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## Controversy erupts at \$19 million Metis housing corporation

By Mark McCallum

EDMONTON — After an attempt earlier this month at a meeting held at the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) to replace the Board of Directors for Metis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC), to suspend MUHC Housing Manager Larry Desmeules and to fire Regional Coordinator Peter Pelletier failed, Desmeules claims that the group responsible for the attempt acted "illegally."

"It was an illegal suspension," said a shaken Desmeules. "They had no authority to suspend me. Only the Board of Directors for this organization (MUHC) can suspend my contract."

The housing manager stated, "when they made the move to dissolve the board (of MUHC), they didn't appoint a new board... They only struck up a committee. A very questionable committee. This company has to have a board of directors. It can't operate under a committee...that's corporate law."

Ron LaRocque, chairman for the meeting and former chairman of MUHC, says that the MAA Board of Directors, which holds the shares of MUHC in trust, held a shareholders meeting where motions for the changes were proposed. LaRocque stressed that the group did not act illegally. He reasoned, "the shareholders have the power to do whatever they want."

Desmeules added that the group, which included Ben Courtrille, Joan Major-Malmas, Gerald Thom and Florence Henry, would have to call an MAA annual assembly before any changes in MUHC can be made. This was not done.

Desmeules also stated, "one of the things LaRocque

did last year (before he was removed as chairman of MUHC) was to sign a 99 year agreement with CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation which subsidizes MUHC), tying the housing up for 99 years. While in the policy (of MUHC), after five years, a tenant had an option to buy the house... This would eliminate that opportunity completely."

But, LaRocque says that the MUHC tenants never had and will continue not to have the right to buy MUHC houses because the corporation operates under section 56-1 of the Housing Act, which allows tenants to rent, not buy, houses. In order to buy MUHC houses, the organization would have to operate under section 40 of the Housing Act, which does afford tenants the right to buy houses.

According to Desmeules, the agreement is still not binding because "we (MUHC) would have to get the (MAA membership) annual assembly to approve it...they're the only ones that can approve it."

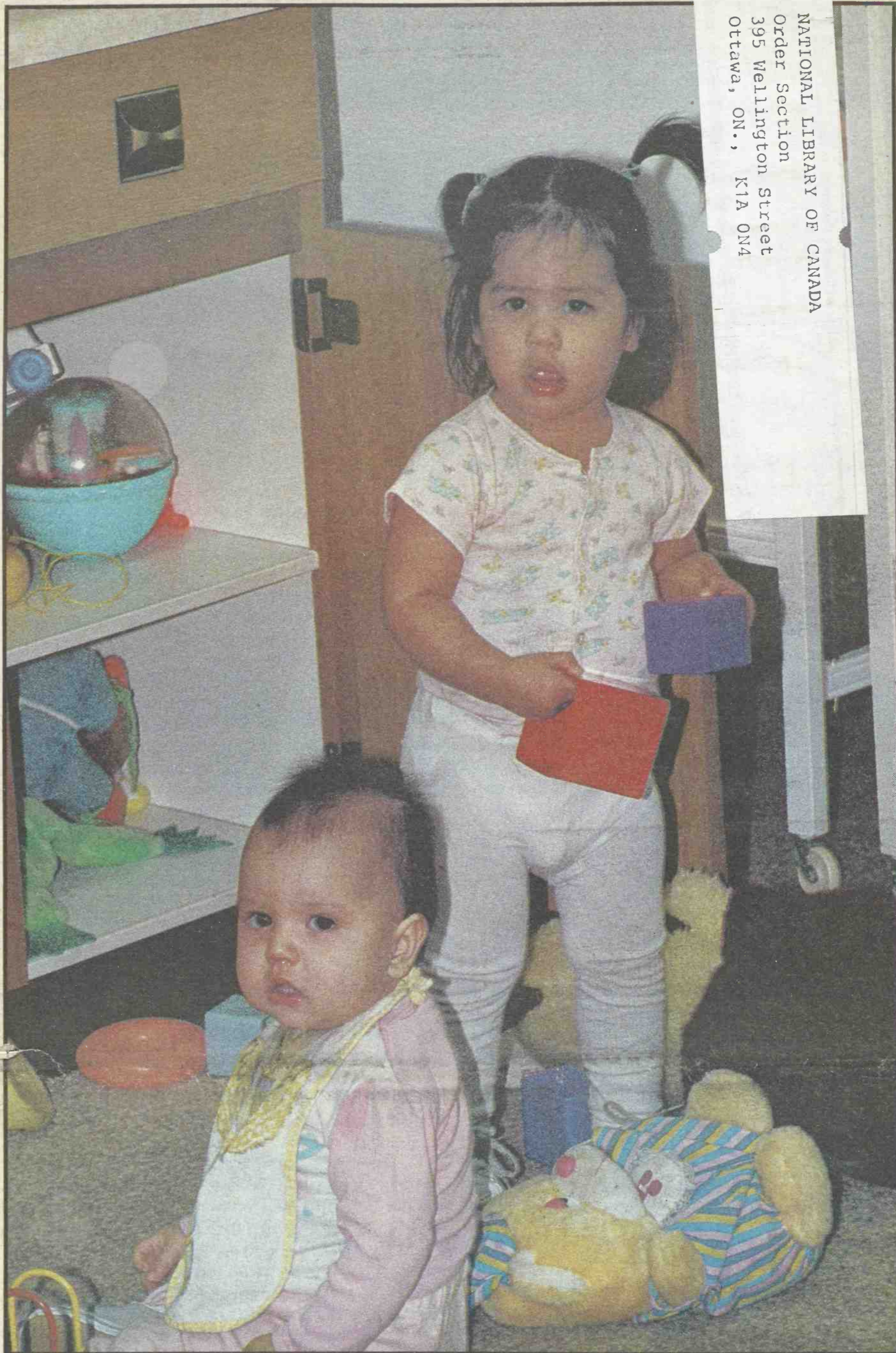
The 99 year agreement with CMHC, explained LaRocque, is so "no financial benefit from Metis Urban Housing can be given to anyone without the approval of CMHC."

CMHC gives the 19 million corporation, established in 1984, 100 per cent subsidized financial assistance.

Desmeules says that the financial state of MUHC is "solid."

CMHC Manager Program Operations official John McWilliam would not comment on the 99 year agreement or the group's attempt to make changes at MUHC.

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### TOYS GALORE

Little Crystal Nykat (sitting) and Janelle Omeasoo are in their glories after finding a treasure shelf of toys. They are pre-schoolers at the Ermineskin Day Care Centre. This week, Windspeaker pays a special tribute to the Four Bands of Hobbema. See Pages 11 to 22.

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# National

## Tradition, change and survival topics of international education conference

By Terry Lusty

"Tradition, Change and Survival" is the theme for an upcoming world conference on Indigenous peoples' education. It is guessed that the gathering will attract about 800 traditional Native leaders, Indigenous educators and international figures from 17 different countries.

The conference is being billed as, "the first conference in world history dealing exclusively with Indigenous peoples' education within an international context."

The conference is scheduled to occur June 8 through 13 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver with a number of

high profile Natives participating. Included will be such renowned individuals as Hopi Elder and spiritual leader Thomas Banyaca, Canadian Native Arts Foundation founder John Kim Bell, Peruvian Indian leader/lecturer Salvador Palomino Flores, and Seneca leader and former editor of Akwesasne Notes, John Mohawk.

Of particular interest to a number of educators and social activists will be the workshops of author and international educator Paulo Friere whose book, "Pedagogy of the Oppressed" has been one of the most widely acclaimed pieces of literature in the past 15 years.

The majority of work-

shops are to address current educational programs, adult education, language, survival schools and teacher training.

Organizers say that participants will discuss and examine how traditional Native values and beliefs can be applied to present day education in an effort to change Native peoples' negative experiences with education into positive knowledge that will ensure cultural survival.

Apart from the workshops and symposiums that are to take place, the conference will include cultural events, a museum tour, exhibits, a film festival and traditional feast.

An official welcome by the Grand Chief and found-

ing leader of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, George Manuel, is scheduled for the opening day as is traditional food and B.C. Indian dancers.

Traditional dress is being encouraged for those who may wish to participate in the grand entry on June 8.

The conference is being sponsored by the International Indigenous Peoples' Education Association in Vancouver.

Information regarding registration fees and other news can be obtained by contacting Maxine Pape at the World Conference Office, 1607 E. Hastings Street, Room 111, Vancouver, B.C. V5L 1S7 (phone 604-251-4844, Local 30).

### The Navajo Times

## Tribal interference shuts down Indian daily newspaper

By Deborah Frazier  
Scripps Howard News Service

WINDOW ROCK, Arizona — The Navajo Times Today was the eyes and ears for 192,000 Navajos scattered across a 65,000-square-kilometre reservation and in cities across the country, former editors say.

But in the view of tribal chairman Peter MacDonald, The Navajo Times was a meddlesome newspaper that too often was critical of tribal government and had drained more than \$1.3 million from the tribe.

The Navajo Times ceased publication February 19 after tribal police ordered the staff out of the building and locked the doors. Its computers were turned off and its phones pulled from the walls.

In a statement, MacDonald said the newspaper was closed because it was losing money that should go for scholarships and jobs.

"The First Amendment doesn't apply to Indian country," said former Navajo Times publisher Mark Trahan. "Freedom of speech and the press is theoretical here."

The editorial independence of The Navajo Times was risky from its start 26 years ago. Funded by the Navajo tribe as a monthly newsletter for students

attending schools off the reservation, The Navajo Times evolved into a weekly and then into a daily.

The Navajo Times was written, edited and printed by Indians. The circulation was just 7,500, but young Navajo journalists were trained there. Many reporters spoke Navajo, a tremendous advantage since most tribal meetings are conducted in Navajo. Most of the 60-member staff was under 30.

"There was tremendous sense of pride in showing that Navajos could put out a newspaper," said former managing editor Monty Roessel.

Trahan and others familiar with the finances said the paper was two to three years away from making a profit.

In fact, The Navajo Times became a risky venture by playing American-style journalism in the political climate of the Navajo Nation. The paper was relentless in criticism of the tribal chairman — Zah and MacDonald — and tribal politics.

"We did what a newspaper is supposed to do," said Trahan, "I expected a reaction, like getting fired myself. But I never thought they'd shut us down."

Deborah Frazier is a reporter from The Rocky Mountain News in Denver.



### OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

If you want an example of some people who are fighting the good fight just look at what's going on in Big Trout Lake. Two years ago Big Trout Lake was like a lot of other Indian villages -- it had an alcohol problem. It doesn't have one now -- at least it's not as big as it used to be -- but the band has other problems because of the fight it's putting up to beat the bottle.

Here's the background: Big Trout Lake is an isolated place. It's 300 miles north of Thunder Bay, Ontario. Almost all of the 800 people who live there are Ojibway Indians. Their closest neighbors are 50 miles away.

The only way into Big Trout Lake is by air. That's also the only way that alcohol can get into the community. People smuggled it in on flights from the south.

The band leaders say that over the years, the community's drinking problem gradually got worse. Bootlegging was wide open and the drinking was out of control. As a result, families broke up. Parents neglected their children. Children vandalized the community.

It got worse. People died. They drowned. They froze to death. They killed one another.

Finally, the people of Big Trout Lake decided that enough was enough. On December 18, 1985, they held a general band meeting. One hundred and thirty people showed up and all of them voted to prohibit the possession of alcohol on the reserve.

The problem, though, was enforcing the by-law because some band members didn't intend to obey it. The best way to keep people from having alcohol on the reserve is to stop them from bringing it in and the best way to do that is to search the people when they step off the airplane.

But the band council had two problems trying to do that. The first had to do with the airport itself. It's part of the community but it's not on the reserve. The band therefore has no legal authority at the airport, even though 98 per cent of the people at Big Trout Lake are Indians.

The band's second problem involved getting some-

one to search the passengers. A special police constable, an Indian, was posted in the village. But he worked for the Ontario Provincial Police -- not the band -- and he wouldn't search the passengers. Provincial regulations don't allow police officers to search anyone and everyone coming off an airplane.

The band was stuck. It couldn't stop the liquor flow and it couldn't begin to solve the problems caused by alcohol abuse despite community support. So last August, the band moved to enforce the ban of alcohol. It hired two men as band constables. Their job was to maintain law and order on the reserve. But the band council also ordered them to search people coming off the planes and confiscate any liquor.

The searches paid off. Band leaders say there is less drinking and less vandalism now. School attendance has gone up. In short, Big Trout Lake has become a better place to live.

Everything was just fine -- until last November 21st. That night, the two band constables and the special constable from the Ontario Provincial Police went to the airport to meet a flight from Sioux Lookout. The band constables thought that one of the band members who got off the plane was drunk. They said he acted suspiciously when his luggage was unloaded. They searched his luggage and found three bottles of liquor hidden inside. The man objected to the search and a scuffle broke out involving the man, his wife and the two band constables. When the dust had settled, the provincial police officer laid assault charges against the man's wife and the two band constables.

The band leaders were angry. They wrote to Ontario's Attorney-General Ian Scott. They told him, "If you make (our) constables powerless, you are condemning our community to the problems which have plagued us in the past." The band told Ian Scott to withdraw the charges against the two band constables. He refused. In his letter, the Attorney-General said the band constables were probably acting unlawfully because they had no authority at the airport.

The conflict at Big Trout Lake hasn't changed. The band constables are still facing charges, they're still on the job, and they're still searching passengers. The band leaders say they know the searches violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. But they say the rights, the peace and the well-being of the community are more important than the rights of any one individual. The leaders of Big Trout Lake don't intend to give up the fight against alcohol and the problems it causes. There was a determined message in the last line of their letter to Ian Scott. It said, "We will continue to enforce our laws and we are willing to face the consequences."

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# Provincial

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

By Terry Lusty

In the summer of 1984 AMMSA conducted a community survey in virtually every Native community in northern Alberta. The purpose of the survey was to generate the opinions of Native people as to what kinds of interests and preferences they might have in terms of radio, television and newspaper programs and information.

During the month of May, AMMSA will conduct a follow-up audience needs assessment by surveying 12 selected communities in northern Alberta. The proposed communities selected for the survey are: Anzac, Big Prairie, Caslan, Dene Tha Band, Duncan's Band, Fort McKay, Fort Vermillion, Heart Lake, Horse Lake, Saddle Lake, Sucker Creek and Wabasca-Desmarais.

The inclusion of these communities rests with the Indian Bands and Metis Settlement councils for their agreement to participate in the survey. We are still awaiting confirmation from some of these communities.

Because the order in which the communities will be surveyed has yet to be determined, we cannot

provide that information right now. Hopefully, the schedule will be known and published in next week's issue of Windspeaker.

It would be greatly appreciated if our readers would keep an eye out for the schedule.

The survey, by and large, will focus on the ARTS (Aboriginal Radio and Television Society) program which is headquartered at Lac La Biche but will also include some questions regarding the Windspeaker newspaper. Generally speaking, the questions will seek comments from local Natives regarding how they feel about the existing services of the radio and newspaper and what they would like to see in the paper and hear on the radio program.

We would ask that our listeners and readers bear in mind that if they are surveyed, their cooperation is most valuable to us because it helps to give us some direction as to just what people enjoy and what else they might like to hear on the ARTS radio program or read in the Windspeaker newspaper.

The survey is being contracted to W.J. Page and Associates Ltd. of Edmonton.



**SPEAKER LARRY DESMEULES**  
...rallies for community support

## Group gathers to protest takeover attempt

By Mark McCallum

EDMONTON — Over 200 tenants of the Metis Urban Housing Corporation (MUHC) gathered at the Edmonton Friendship Centre to protest a group's attempt to replace the MUHC Board of Directors, fire regional coordinator Peter Pelletier and terminate Edmonton housing manager Larry Desmeules' contract with the corporation, on April 14.

Tenant's Association president Thelma Chalfoux fears that the group's

actions are a bid to take over the \$19 million corporation for their own financial benefit.

But Ron LaRocque, who was the chairman for the group which included Ben Courtrille, Joan Major-Malmas, Florence Henry and Gerald Thom, denied that the group was seeking financial gain or a takeover attempt.

LaRocque explained that the interim appointed MUHC trustees felt the previous MUHC board of directors were not doing an adequate job in administer-

ing the functions of the corporation. He also said that the housing manager's contract of Desmeules gave him "ownership power" which is a "dangerous situation."

"He (Desmeules) has the powers of an owner and can sign leases, contracts, and agreements without answering to anyone," said LaRocque.

Nearly all the tenants of MUHC from Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer and Lloydminster signed petitions against the interim trustees action and a vast

majority of the tenants were at the CNFC meeting.

The petitions signed also called for a return for a tenant's position on the MUHC Board of Directors. "The tenant can bring the concerns of the tenants to the Board of Director's attention," reasoned Stan Plante, who was the last tenant to sit on the MUHC board.

"I was informed in November of '86 that I was removed from the board and since then there has not been a tenant on the board," stated Plante.

## Peigan meeting over \$2.5 million settlement

By Jackie Red Crow

PEIGAN RESERVE — The Peigan Nation will go to the polls again for the fourth time on April 21 to determine whether the \$2.5 million settlement reached in 1981 over a 1909 land claim be distributed among band members.

Albert Yellow Horn Sr., Peigan band councillor and well-known land claims researcher, said the Band Council is recommending to its membership that they accept the out of court set-

tlement rather than pursuing the matter in federal court.

The land claim issue dates back to 1909 when the Department of Indian Affairs expropriated more than 10,000 acres of Peigan land to the federal government. There was no referendum held to see if the membership at the time wanted to cede their land.

The issue has always been a concern for tribal Elders and Yellow Horn has researched the claim for more than 22 years

without pay. The issue came to a head in 1979 when the Peigan Nation blockaded the water head gates access which was being used by the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District (LNID) on the Old Man River.

The Peigan Nation demanded financial compensation of the land now used by the LNID and a yearly fee system for each acre of land. The Peigans, by blockading the water gates, cut off water supply to more than 700 farmers

and seven communities near the Peigan Reserve.

After months of conflict between the Peigan Nation, LNID and the provincial government, reached an agreement in February, 1981. The government committed \$2.5 million and an additional \$970,000 to pay for legal costs and also compensate Yellow Horn for his years of research on the 1909 land claim.

However, some band members rejected the government's offer and wanted the Peigan Nation

band council to get the 10,000 acres of land returned and also financial compensation.

"We're not satisfied with the agreement but it would cost about \$10 million to fight the issue in court," said Yellow Horn. "We just don't have \$10 million."

The Peigan membership voted overwhelmingly to reject the federal government's offer on the first referendum and a small majority voted in favor of the second time. However, last month the Peigan voted

again on the issue but were short of 68 people to get the settlement distributed. According to the Indian Act, at least 50% of the total population is needed to pass a referendum.

Yellow Horn expects that the Peigan Nation will vote in favor of the referendum on April 21.

All Peigan Nation members over the age of 18 are entitled to vote.

The Peigan Reserve has a population of over 2,600 people.



# Education

## Four Worlds plans four workshops

By Jackie Red Crow

LETHBRIDGE — Four workshops and conferences are planned during the months of May, June, July and August by the University of Lethbridge Four Worlds Development Project according to recent press releases.

The project is based in the Faculty of Education at the U of L. Its main goal is to eliminate alcohol and drug abuse by the year 2000.

The 5th annual New

Roads in Education conference will be hosted by the Peigan Nation chief and council and the Four Worlds Project on the Peigan reserve on May 11-14. Other sponsors of the conference include the Jimmy Wolf Tail Memorial Society, the Black Horse Society and the Napi Friendship Centre in Pincher Creek. The four day conference is dedicated to the self-government of Native communities.

A welcome powwow and feast will be held on the first day of the education con-

ference. On the second day, all day workshop sessions will be conducted in both Blackfoot and English.

The Blackfoot speaking workshop will focus on the philosophy and practice of human and community development in traditional Blackfoot societies. The workshop will feature distinguished Elders from each of the Four Bands of the Blackfoot Confederacy and will be conducted in the Blackfoot language.

The English speaking workshop will focus on the philosophy and practice of

human and community development in traditional Native societies. This workshop will feature distinguished Elders from different tribes and will be conducted in English.

On day three and four of the education conference, a number of day-long workshops will be held. Workshop topics include: Curriculum Development for Preventing Alcohol and Drug Abuse; the Process and Practice of Community Development; Computers, Electronic Communication and Information Systems

for self-government of Native communities; the Spirit of the Rainbow Program; Laughter and Play in Human and Community Development and others too numerous to mention.

For more information on the education conference, please contact the conference coordinators, Leonard Bastien at (403) 965-3773 and Doreen Sterling at (403) 320-2184.

### Dene Conference

The Dene Tha Indian Band in northern Alberta and the Four Worlds Development Project will host the 3rd annual Sharing Innovations that Work conference at Assumption, 100 km east of High Level on June 29 - July 3.

This year's co-sponsors include the Alkali Lake Indian Band, the Chief Dan George Memorial Foundation, the Native Training Institute, the National Association of Treatment Directors and the Nechi Institute.

This important community-based conference will focus on positive innovations in a wide variety of human and community development efforts in Native communities. The workshop topics include cultural development, appropriate technology and economic development, wholistic education and health, the prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse, and human and community development.

For more information on the conference, please contact the Dene Tha Indian Band office (403) 321-3842.

### Youth Conference

Another major conference will be held in July. The Spirit of the Rainbow Youth conference is set for July 28-31 at the U of L and Lethbridge Community College (LCC) to organize a national youth organization.

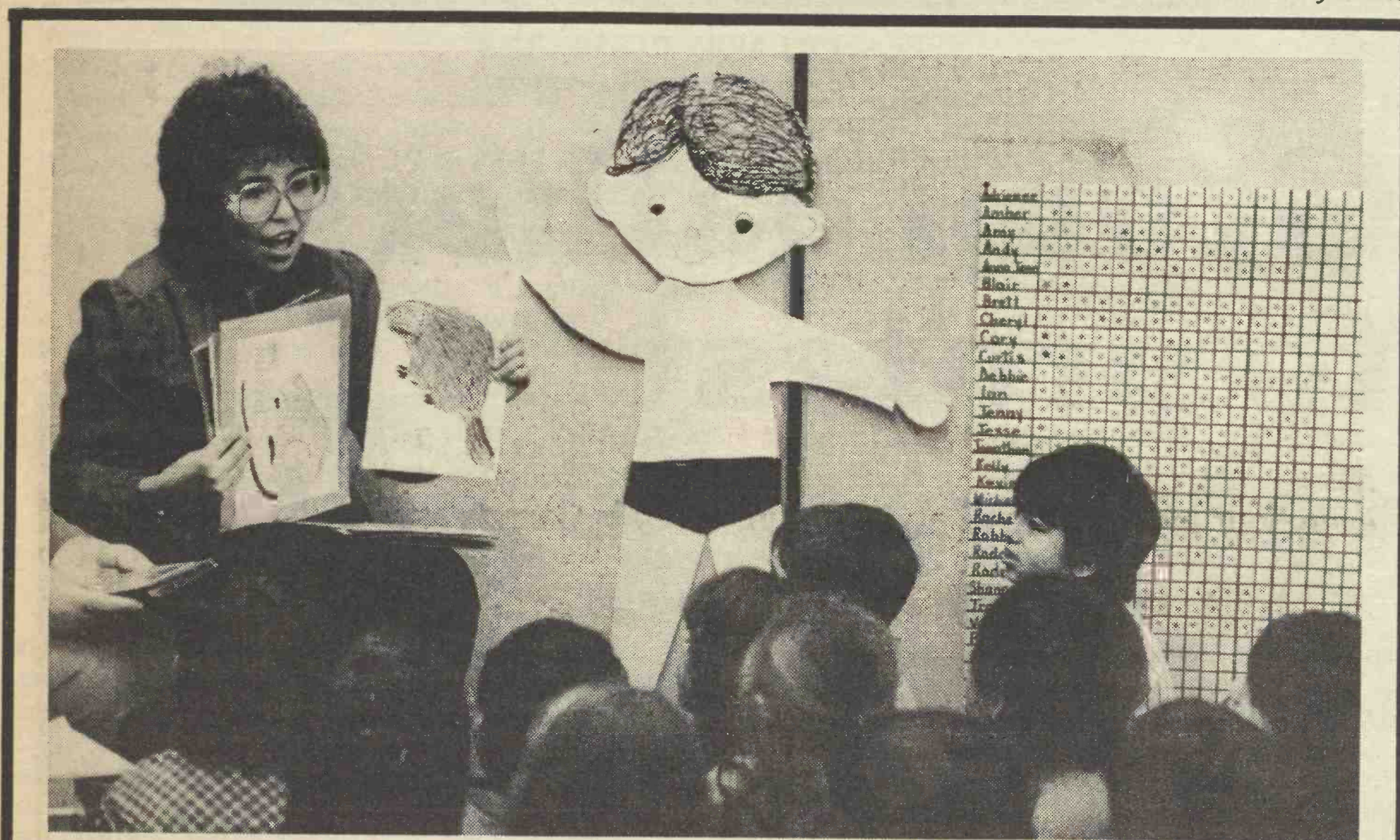
The conference will explore training and job development opportunities for Native youth. There will be music, large gatherings, Native games, traditional ceremonies, and workshops on peer counselling, cultural development, drama self-awareness and personal growth.

### Elders Program

The second Elders Nutrition and Exercise Program will also be held July 5-31 at the LCC. This will be the second 30-day residential nutrition, exercise and health promotion training program designed for Native Elders.

### Other Workshops

The Four Worlds Summer Institute will sponsor a number of workshops in July at both the U of L and LCC. They include community healing and development; using drama for human and community development; developing effective wholistic strategies.



### TEACHING CREE

All eyes are on Virginia Martin. Virginia teaches Cree to these elementary school students at Slave Lake. She is originally from Fort Chipewyan.

## No funding cuts for Native students

By Jackie Red Crow

CALGARY — Unlike provincial cutbacks in education, Native student post-secondary funding will not be cut or reduced, said an Indian Affairs official recently.

But the Department of Indian Affairs (DIAND) will adhere more closely to their education guidelines which may mean some Native students will not receive DIAND sponsorship, said Andy Morgan, DIAND education superintendent for southern Alberta Indian reserves.

He explained that DIAND follows guidelines that determine who is eligible for sponsorship which is called Circular E-12.

One of the main criteria in circular E-12 is that there

is a limit on the number of weeks a student can receive DIAND funding to attend college or university. For instance, a Native student is allowed 172 training weeks for an undergraduate degree; 103 weeks for a master's degree and a doctorate degree.

However, Native students who are upgrading their high school at a community college may be turned down for sponsorship, said Morgan.

He said they will make an exception if students require college preparatory courses to enroll in a post-secondary course for courses. But in this case, students will only get sponsored for 48 weeks maximum.

"Unless students need preparatory courses to get

their program, they'll be sponsored. But those who want to get their high school diploma at a community college will not be sponsored," said Morgan.

He added those students who are turned down by DIAND for college upgrading will have to approach Canada Manpower or the Alberta Vocational Centre for financial assistance.

"There is a greater pressure at this level to follow the guidelines (Circular E-12)," said Morgan.

He admitted the guidelines have always been in place but DIAND did not follow them as rigidly. "We used some discretion in assessing individual student cases (for DIAND funding)," said Morgan.

He also stressed that a university student, for

instance, who is still at a second-year level in a degree program will not be sponsored if their training weeks are used up. "But if a student still has one semester to graduate, he or she may be granted one more semester of financial sponsorship," said Morgan.

But that decision will be made by DIAND district office, he said.

Morgan said letters will be sent to all Native post-secondary students to inform them how many more training weeks they have left.

He anticipates there won't be a high number of Native post-secondary students who will be turned down for sponsorship.

Morgan said the DIAND budgeted for tuition and text book increases faced

by all provincial universities. He said the DIAND will receive the same level of funding as the last fiscal year. He did not elaborate further because he said he was "too busy to look up the actual figures."

"But we should sponsor, if not more students this year," said Morgan. There are about 200 Blood and Peigan students attending U of L and LCC.

In January, the Native American Students Association (NASA) at the University of Lethbridge initiated a number of meetings to discuss the DIAND's policy on education sponsorship. DIAND was sharply criticized by representatives from the Indian Association of Alberta and the Blood tribe education committee for placing res-

trictions on student funding.

Both Narcisse Blood, IAA Treaty 7 vice-president and Gilbert Eagle Bear, Blood education committee member, said that education "is a Treaty right." They also contended that there should be no strict limitation on education funding because Native students must meet standards by universities or colleges or they will be expelled from that institution.

Indian Affairs request student transcripts before sponsoring new or continuing students.

They also said that they'll support Native students who are turned down for educational sponsorship by applying political pressure.



# Edmonton to rally for Peltier's cause

By Terry Lusty

Very few Canadians realize just how much of a household word is the name of Leonard Peltier. In Canada, a tour of major cities is scheduled to take his cause to the people.

Peltier, convicted by the United States in 1977 of killing two FBI agents, was a participant in the occupation of Wounded Knee in South Dakota in 1973 which later erupted into armed conflict in which one Indian and two FBI were slain.

An Edmonton rally slated for May 12 is but one of many which have already occurred in dozens of major American cities and

are to branch into Canada as well. The first stop in Canada will be Vancouver in late April, then Edmonton where it will arrive on May 7.

During the Edmonton stop-over, the group will:

- meet with Treaty 6 chiefs, May 7.

- visit a reserve, May 8 (for security reasons locations are not being made public).

- visit another reserve, participate in a Round Dance, May 9.

- hold press conferences, May 11.

- rally at Canadian Native Friendship Centre, 9 a.m., May 11.

- rally at Sacred Heart School, 7:30 - 10 p.m., May 12.

**"In addition, some 17 million people in the Soviet Union who have petitioned the U.S. government for his release."**

Roy Piepenburg, a spokesman for the Edmonton organizers, informed Windspeaker that a lot of high profile people are supporting the release of Peltier. A good number of American congressmen and Canadian MPs are also behind him as are some very prominent world lead-

ers including Nobel Prize winners from Africa, India, Sweden, France and Mexico "who have criticized the gross violations of human constitutional and civil rights suffered by Peltier... in addition, some 17 million people in the Soviet Union who have petitioned the U.S. government for his

release" says a communique from the defence committee.

Other prominent supporters are; Reverend Jessie Jackson, Archbishop (Robert Runcie) of Canterbury, Anglican Primate (Edward Scott) of Canada, U.S. National Association of Criminal Defence Lawyers and the Spanish Human Rights Commission (U.S.) which bestowed upon Peltier their 1986 Human Rights Award.

Following the 1975 deaths of the two FBI agents in South Dakota, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Peltier. He managed to escape to Canada where he went into hiding before being arrested near Hinton,

Alberta. He had, at that time, sought and gained refuge at the mountain wilderness camp of the late Cree chief, Robert Smallboy.

Peltier was imprisoned at the Okalla jail in B.C. in early 1976. By the year's end he was extradited to the U.S. where he was convicted of murder and sentenced to two consecutive life terms in 1977.

However, a great deal of controversy continues to surround the legality of his extradition. He has been held at Leavenworth prison in Kansas. A defence committee has been actively engaged in acquiring his release. Their argument is that he was illegally extradited to the U.S.

## Calling Lake and Wabasca will be linked by new road

EDMONTON - Calling Lake and Wabasca will be linked by a direct road, Minister of Transportation and Utilities Al "Boomer" Adair and Lesser Slave Lake MLA Honourable Larry Shaben announced recently.

Secondary Road 813 will now be extended from its current end point at Rock Island Lake to connect with the extending road at Sandy Lake.

The development of this 39 kilometre connection will occur in stages. This summer final survey work and design engineering will be started. Clearing and salvage will commence in the winter of 1988. The

construction will be done by contract, one half of the work will be done in 1988 and the second half for completion of the connection in 1989.

"This road will link these communities whose people have many family and historical bonds," remarked Shaben. "The road will help bring them even closer together."

Mr. Adair added: "Alberta Transportation places a high priority on roads which make important connections like this between two communities. Our goal is to ensure people can maintain contact when desired."

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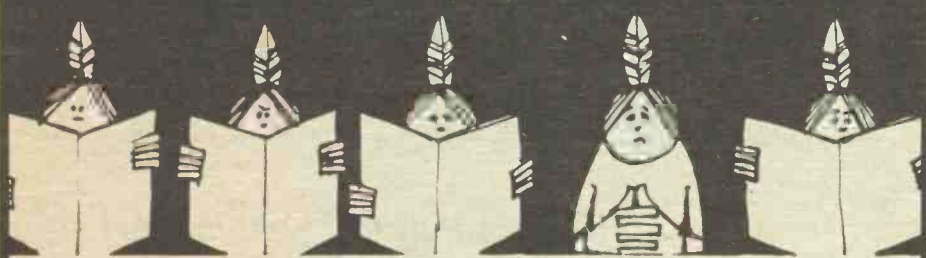
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# Editorial

## Newspaper communications a two-way street

Guest Editorial By Terry Lusty

Newspapers, magazines and other like print material are instruments designed to create an awareness and understanding of what happens in the world around us and to impart such information to the public.

No informational tract, however, can operate in isolation and each has a duty to its readership. That role cannot be accommodated when the self-interests of individuals or groups do not cooperate.

Sometimes, lack of cooperation is by design. When information is wilfully inaccurate and misleading, not only does a news service not perform to its capacity, it also renders a disservice to the community is intended to serve.

Newspaper reporting is dependent upon fair, accurate and unbiased information. Should self-interest groups provide damaging or wrongful information, they are doing more harm than they may think.

A recent example of the foregoing occurred when one of our Windspeaker reporters was intentionally deceived by being given a time frame in which a particular meeting was to commence. The time stated was no less than an hour after the fact. Consequently, some important details of the meeting were missed and that is unfair, not only to us but, to our readership.

We, as a news service, have a special obligation to perform, and the mindless antics of those who purposely abuse the media as a vehicle for their own gain(s) are doing an injustice.

Media relies heavily on the invaluable contributions of its sources which are generally credible individuals. If said sources do not employ fairness or accuracy in their accounts, they should simply "butt out."



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# Opinion

## Reader looking for spiritual balance

### Dear Editor:

The Great Spirit made his creation perfect. Everything is in balance. You will never see a crow and a seagull mate, you will never see a moose mating with a deer. An eagle will not crossbreed with a robin. Yes, my people, the Great Spirit makes his creation perfect. It is only people who disturb his creation — black should never crossbreed with red. White must not interfere with red. Yellow should never mix with red for this

is known as social genocide (race killing).

The Great Spirit gave our women a great responsibility. He had instructed them to be whole people. He continually tells the men to respect their women. Place Indian women in high esteem and this self killing will never take place. Honour them with respect for they deserve this God-given right. Listen to our grandmothers, hear our mothers, lend an ear to the wives, listen to the maidens, and hear them as they speak for they have much

to offer. Honor them and they will respect us. Reject them and they will reject us. This is another form of balance, understand it.

Because Indian women were placed on this earth by the Great Spirit, we as true Indian men must place them in a higher social status. They require more freedom of expression. They must receive social emancipation and be free from financial dependency. We must grant them gainful employment. We must never displace them in politics and business.

Most Indian women on the labor force are married or are unwed mothers and are not career women. They are not taking jobs away from men. Many are income earners and full time housewives. We must never isolate them in our communities, we cannot cut them off from our friendship, we cannot cut them off from their advice, for they give us support in our families. They will give us identification and loyalty, yes. The Indian female is "special." Special because it was meant to be by the Great Spirit.

Indian women who bear non-Indian children will suffer from persistent

embarrassment from the people on the reserves. The children who are born will have two strikes against them. The children will be self-conscious because of their mixed heritage. Native traditions will be weakened. Doors which were once opened will be closed. Where will they find refuge? They will not be wanted in the Indian community nor will they be totally accepted in the dominant society. Our need for the recognition of our women lies in Native spirituality.

Both men and women, in early times, before the whiteman came to our great land, prayed to the Great Spirit. They asked him to hear their prayers and in compassion send one of his messengers in a vision (vision quest), such a vision brought them holy power or message that they made central to their lives and which often determined what their names would be. This sacred retreat is still practiced by traditional Indians today. Men and women who have the wisdom to understand that without visions lose their sense of relationship and harmony with Mother Earth and the world around them.

You will be caught in your own darkness, everything will appear to you like the night season, you will become egotistic and you will easily forget your purpose in life. You will easily forget that you are special in that you are an Indian and the responsibility given to you by the Great Spirit is to maintain the purity of the race. Because some of us had accepted the religion of our oppressors, we have committed self social genocide.

O' Great Spirit, who dwells in every object and in every place, we cry unto thee. We summon thee from the far places, into our present awareness. Oh Great Spirit who is in every Indian person brace us that we may not neglect your gift for living. Melt our hatreds, kindle our love into flames of true living, realities, as we light our sacred fires. Teach us, that he who is strong is also kind. He who is wise tempers justice with mercy. Tell us again and again that he who is brave matches courage with compassion. Remind us that the end is better than the beginning. Make us think with clear minds so that we will understand that you are beautiful and all loving —

that you are vast and majestic beyond all our knowing or telling. Speak to us now and always that we will be aware of your greatness and goodness. Help us to give thanks unceasingly for your bounty. Help us to understand that you are no farther from us than the tilting upwards of our heads and the lifting of our eyes.

Stand straight and tall my brothers and sisters. Remind the people who suppress the Redman that we are not dead, that our heritage is not lost. Let your hair grow like our forefathers did. Take pride in your appearance because you are special. Take every opportunity to show the dominant people that we are the masters of creation. Show our white neighbors that we have survived their 400 years of attempted assimilation. Make them understand that we are proud people and that we will no longer be ashamed that we are Indians, that we are not pagans or savages. That we are real people and we are here to stay — it was willed that way by the Great Spirit.

**Have a good day!**  
**Bro. Gil Pastion**  
**Assumption, AB**

### Tanya's Creed

*I believe in the Creator.*  
*for he is the one who gave us life.*

*I believe in our Mother Earth.*  
*for it is she who gives us survival.*

*I believe in the Peace Pipe.*  
*For it gives us the strength and power we have.*

*I believe in the Braid of Sweetgrass.*  
*for it cleanses the mind, body, and soul.*

*I believe in the Grandfathers and Grandmothers.*  
*for it is them who guide us throughout our journey of life.*

*I believe in the traditional ways of life.*  
*for the Creator gave them to us in which to survive.*

*I believe that one day we shall return to the traditional ways,*  
*for they are the only good ways.*

*I believe in Love.*  
*for without it, one shall never survive.*

**By Tanya Kappo, 15,**  
**Grade 10 Student,**  
**St. Joseph's High School,**  
**Edmonton**

### 'ALCOHOL'

Oh 'devil alcohol' that you are  
Killing men from near and far  
I wish somehow they could see  
Tame heed; then simply flee.

'Alcohol' you creep, as a snake  
Encircling each victim; then just take  
A precious friend you took from me  
Now in spirit; he'll always be.

'Alcohol' robbed him of his life  
Only caused pain and strife  
I felt the agony; of his pain  
On me, too, alcohol left a stain.

'Alcohol,' you're no comfort to men  
Never were; now or then  
The sight of you makes me ill  
You will never break my will.

'Creator' give me power to help somehow  
'Alcohol' an evil here below.  
A spiritual vision let me be  
Helping men face reality.

**By Marion Pennings**

## Students plea for grizzlies

### Dear Editor:

#### Re: Students Protest Bear Kill

Students in the northern communities of Wabasca-Desmarais and Sandy Lake have written to key Alberta government officials protesting the slaughter of Kananaskis grizzly bears. The following letter has been sent to: the Honorable Premier Getty; the Honorable Norman Weiss, minister of Parks and Recreation; the Honorable Ken Kowalski, minister of Environment; the Honorable Don Sparrow, minister of Fish and Wildlife; and members of the Opposition. As well as other members of the press.

#### Re: Save the Kananaskis Grizzly

We as a class have discussed the policy of killing the Kananaskis grizzlies.

We strongly oppose any slaughter of these magnificent animals.

As students at a mainly Native school, we have seen the falling population of many species in our own region. The grizzly is a symbol of power and strength in our Native heritage. We believe your policies may well lead to extinction of the Kananaskis grizzlies. The grizzly is not just an Alberta responsibility, but a national Canadian treasure.

For a cheap licence to kill, only a few hunters will "enjoy the sport."

Unslaughtered, every citizen of Alberta will be able to share in their preservation.

If there are in fact only 25-50 animals of this species

left in that area your policy would put this animal on the verge of extinction. This would rob the environment and our cultures of a great part of our heritage. We want our children to experience the beauty of these animals in their own environment rather than as prisoners in a zoo, or stuffed in a museum or hanging as trophies on some collector's wall.

In order for this species to survive, a "wild" situation must be maintained in which each female is available to a male for breeding. At present the estimated total would allow for less than 20 - 25 mating pair maximally, and the low life expectancy of infant bears endangers the survival even further.

You are probably aware that captive breeding is not productive for this species.

We want to express our strong and continuing efforts to maintain our Alberta heritage, including its non-human life forms such as the Kananaskis grizzly bear.

We would appreciate your return comments.

**Sincerely yours,**  
**Rodney Taron**  
**Glen Gladu**  
**Stanley Auger**  
**Derek Rathbone**  
**Harold Young**  
**Lisa Young**  
**Tylah Buha**  
**Tahirih Taylor**  
**Darlene Gambler**  
**Manue Ray Noskiye**  
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# People

## Cardinal has strong artistic drive

By Terry Lusty

At 39 years of age, Cardinal is finally gaining long-sought recognition and acceptance in his chosen field of endeavor. A Metis and self-taught artist from the small community of Fishing Lake, Cardinal has no regrets for not having completed his high school education. After all, and more importantly he is doing what he likes best to do. In pursuing a vocation in art, he has proven to himself as well as others that education isn't always everything and that one does not necessarily need it in order to be successful.

Although Cardinal did not come to public attention until he was 31, the pace has not slowed down for this gifted connoisseur of art. In 1978, he took first place in an art contest sponsored by the Federation of Metis Settlements. Since then, there has been no looking back.

His works now hang in business offices, with

Native organizations, and at Calgary's Glenbow Museum. Some have been private sales while others have been specially commissioned pieces. Some are in North America, others are in Europe.

More recently, Cardinal was selected by Business Assistance for Native Albertans Corporation (BANAC), to have his work exhibited and marketed at Expo '86 in Vancouver.

"It was a chance for me to get ahead and do what I want to do - prints," said Cardinal. This opportunity could not be ignored even though a number of Native groups in Canada were advocating a boycott of Expo. While in sympathy with and supportive of Haida Indian efforts to prevent the logging of their lands and forests, he also "has concern for our Native artists for whom Expo could very well be a once in a lifetime opportunity to realize or pursue success."

Cardinal readily admits

that each of his accomplishments are "important and unique in their own way" but his 1978 one-man show at Edmonton's Eagle Down Gallery (now closed) holds a special place for him. Perhaps it is because it was where he had his first major showing. Regardless, he doesn't think he can "top that."

Most of his work utilizes pencil, ink, and/or water colors. His subjects are usually people, Metis people, Elders, women, men of war, and hand game participants — and more recently, much of his art is done in ink-pointillism. Through the application of this technique, Cardinal creates artistic pieces by applying thousands of tiny dots to form a visual impression on paper.

At present, Cardinal works out of Edmonton where he has lived since 1979. He markets his art through BANAC which has recognized this man's fine talents and are endeavoring

to assist him in his career.

The art world is not an easy road and has similarities to the music and the acting business. As he works, he waits for the "big break" to come but does not sit back and wait for it to come to him. As with anything else, he acknowledges the fact that if you want something out of life, you have to go after it. It will not automatically come to you.

And so, his drive to accomplish continues. The Indian Health Centre at Saddle Lake commissioned him to do five pieces. Currently, he is preparing illustrations for a book by Dwayne Desjarlais about a fictional hunter-trapper named Hugh McCall. An exhibit of his has just returned from the Toronto Native Business Summit. Future ones are slated for the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede and a showing at Banff. After that - who knows?

One thing we do know,



**MORRIS CARDINAL**  
...much appreciated

Cardinal views his art as a means of portraying the culture and history of his people, the Metis. He enjoys meeting people and likes people to have exam-

ples of his work, not for monetary reasons but to experience the satisfaction of knowing that people have his art because they appreciate it.

## WINDSPEAKER GALLERY



Photo by Bert Crowfoot

### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Alvin Windy Boy proudly poses with his son Johnny. Alvin is a veteran fancy dancer and competes all over North America — and Johnny's always one step behind him.

## Native viewpoint sought for documentary on residential schools

By Rocky Woodward

At least two people agree that a Native point of view should be tapped into when it comes to past Indian residential schools history and now a search is on in hopes that enough people, who spent time in these schools, can be contacted for the making of a possible film documentary.

Dave Cunningham and Dorothy Schreiber are trying to prove to the National Film Board of Canada that what is in the history books about residential schools and what is supplied by the Catholic Church and government is not the ultimate truth.

"As Native people, we have heard stories told of our lives about the residential schools. We have heard these stories from a non-Native point of view, yet we know there is another truth about these schools," said Cunningham.

According to Cunningham, the National Film Board wants proof of this, "so we want Native people to come forward with their stories about residential schools."

Cunningham and Schreiber would like to go as far back as three generations.

"We want to hear from old people badly, but it seems we can't get hold of any," said Schreiber.

Research they are looking for consists of mortality rates, what happened when children became ill, did people die in the schools, did they get better?

"Any Native people in the communities who have written material, letters, old photographs or any sort of documents, is what we are looking for," said Cunningham.

About 10 people have been interviewed already and Cunningham stresses that it does not matter from where in Canada the information comes from. "We don't care from where, the far North, the East, it doesn't matter if it is from Inuit, Indian or Metis, just as long as they contact us."

Once their research is complete, a script will be written and with any luck they hope to have it done by May or June.

If the script and concept are approved by the National Film Board they believe it will be a great documentary from a Native point of view.

"It will be a documentary but it will be dramatized quite a lot, because there is much to show," commented Cunningham.

Schreiber believes that outside of the Native community the general public doesn't know about the life in a residential school. Cunningham adds if the general public do know

then, "they disbelieve it or don't want to talk about it. We are interested in these stories because, ultimately, we want to document them."

Cunningham and Schreiber are planning a trip into the Northwest Territories and will travel to southern Alberta to visit the Blood, Peigan, Blackfoot and other reserves in the area.

Dorothy Schreiber has produced and directed many Native productions over the years and was once the voice for CBC's "Our Native Land." She went on to become the associate director of the show before returning to the prairie provinces from Toronto. Schreiber was also the producer of the documentary done on the Nechi program.

Cunningham was once the owner of Prairie Wool, a company that dealt in electronic communications. He has won numerous communication awards, two of them for his documentary on the Alexander Reserve and another called "Harvest."

Both are of Native ancestry and both of them see a need for the true story to be told from a Native side of life in the residential schools.

For more information or for interview please call collect, 433-1730.





**DROPPIN IN**

**By Rocky Woodward**

Hi! Well I just returned from the Crowchild Hockey Tournament in Calgary that my son T.J. played in. Although our team, the Annunciation Cougars, lost three of the four games, it was still a great trip.

You should see these little guys play. Teams from all over western Canada were entered in the invitational tournament, and although I didn't stay for the end results, I am sure that the Sherwood Park barons took our division, hands down.

The Barons (11 and 12 year olds) have won every major tournament all winter long.

Our guys can still take pride in knowing they were the winners of their division in Minor Hockey Week, came second in other tournaments and won first in one two weeks ago. Not bad for a seasons work.

Visiting is lots of fun and while in Calgary we did just that. We drove to Winston Wuttunee's and visited with his family, visited with my sister and gave her the Easter copy, where I did that story about my three mean sisters. Remember?

Mary said one fine morning, I am going to wake up, look out my window and the three of them will be cooking a rabbit on my front lawn!

**CALGARY:** We made a mistake, can you believe it?

In our Easter edition we ran the picture below saying that the person standing next to our Lethbridge and area freelancer, Jackie Red Crow, who is on the right, was someone other than Dorothy Rabbit.

In fact, the woman you see in the picture is Dorothy Rabbit, one of the graduates from the University of Lethbridge.

Rabbit has a B.A. in English and now is working towards her second degree in education.

Rabbit is a member of the Blood tribe. We say sorry!



**NECHI:** Hi Ruth Morin! I understand you want someone from Windspeaker to cover the up-coming graduation of Nechi students on June 27?

That's what we're here for. But! Can I ask a request from you?

We are putting together a children's show for Native Nashville North and I know how great a dancer your little boy is. Can we borrow him in June?

A dance will also be held following the graduation with music supplied by Billy Joseph and the Silver Creek Band. It will also feature Homer Poitras on fiddle.

**CALAHASEN:** Cree Airways have been approved a licence to operate twin engine aircraft from their base in Edmonton to the towns of High Prairie, Slave Lake and Wabasca.

Cree Airways have applied to make runs to Valleyview and Fairview. They should know if it is approved in the next four to five months.

"These runs will go into effect very shortly and Windspeaker will be advised when it happens," said the director of operations, Dave Calahasen.

Congratulations Dave!

The president of Cree Airways is none other than Dave's brother Roland Calahasen and Kim Klokaid (I believe he is also with the Edmonton Police Department) is the company's vice-president.

According to Dave, the airline company also has a charter licence so "charter flights will also be available."

The airline company will be based out of hanger 3 or 2 but will use the main terminal at the Edmonton Municipal Airport.

**GIFT LAKE:** Leonard I know I have been missing your phone calls and for this I do apologize. As I write this I am still officially on holidays, so either call me next week or I will call you.

**GRANDE PRAIRIE:** Congratulations to Georgina and Albert Badger, who together came up with an 8 pound, 1 ounce bouncing baby boy on April 21.

Albert Junior was born at 2:53 a.m. this Tuesday morning.

Enjoy Albert, Albert Senior, because I hear you will be on the road a lot, driving truck between Spirit River and Taylor, British Columbia.

Albert Badger hauls long distance crude oil for a living. The Badgers' are originally from the Metis settlement of Gift Lake.

**NATIVE NASHVILLE NORTH:** Has received its okay to go ahead with another series. So any of you people interested in the show, please get in touch with me.

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The Community Contact Office is intended to serve as a focal point for the Hamlet and will be utilized by the Community Contact Person and the Recreation Leader.

The Community Contact Person will be available during the following hours and days:

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# New society had wide scope

By John Morneau Gray

EDMONTON - The Manisowan Cultural Society, in existence for three years, has received a \$10,000 grant from Secretary of State to teach the Cree language to approximately 50 people. Three Cree instructors have been brought in to meet this objective, and are now in place setting up the needed curriculum for these classes.

Manisowan first started its society with the Shito Ryu Karate club and one student. The enrollment jumped to 82 students which was too much for the two instructors, forcing them to restrict the classes to twenty students. The form of karate is one of the five major styles recognized by the All Japan Karate Association.

The club has incorporated some of the traditional Native beliefs in its format, including cultural awareness, Elders participation and the sweetgrass ceremony. According to Ed Beauchamp, the instructor

(Sensi), the classes allow the students to develop their mental, physical, emotional and spiritual abilities.

"Since starting the school," he states, "we have moved closer to the Native community and have now added traditional Cree culture with this Japanese warrior discipline. We have found that both cultures run parallel in many areas. We then decided to use the karate school to improve the awareness of Cree culture among the inner city youth and the urban Native community."

"This idea has now been started out of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, and a Cree language retention program has been introduced to the Native and non-Native students and parents involved with the martial arts program. It was a logical progression within Manisowan."

Manisowan also approached June Coyle, the executive director of Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta, to set up an all

Native Junior Achievement program in order to supplement the skills the Native students were learning by giving them hands on experience to set up a business from management to production. This is the first all Native Junior Achievement project to exist ever across North America.

Barry Menary, one of the advisors for J.A. said, "June Coyle was very responsive and supportive of the idea and we had the go ahead from her and all of the J.A. crew to set up the project. They have been so supportive financially and morally, that we're very grateful. In keeping with Manisowan's objective to provide after school activities, we found that many of the young people were leaving school without completing high school and having no skills to go to an employer that were saleable. So when we looked around, we viewed the J.A. concept as a way for these youth to gain these needed skills."

"The urban Native families are in an environment

that has to provide food and shelter, and in order to get these necessities there are skills that are needed. J.A. is an excellent means of getting these skills, because it takes the youth through a business situation from start to finish.

"They start a company, start manufacturing, learn sales skills, keep books. It's a tool that would give them around five to 10 years exposure to the business world. It is a tremendous learning experience."

With the move towards helping the Native community, the need for Cree language became apparent. Realizing that language is the foundation of any culture, they sought funding to provide Cree language free to the urban Native community.

The coordinator for this program, Laura Okemow stated: "During the past year, Cree has been taught in the Awasis Program at Prince Charles School. It became apparent that more students wanted to learn Cree. To meet this need, a program was started at the friendship centre. This was the Cree Language Retention Program. The basic objective of this program is to provide Cree language instruc-

tion to anyone who wishes it. It is hoped that families - parents and their children will enroll in the program allowing for family learning to occur. At present the

classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. There is no course cost. Materials are provided to school age children."

## Community

### Painter's son in search of lost Crowfoot portrait

The son of noted portrait painter Victor Long of the 1890-1935 era is currently searching for one of his father's most famous paintings - that of Crowfoot, Chief of the Blackfoot tribe.

John A. Long of Victoria, B.C. is compiling a collec-

tion of photographs of his father's paintings and wishes to learn the whereabouts of the original Crowfoot portrait. If you can be of any assistance, Long would appreciate being contacted in writing at 1006 - 548 Dallas Road, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1B3.

### Alcoholics Anonymous relocates central office

The central office for Alcoholics Anonymous in Edmonton has recently been relocated to provide better service to members and to professionals who may wish to use the services of AA to assist

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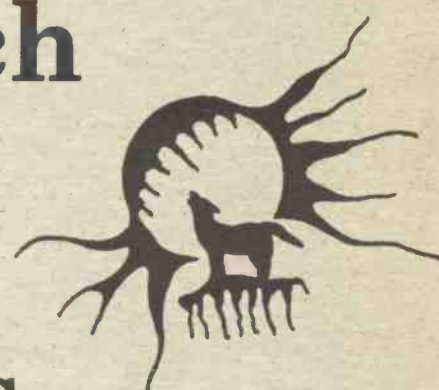
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Left to right — Francis Bull, John Bear, Joe Samson, Panee Ermineskin

# The Four Bands

By John Copley

Encompassing nearly 75,000 acres of arable Alberta flatland, the 6,000 plus members of the Four Bands of Hobbema dwell in relative harmony.

The fertile land is, in most cases, suitable for agricultural crops including wheat, oats, barley and canola.

Oil boons have also figured in the financial independence of the Four Bands.

Annual royalties, paid out according to population size, have helped to create the successes of today.

Several of the bands have invested in off-reserve businesses and are showing good progress. Band members are employed in many of these business ventures, creating employment opportunities.

Heavy construction and housing companies are active on the reserves and progressive businesses and schools are predominant.

Sports programs and youth involvement programs are everywhere - creating a positive atmosphere for the youth of the Four Bands.

Education facilities, recreation outlets, and beautifully designed and functional band administration offices - all a sign of positive growth.

Where did it all begin?

1. In the mid 1800's a Cree chief named Ermineskin picked the Hobbema area to settle in. The chief signed Treaty 6 in 1876.

2. Chief Louis Bull signed Treaty 8 in September of 1877. The Louis Bull Band, part of the Ermineskin Band until their own reserve was established in 1909, was named after one of its first chiefs.

3. In 1890 the Montana Band took its name from the memories of the years spent in the state of Montana. Signing Treaty 6 at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877 the band settled near the

Hobbema area.

4. In 1879 the Samson Band joined the four Bands of Hobbema. That was two years after they signed Treaty 6 in 1877.

Some of the Elders tell the story differently. They go back before that time and tell it like this.

Prior to 1885 most of those we know today as the Four Bands, were already here. A chief named Bobtail (as the legend goes) signed the treaty in 1877 and was the first to select the Hobbema area for himself.

The story goes that Bobtail's brother Ermineskin, next in line for chief, apparently asked his brother if indeed he could become chief.

Due to a lack of followers, Bobtail loaned some of his band members to Ermineskin in order to bring the tally up to sufficient numbers.

This is how Ermineskin is said to have become chief, by appointment of his

brother.

The reserve, at this time was split to accommodate the two chiefs.

Soon after Bobtail left the area.

Ermineskin's two councilmen (and his relatives through marriage), Samson and Louis Bull became involved. Samson, also wishing to become chief, was given the same share that Bobtail once had. When Louis Bull demanded that he also become chief the reserve was split even further.

Bobtail, Ermineskin, Samson and Louis Bull are said in the story, to be all one family.

Regardless of the authenticity of the story told by the Elders the community is thriving today.

The Four Bands population has a good employment rate and the many progressive businesses and band sponsored programs are evident for all to see.



# Tribal police get more power

By John Copley

The Louis Bull Police Force, under the firm direction of police chief Lambert Fox is readying itself for the added responsibilities the force will get with its new powers on May 1, 1987.

"We have been enforcing provincial statutes to date," says Fox, "but we will now become more involved in the serious types of offenses, both summary and indictable."

Until now, the Louis Bull constables have had to call the RCMP for assistance in most arrest cases. This is no longer necessary but police chief Fox makes it clear that he feels his force is "not replacing the RCMP."

"We cannot actually replace the RCMP," says the 15 year police veteran, "instead, we rely heavily on them. They will be a support service to us - an arrangement similar to many small town police

forces."

Technical services, including the identification unit, lay in the hands of the experts at the RCMP criminal investigation section.

"The RCMP will still be called in to investigate the more complex crimes where sophisticated lab facilities are necessary," added Fox.

Because only one member of the Louis Bull force, an ex-RCMP officer, is trained in the breath analyzer techniques, Fox says that is the one area that will get immediate attention.

All eight officers on the force, six Native and two non-Native, are from varied policing backgrounds which include one veteran with 14 years experience with the Ontario Provincial Police, and another with 11 years as a member of the RCMP.

Lambert Fox has had 15 years of police work, mostly with Calgary's city force, and has taken a special two year police services

course at Mount Royal College in Calgary. His four years with Native Counseling Services lends credibility to his awareness of the community he serves.

"Statistics to me," says Fox, "are something that gives you an indication of how well you provide police services." Finding it difficult to assess the accomplishments of the past year (since he took over the police force) Fox says a monitoring system will soon be in effect.

"You need a system that indicates how well you're doing the job."

Preventative policing is another measure taken by police chief Fox. Instead of two officers per car during the daylight hours he puts two cars on the road for better visibility in the community and returns to the two-man system in the evening hours.

But deeper than that, Fox and his fellow officers get involved in the commu-

nity.

"We have three officers involved in moto-cross bike riding, two in volleyball, and myself as a skiing enthusiast."

Although on-going youth programs are difficult to maintain, part-time involvement in various areas helps the police officers better understand their peers and community members.

"I believe that as long as people get involved we have a type of crime prevention," says Fox.

Admitting that alcohol usage and perhaps the more difficult to detect drug problem, is occurring at Louis Bull but new awareness programs will be forthcoming.

"We will also try to establish a solid working relationship with the schools," he said.

"It will take time to iron out all the problem areas and achieve our goals," says Fox, "but I'm confi-



**POLICE CHIEF FOX**  
...Louis Bull Police

dent that it will be done."

The attitudes of the chief and council and their solid support since day one was praised by Fox.

"I'd have to give a great deal of credit to Chief Simon Threefingers for the support and interest he has shown."

"Also to the police commissioner, Stanley Des-Champs, whose involvement has been outstanding,"

lauded Fox.

May 1st will see the initiation of several training programs open up to the Louis Bull police members. These courses will include training with breath analyzers and weapons familiarity.

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**POLICE CHIEF GALBRAITH**  
...Hobbema Tribal Police

## Tribal police chief optimistic about new policing autonomy

By John Copley

"We've always gotten along with and worked in cooperation with the Louis Bull Police and the RCMP and I feel it (new Louis Bull police autonomy) will only enhance Native policing everywhere," says Russ Galbraith, chief constable of the Hobbema Tribal Police.

He was referring to the soon to be autonomy of the Louis Bull Police Force. An autonomy which will give new arresting powers to the officers.

"In the old days Native policing meant acting as an interpreter and today we see the evolution of uniforms, training and authority."

Galbraith, positive about the move said he felt that the results would come in less-complicated police

work. He also mentioned the fact that now those dealing with the law would at least have the same cultures and way.

"I've always had a ope that one day we'd see the expansion of a reserve police force everywhere," he said.

A former veteran (24 years) with the RCMP, serving six years in Wetaskiwin, the chief constable is now in his third year with the Hobbema force.

Referring to the arrangement as "nice to have" Galbraith expressed hope that it would be more of a "comfort than a usable object."

"Police work in the area should be smoother now," concluded Galbraith, "with two recognizable forces in authority."

## Panee agriplex hosts top notch hockey tourney

By John Copley

The Western Canada Native Junior Hockey championships were held last weekend in Hobbema's Panee Memorial Arena.

The tournament, in its first year, is designed for scouts to locate new players for the Hawks (AJHL) training camp. With an emphasis on academic standings and hockey prowess, the tournament, organized by Hobbema's Vern Spence and ex-NHLer Ted Hodgson is expected to see about 70 youngsters make the camp for its annual try-outs.

The round robin affair featured 13 teams and ran from April 17 through the 19. Due to minor delays, however, the final game didn't get underway until nearly midnight on Easter Sunday and wound up around two in the morning on Monday.

Selected teams from the four western provinces participated in the event. Alberta's six entries included teams from Frog Lake, Alexis, Morley and Kainai. The JD Blue were also entered as were the Nighthawks from Hobbema.

Saskatchewan provided strong support with teams from Piapot, Gordon, Patuanak, Leask, and Moose Mountain.

Manitoba's sole entry was from The Pas while British Columbia, the eventual winners of the Musk-

wachees Cup entered with the Spruce Kings from Prince George.

A second B.C. entry, the B.C. Juniors, were forced to default with only five players in attendance. Everyone got to play though, as the players were asked to join the bench of the Spruce Kings.

Some of the closer games (late in the series) were filled with excitement and the crowd roared their approval at the fast-paced, hard-hitting efforts of the young juniors.

Semi-final action saw the Hobbema Nighthawks, the farm club of the AJHL's Hobbema Hawks, pushed out of the competition in a 6-3 loss to the solid aggressive style of the Prince George Spruce Kings.

The final game provided some excellent hockey as the Spruce Kings took the victory by scoring two unanswered third period goals to overcome Saskatchewan's Moose Mountain Eagles 4-3.

With a 1-0 lead after the first period, the Kings closed off period two down 3-2. But, only 48 seconds into the final period, Lyle Rose scored the equalizer. Then at 6:14 a solo effort by the Eagles Dean Gladue capped the event with a deke and a shot that proved to be the winner.

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## Rec director Wolfe has much good to say about rec centre

By John Copley

"The recreation centre provides a lot of good alternatives for the kids," says Ermineskin recreation director Carmen Wolfe.

Wolfe, overseer and participant in the centre's programs for the past three years, says kids can find a positive goal by using the centre.

"The centre provides a lot of alternative lifestyles. It gives them an opportunity to see beyond the reserve. Kids learn from people like Hobbema boxing coach Ken Lakusta, that talent and energy also provide an outlet and that the most important thing in life is not necessarily money."

The members of the rec centre get to share in other things as well. Occasionally, bands practice in the centre and the kids get to listen and to meet and speak with their favorite local singing idols.

Water programs see swimmers from the band going frequently to their



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functions in Wetaskiwin and Ponoka.

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...lunchtime at the centre

# Ermineskin day care centre a top quality facility

By John Copley

A trip to the Ermineskin Day Care Centre provided an inspiration in child care.

Day Care Director Pat Jones, away in Ontario at a workshop, was well represented by an efficient and helpful staff.

Nadine Greyeyes, the room supervisor for the toddler age group at the centre spoke of the various day care activities.

"Washing, feeding, consulting, it's all part of the daily routine," she said, "It's

really a group effort. Everyone seems to fit in to the schedule and when the boss is away we still get the job done."

The current Ermineskin day care centre, a large modern facility, was opened in September of 1984 and was dedicated to the three Elders who began the original program years ago—Alice Morin, Emily Minde, and Mary Littlechild.

The centre boasts a nursery, a toddler's room, a pre-schooler's room, and a kindergarten program.

Complete with cooking facilities, the centre employs two cooks to prepare the balanced diet needed to maintain a healthy body. Laundry facilities are also present and a lounge for staff is an added luxury. Also included is a TV monitoring system with cameras in every room.

"We have about 45 kids on a regular daily basis," says Nadine, "but we do look after some part-time kids as well."

Bad weather is no worry. There is plenty of space in

the recently added playroom facilities. New shelves for the room are yet to be installed but the huge sandbox is ready for action. "It shouldn't be too long before it's all finished," said Greyeyes.

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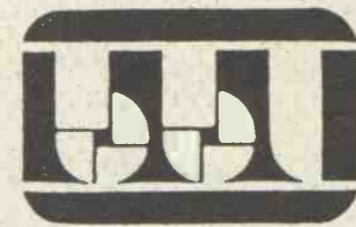
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# Tribal newspaper goes weekly

By John Copley

The Bear Hills Native Voice, once a bi-weekly publication, has converted to a weekly format partially because "of support and request from the community at large" says the newspaper's program director Karen Young.

Young, a third year employee with the Native Voice, coordinates the administration and acts as the editor.

News director Darin Keewatin says that another reason for the change is "because people are not too interested in old news."

"We are striving to obtain the best quality we can. We'd like to achieve the same level of editorial excellence and overall professional format as the Windspeaker paper," Young said while adding a congratulations to AMMSA staff and management for the sweep of awards at the recent Native American Press Association (NAPA) conference recently held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Depicting the current staff of the Native Voice as "a hard working and conscientious bunch," Young predicts that will help enable her staff of eight to per-

form to her high levels of expectation.

"We see more and more Native professionals emerging from the communications field," said Young, "and this is seen as a sign of a better educated and more knowledgeable readership."

Feeling that Native communications by Native people is important, Young says that a better understanding of the Native community will help reporters with their writing accuracy.

"We often see poorly written material in some of the daily and other periodi-

icals," says Young, adding that "the reason for this is the lack of communication between the writer and his subject — especially when the subject is Native people."

She explained that the aim of the Native Voice is to provide a positive approach to journalism. She says the paper is community oriented, and its primary objective is to provide "local information on positive happenings and events."

Another objective is to get the chiefs and their councillors to contribute guest editorials and opinion pieces.

"We are determined," she said, "not to miss any community, social or recreational activity that happens on the Four Band reserves."

Advertising revenue from the community has been supportive and ad coordinator Cindy Swampy, in her bid to achieve a 40 per cent ad content each week, is now aiming herself at the Wetaskiwin and Ponoka areas.

Each band is assigned a reporter and, led by newsman Darin Keewatin (who covers the Montana Band) they seek out stories daily.

Other reporting staff are



KAREN YOUNG  
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Lance Swampy (Samson), Sheila Bull (Louis Bull), and Leon Decoine (Ermineskin).

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## Positive role models essential

By John Copley

"Good positive role models are essential to proper youth development," states Panee Arena hockey coordinator Larry Hendrick.

Hendrick, assuming his position late last fall, was speaking about the coach and referee clinics held at the Samson Band's recreational facility.

He says the clinics are designed to teach the adult supervisors how to "act and react to various

situations."

"It's very important," he added, "that these people understand our philosophy and take their roles seriously. They have to realize that they too are teachers.

"If we take a positive attitude about ourselves it will surely rub off on the kids."

In 1985, the hockey program at Hobbema was at an all time low when it came to general interest. From 22 registered participants that year to a whopping 180 plus in the 1986/87 season

has Hendrick and his assistant Ron Sweet, anxious with anticipation.

"We are very dedicated to the program," said Hendrick as he described the early wariness of the parents in the community.

"Parents initially took a wait and see attitude but are now pitching in with regular support," he said.

"The key to a successful future most definitely lies in the hands of parental involvement. With their full support we can't miss."

## Louis Bull rec centre busy place

By John Copley

The Louis Bull Recreation Centre, under the direction of Program Coordinator Pearl Doupe, oversees a variety of on-going sports activities.

The Easter weekend brought the ski season to a close as 40 youths left for the last ski trip of the year.

Volleyball tournaments are of major interest in the community. "Basketball never caught on yet, but volleyball is everyone's favorite," says Doupe.

Hockey, another popular sport among the members of Hobbema's Four Bands is supervised and scheduled out of the Four Bands Arena (Panee Memorial Centre).

"Generally," says Doupe, "when school is out, the various sports leagues come to an end.

"Baseball is not a popular summer sport here as many of the families are away on holidays, visiting with relatives and following the rodeo and powwow circuits."

Doupe, a graduate in recreation at the University of Alberta, has coordinated

the sports program for the past four years.

Born locally, she says "it helps me a great deal being born in Ponoka and raised in the area."

The monthly fees for the usage of the sports facilities, including sauna, lockers, weight room and gymnasium is only \$10 for band members and \$15 for visitors.

Similar activities in the Edmonton area range from \$40 to \$130.

Swimming is another area of interest among Hobbema's youth. Daily swim excursions are available to the serious swimmer and field trips are an added incentive.

Golf is big on this year's summer calendar.

"We are giving our junior golf program a lot of priority this summer," says Doupe.

Using Wetaskiwin's Black Bull course as their home base, the band's tournaments are sanctioned by the Western Indian and Native golf association (WIN).

"WIN's goals and ours

are similar as we are both working to encourage the young beginner," says Doupe as she explained that the two organizations would be working together for the betterment of the young players.

Involved mainly in the background work (finances, administration, planning), Doupe attributes much of the program's success to her co-workers.

"Our youth and adult coordinators, my assistant, and our fieldworkers are all good at their work and really lend a personal touch to the program," she said.

The progressive ideas of the band councils and administrators within the four bands nation has also been inspiring to Doupe. "Many changes have been made," she said. "We have increased our programs, opened a new facility and have started an on-going staff training program. But, best of all, the community is now much more involved in the recreation facilities and its programs."

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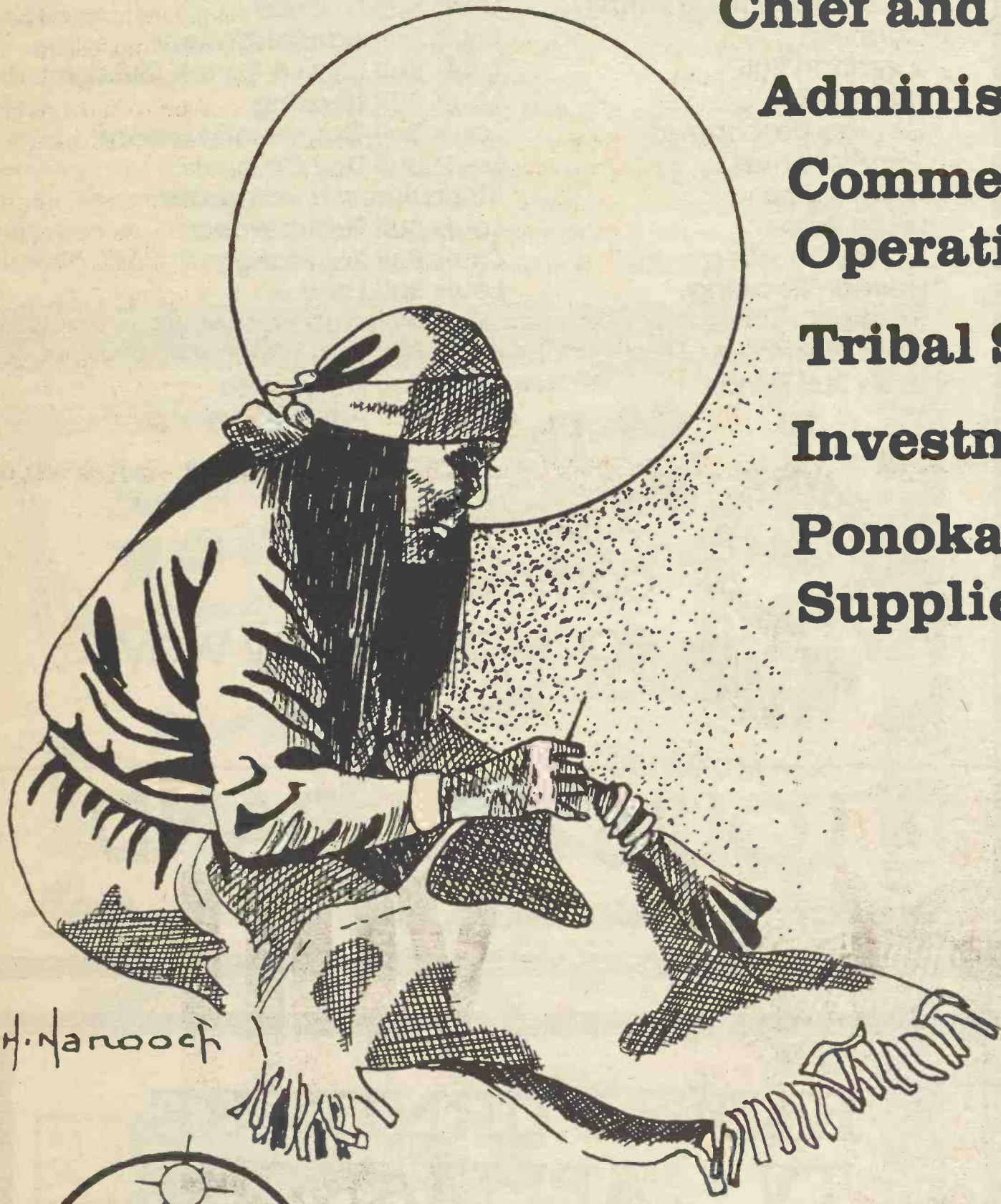
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## Many benefits foreseen for new health centre

By John Copley

A new health facility, a new alcohol and drug abuse treatment centre, and a localized social services centre are among the added benefits that will soon be acquired by Ermineskin's Band's nearly completed health centre.

The new 13,000 square foot centre is expected to open in mid May.

The new centre will employ 20 per cent more staff and bring the total work force to about 40 people.

"Funding for the alcohol and drug abuse centre has been approved and now final discussions on the size of the unit are underway," says Nancy Louis, health centre coordinator for the band.

Involved at the administration level Nancy works with all programs including community health, home care nursing, dispensary activities, and child welfare.

The plans for the facility



NANCY LOUIS  
...well supported

began several years ago and Louis says the first chairman of the board for the Hobbema Indian Health Services, Curtis Ermineskin, was the main motivator of the project.

Credit for the on-going success of the project is also attributed to "Theresa Bull and a very supportive board of directors," says Louis.

## Panee centre promotes 'good living and health'

By John Copley

Director of Programs for the Panee Memorial Agriplex, Marilyn Buffalo, says the centre promotes "good living and good health."

"We are involved in many activities but we try to incorporate and encourage youth whenever possible."

Track and field events and banquets designed to recognize youth are part of the incentive program. Patience, praise and practice, combined with team and individual awards provide added fun and recognition to the sports programs's participants.

Buffalo says that local statistics reveal that 75 per cent of the local population is under 26 years of age.

"We must develop our youth in all fields," said Buffalo, "in five or ten years they will become our leaders and teachers of the next generation."

The Panee crew have other activities in mind as well.

"We are planning a soccer league this year and perhaps and in house girls hockey league for next fall," says hockey coordinator, Larry Hendrick.

"We also plan to utilize an alcohol and drug awareness workshop program in the near future." This program will be particularly geared to the age groups of 7 through 12 years.

"The support of the kids



MARILYN BUFFALO  
...wants youth involved

is very encouraging," said Hendrick.

One thing the coordinator tries to avoid, is too much pressure on the youngsters. "We come out to have fun and get good participation from everyone. Sure, we may see a more elite group of players emerge from the ranks, but our primary goal will always be the numbers involved not the final score of a game."

Hobbema's entry in the AJHL is the Hobbema Hawks. The senior team is the Oilers also of Hobbema.

"Kids coming to watch their games often find themselves in skates and wanting to play," says Hendricks.

"And like I said before, positive role models are important for our children. We encourage every parent to be one."



# Centre planned for Wetaskiwin

By John Copley

The White Buffalo Society was founded in the fall of 1984. The society, based in Wetaskiwin, was set up with the "intention of merging the two cultures, Native and non-Native, here in the Wetaskiwin area," says society President Charles Cuthbert.

## Vision Inspires New Centre

In a re-occurring vision, Cuthbert says the white buffalo, symbol of strength and wisdom, has been predominate. Consulting with his Elders and with the Hobbema Elders as well, he feels he has their support. Some have come forth to offer him advice and consultation.

"The Elders have endorsed my dream," says Cuthbert, "by encouraging me to proceed with my efforts to bring about a meeting centre so that different cultures can share their ideas and exchange values."

The meeting place of Cuthbert's vision will see Wetaskiwin's first friendship centre established as early as this fall.

Funding currently comes from regular bingos hosted by the Peace Hills Bingo Association. Cuthbert says there is sufficient funds to operate in the initial stages of development.

"We are currently in phase one of our project," says Cuthbert.

"We are undergoing a feasibility study, establishing our guidelines and facilitating the things necessary to ensure the success of our program. If our studies and efforts prove futile or unfeasible then we may have to postpone until a more appropriate time."

Asked if support was evident from the National Association of Friendship Centres in Ontario, Cuthbert

said that though no financial assistance was available, the organization suggested that the White Buffalo Society join their main body.

This, says, Cuthbert, is the intention of the society.

Cuthbert, an ordained lay minister with the United Church of Canada, says the goal of the new centre will be to seek "harmony and understanding among all people."

It is intended that the centre be open to all cultures and races. "The black, the yellow, the white and the red - all people were put on earth to dwell in harmony. There are too many wars, too much hate and avarice and greed. Oh, it would be so nice if we could all return to the sacred teachings of the old people. The harmony, the unity and the oneness."

Admitting the necessity for different people to retain their own beliefs and ideas, Cuthbert said that sharing is the key to peace. "We must share each others ways," he said, "and learn the different cultures and habits of others. We must reap the vast benefits of knowledge and work in harmony to create a better world," he said. "We will always have different likes and dislikes, wants and needs, customs and traditions - but we all pray to the same Great Spirit, or to God as we know him."

## New Beginnings

For the past year Cuthbert has been involved in working with Natives in a program known as 'Reach Out for a New Beginning.'

The program, designed to create positive thoughts and fellowship with others, moves from home to home on the various Hobbema reserves.

The gatherings include song singing, bible reading and prayer. "But most important," says Cuthbert,

"we talk to each other." "Some in English, some in Cree. One can speak for a minute or 20 minutes. There is a feeling of togetherness in our circles and we come away from these gatherings with new energy and hope."

Cuthbert hopes that energy will be even more vibrant once the new friendship centre is opened.

## Programs

"We plan on teaching cultures. We hope to include Cree language instruction in our program. We also plan to hold powwows, dances and other events in order to encourage other groups to learn of

the Indian ways.

"We will also invite other cultures to display their wares and to teach us of their ways."

An alcohol abuse clinic is also part of the centre's new vision. The facilities will be open to AA groups and others interested in sharing their experiences and knowledge. Cuthbert says the initial goal will be to ensure the total inclusion of other cultural groups, especially as it pertains to Wetaskiwin and area.

## Support Comes in Different Ways

Community support for the centre has been evident on several fronts says

Cuthbert.

Frank Dick, former mayor of Wetaskiwin was "in full support of the program and our new mayor (Levert Johnson) has also indicated his approval though we have yet to meet on an official basis," says Cuthbert.

"Native people show their support by their prayers and encouragement," he said, "while non-Natives drop in and ask to become involved. Some leave us with donations. We feel that support among both communities is positive and I'm sure that this will become even more evident after our preliminary work is done."

Working among the various groups in the Hobbema/Wetaskiwin area has given Cuthbert insight into the two cultures but he is often uncertain of where he fits in.

"I wear many hats," he said, "and sometimes I wonder who I am."

"But I am inspired by the success of my failures - and the knowledge I have gained from them has given me the confidence to proceed."

Stressing the need to evolve the new centre in the 'Indian way,' Cuthbert says that his vision is slowly becoming a reality and "with God's help we could be set up with a new centre by the year's end."



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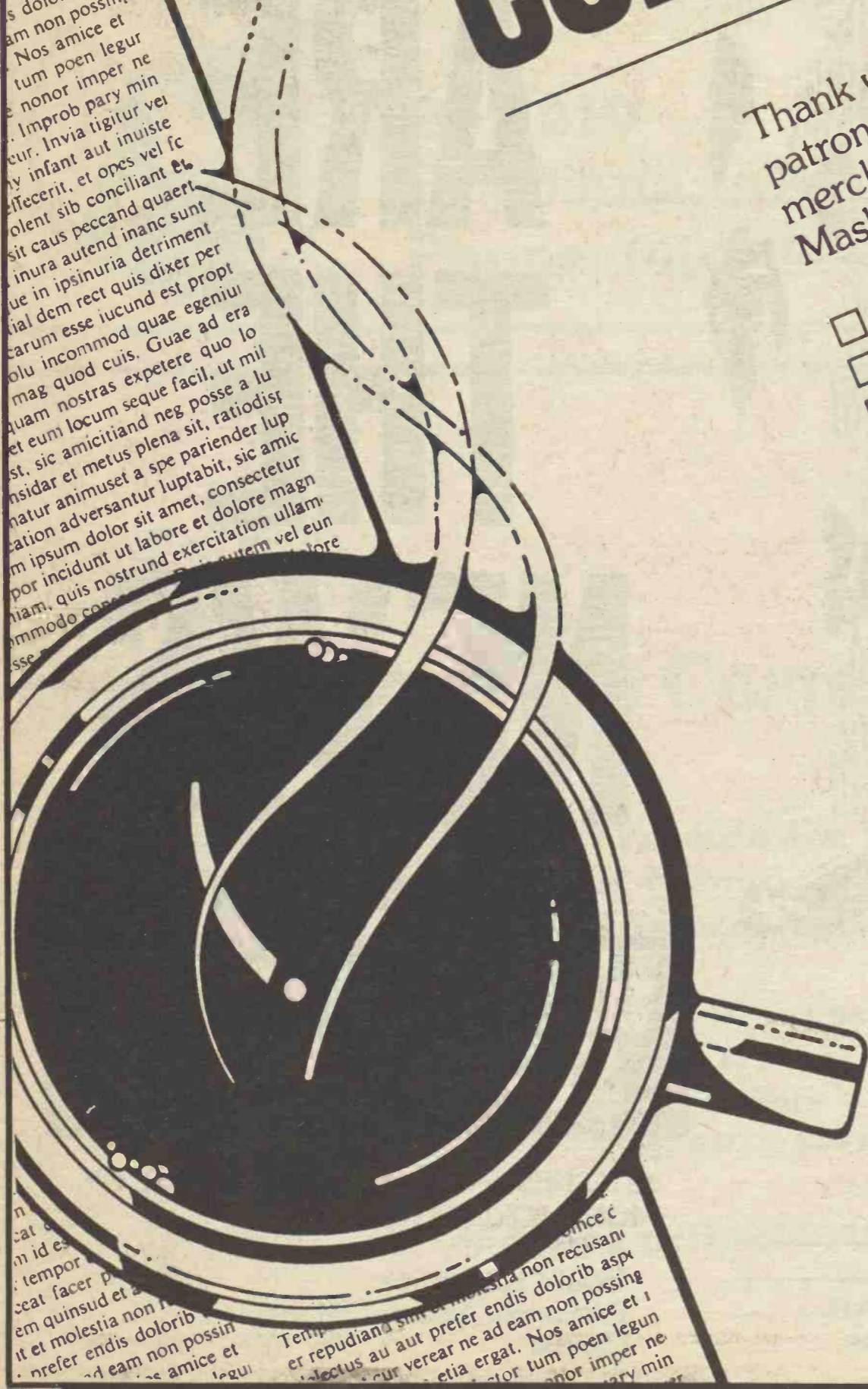
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# Culture

## Morrisseau exhibits latest works in Edmonton until May 2

By Terry Lusty

Acclaimed as the father of contemporary Canadian Native art, the works of Ojibway Indian artist Norval Morrisseau are currently being featured as a one man show in Edmonton until May 2.

For Morrisseau who was bestowed the Order of Canada for his contributions to the art scene, this is his third appearance within 16 months in Edmonton at the Manulife Building. The exhibition is being jointly sponsored by Galal Helmy of EA Studio in Jasper and Canadian-born actor John Vernon and his wife, Nancy.

Previous exhibits by Morrisseau were in December of 1986 and December of 1985. The 1986 showing was something of a disappointment due to a last minute change of location which was unknown to many of the public.

Morrisseau was a recent exhibitor at The Celebration of Contemporary Canadian Native Art Exhibition in Los Angeles. That show, co-sponsored by the Canadian Consul-General and John Vernon, winds

down on April 26 at the Southwest Museum.

While in California, Morrisseau also held a one man show at La Casa de la Raza in Santa Barbara.

Co-sponsor John Vernon had nothing but praise for the level of the art show in Los Angeles. "Interest is just terrific...it was an enormous success," he said.

Vernon extended his personal thanks to Peace Hills Trust, Samson Indian Band and Air Canada for their generosity in helping the exhibition.

Actor Vernon who has been extremely supportive of Canadian Native art and artists also read from a glowing newspaper article from Santa Barbara, California which described Morrisseau's art as "vivid paintings surge with power reminiscent of stained glass and style. His abstract and clearly recognizable images are linked by a strong but fluid black line which encapsulates inner vortices of energy and throws form into high relief against his contrasting of contemporary backgrounds..."

Vernon drew attention to what he feels is "another level" of art by Morrisseau,

a level which demonstrates growth in the artist.

A special guest at the opening was Alberta's Minister of Transportation and Utilities Allen "Boomer" Adair who welcomed Vernon and referred to the exhibition as, "a very, very special kind of art."

Adair pointedly thanked Vernon "for the work that you have done in promoting this particular kind of art."

A new touch has been added to the current exhibition. Some of Morrisseau's works are on paper, canvas and leather — "many never before exhibited in Canada" says the sponsors.

Morrisseau, known for his interests in the spirit world, cosmic forces and soul travel continues to stir art fanciers with his bold color, design and style which depicts legendary life forms. It is like stepping into another world, that of the Ancient Ones. Magic, religion and ceremony leap from his canvasses to thrust one into a totally new plane of the sacred and the spiritual.

To experience the works of this master artist is akin

to one's discovery of a new and wonderful food. If one has not had the pleasure of doing so before, the oppor-

tunity to taste of Morrisseau's art is there to be had.

The exhibition and sale of Morrisseau's art is fea-

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# ON THE BORDERLINE

## PART ONE:

### Government lays border through the heart of the plains Indians

By **Guiou Taylor**

Missionaries were always in the first wave to contact Indians. Catholic priests and nuns in black robes, Protestant preachers in suits and collars, all with the same purpose: To save the Indians from their "superstitious" traditions.

The churches were not united among themselves, and occasionally there was in-fighting between Catholics, Anglicans, Methodists, Mormons, Baptists and others as to which souls would be saved by which missionaries. All churches, though, were convinced that Indians needed saving from their old ways.

Coming along with the churches, either before or after, were the other parts of "civilization"—commercial trade, governments, soldiers to enforce the peace, schools and, most important, an endless stream of immigrants from the "Old Country" with their perpetual demand for Indian land.

By the 1860s, eastern and central areas in Canada and the United States had been lost to Indian control. Both new nations, having consolidated their eastern conquests, looked to the west—beyond the Missouri river system for the United States, and onto the prairie provinces for Canada.

While the boundary between the United States and Canada had been established on maps drawn by the two governments, to Indian nations in the west, maps were only pieces of paper. Indians drew no lands across the land.

Canada had been established under the British North America Act in 1867, having confederated five eastern provinces. The railroad to be completed would join east and west, just as in the United States.

Resistance to western expansion was limited to a few battles as Canada

drove to "settle" the west.

Immediately after the U.S. Civil War, which ended in 1865, the government used the army to complete the "civilizing" of the continent.

In the central west, Colonel John Chivington carried out his militia massacre at Sand Creek, Colorado. General George Custer slaughtered Black Kettle's Cheyennes at Washita. While strong resistance continued for a few years, by 1868 Red Cloud, spokeschief for the Northern Sioux, was forced to make a treaty which gave some access across traditional lands.

Not content, however, with their conquest, and because of the discovery of gold in the Dakota Black Hills which had been forever protected in the Laramie Treaty of 1863, U.S. troops under General Custer fought to open a wider trail for immigrant miners and settlers.

In a last gallant stand against U.S. Army intervention, the combined Sioux and Cheyenne defeated General Custer at Little Big Horn (Montana) in 1876, under Medicine Man Chief Sitting Bull and War Chiefs Crazy Horse and Gall.

#### Canada seen as hope

With the army of the United States pursuing his Hunkpapa band, Sitting Bull successfully evaded the entrapment, leading his band into southern Saskatchewan.

In the same year—1876—Nez Perce Chief Joseph had resisted the pressure of immigrants coming into his traditional lands, now in the state of Washington.

For nearly a year, his small band had evaded the army sent to evict them from their villages. Through limited skirmishes and evasive marches, Chief

This week we begin a three part series linking Canada with the Sioux Lakota Nation in the northern United States. To Native people, the border between the United States and Canada was artificial and Indians travelled across without notice. The settling of the West created two nations, yet to the Indians the border was not a barrier.

This series covers several "border incidents" involving Louis Riel, Chief Joseph, Sitting Bull, and from our own time, Indian prisoner, Leonard Peltier who was extradited from Canada in 1974 and is now serving time in a U.S. prison.

The Canadian Parliament recently deliberated a private member's bill seeking action on what is alleged to be an injustice to Peltier. Again the Canadian government acted against a North American Indian seeking justice in this country.

Guiou Taylor has been at Wounded Knee and Pine Ridge several times, and smoked the pipe with descendants of the history told here.

He adds the following postscript:

In 1973, members of the Pine Ridge Reservation took charge of Wounded Knee to call attention to what they felt were continuing injustices against American Indians. The U.S. Army, National Guard and FBI were among various government forces which responded with a military attack on the handful of Indians present.

The Second Battle of Wounded Knee gained international attention to the plight of Aboriginal people everywhere.

Later, several participants in Wounded Knee II sought refuge in Canada. They were refused and returned to the United States to stand trial.

Joseph led his group toward Canada.

Finally, desperate to save his ill clothed, poorly fed band, Chief Joseph surrendered. He and his followers were exiled 1,000 miles from their traditional homes to the new "Indian Territory," Oklahoma.

In 1885, they were permitted to return to Washington. Chief Joseph and 150 of his strongest warriors, however, were considered too dangerous to remain with their wives and families, and were imprisoned at the Colville Reservation in Washington.

A "broken heart" was recorded as the cause when Chief Joseph died in 1904.

#### Sitting Bull in Canada

Chief Sitting Bull and his band of Hunkpapa Sioux, however, had successfully made it to Canada. These same Sioux had inflicted the greatest defeat suffered by the U.S. Army to that time—Custer's Last Stand in 1876.

The government of the United States could tolerate no more defeats, no more escaping Indians. Sitting Bull was now famous and despite the continual propaganda against Indians, the stories of atrocities and injustices had made headlines in eastern newspapers. There were many people sympathetic to the Indian cause among the American people.

The army, whatever its desire, could not invade Canada to force the return of Sitting Bull.

General Alfred Terry therefore was dispatched in September 1877, by agreement with the Canadian government, to lead a special commission (troops) into southern Saskatchewan to "ask" Sitting Bull to return to South Dakota.

In exchange, Terry promised total amnesty, a suitable reservation and



**SITTING BULL**  
...crossed the border

sustenance, and peace.

Citing the repeated lies told to his people previously, and the history of broken treaties, Sitting Bull refused.

Having no chance of changing the Sioux leader's mind, General Terry turned to Canadian NWMP Commissioner MacLeod.

For four years, Sitting Bull's band of several hundred men, women and children survived off the land in Canada, with fraternal help from Indian bands in what is now Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The military crisis in both the United States and Canada, however, did not lessen. Metis and Indian groups continued to press for land and fair treatment from both governments.

Louis Riel, Metis leader in Canada, travelled to the United States and established his home there for awhile before returning to Canada to again lead the

struggle.

General Terry echoed the fears of military and settlers alike when he reported to the U.S. War Department that "the presence of this large body of Indians, hostile to us, in close proximity to the frontier (U.S.-Canadian border) is a standing menace to the peace of our Indian territories."

No aid of any kind was given to Sitting Bull's band. His presence on Canadian soil was seen as a threat not only to the United States, but also to Canada, which feared armed Indian resistance to the white settlement of the west.

Sitting Bull was, though, proving to be an expense to Canada, as his band required extra NWMP to "keep the peace." Keeping Sitting Bull under observation made potential settlers nervous, and he was a possible threat to white

expansion as he could possibly work to unite the western bands and Metis into a common struggle.

It had long been Canadian government policy to first establish a controlling military presence, then to encourage the setting up of a church, trading post and school which would attract Indians into centralized settlements, thus leaving the balance of the lands open for immigrants.

Sitting Bull was also an embarrassment to Canada, and his name was joked about in the halls of Parliament (1878):

Sir John A. Macdonald: "I do not see how a Sitting Bull can cross the frontier."

Mr. McKenzie: "Not unless he rises."

Sir John A. Macdonald: "Then he is not a Sitting Bull."

(laughter from some Honourable Gentlemen)



## Fancy Dancer Boye Ladd

# On the powwow trail... at Bismarck, North Dakota

By Boye Ladd

The University of Mary at Bismarck, North Dakota was host to their annual Indian Awareness Week recently.

Various demonstrations, crafts and noted speakers from the adjacent areas spoke to students at the university.

Ralph Little Owl, a Mandan Elder and well known powwow man, climaxed the week's festivities with a speech on the life and times of the Mandan and Arikara people, especially in the Bismarck area. His first hand experiences and knowledge of the traditional customs could lend a change to the historical inaccuracies with the first meeting of the whiteman in North Dakota. Ralph, many times, is called upon to pray and conduct the invocation at celebrations and powwows.

The university Indian students are organized and chaired by Wade Baker, leader of the Eagle Whistle Singers of Mandaree, North Dakota. The powwow was held on Saturday April 4, with participants from the Dakotas, Montana, Minnesota and Canada.

There were about 800 people in attendance, mostly powwow people with 150 registered dancers. The nine drums that sang were from the Dakota area. Special recognition for their fine singing came from the Mandaree Singers, Eagle Whistlers and Oakdale. The emcee, also a well known powwow champion, was Kenny Merrick of

Newtown, North Dakota.

Highlights in the dancing competition were in the Jingle Dress, Ladies' Fancy, Mens' Grass and Team Dance. The competitions were pretty even in that the calibre of champions were all good.

After the powwow, the

usual crowd sang at the "Desert" led by Seymour Eagle Speaker and Bill Runs Above.

The '49 at the desert always has some good singers with very little trouble other than getting stuck or losing a shoe or drumstick.

### University of Mary Powwow Results Bismarck, North Dakota April 4, 1987

#### Girls' Traditional (14 & Over)

1st - Tracy Iron Road, Mandan, N.D.

#### Girls' Fancy (14 & Over)

1st, Kelly Lebeau, Eagle Butte, S.D.

#### Boys' Traditional (14 & Over)

1st, M.J. Bullbear, Kyle, S.D.

#### Boys' Fancy (14 & Over)

1st, J.C. Kills Spotted, Rapid City, S.D.

#### Womens' Traditional

1st, Stephanie Asepace, Ft. Pierre, S.D.

#### Womens Jingle Dress

1st, Diane Ackerman, Sisseton, S.D.

#### 3Womens Fancy

1st, Irene Goodwill, Carlyse, Sask.

#### Mens' Fancy

1st, Terry St. John, Minneapolis, MN

#### Mens' Grass

1st, Sidrick Baker, Newtown, N.D.

#### mens' Traditional

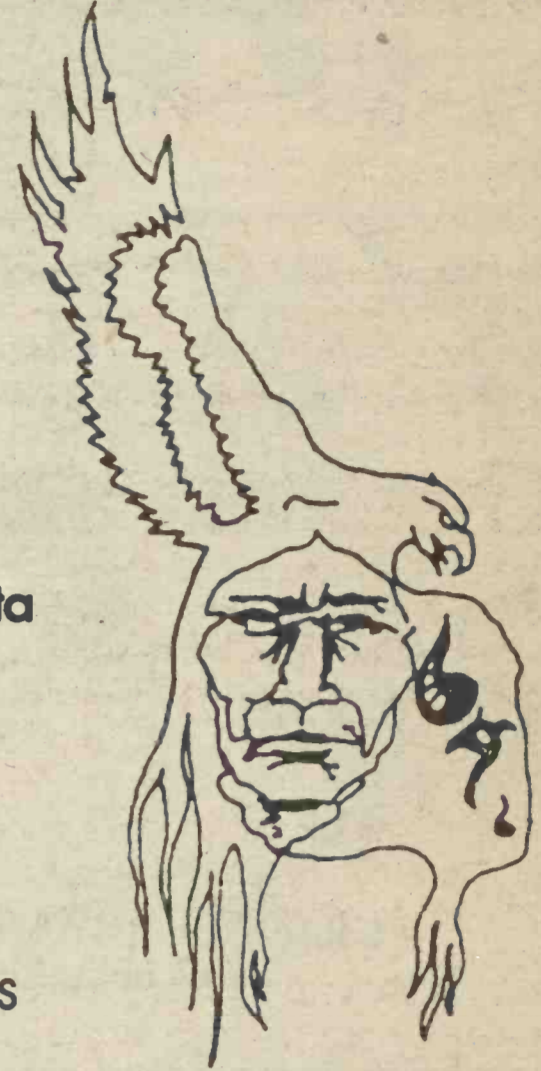
1st, Tom Charging Eagle, Spearfish, S.D.

#### Team Dance (Mixed)

1st, Geneva Seaboy Team

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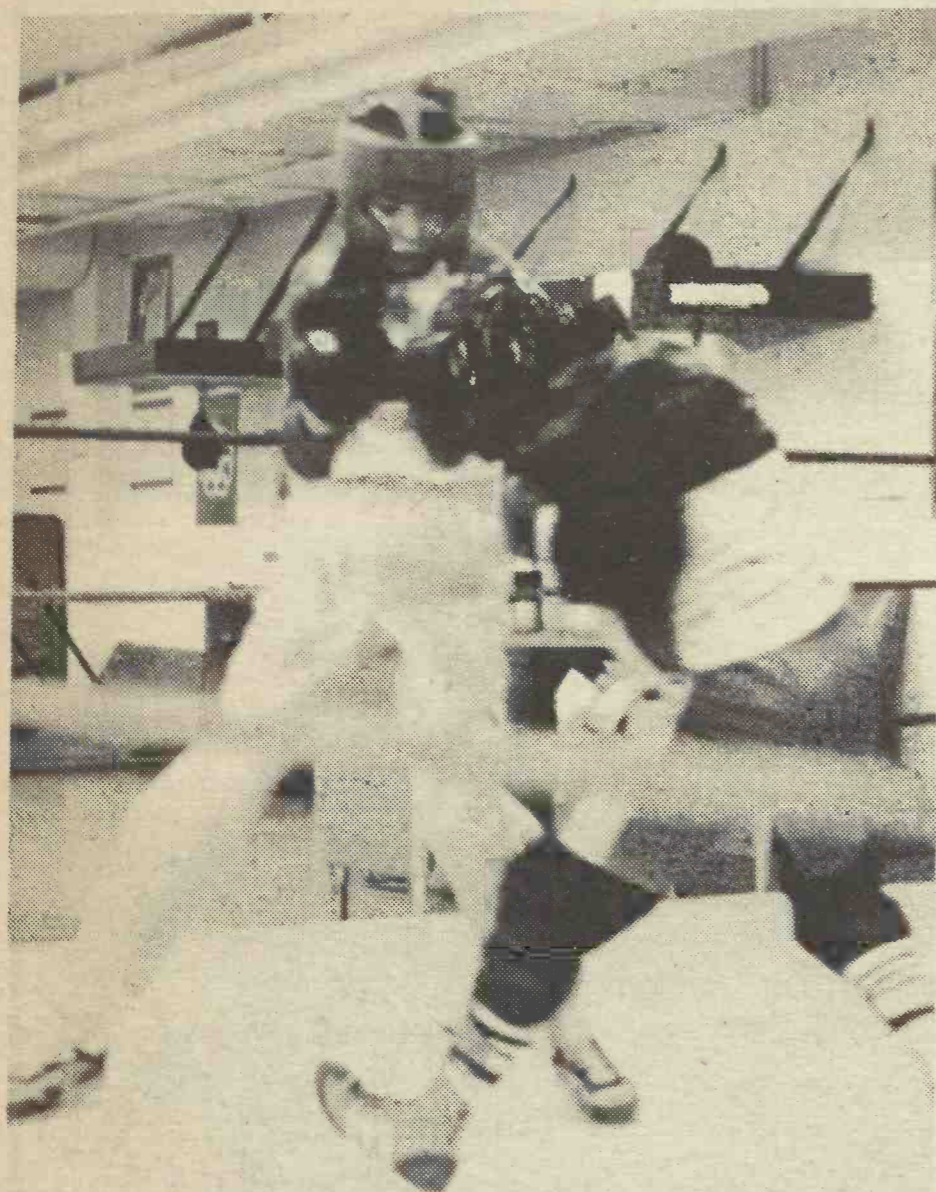
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**GRANT BURWASH (left)**  
...new champion?

## Junior boxing champs to meet on April 25 and 26

By Mark McCallum

On April 25 and 26, the Alberta Junior Provincial Boxing Championships will decide which boxers will go on to the National Junior Boxing Championships in London, Ontario later this year. The Nationals will give fighters the opportunity to box it out for a spot on the National Junior Team.

The bout to watch for in Alberta eliminations at the Edmonton Friendship Centre will be in the 119-pound division where Fort McMurray's Brett Marchand will face Edmonton's own Grant Burwash. The two fighters have met three times in the past with the edge going to Marchand, a three-time Alberta Golden Gloves Champion, who has won two out of three split decisions over Burwash. Marchand's record stands at 30 wins and 2 losses. Burwash is 8 wins and 2 losses.

Randy Bennett, who will join Marchand on the McMurray team that is representing the Nista-

woyou Friendship Centre, is a strong candidate to take the 110-pound division. The 13-year-old has amassed a record of 39 wins and 4 losses and has won four successive Golden Gloves.

Nistawoyou boxing coach Rex Clews has hope for a new boxer on the club named Gus Snyder. On April 11 and 12, Snyder, who will be fighting in the 80-pound division, took a Golden Gloves title at Lloydminster. He has a 4 and 1 record, but his recent win in Lloydminster should give him enough confidence to overcome more experienced fighters.

In all there will be over 20 bouts at the event, which is being sponsored by the Native Boys Boxing Club and Edmonton Cougar Boxing Club, but the McMurray team looks the strongest.

Gordon Russell, who is helping organize the bouts, says that senior and novice boxers will be included in the two-day event to add to the championship card.

# Sports

## Murphy's Law strikes Indian basketball meet

By John Fletcher

OKLAHOMA - The National Indian Basketball Championships (NIAA) are over, but it will remain an item for sometime.

With no shows the schedule had to be revised and time for games changed. Some teams could not find the gyms, some went at wrong times. The tournament's first two days were like the "Keystone Cops," everyone running around in different directions. Finally, about Thursday, everything got back on track. That's the day I arrived into Oklahoma City along with the rest of NIAA board members.

The tournament director Vernon Buck and his committee made it through the ordeal but NIAA President Satch Miller had to assist them to get back on track.

There will be changes next year because of what happened in Oklahoma. There will be a new system put into the sanctions of host directors. A board member will coordinate the scheduling for gyms and the activities. More com-

mittees will be added, too.

The 1988 NIAA will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Pete Homer as tournament director.

The championships game on the mens' side saw the last four year champions, North Dakota Warriors, go down to defeat but with honor. The new champions, the Oregon Travellers, won 105 - 90. The game was fast and speedy and inside play by the Travellers won out. The Jones boys, Brooker, Ron and Buck did a job on the Warriors. The boards and inside play of Jerome Davis who scored 35 points was a thing of beauty. His slam dunk near the end of the game with two minutes left is where the Travellers pulled ahead.

The most valuable player was Brooker Jones who controlled the play and proved a thorn in the side of the Warriors all night.

The ladies' finals saw a game where the team from Tulsa, Oklahoma looked like winners. They led for three quarters of the game but in the last quarter the Inter-Tribal girls from Warm Springs, Oregon put

on a full court press. With Jennifer Jim for the Inter-Tribal team they slowly pulled ahead to stay. The final score was 85 to 70 with Jennifer Jim as most valuable scoring with 34 points.

These two teams will receive championship rings from NIAA and this will be an annual award.

The only Canadian team to show any potential was the Canada All-Stars from Gleichen, Alberta. The coach and manager Rick

Running Rabbit has gathered players throughout Canada who have the ability to place in this tournament. In the part the Canadian teams have lacked height and now with Rick's team they have the tall players to compete.

If you have concerns about this year's tournament in Oklahoma please direct them to NIAA Board, P.O. Box 445, Warm Springs, Oregon, USA 97761.

### NIAA National Basketball Championship Results

#### MEN

1. Oregon Trawlers
2. North Dakota Warriors
3. Cadds Springs, Oregon
4. Cherokees, N. Carolina
5. Santa Clara, California
6. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
7. Lawrance, Kansas
8. Crow Hawks, Montana

#### LADIES

1. Inter-Tribal, Oregon
2. Tulsa, Oklahoma
3. Oklahoma Reds, Oklahoma
4. W.D. Devils
5. Cherokee, N. Carolina
6. Montana
7. Rosebud, S. Dakota
8. S.W. Okla-Indians, Oklahoma

#### ALL-STARS

1. George Beatty, Caddo
2. Chuck Tippencone, Caddo
3. Joe Bird, Cherokee
4. Steve Kaney, Kansas
5. Joe Hutt, California
6. Sol Cortez, California
7. Lindy Waters, Oklahoma City
8. Luke Spotted Bear, Crow Hawks
9. Brooker Jones, Oregon
10. Monty Larson, N. Dakota
11. Ron Jones, Oregon
12. Hank Taken Alive, N. Dakota


MVP — Brooker Jones, Oregon

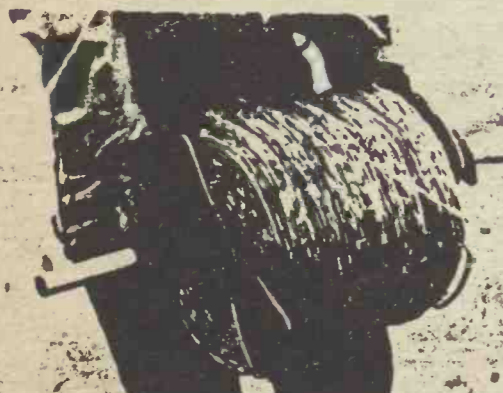
#### ALL-STARS

1. Fran Moses, Oregon
2. Trudy Moses, Oregon
3. Michelle Ferguson, Tulsa
4. Bonita Berryhill, Tulsa
5. Marilyn Fixco, OK Reds
6. Sheron Rolette, OK Reds
7. Colleen Claske, W.D. Devils
8. Tammy Byrd, Cherokee
9. Wilma Gardner, Montana
10. Sunny Waln, Rose Bud
11. Cheryl Bearbow, S.W. Inds.
12. Jenifer Jim, Inter-Tribal

MVP Jenifer Jim, Inter-Tribal

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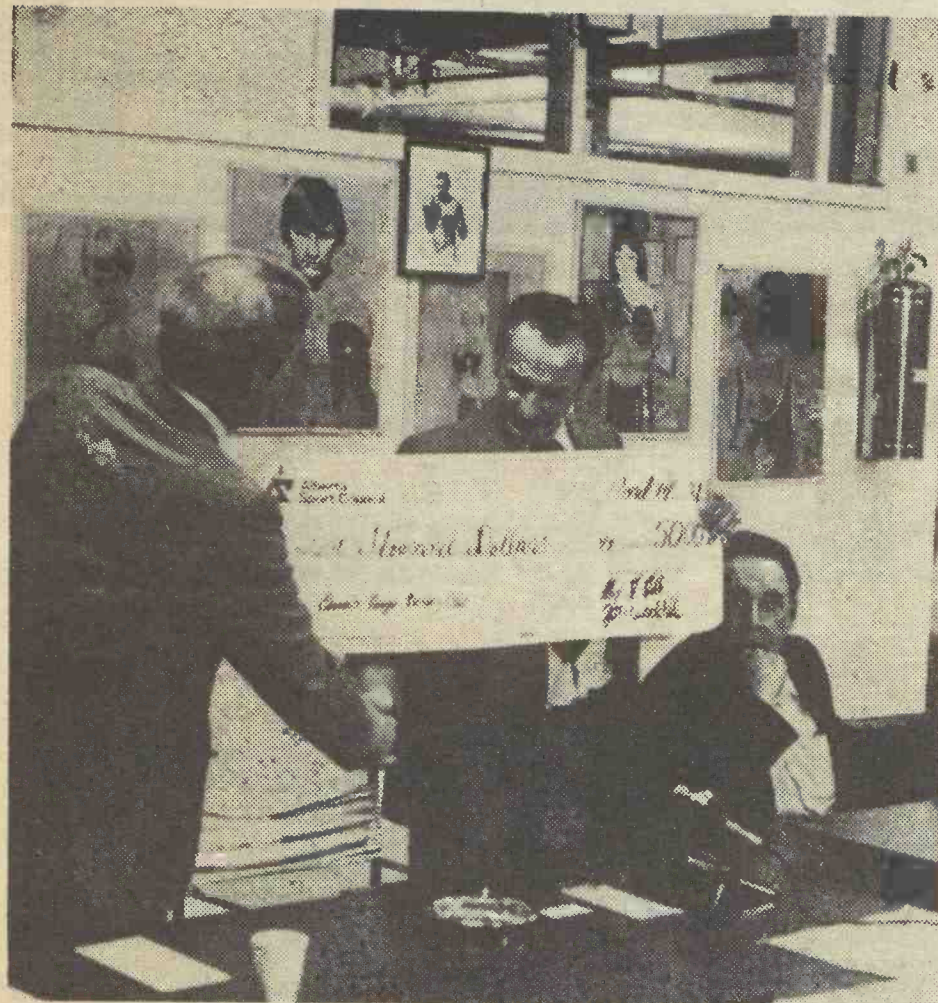
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**\$5,000 CHEQUE** — being presented by Bob Young (far left) to coach Paul Hortie. Gord Russell looks on.

## Edmonton boxing club gets \$5,000 for new ring

By Mark McCallum

On April 14, the Edmonton Boys' Cougar Boxing Club received \$5,000 from the director of the Alberta Sports Council, Bob Young, to build a unique boxing ring.

The boxing club's head coach Paul Hortie, remarked "it's the only one of its kind in Canada."

The ring will have no bolts and will take as little as 15 minutes to set up. But, what makes this new ring so unique is that it can be

lowered or raised to 18 inches, or 24 inches or the normal height of most boxing rinks -- three feet.

Hortie explains that this will enable the boxing club to take the ring to halls or banquet rooms where the ceiling is too low for a normal sized ring.

Hortie, who has been with the boxing club for over 20 years, added that the revolutionary ring should be built in about two months, after the club raises another \$3,000 for it.



### SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Mark McCallum

"Peyak, neso, nesto, nawo!" echoed loud screams from a well-choreographed karate club in the hall upstairs at the Edmonton Canadian Native Friendship Centre. The club fought an imaginary battle, cutting both hand and foot through traces of sweetgrass smoke suspended in the air, until an attacker which existed only in their minds, was no more.

If you're lost in the translation, don't be. There's a simple explanation. The friendship centre karate club recently decided to change key words used in karate instruction to Cree words and add a sweetgrass ceremony to the beginning of each class.

Yellow belt student Dave Keeley, who volunteers at the club to help younger students, explains that "we use sweetgrass to cleanse our bodies and our minds, so we use these tools not to hurt others but in respect of others."

Keeley says that the club has been "literally" translating words from Japanese to Cree because English is not a descriptive language and, after all, Japan is where Karate originated.

"The Cree language was never meant to be spoken loudly," said Keeley, who explained that the club has been approached at times by Elders for using the language in this manner. But when the students shout the Cree words, he says, "they mean no disrespect."

The class gathers strength from the voices of the others in the club. They become a team.

You can contact the kiskinamakaw — the master — and join the club, which has been teaching the art of self-defense free of charge for over three years, by phoning the friendship centre at 482-6051.

**EDMONTON** — Friendship Centre recreation director Gordon Russell wants to remind everyone that the Alberta Junior Provincial Boxing (AJPB) championships will be held at the centre, on April 25 and 26.

Gordon also says that "there's a trip overseas in the makings for the centre's ladies' fastball team." The team will be holding try-outs at Lac La Biche, on May 2 and 3.

On May 9 and 10, the centre is sending a team to a golf tournament at Sherwood Park. Call Gordon at 482-6051, for more details.

**SLAVE LAKE** — The friendship centre will be sending boxers Ricky Twinn and Ron Ward to the AJPB championships in Edmonton.

Ward will be fighting in the 112-pound Junior C division and has a record of 11 wins and 5 losses.

Alex added, "I'm sure hoping they go all the way."



DAVE KEELEY

**FORT CHIP** — A mixed volleyball tournament will be held at Fort Chip, on April 28, 29 and 30. "It will probably wind up the volleyball season here," says recreation director Bev Davis.

Bev added that they're interested in starting a boys' and girls' bantam (13 to 16 years old) fastball teams "to participate in the Alberta Summer Games this year (from August 5 to 8 at Strathcona)." Registration for the teams will begin in early May. Call 697-3682, if you're interested in any of these activities.

**GRANDE PRAIRIE** — The friendship centre's ladies' fastball team is looking for a coach and a name, says youth worker Danny Bellerose. The team will award a \$5 prize to whoever gives them the best name. Danny added, "the team is looking for players 18 and up to play in the Wild Rose ladies' Fastball Association." He says team organizer Beatrice Badger (539-7514) is the person you want to talk with for more information about the team.

Danny was happy to say that "Herb Badger, Sawm Boneau and Brian Calliou finished in the top 10 scorers in a local industrial league. The three guns played for the friendship centre Valcons hockey teams.

On April 18, a ping pong tournament held at the centre saw Neilson Gladue, Kenny LaFleur and Danny Piemer take trophies and cash prizes, respectively.

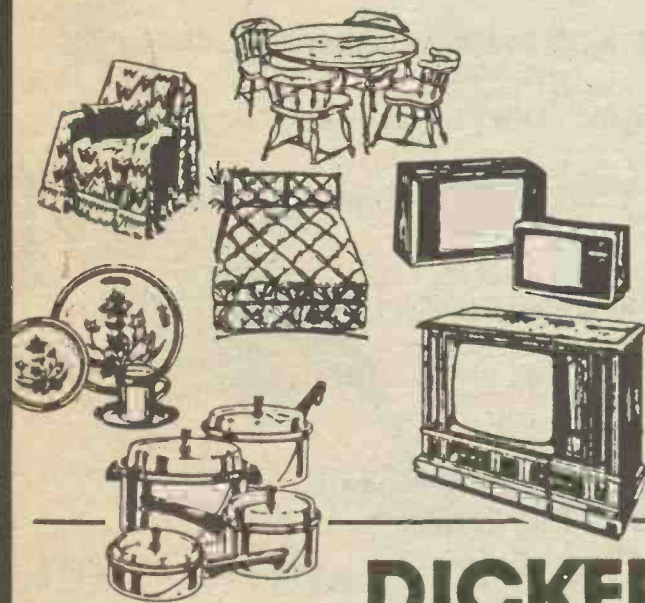
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## J.F. Dion school holds official opening

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — "This is a very rewarding event for the members of Fishing Lake," said Master of Ceremonies, Garry Parenteau about the official JF Dion Elementary School grand opening held April 10.

The ceremony took place in the new gym, which many of the guests were seeing for the first time. The entire student body, some in square dancing outfits, sat nervously awaited their que to perform. A good number of community members, visitors and invited guests, filed into their seats on the gym floor and upper balcony. Head table dignitaries were asked to come forward and as the rubble of voices ceased, Parenteau carried on with the business of the day.

The name of JF Dion originated from Joseph Francis Dion, a one time settler. Dion was instrumental in establishing the settlements. His daughter Mary Poitras from Kehewin, attended the opening and was asked to speak.

"My father always helped the poor, that's all he had in mind," said Mrs. Poitras.

"For using his name, I'd like to thank you; not for myself but for my father."

Bishop Raymond Roy offered a blessing to the school. He thanked the people for their work in education.

"Education is a lifetime process and each genera-

tion has to shoulder the burden."

The chairman of Northland School Division, Jeff Chalifoux, spoke next. He said that Northland School Division was committed.

"This (the school) is a commitment...to try and provide a sound education."

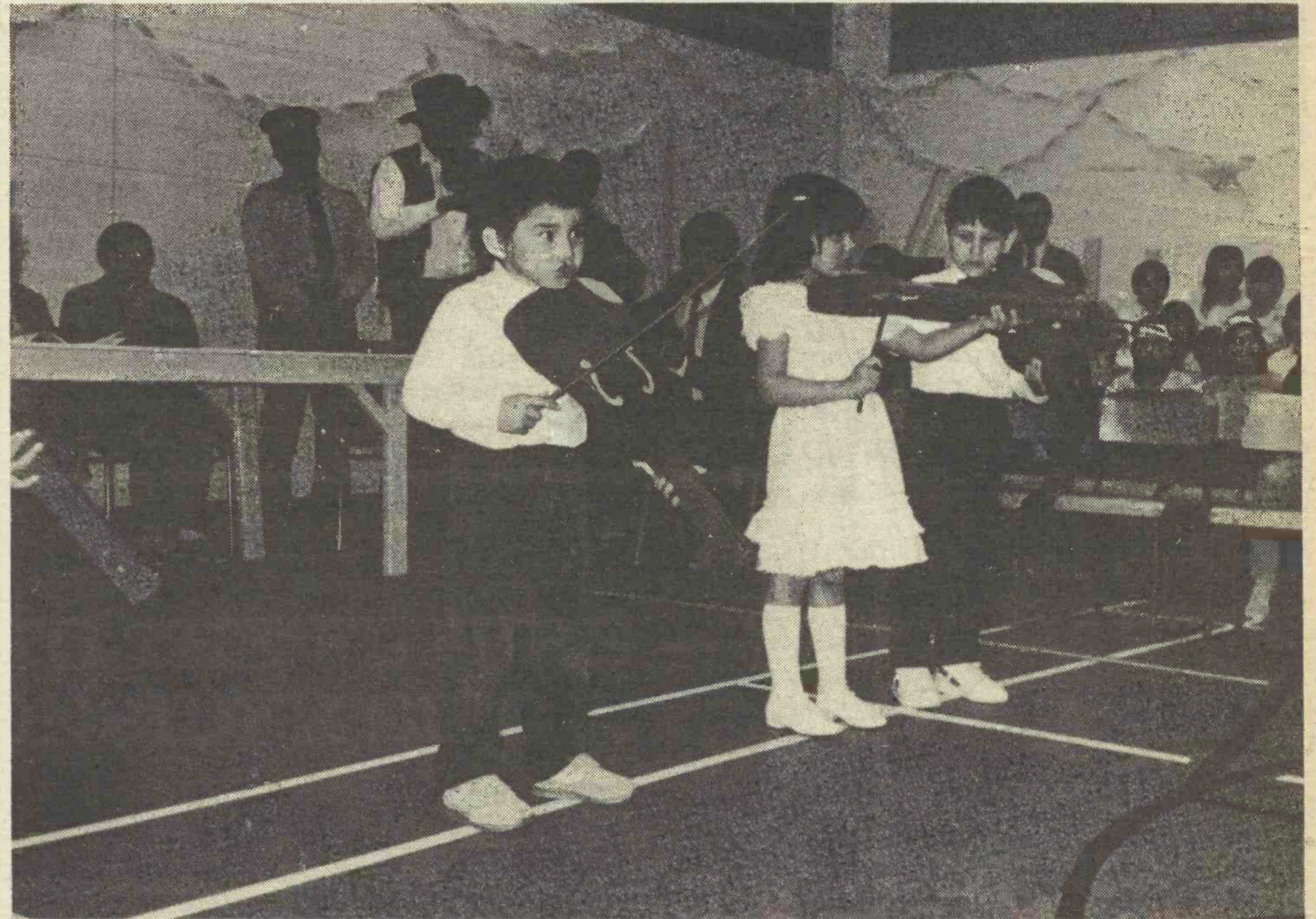
Dr. Ralph Sabey from the Department of Education, talked about some of the recent changes in education citing the Grade 6 Social Studies course that now includes information on Metis governments and councils.

"School books will be making them (the children) much more aware of who the people of Alberta are, Cree, Metis and Blood Indians," said Sabey adding that "education now has the funding and we'll be able to get more and more of the Native people involved in deciding what's best for their kids and I think that's very important."

With that he presented acting chairman of the local school board, Bruce Desjarlais with a flag of Alberta and a plaque bearing the Alberta Coat of Arms.

The silver haired lady at the head table, Mabel Dumont, was a teacher in Fishing Lake when the school was a one room log building. She remembered some fond memories and acknowledged those in the crowd that were once her pupils.

"I had about 50 pupils back in 1940. One of the first people I saw today,



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Francis Dufrense, was one of the first students."

Long time settler Christina Desjarlais, reached her research report on the history of schooling in Fishing Lake. She started with past teacher and covered everybody from school bus drivers and caretakers to present staff.

Picking up the pace just a little, the older children of the school, Grades 3 to 6 showed off their square dance steps and musical

talents.

Nearing the end of the afternoon program, Jeff Chalifoux returned to the podium for gold pin presentations. The basic gold pin for staff of five to 10 years went to councillor aid, Viola Dumont, teacher-aid Elaine Ward, principal Ken Klein and caretaker Margaret Fayant. A gold pin with a ruby was awarded to Brian Tucker and Tony Lobo for 10 to 15 years of service. Sister Irene Paquin, who

has taught school for 18 years, received a pin with a diamond.

The activities broke away from the auditorium and moved outside the glass encased mezzanine. In front of the mirror windows, that clearly reflected the blue sky above, Sabey did the honors of snipping the red ribbon declaring JF Dion School officially open.

It would be three hours before the beef banquet

was served.

Child tour guides showed people around the building. They were proud of their new two-storey open ceiling library and large science lab. Walls of Indian red and kelly green were lined with shiny yellow lockers. Coordinating mini blinds folded neatly up over the smoked windows. The teacher staff lounge looks out over the nearby lake.

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Graduates of the two-year program are presented a Social Services Worker Diploma by Red Deer Community College.

Information Session: June 3, 1987

Location: Community Vocational Centres, Slave Lake Plaza Building, Social Worker Classroom #205, Slave Lake.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### PROGRAM DATES

English Preparatory Program: August 17 to September 11, 1987, if required.

Social Services Worker Program: September 14, 1987 to May 27, 1988

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications are due by May 15, 1987 (late applications will only be considered if space is available).

TO APPLY OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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# IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## Edmonton Junior Forest Wardens lead on wilderness survival trip

By Morris Cardinal

It was that time of year when, once again, the Edmonton Eagles Junior Forest Wardens conducted their annual excursion into bush country to learn and experience survival techniques.

The March 28 - 29 survival trip by 13 wardens and four leaders was to an area in the vicinity of Nojack, a forested area just east of Edson. The group is happy to report that all participants survived their ordeal this year.

Leader Morris Cardinal reports that the Wardens



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constructed a lean-to for the night and performed that task quite well. The

group was also instructed in the basics of axe chopping and sawing. Addition-

ally, they were coached in safety procedures to guard against possible injury to themselves or others. This is one aspect which was very strongly emphasized.

The group acknowledges the contributions and expertise of Dan Kootenay from the Alexander Reserve who assisted in this year's survival camp.

Leaders for this year were; Morris Cardinal, Irene Giroux, Delmas Hoff and Peggy LaFleur.

Wardens included; Brian, Garnet, Allen, Billy, Guy, James, Tracey, Debbie, Donald, Melinda, Shone, Kyle and Marci.

## Job entry program helps Dupuis get her foot in the workforce

EDSON — Roberta Dupuis has just landed the job of her dreams. But it wasn't long ago that she was convinced that she didn't have any worthwhile skills to offer an employer.

The 26-year-old Metis woman had been out of the workforce for five years raising her two children. She felt her job prospects were limited by her Grade 9 education.

"I didn't have much confidence," she said. Then she heard about Employment and Immigration

Canada's Job Entry training program to assist women returning to the workforce through a combination of classroom instruction and on-the-job training with local employers.

Dupuis and 14 other women enrolled in the 35-week, \$79,537 program coordinated by the Edson Metis Association. Along with instruction in lifeskills, word processing, business machines and typing, Dupuis also got an opportunity to train as a clerk with the Edson Public

Library. She also received a training allowance throughout the project.

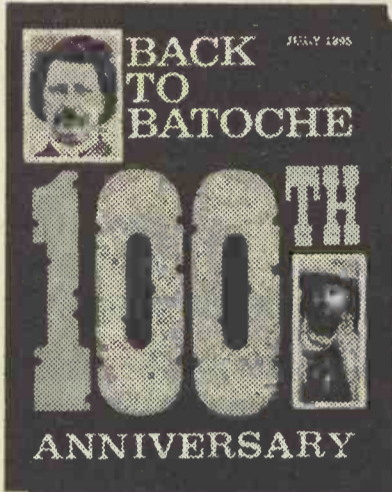
She impressed her supervisors throughout her 11 weeks of on-the-job training with her enthusiasm and willingness to work. The result was a job offer prior to the completion of the program the first week of June.

"It's what I've always wanted to do. I learned about shelving and repairing books, the circulation desk and a million other things it takes to run a small library."

She stressed the philosophy behind the program of placing participants in actual work environments was critical to her success. "I was able to put my new knowledge to work right away and develop my self-confidence."

The Job Entry program is part of the federal government's Canadian Job Strategy and is designed to assist women and youth in finding meaningful employment through training, work experience and financial assistance.

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## \$358,811 helps out eleven local projects

PEACE RIVER — Eleven local projects will benefit from financial assistance totalling \$358,811 under a federal-provincial program to develop Alberta's north. The funding will spur investment of \$1.1 million and create six full-time and 10 part-time jobs for area residents.

-- The Athabasca Regional Economic Development Council will receive assistance totalling \$105,000 over three years to establish an office to pursue economic development initiatives in

the region. Total cost of the project is approximately \$190,000, with two full-time jobs expected to result.

-- An offer of \$66,524 in assistance has been accepted by the Athabasca Chipewyan Band 201 for a water management project in the area. The band will invest over \$133,000 to provide a more permanent infrastructure and re-establish the natural habitation on the delta for local wildlife. The new infrastructure will also allow for the potential production

of wild rice in the Fort Chipewyan area.

-- Christina Lake Enterprises Ltd., located in Conklin, will receive \$52,000 in assistance to establish a four-season wilderness vacation resort. The facility, expected to cost \$160,000, will include lodge facilities, a recreational vehicle park, a 50-boat marina, gas bar and convenience store. Two full-time and five part-time jobs are expected to result.

-- The Community Vocational Centre in Slave Lake will receive \$26,300 to establish an Adult Literacy Training Project for the area. Estimated cost of the project is \$44,000. One part-time position will be directly created as well as improving the employability of the project's graduates.

-- An agricultural research project in Girouxville will receive \$29,490 in funding to establish an office in that area. The Smoky Applied Research and Demonstra-

tion Association will invest almost \$41,000 to undertake demonstration projects in order to apply available agricultural research and improve overall farm management and profits in the region. One full-time position is expected to result.

-- The Kehewin Band, located in Bonnyville, has accepted an offer of assistance totalling \$19,787. The band will spend over \$346,000 to establish a four-year heavy duty mechanics training course. The assistance will be used to purchase equipment necessary to ensure that adequate on-the-job training occurs.

-- The Athabasca Native Development Corporation will use an offer of \$19,650 to assist in coordinating a series of meetings with local bands and remote communities with regards to improving the economic benefits resulting from tar sands development. Total

cost of the project is approximately \$21,000.

-- Melvin Anderson will establish a coin-operated laundry on the Gift Lake Metis Settlement using assistance totalling \$14,750. The facility, expected to cost \$40,000, would serve area residents who currently must travel 90 kilometres to do laundry at present. Two part-time positions are expected to result.

-- John Murrell of High Level will use \$10,000 in assistance to undertake a feasibility study. Mr. Murrell will manufacture humane animal traps and test the product's potential in the local marketplace. Total cost of the project is almost \$33,000.

-- Assistance totalling \$5,980 will be used to establish a laundromat at Caslan. Joe's Laundromat Ltd. will purchase machinery and equipment for the new facility. Estimated to cost \$17,000, the operation is expected to create one full-

time and two part-time positions for area residents.

-- The Dunvegan North Economic Development Board has accepted assistance totalling \$9,300 to undertake a research study. The study, estimated to cost \$12,000, will focus on identifying major development opportunities, as well as inventory and supply and demand for various businesses and services in the area.

Funding for these projects was made possible under the Canada/Alberta Northern Development Subsidiary Agreement. This agreement is administered and equally funded by the federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) and Alberta's Northern Development Branch. The Northern Development Agreement is subsidiary to the Canada/Alberta Economic and Regional Development Agreement.



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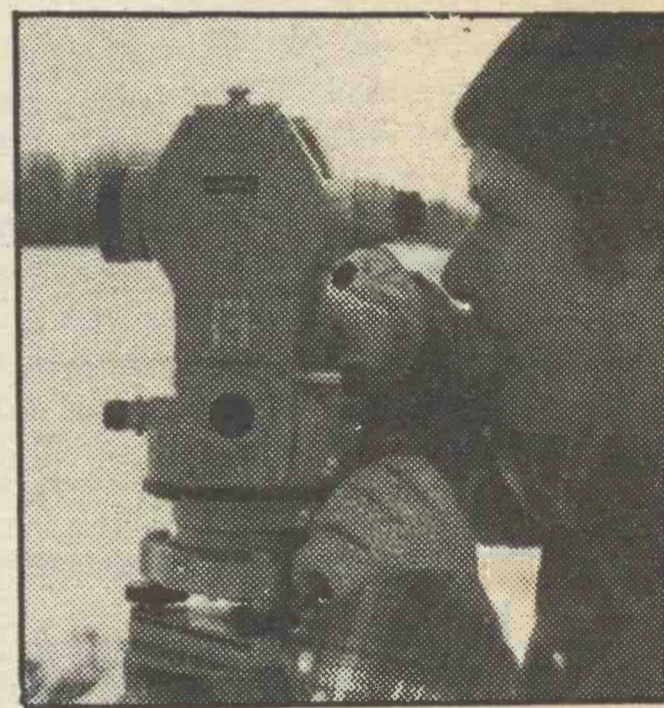
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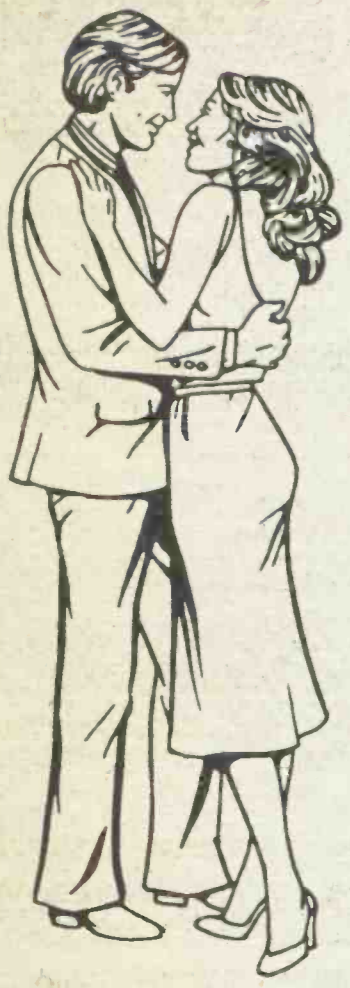
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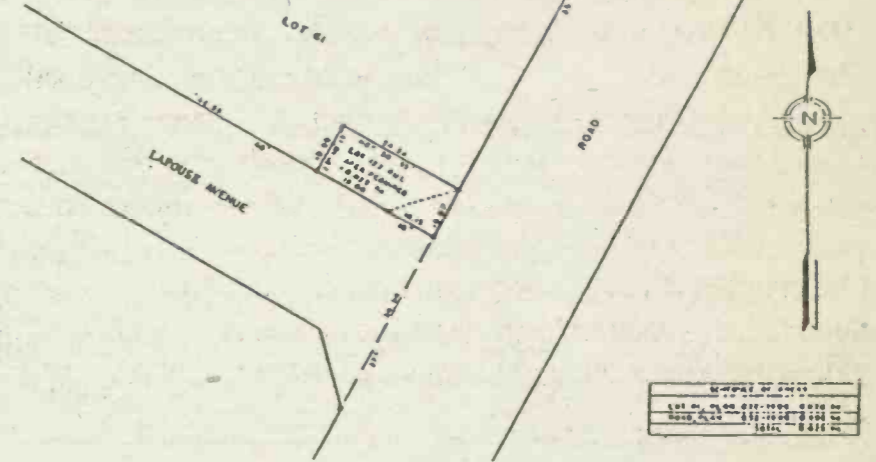


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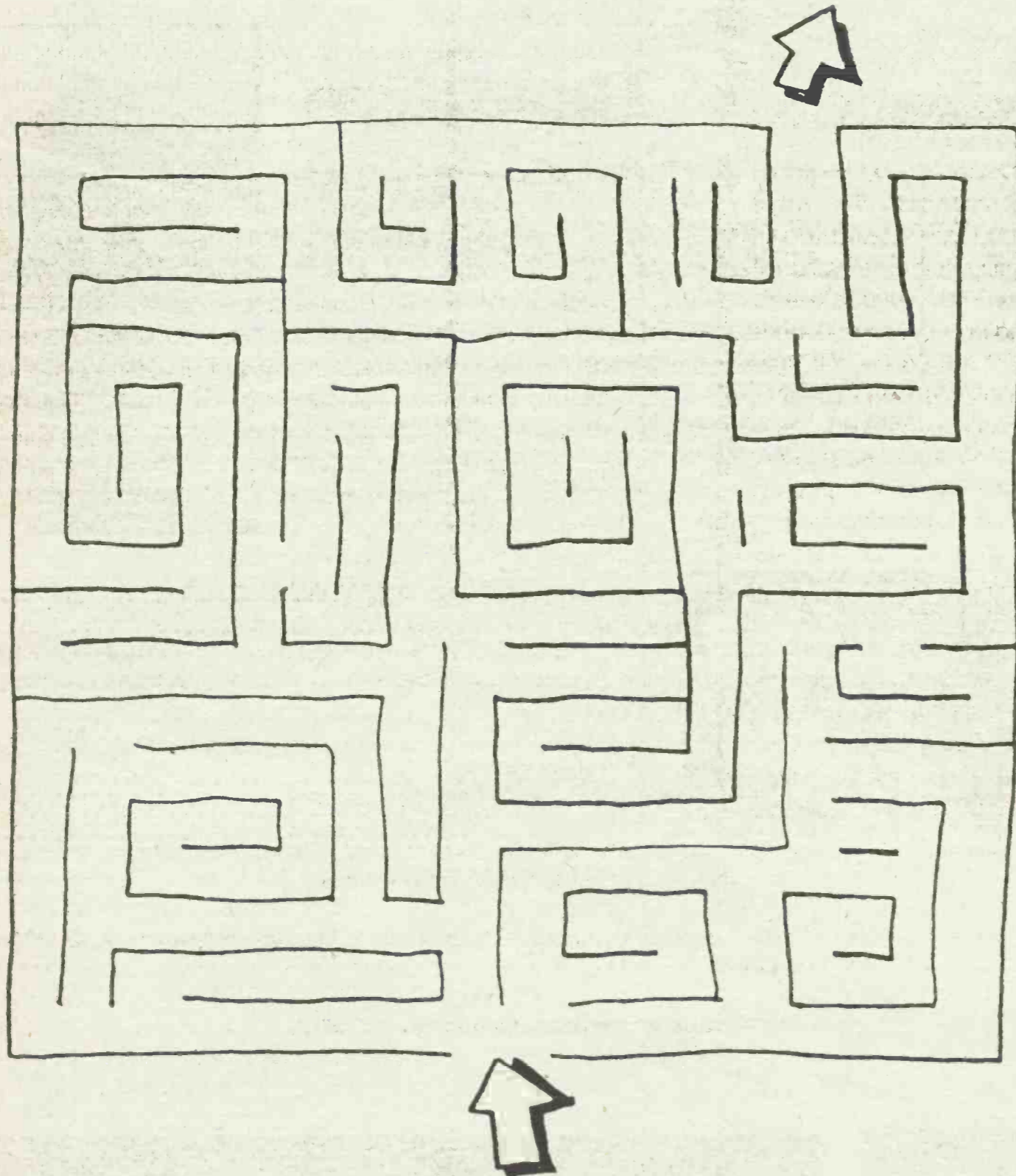


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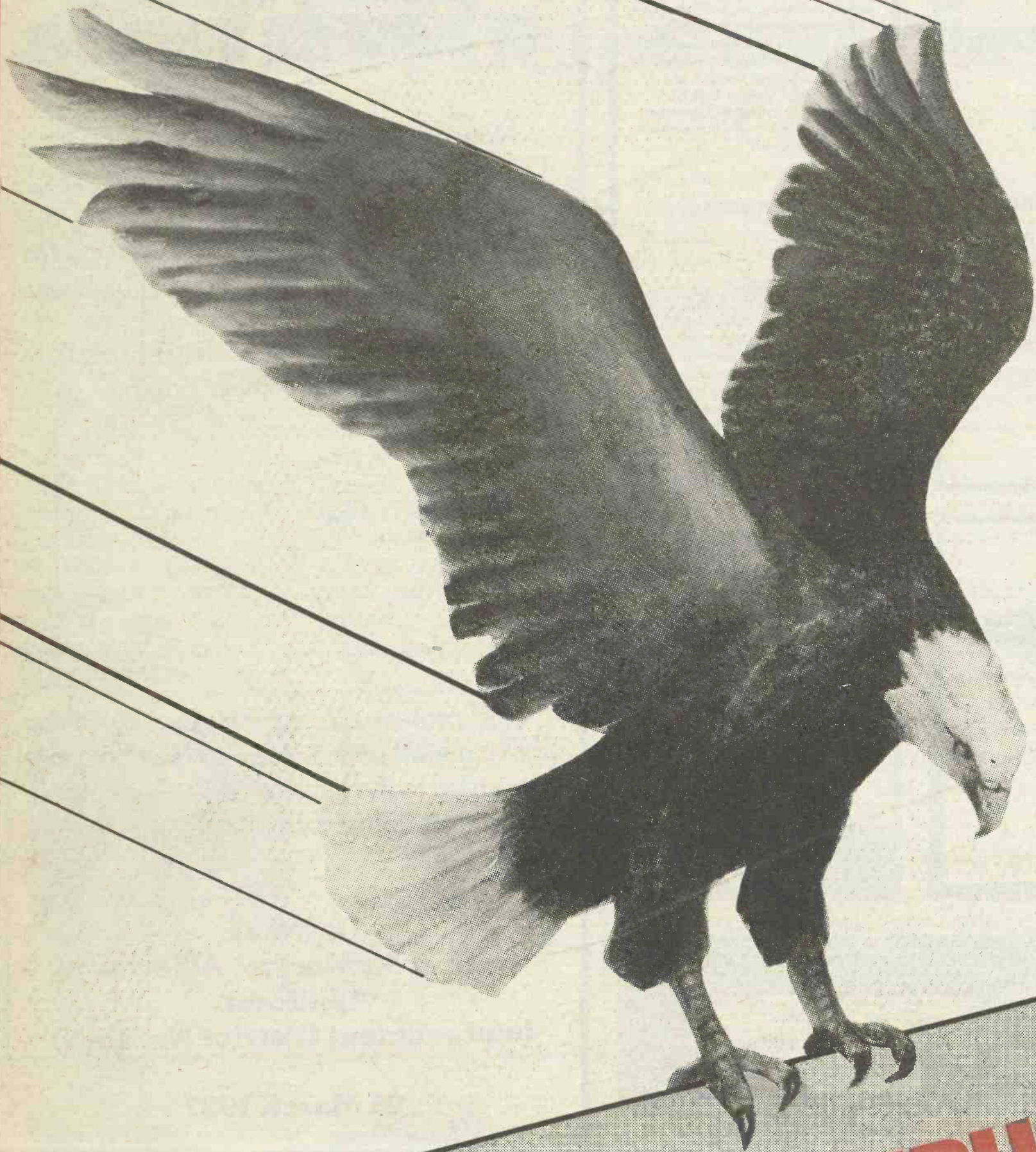
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