to establish a Woodlot Development Program, in close cooperation with the provincial government.

An important part of this program would be training in forest management for the small woodlot operator. We want to train new tree farmers to respect and care for their forest resource as it develops, including instruction in silviculture — the science of growing, tending, thinning, weeding and harvesting of the trees.

The proposed woodlot program would encourage owners to bring their smaller parcels of forest land under management to produce high quality trees as a renewable resource for the future.

**Q. What kind of equipment would I need to get started?**

**A.** Small scale tree farm operations can be managed with a minimum of equipment. In many cases, a farm tractor, saws and hand tools are sufficient — often using family members or seasonal help for the operation. An advantage to the rural operator is that the woodlot can supplement farm incomes, particularly in the fall and winter when regular farming activity is reduced.

With cooperative woodlot operations, larger areas of tree farming could be developed with shared equipment.

**Q. Can we be assured of a market for the wood?**

**A.** Yes. Alberta-Pacific is relying on woodlot operations for 5 to 10% of our pulp mill supply. Also, both hardwoods and softwoods could be delivered to local independent sawmills and wood product manufacturers.

At present, forest lands in this part of the White Zone support advanced, second-growth and uneven-aged timber that can

begin to yield value in the near future. If intensive forest management is practiced, higher quality trees should result, providing us with the supplemental supply of timber that we require.

**Q. Are there any other advantages to participating in a woodlot program?**

**A.** Yes. A significant portion of private, native-owned and Crown parcels of forest land in this area is not being managed to its full potential. People trained in good forest management will bring significant environmental benefits with their operations. Watershed management can be improved, as well as fish and wildlife resource habitat. A woodlot program offers the opportunity to develop outdoor recreation areas and to improve wind and shelter belts.

**Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc.,**  
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- The Registrar  
 Alberta Vocational Centre-  
 Lesser Slave Lake  
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 Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A0  
 Phone: (403) 849-7160

**Application Deadlines:** Unless otherwise stated, the application deadline for most programs is **July 28, 1989**. Students are encouraged to apply well in advance of deadlines, however, to ensure program placement. Late applications may be considered for some programs. Please inquire with the Registrar.

**1989-90 PROGRAMS** *Apply early for all programs!*

Program	Application Deadline	Starting Dates (first day of classes)	Location
<b>ACADEMIC DIVISION</b>			
Adult Basic Education } Vocational High School Credit }		September 5, 1989 November 14, 1989 February 1, 1990 April 23, 1990	All locations Grouard
High School Credit		September 5, 1989 February 1, 1990	All locations
Diploma Challenge (GED)		TBA	Selected locations
English as a Second Language		TBA	Selected locations
University Credit - Sunrise Project		September 1989 January 1990	Slave Lake
<b>BUSINESS CAREERS</b>			
Small Business Management		September 5, 1989	Grouard
Band Administration		TBA	Selected locations
Secretarial Arts	May 31, 1989	September 5, 1989	Grouard, McLennan Slave Lake, Swan Hills
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN RESOURCES CAREERS</b>			
Correctional Services/Child & Youth Care Worker		March 1990	Grouard
Nursing Assistant	April 28, 1989	September 5, 1989	Grouard, Slave Lake
Family Support Worker		TBA	Selected locations
Emergency Medical Technician	June 16, 1989	September 5, 1989	Grouard
Social Services Worker		September 5, 1989	Slave Lake
Personal Management		TBA	Selected locations
<b>TRADES &amp; RESOURCE TECHNOLOGIES CAREERS</b>			
Pre-employment Motor Mechanic Trade		September 25, 1989 January 2, 1990	Grouard
Pre-employment Carpenter Trade		September 25, 1989 January 2, 1990	Grouard
Pre-employment Cabinetmaker Trade		September 25, 1989 January 2, 1990	Grouard
Pre-employment Cook Trade		September 25, 1989 January 2, 1990	Grouard
Pre-employment Welder Trade		September 25, 1989 January 2, 1990	Grouard
Advanced Welding ("B" Pressure, TIG, MIG)		TBA	Grouard
Forestry		September 5, 1989	Grouard
Survey Technician		September 5, 1989	Grouard
4th Class Power Engineering		TBA	Grouard, Slave Lake
Industry Training & Safety		TBA	Selected locations
Natural Resource Worker		TBA	Selected locations
<b>NATIVE CULTURAL ARTS CAREERS</b>			
Native Traditional Arts		September 5, 1989	
Native Clothing Design		September 5, 1989	Grouard

**ALL LOCATIONS:** Programs available in all Community Education Centres -Atkameg, Cadotte Lake, Calling Lake, East Prairie, Faust, Flatbush, Gift Lake, Kinuso, Loon Lake, McLennan, Peavine, Peerless Lake, Smith, Swan Hills, Trout Lake, Valleyview, Wabasca and the Grouard and Slave Lake Campuses. Please contact the registrar at either campus to apply for programs in these communities.

Inquire about financial assistance and transportation services. Student accommodation and day care services are available at the Grouard Campus only.

**Alberta Vocational Centre Lesser Slave Lake**

