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## Dene drums sound

Kenny Denechoan, 25, (left) is the leader of the Dene Tha' drum group, which played for the Poundmaker Lodge (in St. Albert, near Edmonton) annual sober round dance on Nov. 19. "Tonight is our 55th performance since New Year's Day last January," he told Windspeaker, adding the group had done a lot of travelling throughout the year. The group's unusual chanting and drumming brought thundering applause from the appreciative round dancers.

# Wind speaker

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## Ronnenberg re-elected NCC(A) prez by 2 votes

KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

By Keith Matthew  
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### PEERLESS LAKE

Doris Ronnenberg narrowly won a bid for re-election of the financially strapped Native Council of Canada (Alberta) at their annual general meeting in Peerless Lake on Nov. 18 & 19.

Ronnenberg won a two vote victory over challenger John Belden with the final count being 20 to 18. Ronnenberg has held office for the past four years and is will be starting her third term of office.

On being re-elected Ronnenberg said, "Being the president of any group cannot be taken lightly. It is a very serious responsibility. I think that anyone who runs for that position has to understand and respect that."

She says the two most important aspects of her job will be in getting the organization back on its feet financially and to have open and effective communication with the members of NCC(A).

Joining Ronnenberg on the newly elected board are Lina Gallup vice-president from Calgary; David Starr, from Peerless Lake, elected board representative for Zone 1; William Cockerille, from Fort McMurray, elected board representative from Zone 2; Nora Belden, from Edmonton, elected board representative from Zone 3; Sadie LeBlanc, from Calgary, elected board representative for Zone 4 and Tim Henniker was elected to be board member-at-large.

The terms of office are three years for the president and the vice-president with the board members serving



Serious responsibility: Doris Ronnenberg

two year terms. "We are trying to rotate the executive term so there is continuity of knowledge between the board and executive levels so that the organization can continue," said Ronnenberg.

The new board of the NCC(A) will be meeting in Edmonton in mid-December to consider and establish priorities for the new year.

Some of the priorities have already been established with previous boards and work has begun. One of the most important areas that the board must recognize is the establishment of an adequate funding base for the organization, she pointed out.

NCC(A) are seeking co-defendancy in the lawsuit spearheaded by the Sawridge band and five other Alberta bands in fighting the Bill C-31 legislation which would permit re-instated members back on band lists.

A health proposal has been submitted to Health and Welfare Canada for non-status, general registry, off-reserve Indians. The

NCC(A) is also involved in establishing its own social housing program, called O'Sky-ya Housing.

The organization supports the concept of new band creation on the north shore of Slave Lake — which would be known as the Big Point band. They also support the efforts of the band members in getting recognition to those members who claim they were unfairly enfranchised in Callihoo (1947) and Papachaise (1930s).

As far as the future of the organization is concerned Ronnenberg says that the new board of directors have their work cut out for them.

"We are just in the beginnings of planning a family services program. We have a health project which we are going to bring forward," said Ronnenberg. "We want to do an environmental conference for 1989."

She adds, "I am really pleased with the meeting and the way it turned out. I am pleased that NCC(A) pulled off the meeting that it did with such little money."

## Lubicons halt talks

By Susan Enge  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

### EDMONTON

The Lubicons have halted negotiations with federal and provincial governments after contempt of court charges against 27 people who were manning the four day road blockade at Little Buffalo last month, were not dropped this week by Alberta's Attorney General Ken Rostad.

In a sharply worded press statement released late Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 22, Chief Bernard Ominayak accused Mr. Rostad of "hiding behind the courts pretending that it was the court and not he

that was insisting upon proceeding with the charges."

The Lubicon chief felt the unkept promise he received from Premier Getty Oct. 22 in Grimshaw "to have the charges against our people dropped" has led to a suspension of negotiations.

"Mr. Rostad is also going to have (to) start publicly accepting responsibility for his actions and for deliberately breaching our October 22nd agreement with Premier Getty."

Charges against the four teenagers arrested at the blockade site, however, were dropped. Ominayak says this decision was arbitrarily made by Attorney General Rostad.

Lubicon lawyer Bob Sachs and constitutional expert lawyer James O'Reilly met in court with crown prosecutor Bruce Fraser and Judge Berger early Tuesday morning, Nov. 22, to discuss the 26 outstanding contempt charges. Shortly after Fraser announced the crown's intention of pursuing with all charges, except the four teenagers, Lubicon Chief Ominayak and his advisors agreed to halt all negotiations.

Talks with the federal government were to resume next Monday, Nov. 28 while talks with the province were scheduled to reopen next Thursday.

Mr. Rostad was unavailable for comment at press time but did state to an Edmonton Journal reporter

that, "the government of Alberta has nothing to do with this. The matter is a court matter. The bench is seized with this matter and we'll take it to them. What disposition the court gives is up to them, not us."

"It's nothing vindictive or orchestrated on behalf of the government of Alberta, in fact the government of Alberta wants this whole thing settled."

The Lubicon are currently negotiating greater control on wildlife management and environmental protection, land selection and cash compensation issues with the province.

They are simultaneously negotiating an Aboriginal rights land claim settlement with the federal government focusing on defining their own band membership.

In dealing with contempt of court charges in the face of negotiating with two levels of government, Chief Ominayak says it's too much of an overload.

"We don't have the resources to properly respond to Mr. Rostad's continuing assault and simultaneously carry on with negotiations," he said.

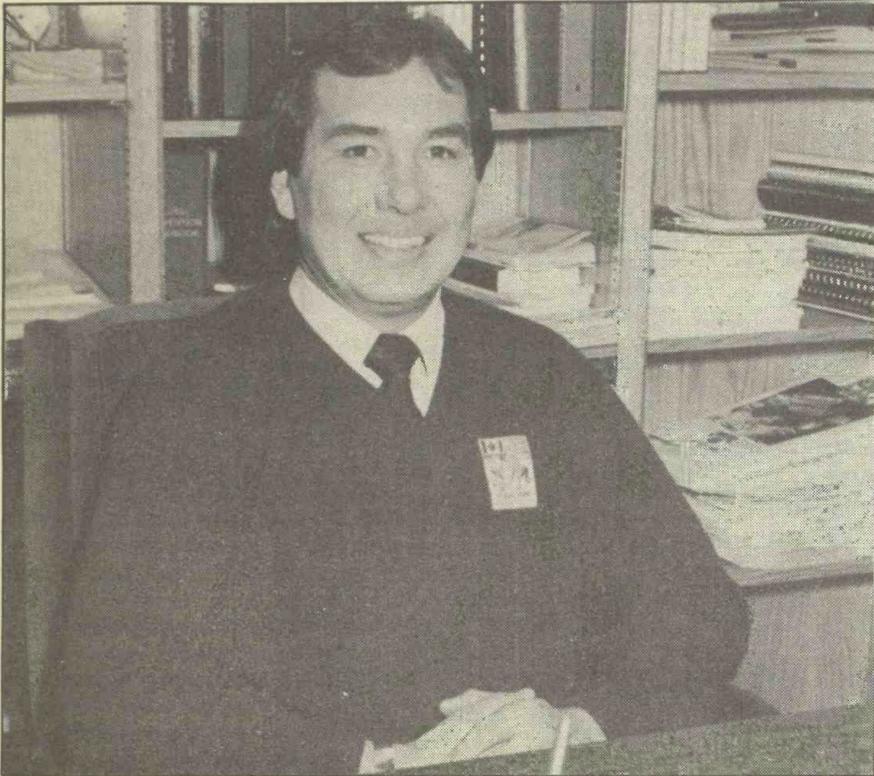
There is a strong possibility road blocks will be re-erected, said band advisor Fred Lennarson, which is one of several options at present being examined.

"The strategic decisions have not been taken, they will be considered over the next few days," added Lennarson.

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## CLOSE TO HOME

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A resounding win: Willie Littlechild

## Willie first treaty MP

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

### HOBBEWA

Willie Littlechild made history on Nov. 21 when he became the first Treaty Indian to win a seat in the House of Commons with a convincing win in his home riding of Wetaskiwin.

The Conservative Party won a majority of seats by taking 169 across Canada with the Liberals placing a distant second with 81 and the New Democrats finishing with 45.

Littlechild beat Reform Party candidate Jim Henderson by a whopping 12,000 votes. The final tally for the riding saw Littlechild finish with about 19,990 votes and Henderson finish a distant second

with 7,109 votes.

However, the campaign manager for Littlechild was not sure of victory and the campaign was fought accordingly. Sam Moussa says, "He earned a lot of votes because of the hard work he put into the campaign. We certainly didn't take this riding for granted. As a matter of fact until the last two weeks (of the campaign) I wasn't positive about the results."

Moussa says the results speak for themselves and that Littlechild can be sure of the support he received from his riding. "I think there was about 160 polls in our constituency and we only lost one and tied one. The rest were won by Mr. Littlechild.

"That is a pretty resounding win," says

Moussa. "Certainly he had the support of the constituency as a whole."

However, the expected support from Hobbema voters was disappointing. "As a matter of fact the Native vote didn't turn out as we hoped," explained Moussa.

He says Littlechild's percentage of voters who supported him can't be compared to the former Tory Member of Parliament for the riding, Stan Schellenberger, because of different circumstances. "That is a little misleading because of the number of candidates that ran (in this election).

He says that the Reform Party and Christian Heritage Party both cut into the Conservative vote and were not a factor in the 1984 vote because this was the first election for either party.

## Bloods seek chief

By Jackie Red Crow  
Windspeaker Correspondent

### BLOOD RESERVE

Eleven nominees will compete with incumbent Roy Fox for the position of chief on this reserve in the Nov. 29 election.

Even though Chief Fox is currently facing charges for assaulting a police officer last July, "he is definitely eligible to run for both chief and council positions," said chief electoral officer Martin Heavy Head.

Chief Fox, who is seeking his fourth consecutive term as chief, has not been convicted of an indictable offence and therefore is not violating the Blood Tribe amended custom bylaws which are guidelines governing tribal nominations and elections, explained Heavy Head. Chief Fox will make his third appearance in Cardston court on Nov. 30, a day after tribal elections are held.

In the event Chief Fox is convicted of an indictable offence, he will have to vacate his position and a byelection will be called, Heavy Head noted.

According to the bylaws, a candidate running or serving on council is ineligible to continue his office if he or she was convicted of an indictable offence during the past three years. Indictable offenses include impaired driving, assault, manslaughter, murder or rape.

RCMP allege Chief Fox assaulted a special Native constable after the car in which he was a passenger was stopped by police north of Stand Off. The routine RCMP check

resulted in the car's driver Marvin Fox being charged with impaired driving. Chief Fox was charged with obstructing a peace officer, assaulting a peace officer and assault causing bodily harm. His wife Genevieve (Patty) was also charged with obstructing a peace officer.

The 11 other band members vying for the position of chief are Andy Black Water, Addison Crow, Randy Bottle, Bill Bruised Head, Phillip Mistaken Chief, Jim Gladstone, Richard Day Chief, Dennis First Rider, Bernard Tall Man Sr., and Gilbert Eagle Bear.

Of the 71 nominees competing for band council positions, 10 incumbents are seeking re-election: Andy Black Water, Richard Mills, Randy Bottle, Bernard Tall Man Sr., Levina Devine, Virna Many Fingers, Richard Day Chief, Jerry Wells, Rosie Many Grey Horses and Peter Big Head.

Chief Fox was first elected to Blood council in 1972 at the age of 23. He later was elected chief in 1980 after Chief Jim Shot Both Sides Sr. retired after serving more than 20 years as chief.

In the 1986 elections, Chief Fox received 392 votes while his closest contender Addison Crow garnered 250 votes.

So far, Heavy Head said, only three candidates declined their nominations.

Heavy Head estimates about 3,300 Bloods over the age of 21 are eligible to vote in the Nov. 29 elections. Only one polling station will be set up at the Stand Off elementary school from 9 a.m. to 7

p.m. Buses will be running from various districts on the reserve so that those needing transportation will be able to vote.

Deputy electoral officer is Clifford Sweet Grass and scrutineers include Peigans Peter Smith, Bryan Yellow Horn and Floyd Smith.

Nominees for council are: Tex Day Rider, Bruce Wolf Child, Orton Eagle Speaker, Omar (Jeff) Bullshields, Calvin Williams, Henry Big Throat, Morris Crow, Georgina White Man, Louise Many Grey Horses, Peter Weasel Head, Bill Bruised Head, Rodney First Rider, Phillip Mistaken Chief, Narcisse Blood, Wayne Wells, Pete Weasel Moccasin Jr., Charlie Crow Chief, Earl Healy, Stu Healy, Brian Many Grey Horses, Kirby Many Fingers, Leslie Tailfeathers, Dan Weasel Moccasin Sr., John Chief Moon Sr., Harley Singer, Leo Day Chief, Hank Shade, Levi Black Water Sr., Reggie Black Plume, Joe Scout, Addison Crow, Monica Spear Chief, Michael Beebe, Helen Many Fingers, Allan Spear Chief, Camille Russell, Gary Tailfeathers, Jimmy Wells, Mervin Brave Rock, Ike Eagle Speaker, Evelyn Bird, Wilfred Soop, Donald No Runner, Andrew Hunt, Andy Creighton, Annie Cotton, Sheldon First Rider, Martin Eagle Child, Andy Crop Eared Wolf, Roger PrairieChicken, Harrison Black Plume, Jim Twigg, Les Healy, Roderick Shot Both Sides, Andy Day Rider, Evan Melting Tallow Sr., Fred Cross Child, Steve Mistaken Chief, Dennis First Rider and Mary Louise Oka.

## NCC(A) invites off-reserve Indians to join

By Keith Matthew  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

### PEERLESS LAKE

Residents of Peerless Lake were up in arms at a general meeting of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta) on Nov. 19 & 20 when the members of the organization changed their bylaws to include off-reserve Natives in their organization.

The annual general meeting of NCC(A) was held in Peerless Lake school where it was decided unanimously to change the bylaws of membership to include the wording: "and off-reserve Indians, who have status, and their spouses."

The Neeyanan Association, which is an elected

body which represents the residents of Peerless Lake, issued a statement regarding their relationship to NCC(A).

"Please be advised that Peerless Lake residents are not members of Native Council of Canada (Alberta) and do not support or use Native Council of Canada (Alberta) as our spokesperson. Please deal with Neeyanan Association regarding any items in Peerless Lake," said the letter to NCC(A).

Vice-president of Neeyanan Association Louie Okeymow said the group wants to remain independent from any organization and will work through the Bigstone Cree band in Wabasca.

"All these years we've had different resource peo-

ple coming into our community saying that we will work for you and as soon as anyone got our names the first thing they would do is sell our names to the government and get funding from the government and us people up in the north are forgotten after the money is sent out to groups like Native Council," explained Okeymow.

Peerless Lake residents are regarded as members of the Bigstone band but don't have reserve status or reserve rights and are members of the isolated communities association. Isolated communities were the bands which were missed when Treaty 8 was signed and are fighting for reserve status.

"We don't feel right then, since we are all mem-

bers of Bigstone band, we would rather have Bigstone fight for anything that we have to fight for," Okeymow said.

"For myself, I've been here for 16 years, I don't feel like going back to my own reserve. I would rather have a reserve right here in Peerless Lake. So speaking of Bill C-31 — we are all Natives. I don't have any discrimination against non-status. We are all Indians."

President of NCC(A) Doris Ronnenberg said, "A lot of our members have gained their full band rights as well as their status rights and as soon as that happened they were not able to have full membership in the organization."

She also says the lack of funding was the biggest

problem in setting up the meeting which was one of the main reasons for the fear of the Peerless Lake people.

"The fact that we were not able to get up there and plan for the meeting properly at the local level...those kinds of misunderstandings do develop and of course if you trace the reason why you have to go back to our small core funding," said Ronnenberg. "Right up until Thursday of last week, the day before the assembly, we were not able to work out our banking arrangements because we were waiting for our second quarter cheque."

"The bank allowed us an overdraft on it but not until Thursday and we had some commitments. The food and the lodging had to be

paid and so did the meeting room which was \$200 a day and the equipment which was \$400 a day.

"When there is a shortage of funds you can't hire a coordinator like most acting general managers do to look after all of the details to make sure that proper consultations have been had with people so that these kinds of misunderstandings don't develop," she said.

Ronnenberg added she did talk to the president of Peerless Lake Harvey Houle a week before the NCC(A) met in their community and discussed what the meeting was about and the intention of holding the meeting there.

## CLOSE TO HOME

## Erasmus expects 'tough gov't'

By Susan Enge  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

National chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Georges Erasmus said in a national teleconference call Nov. 22, just two days after Canadians voted in a Conservative majority in the country's federal election, he expects talks with the federal government to be difficult.

"It seems to me we are going to have a very tough government that we're going to have to deal with...But, that doesn't mean we're going to roll over and play dead."

In fact, Erasmus plans to face critically important issues head on with the next

Minister of Indian Affairs. With any luck, Erasmus hopes former Indian Affairs minister Bill McKnight will be replaced.

"We have our fingers crossed that someone will replace McKnight, someone who has some kind of vision of...First Nations people."

He plans to "renew constitutional talks" in the hopes of entrenching Aboriginal talks in the Canadian Constitution. Talks to amend the constitution failed in 1987 at the second first minister's conference designed to deal with the single issue of Aboriginal rights and self-government.

Erasmus intends to secure "amendments to the Meech Lake Accord," a document representing amendments to the constitu-

tion that renders Quebec a distinct society, alters the amending formula and provides individual provinces the opportunity to recommend judges to the Supreme Court.

The national chief is seeking to add further constitutional amendments recognizing Aboriginal peoples as a distinct society entitled to self-government equipped with the financial resources to sustain itself. His proposal is currently supported by two provincial government leaders. Manitoba and New Brunswick's support looks encouraging and may represent "strong allies at the table," said Erasmus.

Erasmus plans to "make Aboriginal languages and education a priority in the next year." He will lobby parliamentarians intensively

in the next few months to include in the opening House of Commons spring session throne speech the need to recognize Aboriginal languages as official languages in the country.

And, Erasmus plans to implement the recommendations derived from a \$6 million four year study which defined extensive educational system changes needed for Aboriginal peoples.

The current federal department of Indian Affairs' move to set a ceiling on post-secondary education funding for Treaty Indians is "not set in stone." And Erasmus plans to argue insufficient numbers of First Nation's people were included in the consultation process and therefore warrants further participation.

The national chief stated he "will push ahead for



Not going to 'roll over and play dead': Erasmus

more housing, push real hard on Bill C-31 people, make sure the additional people are given their rights, land, education and infrastructure."

Although the Conservative government plans to legislate the free trade deal next month, Erasmus

admitted its implications are still unknown.

"We don't know for sure if it'll (free trade agreement) affect us" although at first glance it appears cash compensation Aboriginal people receive on reserves may be considered a subsidy, said Erasmus.

SUSAN ENGE, Windspeaker

## Non-Native foster folks talk racism

By Susan Enge  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Eighty non-Native husbands and wives who have adopted Indian children met for the first time at Poundmaker Lodge, a Native institute in St. Albert on Saturday Nov. 19, to discuss ways their children can develop a positive self-image in a society where negative Indian stereotypes prevail.

It was the first meeting of its kind in Edmonton and long overdue, says co-ordinator Ann Lea.

It's unfortunate that a lot of Indian children live in non-Native homes, says Lea, but their non-Native parents realize there is a critical need to educate them about their culture, history and language. As it stands, only limited information exists.

"The Child Welfare Act tells you how to adopt a child but it doesn't tell you how to do it, how to increase the awareness of an Indian child's history, language and culture. So, we need to meet more than just once a year to do this."

Lea says she heard about the Winnipeg program 'Opikihawin', which in Cree means the act of raising up, helping to grow, or supporting; and invited

their director, Verna McKay accompanied by a 16 year old adopted Cree woman, Carolyn Armstrong to talk about the project.

"It was almost impossible to feel good about yourself," said Carolyn Armstrong, because she often felt discriminated against at school. "I remember in grade 7, we were asked to explain, 'How do simple cultures (Indian) differ from complex cultures?' It was so biased. There is prejudice in the science curriculum and in the books I read," said Armstrong.

So, she confessed she felt "ashamed to be an Indian". Those feelings changed, said Armstrong, when her parents began attending Opikihawin which organized family outings several times a year to a reserve, just outside of Winnipeg, and participated in their ceremonies, listened to elders legends and philosophy.

"At first I didn't want to go. But, I got left behind by my parents. I didn't want to be alone at home, so I went.

Now that she understands her Cree culture, Armstrong says she is no longer afraid to speak up in defense of her ancestry in the face of critical remarks.

Project director McKay told the group Opikihaw-



Beating stereotypes with culture: Carolyn McKay and Verna McKay

in began as a three year pilot project sponsored by the United Church in 1979 but quickly grew into a popular organization because a high number of non-Native parents who have adopted Indian children are seeking help to secure their child's self-esteem and self-confidence.

"The parents group meet every two months and we plan two family weekends a year. The first is to a reserve, just outside of Winnipeg and the other is at a camp site, usually in the winter. And, we have eight cultural program sessions for teenagers, some family events like potluck suppers," explained McKay.

Fathers in the group felt anxious to participate in a similar Edmonton based cultural group.

"We need to get good role models into our life. I always read negative images about Natives from the media, so we need to start looking for the more positive," said David, a conference delegate.

"I want him (Native child) to see a balanced picture. I don't want him to be so proud to be an Indian that he thinks 'I'm Indian, therefore, I'm better than anyone else,'" commented Vic, another delegate.

"People make comments about Native people at work that hurt me. They don't

know it hurts me, but it does," replied another.

The meeting at Poundmaker Lodge, represented the parent's first attempt to communicate with Aboriginal peoples, which took courage to organize, said Lea.

"It was a little scary trying to get in touch with a Native community not knowing what they were going to say to things we were saying. But, I was received so well."

This newly formed group plans to begin meeting every month. If you are interested in joining, call Ann Lea at 463-8972 for more information.

## \$500,000 secured for Metis homes

By Susan Enge  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

After a series of tough negotiations, Peter Peltier, vice president of zone 3, successfully secured a joint \$500,000 housing renovation funding proposal from the federal and provincial governments in Calgary this month.

And, he attributes their successful lobby effort to the strong "determination of the Metis. In fact, says Peltier, "that's what we're calling the project, the Metis Determination Corporation.

"It took us a long time. It wasn't easy, but we never gave up and we're excited about the project," said Peltier.

The plan to combine on the job training experience with institutional learning began last March. But, the size of the project was "cut in half" by both governments because they "thought it was too big," he added.

Sixteen Metis, who were selected by an independent Metis committee, will begin to train on the job as they begin their apprenticeship in the construction industry. Each individual will study their trade at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology for a year, a component required for their journeyman certificate.

In the meantime, 75 Metis urban homes in Calgary will undergo major renovations.

"It's a step in the right direction and I'm sure we're not going to fail," said Peltier.



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**YOUR WORDS**

**Symposium to discuss teenaged mothers**

Dear Editor:

This year in Alberta, an estimated 3,000 teenage girls will become mothers. Most of those will be single. Most will attempt the difficult task of raising the child alone and in virtual poverty. And, many will have a second or even a third child.

These are disturbing facts. Disturbing because many of these young mothers lack the maturity and the emotional stability to tackle the pressures of motherhood. Many are abandoned by family and friends.

Many are forced to quit school and take low paying positions in industries with limited potential for advancement. Many others end up on welfare and the costs to society are staggering.

On Feb. 22, 1989, the Provincial Advisory Committee on the Family will launch a major three-day symposium in Edmonton entitled *Teen Parenting - Let's Stop Kidding Around*. The conference will bring together junior and senior high school students, parents and professional people in the fields of education, health care, law and counselling. It is the first conference of this scope to be

held in Canada.

You can help. Conference organizers are anxious to hear from people who have been directly affected by teenage pregnancy on issues such as: factors considered in deciding to have the child, abort the pregnancy or give the child up for adoption; the effect of the decision on family and friends; sources of comfort, guidance and support; the role of government - if any - in helping the teen mother and child through the most difficult and trying years of their lives; positive ways to ensure young people who are sexually active or considering

becoming sexually active fully understand the moral and medical implications of their decisions.

These, and many other issues, will be considered during the conference by people who will be making recommendations to government. We want to hear from your readers. Please telephone (403) 973-6897, or write: Teen Parenting, Box 2, Site 9, RR4, Edmonton, AB, T5E 5S7.

Thank you for your valuable assistance.

Rose-Marie McCarthy  
Symposium Co-ordinator

**AS I SEE IT...**

**Culture hurt by infighting**

Dear Editor:

I'd certainly appreciate this letter being printed in your next issue of Windspeaker as I feel it is important for our people to be made aware that the Aboriginal infighting is slowly plaguing our precious Indian way of life which will soon end in destruction of a culture.

I have read and come across many articles in newspapers concerning political conflicts between brothers and sisters. It not only makes me sad but

ashamed to see our future generations are being taught how to fight one another.

If we want to achieve our future Aboriginal goals, we definitely need to reconcile and unite as a true nation.

Our Native newspapers should only be used to publicize our struggles against the oppressed government, not against each other. Thank you.

Harley McMaster Sr.  
Drumheller

**Young men should join armed forces**

Dear Editor:

There is something that I have been concerned with for a long time. It is our young people and where they are heading.

Many of our children have been raised on welfare and so, by watching their parents, they just go on welfare as soon as they are on their own.

Now I believe that we have to work with our hands and body to develop a strong body and mind.

I see many of our young men just doing nothing or getting into trouble because they have idle hands.

This brings me to what I thought should have been done a long time ago. Every young man should have to serve two years with the armed forces. I don't think our young people are as strong as they should be. Two years in the army, I believe, would benefit everybody.

Stan Gladstone

**Address added**

Dear Editor:

In September I wrote to your paper requesting assistance in notifying family members - Ballendens, Bruneaus, Cardinals, Dumonts, Hodgsons, Lussiers and Rowlands - about my book *The New Nation*.

That request was granted in the Oct. 7, 1988 issue of Windspeaker.

I am very pleased that you printed my letter and I thank you for doing so. However, my mailing address was omitted in that letter. My mailing address is: #9, 934-12 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2R 0J4. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Mary M. Lee  
Calgary

**Bad faith**

The law enforcers have decided to play hardball with the Lubicons and the Indians have decided not to play.

This week's decision by the band to suspend negotiations with both levels of Canadian government because the province is going ahead with the prosecution of 22 participants in the Little Buffalo blockade, is a wise one. The Lubicons have said they can't bargain with both levels of government because an aura of "bad faith" prevails while the province charges the blockaders.

Chief Bernard Ominayak feels Alberta Attorney General Ken Rostad has gone out of his way to jeopardize land claim negotiations by charging those who disobeyed the court order to tear down the blockades on Oct. 21. Ominayak goes so far as to say that he and Premier Getty had responded positively during discussions regarding dropping the charges by the province against the blockaders. Rostad has replied, understandably, that the blockade participants went against the law and punishment is the result no matter who or what is involved.

Yes, the Lubicons are guilty of civil disobedience and, yes, Rostad is only doing his job. But if the law and government is unfair to begin with, sometimes civil disobedience is justifiable. Where would the American civil rights movement be if blacks and their supporters had not marched against the law? And if the Gainers employees of Edmonton had not disobeyed the law when they walked away from their jobs and picketed the establishment, would labour laws have changed? We know that the Lubicons would not have come as close to a settlement as they did with the Alberta government if they had not chosen to assert their jurisdiction and go against the law.

If the government and the law is so grossly unjust, should we have to pay for going against it? If going against the law is the only weapon there is to jerk the government to action to resolve 48 years of injustice, then so be it.

The eyes of the world have been trained on the Lubicon fight. The publicity and public pressure are there, so the Lubicons should play their standoff for all it's worth until justice is done.

By Dianne Meili



GRASSROOTS

MARK McCALLUM, Special to Windspeaker

# 'Individualized' learning at Chateh Dene choose school, turn backs on booze

By Mark McCallum  
Windspeaker Correspondent

CHATEH, Alta.

Lorraine is a young Dene Tha' woman. At an early age, she began drinking alcohol heavily and dropped out of school.

Lorraine's life soon took a dramatic turn when she discovered she was pregnant. And, she quickly became bitter at the thought because her boyfriend refused to accept his new role of father. Now, she faced the uncertain future of motherhood and raising a child alone.

But, about a year ago Lorraine decided to return to school. She enrolled in a special "individualize" learning program at the Chateh (Assumption) Reserve in the Dene Tha' Community School.

Today, Lorraine says she plans to get a high school

diploma and maybe even pursue post-secondary studies at university or college.

Lorraine is a fictional character. But, the social problems this imaginary person faced are very real for the people of the Dene Tha' band.

But, the Dene Tha' band is taking big steps toward solving many of its social problems by using education as an alternative, says Dene Tha' Community School teacher and psychologist Stan Allen, who also credits anti-alcohol and drug abuse social programs on the reserve for improving the situation.

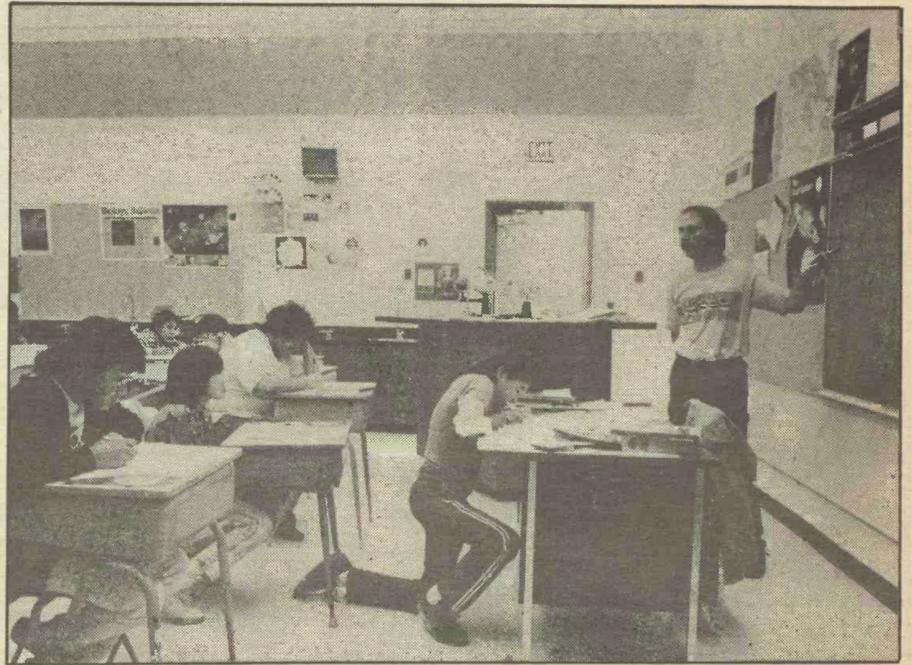
"I think part of social problems in this society and any other society is that people don't have anything to look forward to. If they do, it's sorta like I'm going to get drunk tonight or whatever," says Allen.

"If you're not going to sit around and get drunk,

you need an alternative."

Allen adds school staff members encourage students to think about long-term goals as well as other things that might affect their lives like alcohol and drug abuse. Much of this is done through group discussions and one-on-one counselling. Dene Tha' elders also play an important role by speaking with students about topics that can range from old legends to contemporary social problems.

There have been several signs of improvement, and change can be seen in almost all aspects of education for the Dene Tha' band. The most obvious of these can be seen at the school where about \$1.5 million dollars is being spent to renovate the learning facility. The decision to upgrade the school was initiated last fall after the Dene Tha' band took control of the elementary and



'You need an alternative': School teacher and psychologist Stan Allen

junior high school at the Chateh reserve.

And, attendance is up among students studying in high school and post secondary courses off the reserve. "The numbers have just about doubled. I think what's happening is that there's kind of a bandwagon effect," says Allen. There are now some 70 students enrolled in high schools and universities and colleges off the reserve.

Student attendance is also steadily improving at the Chateh Reserve in the Dene Tha' Community School, says school principal Len Dueck. He notes it increased to 67 per cent overall last year, which is a vast improvement over previous years when 20 to 30 per cent of the student population was in school. Attendance records have again gone up so far this year for the month of

September, to 76 per cent overall among students at the school.

The 17-member teaching staff is attempting to reach as many band members as possible with a wide variety of programs. Some 225 pupils are enrolled in classes ranging from kindergarten to Grade 10 as well as upgrading programs at the elementary, junior and senior high levels and an office assistant training program.

"What we're trying to do is get the community more involved," explains Dueck, who adds a mechanics training program may also be taught at the school in the near future.

The teaching staff must also be innovative to meet the special needs of students returning to school after a long absence. Dueck explains: "The regular school program doesn't suit us because there's a lot of students who haven't been in school since they were 11 or 12 and many of them have to start from the beginning...(so) we create individual programs for these students and slowly try bring them up to regular educational standards."

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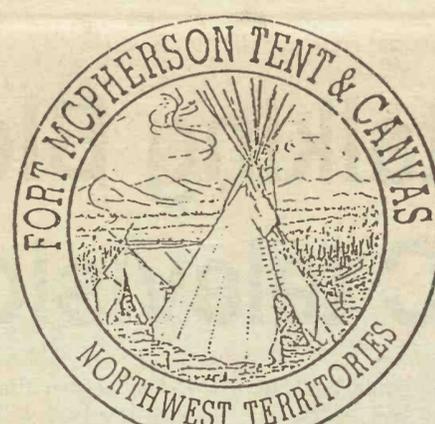
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## GRASSROOTS

# Communities start to stir with Xmas activities

Gla Doh Ttou?! Tansi! Hello!

If you haven't heard by now this is your 'Droppin In' column. It's your column to alert the readership of events happening in and around our neighborhoods. Please don't hesitate to write or call.

Let's travel the neighborhoods once again and check out the happenings that might be of interest to you.

**Poundmaker's Lodge:** The lodge will be closed for the month of December. Staff development and training instructions are slated for the month. They will be back to work after the Christmas holiday on Jan. 2, 1989.

**High Level:** Speaking of Christmas! The Native Friendship Centre is holding their Christmas Craft Fair Nov. 25 & 26. Call Norman Champagne 926-3355 for details.

**High Prairie:** The Elks Hall 'Down Town' is holding an Elders Banquet Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. Free tickets are available at the Friendship Centre and anyone who needs a ride to the banquet can call the centre at 523-4511.

Something for everyone! A children's Christmas party is planned for Dec. 17 from 1-4 p.m. The party starts off with a movie for the kiddies from 1-1:30 p.m. Santa will be there for Christmas wishes and photos from 2-4 p.m. The polaroid photos can be purchased for \$2.

And, the Friendship Centre is accepting gift-



## DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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

Sheila Cunningham is at the centre to take your calls.

**Calgary:** A new organization is starting in this city called Free Spirit. It is a sacred circle group to encourage Native people to pass along their cultures and traditions in the face of extinction. Your attendance, prayers and support is all that is required to accomplish a shared unity of strength among Natives. 'Be a Free Spirit' - get in touch with Jacqueline or Leona at 262-6923.

**Edmonton:** An exclusive 'Santa's Store' for shoppers 12-years and younger is opening Dec. 7. The store sponsored by the Edmonton Big Sister Society, in partnership with the Kinsmen Club of Fort Edmonton and the Alberta Solicitor General, Correctional Services Division will remain open until Dec. 22 or while stock quantities last. Children will be paying \$6 and under for anyone of the 8,000 hand-crafted wooden and fabric items in the store. The store can be found on the second floor of the Pacific Rim Mall at 9700-105 Ave. Hours of operation are: Mon.-Wed. from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri. from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information contact Elizabeth O'Neill at 424-8181.

donations for their Christmas-Share-A-Thon. These donations for needy families will be delivered along with the Christmas food hampers. Applications for the food hampers can be picked up at the centre. Office hours are: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat.

**Provincial Museum:** Celebrate Fort Chipewyan's 200 Birthday! Trace the footsteps of the Indians, Metis and European traders from 1778-1988 at the special exhibit called, 'Northwind Dreaming' (Tthisi Nittsi Natsete/Kiwetin Pawatamowin) which ends March 26, 1989. The museum location is: 12845-102 Ave. Business hours: Tues.-Sun. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wed. from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. See you there!

**Saxony Motor Inn:** Welcome to the Priscilla Morin to Nashville fund-raising event slated for Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. The 'Grey Cup' football game can be viewed on Big Screen followed by a Country Jam session at 4 p.m. Featured artists include: Priscilla Morin; Rod Sutherland & Country Pride; Fourth Generation Band; White Braid Society International Pow Wow Dancers plus more. Admission charge of \$5 includes a feast of Moose stew and bannock. There will be raffles, games, prizes and refreshments available.

**Wanted:** Native professionals who wish to be considered for employment with the Federal Government. The Public Service Commission of Canada has the responsibility for the recruitment of individuals in over 35 Federal Government departments. Whether presently employed or soon to be graduating into a professional field, if you would like to be considered for employment call Mike Martin at 495-3144 or send resume quoting reference number 61-9999 to Mike Martin Resource Officer, Public Service Commission of Canada 830-9700 Jasper Ave. Edmonton, Alta. T5J 4G3

That's all for this week folks! I appreciate the time you've given me once again. Until next week then take care and keep on smiling!



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Dale and Dianne Moran with his parents, Eugene and Loretta Moran, on their farm near Huxley

## Poundmaker's Round Dance **Culture and harmony celebrated at dance**

By Dianne Meili  
Windspeaker Editor

"All right, now we have a drum group from Saddle Lake. Come on, make five circles ... make ten circles, but everybody, get up and round dance!"

The voice of emcee Roy Coyote reaches across the packed gymnasium of the Poundmaker Nechi Centre. First a few children get up and hold hands, forming a line. Adults, grandparents and teenagers move from their seats and a circle around the central drum group starts to form. A minute passes and eventually there are four huge circles of people holding hands and side-stepping to the beat. The whole gymnasium is alive with hoops of people moving in a clockwise direction, the same way the sun moves across the sky.



Lodge director: Shirt

A small boy wants to dance too. Shyly, he walks around the outside of the outer circle and touches the hand of a teenaged boy. The teenager looks down at him and smiles, patting the tyke on the head. The teenager makes a break in the circle and the little boy joins in, looking down at his own shuffling feet and then swinging his arms.

It's getting on to 11 p.m. and the Nov. 19 annual Round Dance, at the St. Albert alcohol and drug treatment, is going full guns. The celebration caps off activities planned in recognition of the national addiction awareness week.

Children wrestle on the dance floor sidelines and elders sit contentedly watching the dance. Coyote announces the Dene Tha' drum group, from Assumption, will play a special prayer song and everyone stands in respect. Then, they play several songs that people dance to - not holding hands as they did in the Round Dance, but still in a circle in front of the drummers.

The Denes' snare drums reverberate and their voices are not so high pitched as the Cree songs. The sound is a little haunting and the crowd seems to appreciate the unique Dene style. They clap for a long time when the group has finished.

After midnight, Coyote tells the crowd that the dancing will stop for a while as the feast is ready to be served. Before too long, tables are set up in the middle of the gym and 800 people are fed rabbit, moose and deer stew, along with bannock.

Once everyone has eaten and the elders are given small bags of dried fish, a special gift from the Indians of Hay River who came down to the Round Dance to learn more about the alcohol treatment centre and its programs, the dancing starts again.

Anne Buggins, 75 years old, and one of the Hay River women who dried the fish for the feast, says the Round Dance "is very good." She still dances once in a while, but says her legs are too sore for extended dancing. She still tans moosehide, dries meat and makes moccasins and jackets, though.

She is not the only person who has travelled a long way to get to the dance. Many others are from other parts of the Northwest Territories and the Red Pheasant Reserve in Saskatchewan.

Pat Shirt, director of Poundmaker's Lodge treatment centre, stands up on the stage and surveys the crowd. He picks up a spare drum lying beside him and does his own little dance. He's happy and who can blame him? Before him he sees many of the people he's helped over the years to battle the addiction problem. Tonight, they are all dancing in traditional harmony at a joyous celebration. He knows that they know, or are finding out, that you can have a good time and still stay sober.



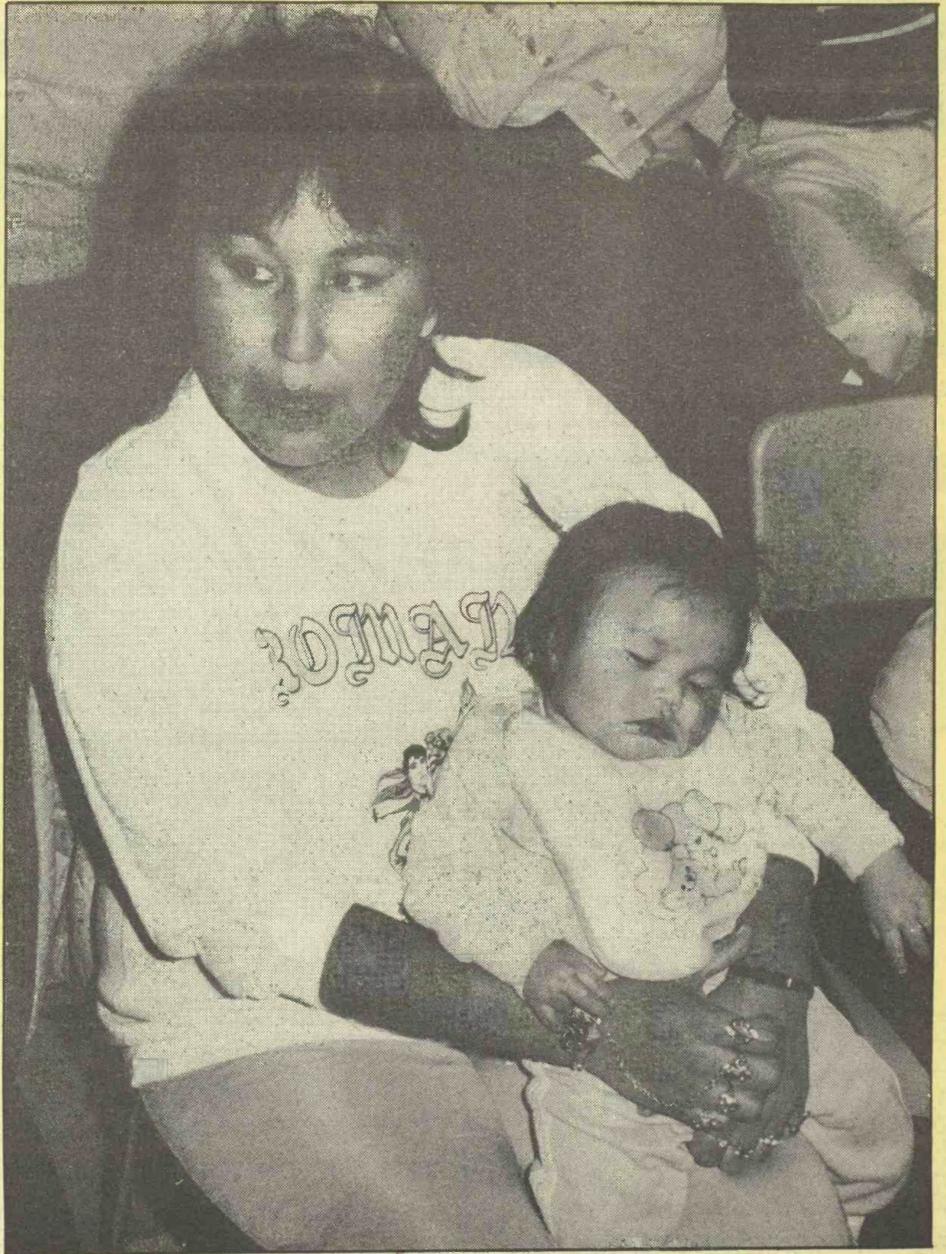
Clockwise from top: the dance; late in the night; strong; asleep on the floor; months old; Dene provided unique



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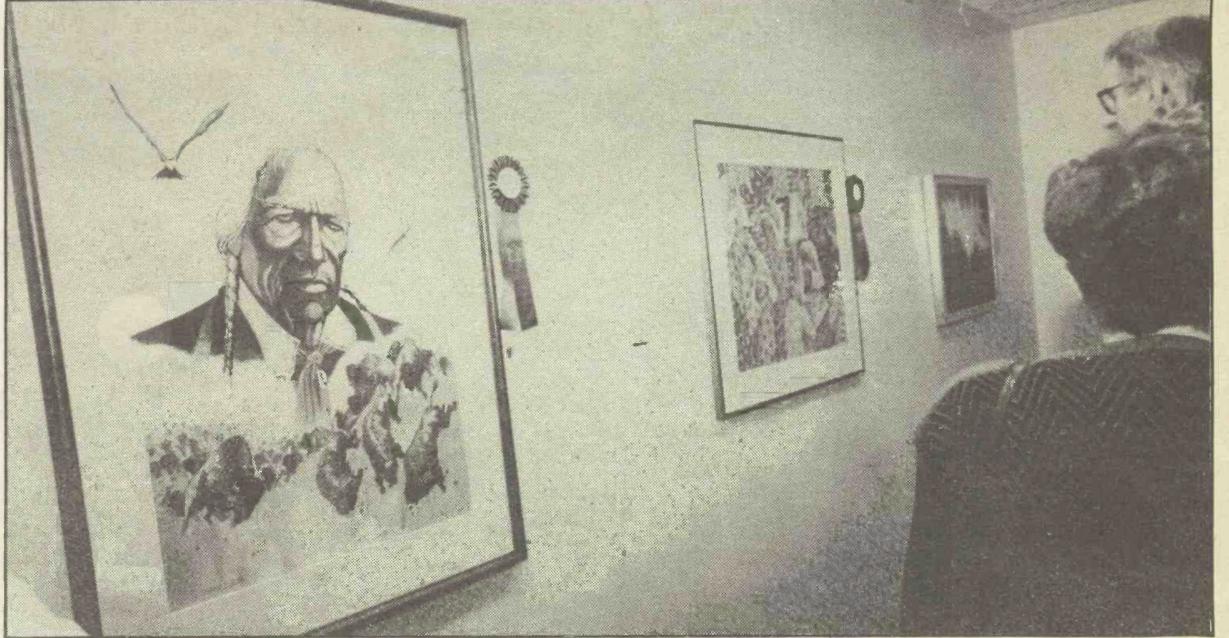
Clockwise from top left: one of many teens who joined in the dance; late into the night the circles were still going strong; asleep on Mother Eileen's lap is Tanis Mercredi, 6 months old; Dene Tha' drum group, from Assumption, provided unique sound.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Gallery get together: Kathy Shirt and Alwyn Morris



The big three: Art by second-place winner Morris Cardinal, left, winner Ken Swan and third-place winner Robert Thomas

# Swan wins \$2,000 art prize

By Bea Lawrence  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Contemporary Native artist Ken Swan has made his mark in the art world. The Calgary Post-Secondary 'Arts' student won the \$2,000 first prize in the adult category for his winning 'pencil crayon' art piece entitled Braiding Their Hair in the Sixth Annual Native Art Collection contest.

Sponsor Peace Hills Trust Company of Edmonton held the formal Native Art Collection awards presentation ceremony at their offices on Nov. 15 from 4-9 p.m.

Celebrity special guest Alwyn Morris was called on to present the first prize award. He praised Swan's work as "top of the world art."

Though Swan was unable to attend the celebration due to prior school commitments, his former teacher, Jackie Fiala was there to represent him and accept his award. Swan placed first out of the 159

entries in the adult category. Peace Hills Trust Chairman Victor Buffalo presented \$1,000 to second prize winner Morris Cardinal for his ink and watercolor entry entitled Buffalo Jump.

"When I first became interested in art I started out using pen and ink, then I progressed to watercolors. Now I'd like to try the acrylic medium," said Cardinal. His interest today is to apply his artistic trade in the silk screen market around Edmonton.

Special guest John Belanger who recently won three medals in the October disabled Olympic games held in Korea, presented the third place \$500 award to Robert Thomas Young for his acrylic entry entitled Night Of The Living Spirits. Young is a Cree from the Shoal Lake Indian Band at Pasquaw Lake, Saskatchewan.

"His love for the wonders of nature is expressed vividly in his winning art piece. Young paints for his own personal enjoyment and has no immediate plans to turn professional,"

states a Peace Hills Trust press release.

Special guest Chief Jim Omeasoo of the Samson Indian Band conducted an opening prayer at the ceremony for the approximate 200 people in attendance. Omeasoo commented on the panelists' "tough job in selecting a winner." He also reminisced jokingly of the first and second years that Peace Hills Trust undertook the Native Art Collection contest and how he "was railroaded to do the job."

In the children's category the first place winners received \$50 and second and third place winners received \$30 and \$20 respectively. There were 239 entries in the Children's category.

In the Grade 7-9 category, first place went to Jay Coleman Nadeau from Thompson, Manitoba for his art piece called Bison and Barry Muskego for The Landscape and Leon Wesley for Moose Hunting both from Norway House, Manitoba who placed second and third respectively.

First place in the Grade 4-6 category went to Janadine A. Two Young Men from Morley, Alberta for her art piece called The Blue Horse and second and third place winners respectively were Orlando Moyah from Edmonton, Alberta for Tiger and Marlene McKay from Camperville, Manitoba for Silver Hawk.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 first place winner was Swaneige Bertrand from Fort Liard, NWT for her art piece called First Snow. Second and third place winners respectively were Nahka Bertrand also from Fort Liard for Rainbow Girl and Ila Michelle Roan from Hinton, Alberta for Piper.

Adult honorable mentions in the sixth Annual Native Art Collection contest was delivered by

Belanger to: Jim Logan of Kamloops, B.C. for his work Flowers Of Love; Bruce Omeasoo of Hobbema, Alberta for his art piece Happy Trails; and Linus Woods of Brandon, Manitoba for his art piece Raymond Merrick - 1988 Grass Dance Champ. Belanger comments, "I hope this will inspire Natives to continue with their works of art."

Celebrity Alwyn Morris delivered the children's honorable mentions to (grade 7-9) Rhonda Hart; William Red Young Man; (Grade 4-6) Maureen Patrick; Jenny McLeod and (kindergarten to Grade 3) Shayne Davis; Jordie Acko; and Cody Melting Tallow.

Morris is a Mohawk Indian from the Kahnawake reserve near Montreal who has achieved celebrity status for his 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympic gold medal victory in the K-2 1,000 metre race. Morris inherited his uncle and grandfather's love of athletic competition by discovering kayaking. His expertise in the sport brought him worldwide acclaim on the National Kayaking Team in 1977 and won him the coveted Tom Longboat Award as top Native athlete of the year.

The distinguished panel of judges included: head curator and director of the Edmonton Art Gallery Roger Boulet; Native artist Jane Ash Poitras; Owner of the Gallery on Whyte in Edmonton Agnes Bugera; and Twaine Buffalo, councillor of the Samson Indian Band and also the Director of Peace Hills Trust.

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SPORTS & LEISURE

# Three Native boxing clubs go belly up

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**Slave Lake:** To some, Harvey Laboucan is the cab driver that scans the streets for fares in the dead of night. To others, Laboucan is the driving force behind the town's boxing club — the coach for five years now.



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

Telephone (403)455-2700 to have your community sports happenings considered here free of charge.

His club's been training twice a week at the high school gym since mid-September. His boxers train three nights a week on their own at the friendship centre's weight room.

Some of Laboucan's top fighters include Ricky Twinn, Ronald Ward and Dale Tallman.

Ricky Twinn fights in the 14-16 age category. Last year he made the Canadian nationals in Jean Pierre, Que. where he won a bronze in the 100-pound class.

Ronald Ward, a 119-pound teenager, has won silver at the provincials for the past two years. He and Edmonton's Rory O'Leary rival for the two top spots.

Dale Tallman is still new to the sport — he's novice, meaning he's fought under ten bouts. "But he's a good fighter," says coach Laboucan. Last year he took the 130-pound Tallman to the Bronze Gloves and the Alberta Winter Games. Tallman won a gold medal at the Winter Games.

For those interested in joining the club, it's still not too late.

"If you're gonna become a boxer," advises Laboucan, "you're gonna need dedication, determination and discipline — the three Ds."

When you've made up your mind, contact Laboucan at 849-4613, or call a cab.

**High Prairie:** Bad news here for boxers. The town friendship centre has so many things going that the boxing club has lost its training spot, says Harry

Laboucan.

Laboucan was the coach of the club for eight years. He's a welding contractor and a board member for the Metis Association of Alberta.

"Hopefully we'll get something going for next year," he says.

**Edmonton:** More bad news for boxers. The Native Boys boxing club is without a home after the friendship centre here closed its doors and moved to an office building. Also defunct is the Oteenow boxing club.

The Oteenow rec society was operating out of the Cromdale Hotel premises until it was forced to shut down recently due to a lack of funds, says Metro Cardinal, ex-exec of the society.

Naturally, the boxer and hockey players in the area will have to find someplace else until the society relocates.

"I miss the place," says Cardinal, even though the job was "hard on one guy, lotsa work, not easy."

Will the Oteenow rec society ever open again? "Maybe if I win the lottery," jokes Cardinal. "I hope so."

**Goodfish Lake:** The rec people here are offering a holiday event where you can play hockey by day, round dance by night.

Last year the band hosted a no-hit hockey tourney in conjunction with a round dance and give-away evening. The event was such a big hit, they're doing it again this Dec. 26-27.

"It's kind of a new twist," says rec director Rene Houle, "to have a cultural and recreation event together." The extravaganza attracted people from all over northeastern Alberta and Saskatchewan last year.

For more information about the post-Christmas



Yesterday, all their troubles seemed so far away...Ray Martin, Joe Blyan and Metro Cardinal attend now defunct rec society opening

celebration, contact the recreation department at 636-3622.

Also, congratulations to Kevin Halfe, 21, the band's new recreation programmer. Kevin just graduated from the Community Recreation Worker Program at the AVC Lac La Biche.

With Kevin's training and Rene Houle's example, he has the chance to become another ace rec person. If I remember correctly, Houle is a graduate from the University of Lethbridge's four-year rec program.

**What's new:** In the sports pages you'll find a new item called the Scoreboard. This week it has the Grande Prairie Industrial Hockey League standings plus the Alberta Junior Hockey League's. Both leagues have Native teams. Hopefully, throughout the winter season I'll be able to find stats of various leagues where at least one Native club is participating.

Expect to see the AJHL standings every week.

Don't expect to see small town and regional league's every week. Many of these leagues only update their stats once a month — some update only three times a year. I'll just put the date the stats were made with the lists.

Also, don't expect to see all the top Native hockey clubs on the scoreboard. That's because most of the top clubs don't belong to leagues, instead, they've decided to play rec hockey. By playing tournaments, they can play either contact or non-contact events...and maybe win some money at it too!

## SCOREBOARD

## AJHL Standings

Compiled Nov. 16/88

### NORTH

W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	
Sherwood Pk.	15	2	3	106	68	33
Ft. Sask.	15	9	0	106	99	30
St. Albert	11	13	2	110	109	24
Lloydminster	4	19	1	75	124	9
Ft. McMurray	3	17	0	60	94	6

### SOUTH

Olds	13	5	2	97	83	28
Red Deer	13	8	2	93	87	28
Calgary Spurs	12	10	2	114	99	26
Calgary Can.	11	7	3	104	77	25
Hobbema	5	12	3	61	86	13

## Grande Prairie Industrial League

Compiled Nov. 21/88

W	L	T	PTS	
Nor-Lan	11	1	3	25
Dar's Flames	9	5	1	19
Golden Inn	6	4	4	16
Shell Oilers	6	7	3	15
G.P.N.F.C. Falcons	4	9	3	11
Midwest Hawks	1	12	2	6

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# AVC Lesser Slave Lake Vocational centre trains nurse aides

After more than a year of training, eight students of the Nursing Assistant Program offered by AVC Lesser Slave Lake received their pins and certificates at a graduation ceremony held in Desmarais on Oct. 14.

The students were congratulated by a gathering of family, friends, and sponsoring organizations that filled the gymnasium at Mistassini School.

The ceremony included guest speakers Dawn Quinlan of AVC Edmonton, Mike Beaver of the Bigstone Cree Band, Cliff Cottingham of the Slave Lake General Hospital, Const. Marcell Gullion, instructor Alice Taylor-Reid, and

Barb Heise of AVC Lesser Slave Lake. Greetings were also delivered from the Professional Council of Registered Nursing Assis-

**...most students are awaiting the opening of the new hospital in Desmarais...**

tants. Mistress of ceremonies, Katherine Glover of AVC Edmonton challenged the graduates to strive for excellence in their chosen career. Class

valedictorians Audrey McLeod and Nora Chapdelaine spoke of their pride in their accomplishments.

The graduates, most of whom are long-term residents of the Wabasca/Desmarais area are Rose Auger, Nora Chapdelaine, Michelle Grach, Elaine Gunanoot, Audrey McLeod, Roberta Sinclair, Lisa Metzner, and Karen Yellowknee.

Audrey McLeod was awarded the Northlands Award for the best all-around student.

The delivery of the program was a joint project of AVC Edmonton and the former CVC Slave Lake (now AVC Lesser Slave Lake). Funding support was received from the Slave Lake Canada Employment Centre, Alberta Vocational Training program and the Canada/Alberta Northern Development Agreement. Equipment was borrowed from the Slave Lake and Athabasca Hospitals, and St. Martin's Health Centre.

The students began their training in September 1987 with a Pre-Nursing Upgrading Program developed and delivered by the former



Proud grads of the registered nursing attendant program: Back row, left to right, Karen Yellowknee, Elaine Gunanoot, Rose Auger, Michelle Grach, instructor Alice Taylor-Reid, Lisa Metzner. Front row, left to right, Nora Chapdelaine, Roberta Sinclair and Audrey McLeod.

CVC Slave Lake. This phase of the training, while including medical terminology, first aid, CPR, and field trips to hospitals, also included additional training not normally offered by Nursing Assistant Programs. A three-day cross-cultural seminar and bereavement process training module was also

included in this phase.

As well as classroom training, the students completed 14 weeks of clinical experience in acute and extended care nursing at Slave Lake and Athabasca hospitals. The final phase of the course was a four week pre-grad practicum at a hospital of the student's choice.

Now that their training is complete, most students are awaiting the opening of the new hospital in Desmarais which will provide employment opportunities for Registered Nursing Assistants. In the meantime, they are, no doubt, taking a well-deserved rest and spending more time with their families.

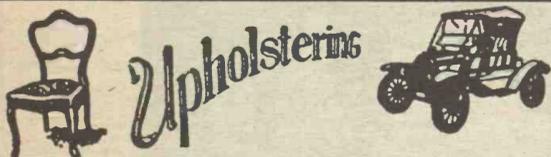
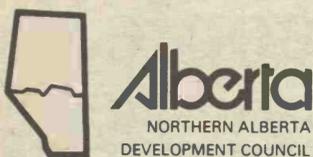
## NADC Public Forum

Lac La Biche  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 1988  
Jubilee Hall

The Northern Alberta Development Council holds regular public meetings throughout Northern Alberta, giving everyone the opportunity to present briefs on matters of concern and general information.

The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at this meeting may contact Council member Elaine Gauthier in Plamondon at 798-3997 or 798-3883, or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274 for assistance.



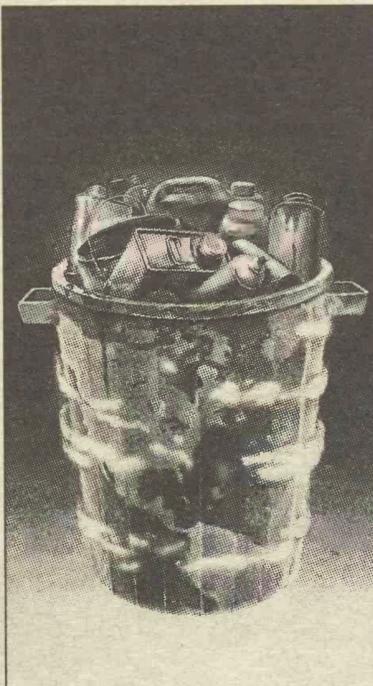
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## LEARNING

# Eight stick with recreation program

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Eight people have the distinct honor of being the first graduating class of the Community Recreation Worker program offered by the Alberta Vocational Centre in Lac La Biche.

The graduates' eight months of study culminated in a ceremony and dinner on Nov. 10.

Five of the eight graduating students are of Native ancestry.

The Community Recreation Worker program, Feb. 1, to Nov. 10 of this year, was designed by the senior instructor of the course, Tom Hannan. Cur-

## 16 get nurse caps

Seventeen nursing assistant students at the Alberta Vocational Centre - Lesser Slave Lake Grouard Campus successfully completed their Level I of the program on Oct. 20, 1988 and were presented with plain nursing caps. Upon successful completion of the program in June they will receive white caps with two pink stripes.

The grads were: Kelly Napier (McLennan), Irene Goddard (Peace River), Iva Fulton (Salt Prairie), Louis Hagen (Fox Creek), Shona Hommy (Beaverlodge), Rowena Goodall (Spirit River), Brenda Jevne (Slave Lake), Barry Whelen (McLennan), Karen Look (Valleyview), Brenda Patterson (Grande Prairie), Lynda Guss (Lamonte), Diane Stromer (La Glace), MarieAnn Gagne (McLennan), Patricia Stupniski (Barrhead), Anita Lehman (Slave Lake).

## FOLLOW THE CROWD

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riculum for the recreation program was based on a similar two-year course of studies offered by the University of Lethbridge. Hannan was assisted in the course design by a graduate of the University of Lethbridge program, Chief Ernest Houle of the Goodfish Lake reserve.

The recreation program included studies in foundations, administration, facilities, communications, interpersonal relations, programming, coaching, fitness, leadership skills, tournaments and special events, First Aid, defensive driving, campground and resort operations and recreation finance.

Besides classroom studies, the program included hands-on experience in ice-making, soil testing, surveying, programming, coaching, ski loop and trail design and construction, small engine repairs and

master planning. Two field placements and summer holidays, during which most of the students worked within the recreation industry, split the course into three segments of about 10 weeks each.

Although less than half of the 17 students who began the program completed the course, the real success of the recreation program lies in the fact that all of the graduating students have received job offers in the broad world of recreation.

Of the eight successful students, three were from Lac La Biche including Allen Boucher, Jim Kurasevich and Carla Weir. Also graduating were: Darla Hodge of Bonnyville, Kevin Halfe of Goodfish Lake reserve, Bernice Martial of Cold



Helped design program: Goodfish chief Ernie Houle

Lake and Gerald White and George LaFleur of the Kikino Metis Settlement.

Program funds and the

demands of communities will determine if the recreation program will be offered in the future. The

next program, if offered, will begin in September 1989 and be completed in June 1990.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Free Metis Cultural Dance Classes**, every Sunday afternoon, 2-4 p.m., St. Peters Church Hall, 11035-127 St. Contact Georgina Donald at 552-7811.
- **12th Oki Men's Basketball Tournament**, Nov. 25-27, Peigan Community Hall, contact 627-4224/4234.
- **Hockey Tourny Senior B**, Nov. 25-27, Enoch, contact Martial Gladue 470-5679 or Stan Jackson 470-5485.
- **Sober Dance**, Dec. 3, Pigeon Lake. Music by A Taste of Nashville starting at 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- **4th Annual Drug & Alcohol Awareness Volleyball Tournament**, Dec. 3-4, Sucker Creek. Contact Marilyn Willier at 523-4426.
- **Ponoka All-Native Youth Volleyball Tournament**, (age 13-18 years), Dec. 3, Ponoka High School. Contact: Valerie Currie or Bryan Martin 783-4411.
- **Oldtimers Supper**, Dec. 3, Fort McMurray Friendship Centre.
- **Children's Xmas Party**, Dec. 10, Fort McMurray Friendship Centre.
- **Ermieskin Boxers Host Card**, Dec. 17-18, Wetaskwin.
- **Fun Time Hockey Tournament**, Dec. 17 & 18, Alexander. Entry Fee \$250. Call Jerome at 952-5887.
- **No-Hit Hockey Tourny & Round Dance**, Dec. 26 & 27, Goodfish Lake. Contact rec department 636-3622.
- **Prince Albert Indian Metis Friendship Centre**, Jan. 13-15, 1989, Prince Albert Communiplex.

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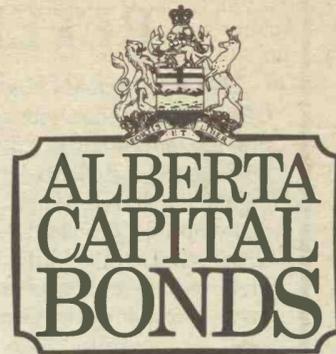
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Fort Chipewyan 1870: Where furs were collected and sent east

## Solvent info line launched

A nation-wide solvent information telephone line is now in operation.

The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, in co-operation with the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, has established a toll-free 24-hour information line.

A solvent line has been launched in response to increasing demands from Native and northern communities, professionals and para-professionals for prevention, information and assistance.

This telephone service is

available to educational, health personnel, community agencies and concerned individuals requiring help in identifying solvents, understanding health effects and taking action in specific cases of solvent use.

Calls can be accessed from area codes 613, 416, 514, 705, 819, 849, 519, 807 and all provinces, save small sections of Quebec and Northern British Columbia.

The information telephone number is 1-800-267-6358.

## Input sought

The Alberta Multicultural Commission will be in Edmonton to obtain input from Albertans on future directions for multiculturalism. The Edmonton meeting is part of a province-wide tour which will cover 13 cities and towns.

An exchange of views will form a large part of the meetings. As all Albertans have their roots in at least one or more of the ethnic or cultural groups which make up the province's diverse

population, all are invited to participate.

Public input will be used to develop policies and programs which will shape the course of multiculturalism into the next century. The meetings will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Alberta's Commission is the first in the world established to promote and support multiculturalism. Its mandate is to be the focal point of multicultural policy for the province.

## Museum displays historical writings

The display entitled Writings on Native Peoples: A Historical Perspective is being held over until Jan. 3, 1989 at Edmonton's Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Complementing the Fort Chipewyan Bicentennial Exhibit now showing at the

Provincial Museum, this collection of photographs and writings by a group of prominent individuals in Alberta's history provides a first-hand account of the way of life and traditions of Alberta's Native peoples from the middle of the 19th through to the early part of the 20th century.

guide Peter Erasmus; artist Paul Kane; fur traders David Thompson and Daniel Williams Harmon; missionary Father Lacombe; journalist Agnes Deans Cameron; engineer James William Tyrrell; and anthropologist Robert H. Lowie.

open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Wednesdays when it closes at 9 p.m. and Saturdays when it closes at 1 p.m. The adjoining Provincial Museum's Fort Chipewyan exhibit is on display until March 26, 1989. The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays until 8 p.m. Both facilities are on bus routes #1 and #2.

The authors include explorer John Palliser; The Provincial Archives of Alberta is located at 12845-102 Avenue and is



Good News Party Line

The Metis Cultural Dance classes will be held Sunday afternoons from 3 p.m. til 4 p.m. at St. Peters Church Hall, 11035-127 St. Everyone is welcome to attend. These classes are free of charge. Contact Georgina Donald for further information at 452-7811.

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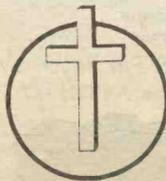
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### LEARNING SPECIALIST

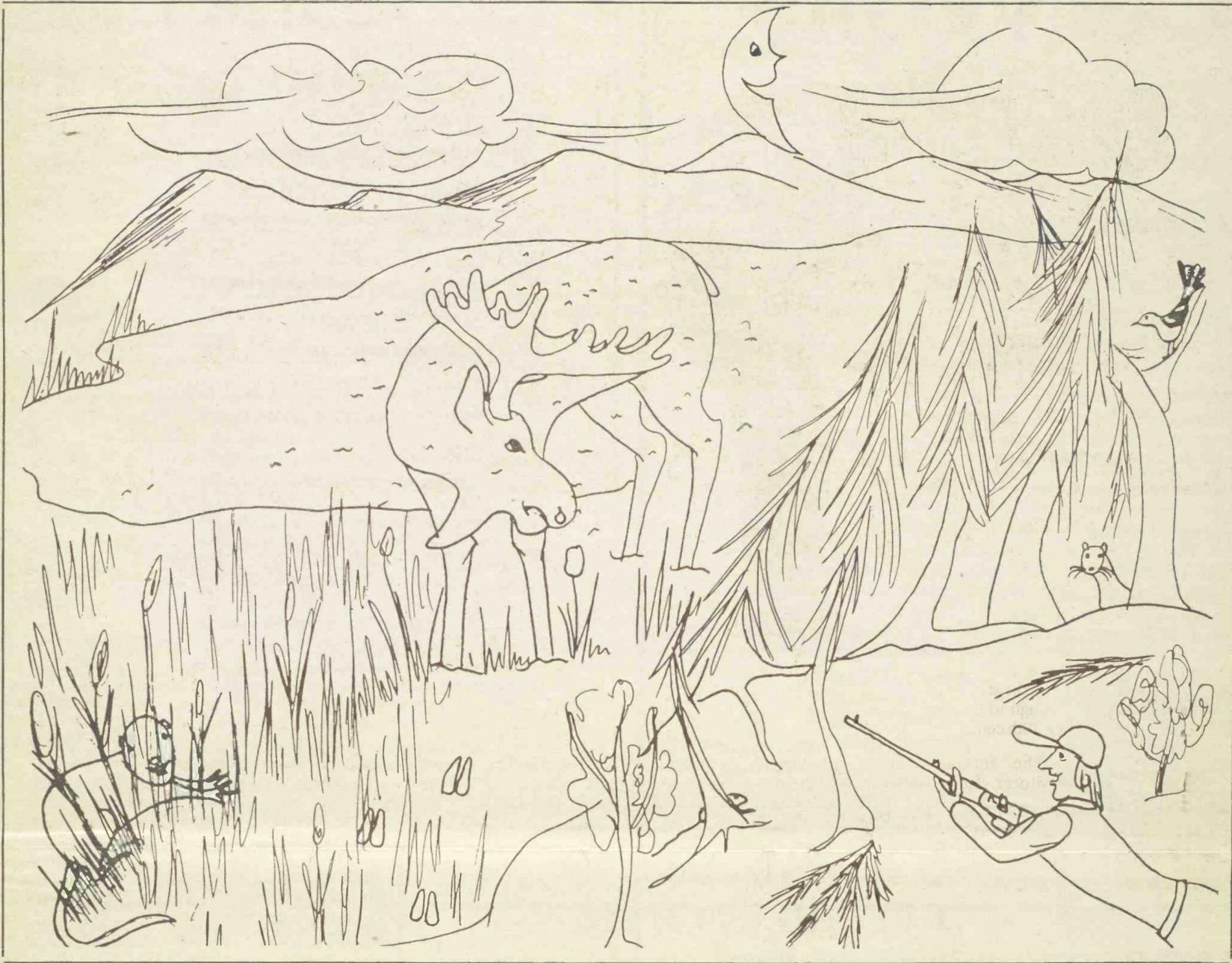
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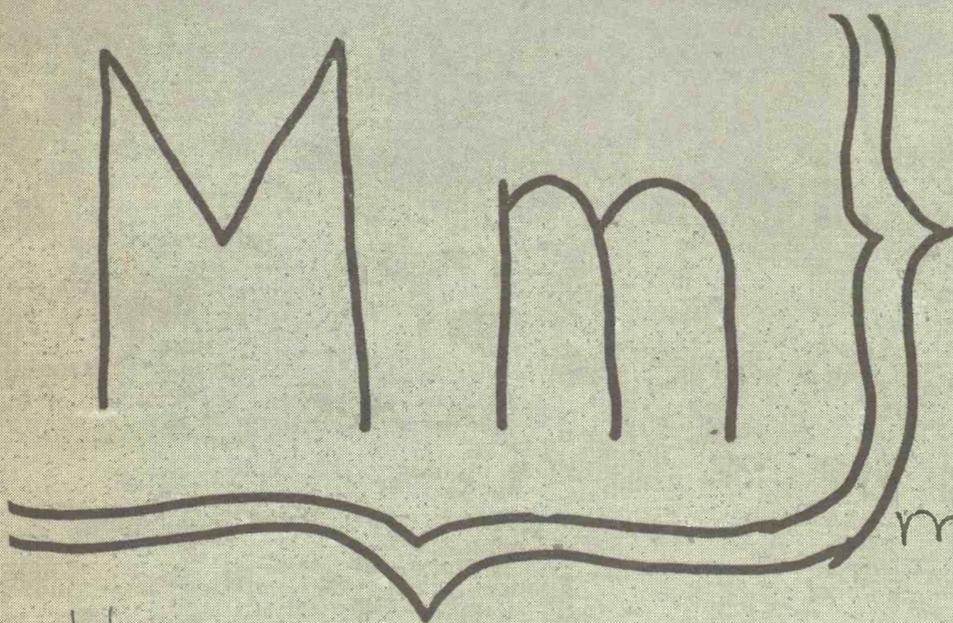
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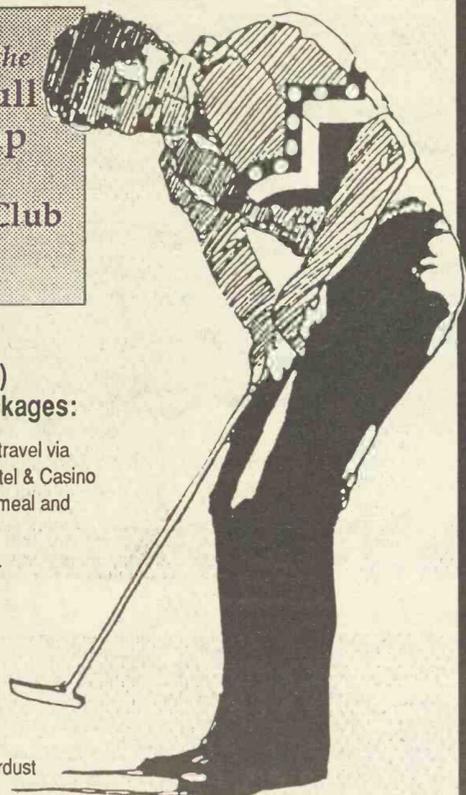


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