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"What's missing is the direct involvement of the communities in the environmental plan."

— Ted Blondin, **Dogrib Treaty 11 Council**



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Canadians need an education

By Christine Wong Windspeaker Correspondent

OTTAWA

Canada is becoming more ignorant — and less tolerant — of its

First Nations, a new study suggests.

In a poll commissioned by the Department of Indians Affairs and Northern Development, Insight Canada Research conducted a telephone survey of 1,201 Canadians at the end of February. Results are considered accurate within 2.8 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The survey indicates a startling gap between the harsh reality of many Aboriginal people's lives and the general public's perceptions of those lives — and the gap is quickly widening. The latest figures show attitudes are much more negative than they were just two years ago, when a similar survey was done:

• 47 per cent of respondents believe First Nations enjoy a standard of living equal to, or better than, the average Canadian - a 17 per cent increase over the past two years.

· Most respondents also think things are improving for Aboriginals: 83 per cent think the overall standard of living for First Nations will stay the same or get better; only 13 per cent thought it was getting worse.

• 54 per cent think First Nations' land claims are unreasonable —

an eight per cent increase from two years earlier.

• 40 per cent believe Aboriginal people are to blame for most of their own problems — up five per cent from 1994.

Results of the poll were released as chiefs gathered in Ottawa for the annual general meeting of the Assembly of First Nations. Some chiefs were shocked that the level of misunderstanding was so high, but many said the findings were not totally unexpected.

"It doesn't really surprise me," said Chief Manny Jules of the Kamloops Indian Band in British Columbia. "At a lot of the meetings I attend with non-Aboriginal people, I get the sense from them that they don't completely understand the situation First Nations' people find themselves in. I get questions like, 'First Nations' people don't pay taxes, do they?' Those kinds of things are a myth."

B.C. Regional Chief Linda Shackelly, who prepared a discussion paper on Aboriginal health for the conference, spoke of the sombre truths that were not reflected in the survey.

"There's extreme poverty in First Nations' communities. There are people dying of starvation. There are people freezing to death in the winter in the remote northern communities [where people] don't even have heat in their homes. That's the reality of it."

But where do the misconceptions come from? Many delegates at the AFN meeting blamed the Department of Indian Affairs and its minister, Ron Irwin, for not doing enough to educate Canadians about Aboriginal issues.

"Right now, a lot of Canadians don't have the proper information to make an assessment [of First Nations]," Ontario Regional Chief Gord Peters said. "It's part of the government propaganda."

One delegate accused Irwin of constructing a survey with "loaded" questions to make Aboriginal people look bad.

"I think those questions were put forward in a very mean-spirited way and were designed to elicit a negative response," the delegate charged. Irwin denied the allegation, but said maybe "we haven't done a good job in getting the message across" from Indian Affairs to the public.

Many delegates told Irwin their communities face increasing incidents of racism, such as vandalism and assault, from neighboring non-Aboriginal residents over jurisdictional disputes involving fishing, hunting and casinos.

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Gordon Hamre/Parks Canada

The true North

Tuktut Nogait (prounounced Took-tut Nog-guide) is Canada's newest national park and the fifth largest. It's name means "caribou calves" in Inuvialuktun, the language of the Inuvialuit, the Inuit of the Western Arctic. It is the third national park, after Ivvavik and Aulavik, to be created within the Inuvialuit settlement region. Tuktut Nogait is located in the Melville Hills, east of Inuvik, in the Northwest Territories. The nearest centre is Paulatuk, an Inuvialuit community of about 300 people. The park will protect the core calving ground of the Bluenose herd of barren-ground caribou, which is culturally and economically important to the Native people of the region.

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Mystery in Mexico:

Mother investigates son's death

By Mrs. Noah Black Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

Sean Kelly, a 22-year-old University of California student, seemed to have it all: a loving family, loyal friends, a firstrate education and a promising future as a film writer. A member of the Blood Nation in southern Alberta, he was happy that he would finally meet his birth family this summer.

His biggest dreams were of getting to know his relatives on reserve, and writing and filming the authentic Native North American experience. Those dreams ended in a morgue in Mexico on May 6. The circumstances surrounding Sean's death are suspicious.

As if losing her only child were not bad enough, Terri Kelly has had to contend with the apathy of almost everyone connected to the investigation of his death; she says non-investigation might be a better description of the efforts made to find out what happened to her son.

It was early July before an Ottawa-based human rights consultant, who had come forward to assist Kelly, got Mexico's human rights commission to agree to look into the incident. That investigation could take weeks.

Kelly says she became concerned when her son, who was in his third year of a film writing course, failed to make his weekly call home. He was last seen by friends in the early hours of May 4.

Kelly reported him missing to Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade on May 9. She did not hear from the department before she contacted them again June 17 to report her son was dead. An investigator, hired by Kelly, had located her son's body in Tijuana only one day before he would have been buried in an unmarked grave.

Mexican police documents identified Sean Kelly variously as Octavio, as John Doe and as Luis Rodriguez. Kelly says that when she flew to Tijuana to

identify her son's body, they did not know who Patrick Sean Kelly was. The Rodriguez' family saw Kelly's body tagged with their son's name.

Mexican authorities said Sean died in an accident. Several versions of the alleged accident was recounted to Kelly: Sean was a passenger on a motorcycle involved in an accident; he was a pedestrian hit by a motorcycle; he was killed by some other vehicle. Police also told her he was dead on arrival at hospital May 5; that he died in hospital several hours later; that he died several days later.

They said there were several witnesses to the accident, but which accident, Kelly wonders? The one that allegedly killed Sean, or the one that resulted in Rodriguez' death on a different day?

Kelly's investigator interviewed the witnesses and did not find their testimony convincing.

The Mexican autopsy report describes a person "that was clearly not Sean," according to his mother. It did not even mention there were wounds on Kelly's face that had been stitched.

There is no doubt in Terri Kelly's mind that her son "was beaten to death." Her investigator agrees.

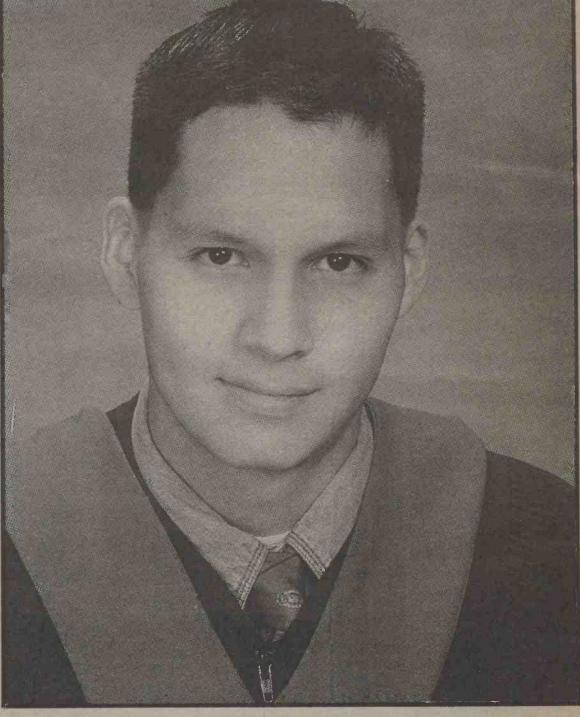
A second autopsy June 19, that Kelly arranged to be done in California, does not support the Mexican findings. The California pathologist is waiting on laboratory test results and is reviewing Mexican documents before he will be able to compile a final report.

X-rays that were said to have been taken at the first autopsy are now missing; Mexican authorities told Kelly they don't keep them, she says.

Yet Foreign Affairs spokesman, Colin Stewart, was still saying in a July 2 telephone interview that the most probable explanation for why Mexican authorities hadn't been able to find Sean Kelly is that his body had been "mis-identified."

"There certainly have been some questions raised about the information in the original police report.

"From that investigation,



Sean Kelly

we've drawn the preliminary conclusion that he clearly died as a result of a motor vehicle accident, because we've talked to people who witnessed it," Stewart said.

Complicating the picture is the fact that Sean Kelly's car was found parked at the border in California; it was moved and returned within a day of his death. Curiously, the videotape record of every vehicle entering or leaving the United States at the Mexican border is also missing for the day that Sean is said to have crossed the border, according to his mother. His bank card was used several times.

When Kelly revealed the glaring inconsistencies to Foreign Affairs, she says they told her it was "outside their jurisdiction" and up to Mexican authorities to investigate. The Los Angeles Police Department wouldn't investigate either, Kelly said.

Kelly alleges that when she told Foreign Affairs she would "go public" with the story, to

put pressure on Canada's government to pursue the facts, an official cautioned her that Mexican authorities had told them that if she did so, Mexico would say Sean was a known drug dealer. The Canadian official who Kelly says told her that is no longer dealing with inquiries from the press on this issue.

Unable to obtain leads as to where her son went in his last hours, Kelly tried to get information about the ATM withdrawals from his bank. They initially wouldn't tell her about them, and the Los Angeles police wouldn't get that information for her either.

"It took me actually getting on a plane . . . and threatening to come and sit in the bank and wait, until they even told me that the bank withdrawals were in Tijuana. Within 24 hours of having that information, the investigator found a videotape of him in a 7-11; within three days of [that] he found his car, and within a week he found his body."

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By Christine Wong

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NATION IN BRIEF

Thousands of defendants named in suit

A unique law suit was launched by a Sarnia, Ont. Native band in an attempt to recover land that was never lawfully surrendered. The suit is unique, say lawyers, because it names 2,200 corporations and individuals as defendants. The defendants include CN Rail, Imperial Oil, Dow Chemical and Ontario Hydro. The band claims the property, 10 sq. km of land near Sarnia, at one time made up approximately one-quarter of its reserve. The case will go to trial next year.

Youths shot in gang-related incident

Three Native youths were taken to hospital after a drive-by shooting in Winnipeg. Police say it is gangrelated. The youths were from the Waterhen First Nation and had come to the city with their families during a leadership dispute that turned violent. The teens were living in an inner-city housing complex that is considered Indian Posse territory. The Warriors, a gang that was identified with the dissident members who took over the Waterhen Reserve during an armed standoff, have been implicated in the shooting. The teens, a 16-year-old boy and girl and a 14-year-old boy, were treated in hospital. No arrests have been made.

More help needed for victims

The suicide of a sexually abused Inuit woman in an RCMP cell in Yellowknife one year ago has resulted in a call from a coroner's jury for an investigation into abuses at residential schools in the Northwest Territories. The 28-year-old woman hanged herself after she was picked up by police when they found her staggering down a street. She was in Yellowknife to begin counselling for sexual abuse at the hands of a teacher when she was a child. Sexual abuse and family violence is epidemic in the territories. Most people in alcohol and drug programs were abused as children and most are Aboriginal people. The jury also recommended that various governments give priority to dealing with sex abuse and give more help to the victims.

Mask not the property of art dealer

A temporary injunction has been granted to a B.C. band that will prevent the sale of a mask to a Chicago resident for \$345,000. The Echo mask was carved in the mid-1800s and played a prominent role in Nuxalk dances celebrating creation. The mask has been featured in books and film documentaries. It has flaring nostrils, bulging cheeks, and six different mouths. The

mask was sold by an individual to a Vancouver Island art dealer without band approval. The individual received \$30,000. The B.C. Museum in Victoria has temporary custody of the mask while the B.C. Supreme Court wrangles with the argument that the art dealer has no true claim to ownership.

Frustrated commissioners resign

The Indian Specific Claims Commission announced a mass resignation of its commissioners and are threatening to close down operations. In a letter of resignation to Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Assembly of First Nations Chief Ovide Mercredi, the commission said their work was "seriously undermined" by government apathy and lack of initiative. The commission has completed 18 inquiries into claims, but the federal government has yet to act on the commission's reports. The commission said it did not wish to continue to raise the expectations of Indian bands, considering the substantial acrimony already prevalent in Aboriginal communities. Indian Affairs responded to the accusations, saying that the claims under review were complex and needed timeconsuming review by government lawyers.



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Mercredi vs. the first ministers — On the outside, wanting in

By Christine Wong Windspeaker Correspondent

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Ovide Mercredi wasn't invited to dinner, but he certainly did his best to crash the party.

Angry that the First Nations were once again denied a seat at the table for talks between the provinces and the prime minister, the Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations lashed out during three days of protests at the first-ministers conference in June.

He also warned that seeking outright Native sovereignty may be the only strategy left following repeatedly unsuccessful attempts at working together with federal and provincial governments.

The AFN, the Metis National Council, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the National Association of Friendship Centres were invited to a brief meeting with federal cabinet ministers days before the conference, but the AFN boycotted that event, meeting wasn't the issue. saying it was too little, too late.

demonstrators to jeer the premiers as they arrived by limousine at 24 Sussex Drive for a preconference dinner with Jean Chretien. Protesters beat drums, sang songs and gave speeches throughout the dinner to remind those inside that First Nations would not take their omission from the guest list lightly.

we're not going to be quiet," Yukon regional vice-chief Shirley

"It's a terrible, terrible black National Council.

"Whatever their discussions Mercredi joined about 100 are about, whether it's health care Wilson.

"We may be excluded, but Adamson told the crowd.

In a scheduling oversight that proved embarrassing for Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin, the conference began on June 21 — National Aboriginal Day.

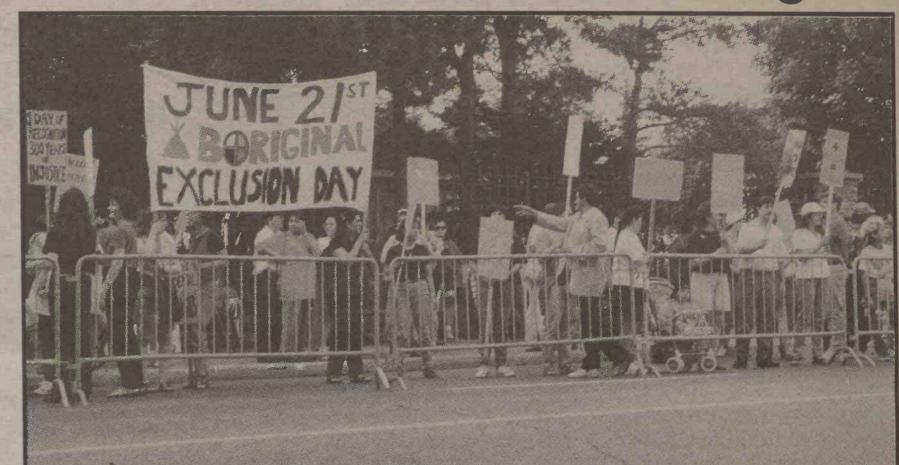
mark in history that [this is] the first National Aboriginal Day in the history of Canada, and our people are being shut out and excluded from discussions with the first ministers on the [future] of our country,' said Gerald Morin, president of the Metis

Chretien said Aboriginal people were not invited to participate because "it's a first-ministers conference and they are not provinces."

Conference organizers and federal government officials seemed to think that Aboriginal representation wasn't necessary at the event because the Constitution wasn't on the agenda. But Aboriginal leaders said the agenda for the

or transfer of federal power to the provinces, we have to be involved. Because whatever they ultimately do, it's going to affect First Nations' people," said Manitoba vice-chief Royce

Wilson saw the denial of Aboriginal participation as a rejection of First Nations.



Christine Wong

Protests were held outside 24 Sussex Drive, the home of the prime minister.

"What they're saying is they don't recognize First Nations' government. They don't recognize our inherent rights. They don't recognize the treaties. They want to assimilate us into mainstream society, but we're still here and we're always gonna be here."

Speaking outside the conference building, Mercredi chastised Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard for trying to break up the country, but then went on to borrow the word "sovereignty" from Bouchard's own political dictionary.

eignty," Mercredi declared. He did not specify the particular shape that his vision of sovereignty would take, however.

Bouchard dismissed Mercredi's words by saying that he doesn't recognize Aboriginal claims of sovereignty.

Mercredi, a veteran of highlevel negotiations in Ottawa since the 1992 Constitutional talks, seems to have lost any hope of obtaining an equal partnership with governments in Canada. He appears to have given up on the strategy of merely trying to "win a seat at "We're going to do what the table." A few weeks after

general meeting.

This year's first-ministers conference was one of the most bizarre and acrimonious ever. Rookie B. C. Premier Glen Clark called the meeting "a complete waste of time"; Bouchard, who promised to leave the room if the dreaded C-word (Constitution) came up, retreated to a washroom when someone mentioned an amending formula; he was immediately followed into the bathroom by Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, presumably for the same reason.

Saskatchewan Premier Roy seems to work in this country, the first-ministers talks, he Romanow expressed support what seems to get attention, presented his proposal to push for Aboriginal participation in and that's push for sover- for sovereignty at the AFN's the meeting, but to no avail.

Trial begins for 18 accused in Gustafsen Lake standoff

By Susan Lazaruk Windspeaker Contributor

SURREY, B.C.

The trial for the people charged in last summer's standoff at Gustafsen Lake in northern B.C. began July 8 under tight security. Everyone entering the ordinary criminal trial. court room passed through a metal detector. The defendants were walled off behind Plexiglas.

With 18 people facing several charges, it's a good bet the legal wrangling will last longer than the month-long confrontation.

The most serious charge is attempted murder against reminded the jurors that the pro-

leader Jones William Ignace, better known as Wolverine, and his son, Joseph Ignace, for the shooting of an RCMP officer. They're also charged with mischief and weapons charges.

In his opening address, Jones William Ignace's lawyer, Harry Rankin, told the six-man, sixwoman jury that this isn't an

"The difference is that this is an historic trial in which the defendants are there with what they consider to be a color of right," he said. "They say this is (their) land — (they) have a right to be here."

But prosecutor Lance Bernard

ceeding was a criminal trial, not a land claims hearing.

The defendants — all but two of whom were in court face charges of mischief or possession of dangerous weapons or both, for their part in an armed standoff that turned into a \$5 million police operation. It was the largest operation of its kind in the province and in RCMP history.

It began when a group of Natives refused to leave rancher Lyle James's property, where they had been living and holding traditional sundances on land they claim is unceded In-

dian territory.

James ordered some cowhands to evict Percy Rosette, telling them they were going to "hang some red niggers."

The Indians built fences, bunkers and foxholes and put up signs that said "Indian land. No trespassing," Bernard told the jury.

Evidence will show shots were fired Aug. 17, Aug. 27 and on Sept. 11, when a significant gun battle broke out, he said.

Bernard said a wire tap will show Jones William Ignace said whites were going to have to pay for the "things they done."

Defending herself on mischief and possession of danger-Rankin told the court that ous weapons charges was

Shelagh Franklin.

"This is what Gustafsen Lake is about: Who are the rightful owners of the land? American Lyle James and his cattle company, or the Shuswap people who have remained since time out of mind," she said.

Also charged, with mischief are brothers Stuart and Francis Dick. Charged with mischief and possession of dangerous weapons are Mary Pena, Robert Flemming, Grant Archie, Sheila Ignace, Brent Potulicki, Suniva Bronson, James Pitawanakwat, Ronald Dionne, Percy Rosette, Trond Halle, Flora Sampson, Edward Dick and Glen Deneault.

The trial continues.

Manitoba Metis president suspended and under investigation

By Michael Smith Windspeaker Correspondent

WINNIPEG

The board of the Manitoba Metis Federation has suspended president Billyjo De La Ronde while a subcommittee conducts an internal investigation into allegations of financial and political improprieties.

The subcommittee was appointed at the board's first meeting following a ruling by the Manitoba Court of Appeal that overturned a lower court decision to dissolve the corporate arm of the MMF. The meeting, held July 6 and 7, dealt with De La Ronde and other long-standing internal problems that have

plagued the corporation. De La Ronde attended the meeting, but left almost immediately when he was told to step down as chairman as a prelude to the investigation. He declared the meeting closed and then walked out of the room, followed by four of his appointed board members. The remaining 12 board members voted to carry on with the agenda.

The four-member subcommittee will investigate allegations that MMF funds were spent by the president without proper authorization. It will also review De La Ronde's actions and their impact on the operation and reputation of the federation. These include calling a general assembly in violation of a court order, attempting to seize control of the provincial and federal Metis organizations, and trying to divert MMF funding to his own corporation, Manitoba Association Inc.

De La Ronde will remain suspended as president and member of the board during the review process, said spokesman David Chartrand. The board's decision concerning the president's future involvement with the organization will be based on the findings and recommendations of the subcommittee's report.

De La Ronde said he wants an election to get a renewed mandate from the people.

Meanwhile, the board moved to normalize operations of the corporation. It appointed MMF Housing Advisor Donald Roulette to manage day-to-day operations, taking over from the court appointed receivermanager from the firm of Deloitte & Touche. Roulette was instructed to review the corporation's financial status, its programs, staffing and funding situation.

The board is under extreme pressure from the provincial and federal governments to come up with a plan to address the MMF's debt, which is reported to be as high as \$500,000. The two levels of government provide most of the corporation's \$4 million budget.

Appeal Court Chief Justice Richard Scott and justices Charles Huband and Alan Philip ruled, June 20, to scrap an earlier decision by Justice James Smith to dissolve the federation's corporate wing and appoint a receiver-manager to deal with the organization's debt. In his ruling on May 7, Justice Smith stated that he could not see how the two feuding factions could ever find common ground to continue normal operations of the MMF.

The Appeal Court also ruled that a Metis Judicial Tribunal, used by De La Ronde, had no authority to expel the 12 democratically elected board members.

The ruling of the tribunal compelled board members to petition the courts to help resolve the long-standing dispute over leadership and financial control. The board accused De La Ronde of recklessly spending corporation funds without authorization. De La Ronde contended that as president he had the authority to make such decisions and did so in a legal manner.

Mystery in Mexico

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On May 26, Kelly went to identify Sean's body, and returned to Mexico again May 27 with a couple of his friends.

She had an appointment with the honorary consul, Roberto Encinas at 11 a.m.; Encinas was not there, so she met with a woman

whom she later learned from Foreign Affairs was Encinas' mother. Kelly asked Encinas' office to make six copies of the only document she had, Sean's Mexican death certificate. Consular employees were pleasant, but directed her to a drug store across the street to obtain photocopies. Then she asked them to call her a taxi to take her to the morgue; this time they sent her three blocks down

the street to call a cab. When she returned to the consular office 45 minutes after her first visit, she found the office closed, after having been told it would be open all afternoon "in case she needed any further as-

sistance."

Kelly relates that it took five weeks before the Canadian embassy in Los Angeles asked the police there for their assistance. They agreed to examine Sean's car and found blood on it. But, according to Kelly, as of early July they had refused to run tests to determine whose blood it was. She says the L.A.P.D. tried to hand over an envelope containing their evidence and the car to Kelly's private investigator, but he refused to accept it.

Asked to confirm whether it was true Foreign Affairs had not acted to find Kelly before the man's mother had engaged an investigator, paid for an independent autopsy and went public with the story, Stewart said: "No, I don't think that's a reasonable thing to say. . . . As soon as the body turned up, we provided assistance

to Mrs. Kelly and to her private investigator."

Stewart said that if people don't register with the embassy before they go to another country, the embassy can't track them. He said if someone is reported missing, the embassy will enquire at hospitals, morgues, prisons and the person's hotel. He said when there was "evidence to suggest [Sean Kelly] was in the area of Tijuana," his department had their honorary consul in Tijuana contact the local authorities and "check out all the local places that one would check."

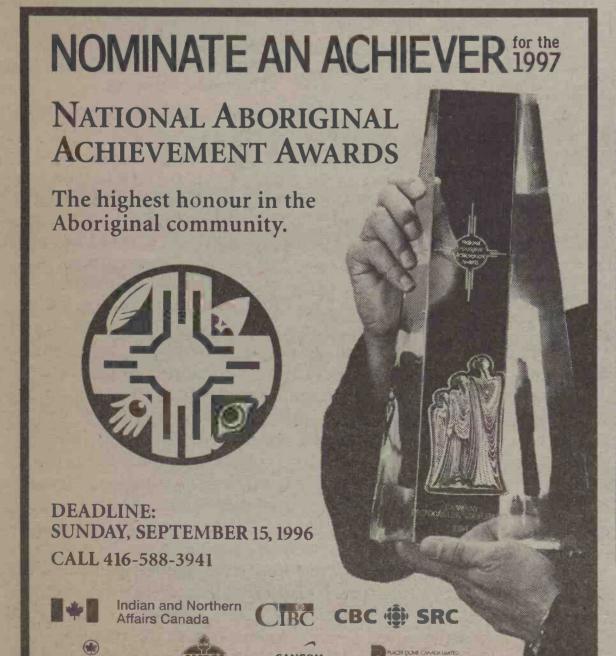
Stewart adds that Foreign Affairs deals with 60,000 cases a year around the world and says: "Obviously, [Canadians] are provided with a full range of services, but there are limits to what can be done. Hiring private investigators, hiring lawyers, doing in-depth investigations into specific cases when you don't have leads, these are all things that are well beyond the resources of the Canadian government."

Terri Kelly draws a different conclusion: "I don't think they want to get involved in things that could potentially lead to an international incident. The death of a 22-year-old kid, and perhaps, in this case, a 22-year-old Indian kid, is not worth risking NAFTA for."

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Books balanced and scores settled with TLE announcement

By Michael Smith
Windspeaker Correspondent

WINNIPEG

Nineteen Manitoba First Nations may bring to an end a land dispute this fall that is as old as the province itself by ratifying a recent agreement with the federal and provincial governments.

The agreement-in-principle, signed June 20, could see the transfer of 440,000 hectares of land and \$76 million to the bands as compensation for outstanding treaty land entitlements, some of which date back over 125 years. It is the first step in developing a framework agreement, expected to be signed this fall, that would then be ratified by each entitlement First Nation through a community approval process.

The agreement was signed at the 11th hour of an intense final day of negotiations and was hailed as an important breakthrough in relations between the province and Aboriginal people. It marked a successful conclusion to a 2 1/2 year negotiation process involving the First Nations, Canada and Manitoba.

"This signing marks a milestone in our history. We have taken a major step towards payment of a debt owed to our First Nations since the signing of the treaties," said Chief Dennis White Bird, representing the bands' treaty land entitlement committee.

The chief said the land deal is significant both spiritually and economically.

"It will assist in moving our people toward a new beginning of hope and prosperity, for economic self-sufficiency and self-determination. It is the stability we have been looking for for a long time."

Indian Affairs minister Ron Irwin described it as a major milestone toward resolution of long-outstanding obligations to the 19 bands. It also means that most treaty land entitlement disputes in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta appear to be settled. Several bands in the latter province still have outstanding claims that are being dealt with on a band-by-band basis.

For the province, settling the long-standing issue of land and resource ownership will pave the way for economic development in the areas of forestry and mining, said Manitoba Indian Affairs Minister Darren Praznik. Major resource users will have to deal directly with individual bands, who will now have a stake in the economic development of their area.

There are several battles currently being fought between resource companies and Indian bands, some of which may now be settled because of the agreement. The most contentious is a dispute between Mathias Colomb Cree Nation and Repap Manitoba Inc. It is expected that many areas under Repap's forest management plan will be claimed by the band, which is seen as the main beneficiary of a TLE agreement in terms of total acreage. Chief Ralph Caribou said the agreement is bound to change the nature of the relationship with the forest company — maybe for the better.

A key turning point in the discussions is believed to have been concessions in the federal and provincial bargaining positions. The province offered to increase the amount of land in lue of a \$20 million cash payment that the federal government had been insisting upon. The feds agreed to assume the \$20 million payment, increasing their total offer to \$76 million.

Chief Caribou said the province and feds probably realized it was in their best interests to reach an agreement during this round of talks. Failure would have meant the TLE obligation would continue to grow at a rate at least equal to future population growth. Projections indicated that, by the year 2004, the land component of TLE could have reached nearly 600,000 hectares. The continuing uncertainty over land claims would also have discouraged industry and impeded economic growth.

Both Praznik and White Bird noted that the amount of land

represents less than one per cent of the province's total land mass.

Most of the Crown land will be transferred to the 14 TLE bands located in northern Manitoba. Most of the money will be directed to the six southern bands which will have to purchase land from third parties to fulfill all or some of their entitlement.

Implementation procedures are still to be determined, but Praznik said his government is determined to begin transferring Crown land to entitlement First Nations as soon as possible. Each First Nation will enter into a specific agreement within 18 months of signing the agreement and completion of a community approval process. The transfer of land could take up to three years to complete, but Praznik suggested that some communities could take possession within months of ratification.

Purchasing property from third parties could take as long as 15 years. Chief White Bird said he expects these transactions will be done on an individual basis and in a business-like manner.

Check out what Drew has to say...on page 12!

AVAVA Editorial AVAVA

AFN's direction called into question

Has Ovide Mercredi lost his mind?

Does he truly believe that by jumping on the sovereignty band wagon, he will breathe life into the Assembly of First Nations, an organization that continues to lose support and influence every day?

Does he really expect advice for this sovereignty endeavor from Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard, who time and time again has proven he is no friend to Indian nations?

Or is this just one more attempt by a beleaguered leader to leave his mark on Canadian history? If it is, it is a sorry attempt indeed.

Not only is "sovereignty" an ill-defined buzz word of the '90s, it is a mirage offered up to the community by leaders who have nothing substantial or practical to offer. Leaders who want to hide the fact that they have no concrete plan or direction for the future.

Mercredi will not get away with tugging at the emotional heartstrings of the people. He would be well-advised to make the best use of his last year as national chief and devote himself to rebuilding the AFN, analyzing its mandate, revisiting its reason for being, and convincing Canada's Indian nations to continue to support it.

Mercredi has an obligation, not only to the people, but to the next leader, to leave the AFN in as good shape as he found it when he was first elected. At this time, it is not the organization he inherited from George Erasmus in 1992.

Mercredi has used his position at the helm of the AFN as a regular soap box in the mainstream media. He's the most recognized Native leader in Canada, at least to readers of the Globe and Mail and CBC listeners. He needs to make use of some of that profile now to save the organization he has led to the abyss.

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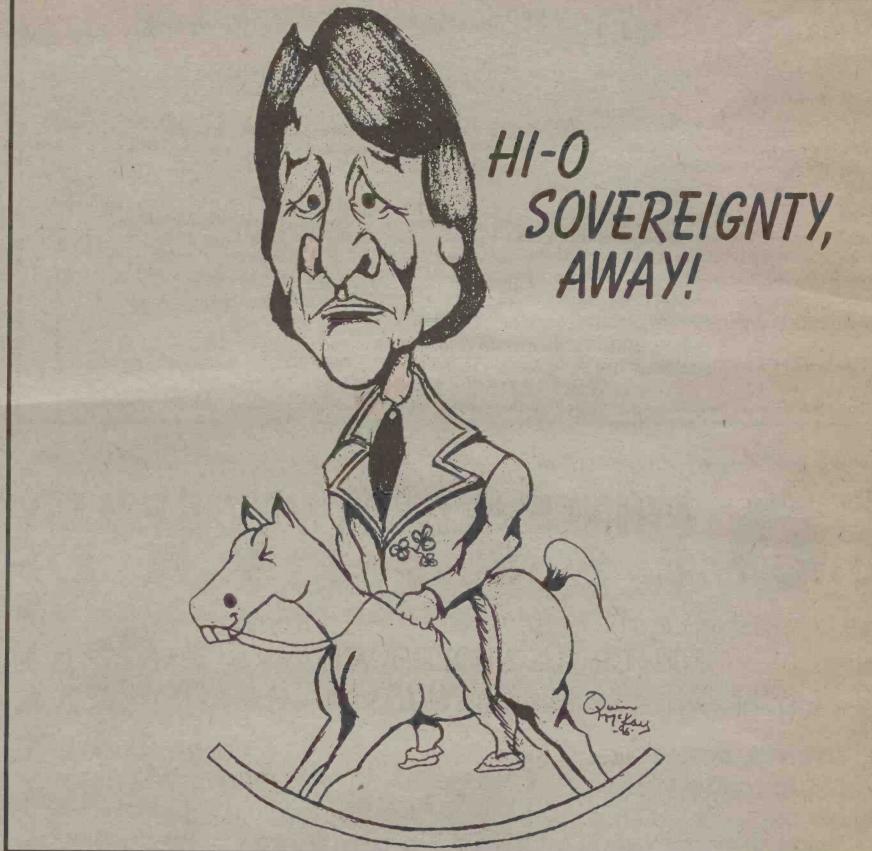
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GUEST COLUMN

By Dan LaFrance Captain of the Hunt for B.C. Metis

Hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering are inherent rights of all Aboriginal peoples in Canada. To the Metis, harvesting is a vital part of their culture, passed on from generation to generation. Metis people all across Canada have been harvesting Canada's resources since the 1600s for sustenance, social and ceremonial purposes. In the early 1800s, the Metis established the first documented method of conservation. This was long before Canada came into being.

In recognition of the Metis, and case history across Canada favoring Metis harvesting rights, the provinces from Ontario to Alberta either have interim hunting agreements in place or are entering into negotiations with their respective Metis nations. The Northwest Territories has settled with their Metis people in extending them the same rights as the other Aboriginal peoples.

Here in British Columbia, the Metis are entitled to all federal and provincial programs as they apply to other Aboriginals. The B.C. government has also designated Nov. 16 as an official day of recognition for Louis Riel.

To date, the British Columbia government does not recognize Metis as having any inherent right to the resources for sustenance, social and ceremonial purposes, even though the Metis have had a long established presence in the province. With no direction from the

courts, because of the lack of case history, the Metis people believe they are being discriminated against in their inherent right to the resource. Metis continue to harvest the resource as they have done for a long time, and to date there has never been one single Metis charged in B.C. The provincial government is reluctant to enter into the courts with the Metis, in view of the Sparrow decision, so as not to build any case history.

Government documents say they would rather negotiate than litigate with the Aboriginal peoples of the province. The Captain of the Hunt has invited the government to live up to this commitment and enter into talks with the Metis Nation in B.C.

A recent decision in Ontario's general division court has helped forward the process here in B.C. The government has now asked the provincial Captain of the Hunt, who represents the Metis Nation, to put forward a discussion paper with a view of entering into negotiations. **CASE HISTORY**

British Columbia has no Metis specific case history. Every year there are Metis hunters put under investigation. A case in point is demonstrated in Kelly Lake where two hunters shot an elk. Subsequently their meat and rifles were confiscated and the hunters put under investigation. The meat and rifles were returned to the hunters and no charges were laid.

On Dec. 9, 1995 the Captain of the Hunt called a hunt at Toqurt Bay on Vancouver Island, where there were 45 Metis hunters in attendance. An investigation followed, with two rifles confiscated. No charges were laid.

On Nov. 29, 1995 a trapline per on Vancouver Island. This food for sustenance.

is significant as he identified himself with his Metis card making the registration of the line "Metis specific". At that time, an official from the Ministry of Environment explained to the trapper that he did not have to purchase a trapping license. The registration was approved by the regional manager. This is government recognition is a first in B.C.

DISCUSSION PAPER

The Provincial Captain of the Hunt will be putting forward a discussion paper to the government on behalf of Metis people in B.C. Within the paper there will be detailed analysis of long occupation of the land and of an established way of life. The paper will define why the Metis have the unique right of mobility in Canada.

The Captain of the Hunt expects, following the paper, that a letter of understanding be signed leading into a framework agreement to enter into a period of negotiations with the provincial government and be included with the other Aboriginal people in the province with the recognition of their rights.

CONCLUSION

Section 35 of the Constitution, 1982 affirms the rights of Aboriginal people across Canada. In R.V. Sparrow the courts speak of "Aboriginal people". Metis are included in \$.35 and will enjoy the same rights as other Aboriginal people across Canada as defined.

The Metis have had a long and proud history in Canada, dealing with governments since the 1800's. Because Metis people choose to live, work, pay taxes and raise their families in B.C. does not mean they forfeit was registered to a Metis trap- their inherent right to harvest

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Objectivity the key to fine newspapers

Dear Editor:

I have been meaning to congratulate you for some time, now. You're doing damn good work.

As someone who makes a living (of sorts) as a writer, and who has been a Windspeaker subscriber and devotee for the past couple of years, I am much impressed by the increasing qual- lieve it relegates itself to a lesser ity of the newspaper and the dimension. professionalism of its content. You have managed to be wellwritten, informative, entertaining and, yes, objective, about things Aboriginal across this land of ours.

It seems difficult for newspapers to maintain the oncehonored journalistic principle of objectivity in this day and age. That's too bad, because when a newspaper loses objectivity in its reporting — regardless of its editorial pulpit, political or cultural biases — I be-

There are already far too many Canadian "newspapers" in today's mean-spirited, lipcurling society who have relegated themselves to that nether region. They are the arrogant

rags who actually believe that taught at journalism school in P.S. Drew Hayden Taylor's colwhat they have to say is more important than what they have to report.

They are usually characterized by the vicarious pleasure they seem to get from dumping on fellow human beings, especially those who, shall we say, have yet to "maximize their potential" or — to be equally politi- values, principles and traditions cally correct — who are "differently-cultured." Sadly, too, they make a ton of money in catering to our basest instincts.

None of this is what I was

New York, about two thousand years ago.

I find Windspeaker's mature hoot. They are not hard to spot. and balanced approach to Aboriginal issues and peoples to be refreshing. Thankfully, you have managed successfully to remain a newspaper in the best sense of the word, while maintaining profound respect for the of Aboriginal peoples.

Keep up the good work.

Meegwetch Robert Gairns Nepean, Ontario

umns should be framed — no, make that bound. The guy's a

Editor's note: Drew Hayden Taylor is, indeed, about to be bound. His new book, a compilation of columns culled from a variety of publications, including Windspeaker, will be published by Theytus Books in the fall. The book is entitled You don't look like one: Observations from a blue-eyed Ojibway. Windspeaker is pleased and

proud of its association with this talented writer.

What one takes out of life, one must give back

Dear Editor:

As a First Nations' person, I often stop to think and ponder the leaders I see in the communities and at the various functions.

So often I hear the words "our children are our leaders of tomorrow". What are we doing to educate these leaders of tomorrow?

Then I remember a few years ago when Elijah Harper spoke these words: "If there has to be such a thing as a distinct society then it has to be the Aboriginal peoples of Canada."

arise. What am I providing to my children? What kind of example am I for my country? What kind of person am I to my people?

The different paths that have presented themselves for my journey, handed down from my parents, my grandparents and my leaders, has been many. Which path do I choose?

Some paths have been positive, some paths have been negative. I have been taught for every

negative there is a positive. I have been taught the difference between right and wrong.

to realize the significance of being an Aboriginal person. How simple life really is. The two things I must do as an individual person are to take ownership and responsibility for myself. In doing this, I realize the real simplicity of life and that is the acceptance of myself.

When I think of acceptance, and leaders. I think of what truly has been handed down to us as Aborigi-Now another set of questions nal people. The acceptance of Sun. A blessing freely given to me the four directions, the acceptance of the four seasons, the acceptance of the four elements and, most importantly, the acceptance of the four different colors of people.

> As an Aboriginal person, I start to realize I have to accept the four different parts of me to accept myself. I look to the medicine wheel to accept those parts, spiritual, mental, physical and emotional.

As I get older, the paths begin to narrow. I start to appreciate the circle of life. As I travel in the cir-As I get older, I finally began cle, I appreciate the experiences I have been given. It is now my responsibility to take ownership of these experiences and extract the teachings.

> The old saying is "when the student is ready, the teacher will appear". Many teachers have appeared in my life, in the form of my parents, grandparents

> I am still alive, with the blessing from the Grandfathers of the through my Creator. Then I remember, what has been so freely given to me, has to be so freely given back.

> With the wisdom of my parents, grandparents and leaders, maybe I will emerge and blossom into a leader.

> The summer has arrived, we as Aboriginal people will be surrounded. Let us all blossom and emerge as leaders.

Name withheld on request

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Dear Editor:

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> Sincerely, Gary Wright

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South Edmonton claimed by Pahpahstayo First Nation

By Kim Ziervogel
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The Pahpahstayo First Nation announced a land claim for part of south Edmonton on July 10. The announcement followed a parade, staged by members of the loosely formed Native band.

The parade through south Edmonton was done in an effort to bring attention to the land claim and unite band members who are scattered across Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. The Sunday event attracted about 50 people.

Although The Pahpahstayo First Nation has not officially filed a land claim yet, it wants to inform Canada of the band's plight, to reclaim their treaty rights, and a piece of land they can call home.

But the Pahpahstayo First Nation is not the only group to represent themselves from the Indian reserve that was disbanded by the federal government 110 years ago.

Another group, called Pahpahstayo Band 136, the original name of the reserve, is also looking at applying for a land claim.

Shirley Gladue, a representative from Pahpahstayo Band 136, said her group is made up of treaty-status Indians, making them eligible to have a land claim and receive compensation from the government.

Pahpahstayo Band 136 has not announced a land claim yet.



Kim Ziervoge

The Pahpahstayo First Nation held a unity parade in June.

It is still consulting with its lawyers. Band 136 also has the support of other reserves, including Good Fish Lake, Saddle Lake and some reserves as far away as Saskatchewan.

"We are going to put in a land claim, but we will not do it before we have the proper advice," said Gladue. Gladue says everyone in her group is a direct descendant of the original band members and is related to each other by blood.

"That's what makes our group so strong," she said.

So looking at applying for a declaim.

Shirley Gladue, a representative from Pahpahstayo Band

However, Gladue and the other members of the group are willing to accept everyone into Pahpahstayo Band 136.

A third group that represents Bill C-31s and Metis members have already been invited to join Band 136.

"Let's put these groups together and work together. . . . Hopefully, (Pahpahstayo First Nation) will join our group so we can be one," said Gladue. "Pahpahstayo Band 136 believes in unity."

Representatives of the Pahpahstayo Reserve first signed a treaty on Aug. 21, 1877. The reserve existed on what is today south Edmonton. Historical documents show that the reserve was 40 sq. miles large.

It was nine years after the treaty signing that the few remaining members were forcibly removed from the reserve. They were discharged as half-breeds, which lead some to believe the Pahpahstayo Reserve was a Metis settlement and not an Indian reserve.

Some people who claim to belong to the Pahpahstayo Reserve have their treaty status, but that is only because their ancestors joined up with other reserves after the Pahpahstayo band 136 was disbanded.

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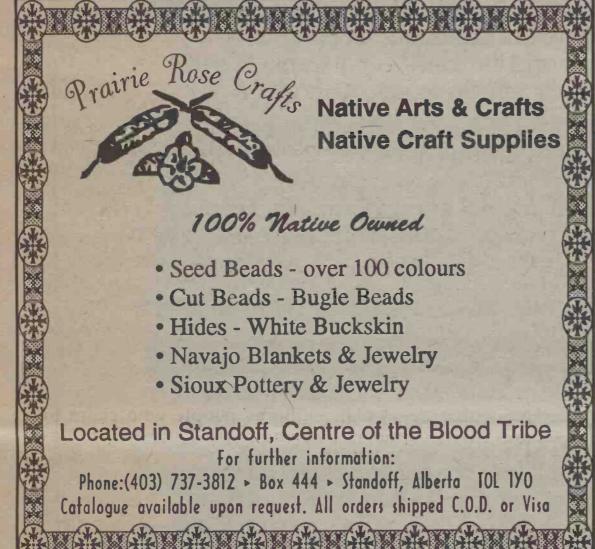
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Davis Inlet Innu get new home

By R John Hayes Windspeaker Staff Writer

DAVIS INLET, Labrador

An announcement last week that the long-awaited move from Davis Inlet to Sango Pond would go ahead with federal and provincial backing was greeted with skepticism by Chief Katie Rich and the people of Davis Inlet. In spite of an agreement between the Innu Nation and the governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador, the move is still dependent upon approval of the federal cabinet.

"I guess I could say that they've been saying this to us for the last few months," Rich said. "Every time I tell that to my people, I've been like a broken record. It didn't really matter that they said this to me this time."

There have been promises in the past, but each one has been broken. That the deals have not been made has variously been blamed on a need for further study, cabinet approval or lack of agreement between all parties.

This time, though, the announcement was made publicly, and DIAND Minister Ron Irwin

said that he can foresee no problems in getting the cabinet to approve the agreement.

"The cabinet has been supportive from Day One," he said. "We are firmly committed to making the move from Davis to Sango Bay." (Rich explained that the proper name for the site is Sango Pond. The site is widely called Sango Bay in the mainstream media.)

Another hurdle now out of the way is Clyde Wells, the former premier of Newfoundland and Labrador. He didn't within four or five years. agree with a move to Sango Pond, preferring instead to settle the community in a larger centre, such as Goose Bay. Current Premier Brian Tobin is a former cabinet colleague of Irwin, and is eager to reach an agreement. The governmental eagerness is heightened by the potential mining developments in the Voisey's Bay area, approximately 40 km north of Davis Inlet.

Sango Pond is only seven or eight km west of Davis Inlet, but the site will allow the construction of a proper wharf and airstrip, and a community with clean water and indoor plumbing, things that have been unattainable dreams on the island.

"Apart from Davis Inlet being an island," Rich said, "and my people being cut off for so much of the year, there was no room for expansion and no water.

"It's only now that all the outstanding issues with the province have been resolved," she continued. "Hopefully, we'll be doing some work within a couple of weeks." Construction will really begin after the wharf and the road from the wharf to the townsite are completed, and the whole move will be done

The problems of Davis Inlet were put under an international media spotlight three-and-ahalf years ago because of a home video detailing the despair into which the youth of the community had sunk. Davis Inlet was shown to be riddled with problems, the most serious of which still include widespread substance abuse, poverty, suicide and physical and sexual abuse.

The proposed move is only a part of the tripartite agreement which will, it was announced in Ottawa, be signed in Sango Pond in the fall.

"One of the other things we've been negotiating with the (see Davis Inlet on page 31)

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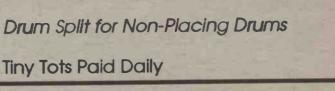
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You will still require between 12 to 20 weeks of work in the last year, depending on the rate of unemployment in your region. The higher the rate of unemployment, the fewer number of weeks of work are required. (The hours system will not come into effect until January 1, 1997.)

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How much will I receive?

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How many weeks can I receive EI?

The majority of claimants will receive between 36 and 44 weeks of benefits. For people who qualify, the <u>maximum</u> duration of a claim is 45 weeks.

What is the new Intensity Rule?

People who claim more than twenty weeks of benefits in five years will receive a modest 1% reduction in their benefits, with a subsequent 1% reduction for each additional 20 weeks claimed. The maximum reduction for 100 weeks claimed will be 5%.

The intensity rule comes into effect on January 1, 1997. HOWEVER, any weeks of benefits collected after July 1, 1996, will be counted when determining the benefit rate for future claims.

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As of July 1, 1996, Wage Subsidies, Self-Employment Assistance and Job Creation Partnerships will be available in all provinces and territories. Earnings Supplements and Skills Loans and Grants will also be available in the near future.

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Yes. Every hour of work will count. The minimum number of hours required to qualify will be from 420 to 700, depending on the unemployment rate in your region. If you are filing a claim after your first job, you will require 910 hours to qualify.

What about workers with "gaps" in employment?

El will count all earnings in the last 26 weeks prior to the last day of work, and the weeks will not need to be consecutive.

What will be done to help those most in need?

Claimants with children and a family income under \$25,921 will be entitled to a Family Income Supplement, representing up to 65% of their insured earnings. They will also be exempt from the intensity rule.

Claimants receiving benefits of less than \$200 per week will be able to earn up to \$50 per week without decreasing their EI payments.

Under EI, claimants who commit fraud will face stiffer eligibility rules.

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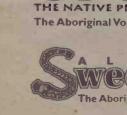
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Strong showing for Aboriginal students

By Terry Lusty
Windspeaker Contributor

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Staff at the University of Alberta in Edmonton had more than one reason to celebrate by the time June rolled around this year. For one thing, this year's crop of 58 Native graduates is "the largest grad class so far," boasted Jane Martin, director of Native student services.

Another exciting first was the inclusion of Aboriginal Elders as part of the graduation ceremony. Elders Eva Bereti, Rita Norris and Dave Belleau, along with the university's chairperson, chancellor and president, were on stage to personally congratulate the grads as they accepted their diplomas and degrees.

One of the graduates, Josie Auger, a member of the Bigstone Cree First Nation, said she was humbled and honored to have that kind of support during the ceremonies.

"We're pleased the university acknowledged and respected our desire to deviate from their norms and conventions," confessed Martin. Such action, she added, demonstrates the university's "respect for the needs of our communities and our culture."

The grads were also permittime, their Native traditional also seek "someone who is relibraid of sweetgrass.



University of Alberta Native Studies graduates are pictured with Elder Madge McRee (far right). The graduates each hold an eagle feather and a blue casing which contains a braid of sweetgrass.

garments. For graduate Cathy Sewell, it was icing on the cake. She chose to wear a full-length, red print ribbon dress as well as not sure what is." a cap and gown.

wear both because I walk in both worlds. I have the traditions and the academic knowledge," she explained.

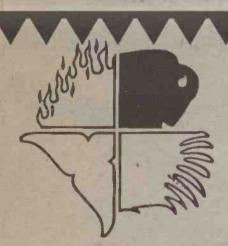
among 12 students to graduate with degrees in Native Studies.

At the June 11 graduation banquet, James Dempsey, director for the School of Native Studies, informed the grads that prospective employers often

able." To this end, he countered, "you just got a degree; if that's not a sign of being reliable, I'm

Dene leader Bill Erasmus "Personally, I wanted to addressed the banquet crowd saying, "anyone with a decent education has an opportunity in the field of working with Indigge," she explained. enous people," and because Auger and Sewell were they have become familiar with the western thought process, they "are in demand."

The graduates expressed their delight with the fact that a number of Native and non-Native leaders were in attendance at the banquet. Elder Madge look for qualities such as "good McRee presented the 10 grads ted to wear, again for the first oral communications." They with an eagle feather and a



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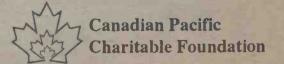
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Broken promises, shattered dreams



Drew Hayden Taylor

Friends, Indians, Canadians, lend me your ears. I come not to praise Jean Chretien, but to bury him. Once there was a noble man with noble dreams; to run a country and cure it of its ills with the help of its proud people.

Alas, poor Jean, we thought we knew him well. Instead, Jean has developed a lean and hungry look, and a short memory. Like a man out on a first date, he promised many things. But now that he's married to the country, what of the promises?

I kid you not. Case in point:

Promise #1

At various times during the election, he promised to preserve the medicare system and the social safety net.

The reality: Lump sum payments to provinces allowing for user fees and a two-tier system. Plus 4.5 million in cuts from social services, education and health. Not to mention \$700 million from unemployment insurance.

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The reality: Public service cuts of 45,000 jobs, spending cuts of \$25 billion over the next three years causing up to 870,000 jobs lost in the private sector. Promise #3

A commitment to stable, multi-year financing for national cultural institutions such as the CBC.

The reality: CBC cut by a further \$350 million over the next three years.

Promise # 4 While leader of the opposition, he made a promise to support special on-reserve tax privileges for Native organizations and companies as promised in treaties, to promote economic growth.

The reality: Now there's a concept, a government breaking a treaty promise to Native people. At least they're consistent.

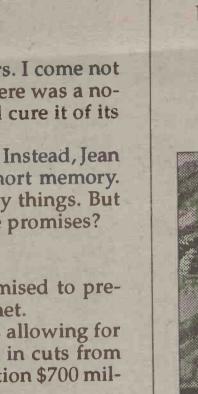
When all is said and done and assessed, it becomes obvious that there's something rotten in the city of Ottawa, something that can only be described via bad pseudo-Shakespeare.

It was once suggested that all lawyers should be killed. Methinks politicians should be in there too. As the blood of these cuts fall into the hands of the masters of the famous red book, how long until we hear the Liberals cry "out, out, damned spot!"

But perhaps I do protest too much. "Me-thinks I should remember that the quality of mercy is not strained, it falleth like the gentle rain."

It could be just a bad year for King Chretien. After all, we still are not sure if this particular story, or government, will end up a comedy or a tragedy.

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NAIFE announces finalists in competitive screenings

The Native Americas International Film Exposition announced the finalists for the festival's competitive screenings.

There were 191 films and videos submitted from 15 countries and 16 states for the competitive aspect of the festival, which will be held in Santa Fe, Francisco Urristi, Mexico), The N.M on Aug. 8 to 15.

group of entrants, Kit Fitzgerald, managing director, announced that several works will receive their world or North American premier at the festival. The selected entries are as follows (with name of director noted):

Fortitude Bay (Vic Sarin, tional premiere), Todariquiba Kerouac,

Canada), Grand Avenue (Daniel Sackheim, U.S.) Naked with Oranges (Luis Alberto Lamata, (Marianne Eydee, Peru), Justice Denied (Paul Cowan, Canada).

Documentary Features: A Long Journey to Guadalupe (Juan Red Road to Sobriety (Chante From this distinguished Pierce and Gary Rhine, U.S.), Uksuum Cauvai: The Drums of Winter (Leonard Kamerling and Sarah Elder, U.S.), Our Indians (Sylvio Back, Brazil, North America premiere).

(Lloyd Martell and Rob King, Canada), Tenacity (Chris Eyre, Dramatic Features: Dead U.S.) Spirit (Francisco

(Milton Crespo, Venezuela, International premiere), Grandfather Sky (Victress Hitchcock, Venezuela), You Only Live Once U.S.) Comadres (Alberto Muenala, Ecuador).

Documentary Shorts: Video Cannibalism (Vincent Carelli, Brazil), The Ride (Shauna Garr, U.S.), The Sixth Sun: Mayan Uprising in Chiapas (Saul Landau, US./Mexico, World premiere), The Journey Back (Peter Elsass, Denmark/Columbia), The Icemen of Chimborazo (Gustavo and Igor Guayasamin, Ecuador), Act of War: The Overthrow of the Ha-Dramatic Shorts: Talker waiian Nation (Puhipau and Joan Lander, U.S.), Roots, Thorns (Diane Kitchen, U.S./Peru).

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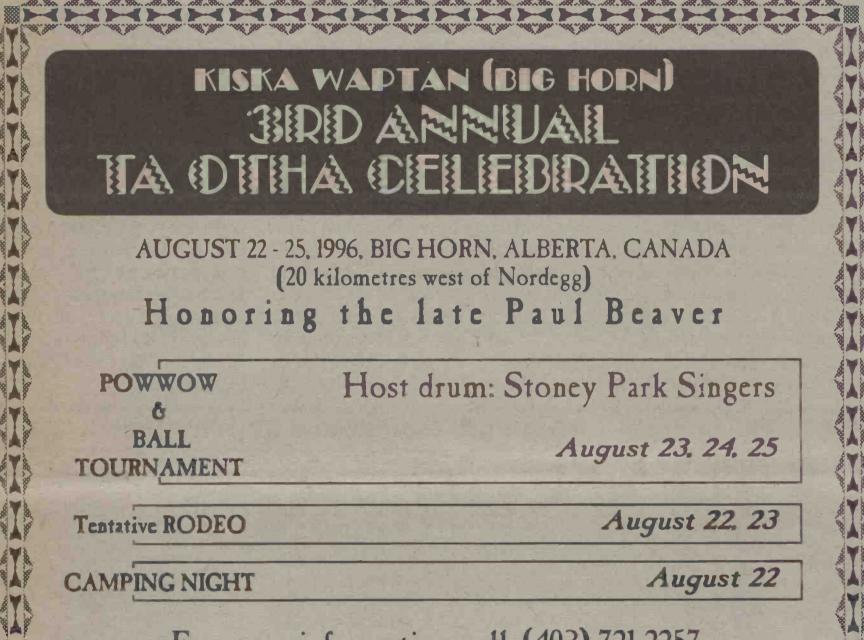
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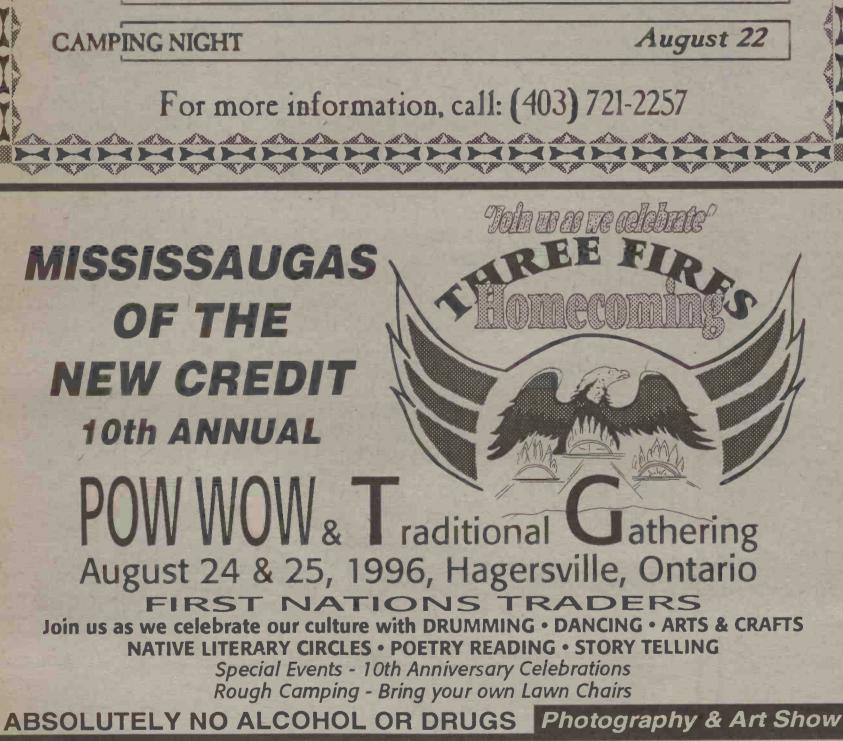
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MN, U.S.)

In addition, there will be of films not included in the comptitive aspect of the festival. These include Crazy Horse (John Irvin, U.S.), Follow Me Home (Peter Bratt, U.S.), Mother Dao the Tutlelike (Vincent Monnikendam, Netherlands), Popul Vuh -- the Creation Myth of the Maya (Patricia Amlin, New Technologies - CD- U.S.) and Bambi (dubbed in

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Jerry Alfred's new work makes strong impression



By Brian Wright-McLeod Windspeaker Contributor

Nendaa

Jerry Alfred & the Medicine Beat Caribou, 1996

On a roll from his success with the Juno award-winning album, Etsi Shon, Jerry Alfred has created a laid-back reflection of Tutchone life in his new release, Nendaa (Go Back). In this cross-cultural music endeavor, Alfred delivers a powerful and empowering musical message about his own experiences and his relationship with the land.

Alfred's music also reveals a deep understanding of the residential school experience and the reality of homelessness. The entire work shimmers like the northern lights themselves.

Currently distributed by Festival and released on Caribou Records with the assistance of a grant from the Canada Council, Nendaa will surely attract even

Wild Band of Indians By Keith Secola Akina/Normal, 1996

It's been four years since Keith Secola released an album, and even then it was a "best-of" compilation called Encircle. Aside from his first cassette release in 1989 and the subsequent release of Indian Car, the only other album that doesn't contain repeat material is Time Flies Like an Arrow — Fruit Flies Like a Banana, released in 1990. This album was followed by another "best-of" release in 1991, entitled Acoustic Aroma, which included the Dance Me Outside soundtrack. Secola was becoming the perennial one-hit-wonder, but this is 1996, a new year and a new day for Secola.

Wild Band of Indians takes off in a distinct direction with the combined talents and experience of the members of the Wild Band of Indians band. Secola has created his best album yet.

Its few short traditional pieces flutter with the infusion of the Wild Band's voltage. The whining ghost of an electric guitar haunts the background of the work.

Secola's singing and his song writing ability have improved tremendously over the years. He reflects on crucial issues on such tracks as "Innocent Man", a trib-

ute to political prisoner Leonard Peltier, and conveys a comforting sense of humor in the lyrics of "Wide Open Spaces."

The hit from this, his sixth album, might be the song "Frybread."

Wild Band of Indians is a lavishly produced album with topnotch players performing solid material. It's out in Germany and available as an import from Mahk Jchi Akina, P.O. Box 1595, Tempe, AZ 85280. Phone: (602) 303-0655. Fax: (602) 829-6776.

Freedom By Chester Knight & the Wind

Indie, 1996

In an interesting crossover from country to rock, Chester Knight, a Cree from Saskatoon, walks the trail in search of Freedom. There is a natural raw flavor found deep within the music, as Knight's voice moans through the material like a prairie wind. The poetry is simple and direct and leaves a mournful sadness lingering in the air.

Two of the more compelling tracks are "Thunderbirds," with the beat of traditional chanting placed neatly within the heart of the song; "Tecumseh," is more than just a look to the past, but a back-alley tour of colonialism.

The album begins to idle after the first three tracks, however.

The melodies of tracks one and two are repeated in the third and fourth tracks. If Knight had dumped them together, or scored them differently, then the album would have been a lot smoother. Saying that, however, there is still some great stuff here. Falcon's Dream, 106 Spruce Drive, Saskatoon, SK.

By Ulali Indie, 1996

Based in New York City, the a cappella trio, Ulali, have had a busy and successful year. Apart from the preparation it took to release the new album, tentatively called Mahk Jchi (From The Heart), the group's Follow Your Heart's Desire video recently won best music video at the American Indian Film Festival. The trio made appearances at numerous festivals, including Edmonton's Dreamspeakers Film and Performing Arts Festival and the Junos. Ulali will also be performing at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Ulali's new album is a combination of traditional work, with songs and spirituals from the archives of folk and jazz.

Ulali's performance is electric. Mahk Jchi was also the title song on a four-track release in

work was produced in conjunction with Robbie Robertson's Red Road Ensemble album. It was hot stuff, but was only the result of a one-time collaborative experiment. The new release from Ulali comes from EBI Management, Ellen Bello (212) 228-8300.

Ikajunga! By Tuniit indie, 1996

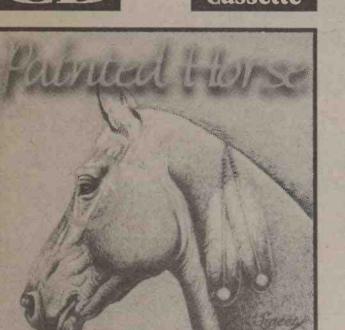
A funky new quatro from the Northwest Territories do more than sing in their own language, they have added new material to the offerings of contemporary music from the circumpolar region. Tuniit kicks out an Inuit-style reggae-dub sound with elements of funk, R&B, and C&W. The group throws in a few jazz riffs for good measure. For the most part, the music reflects the simple beauty of the group's homeland, but in some ways, Tuniit is not representative of what the northern music scene is usually all about. This is a good thing.

The project received funding from the NWT to produce their CD. Aside from that, this is an independent project, untouched by the hands of a non-Native producer. And that can be a good thing too. Tuniit: Box 12, Arctic Bay, NWT, X0A 0A0

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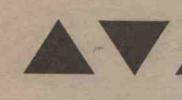


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Native artists encouraged to start small

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The reception held at the Native Art Exposition at a Calgary hotel July 9 was every artist's dream.

Potential buyers, sipping wine and munching on strawberries, crackers and cheese, lingered admiringly in front of artists' work, taking note of tastefully displayed price tags.

Artists such as Fred showcase their work. McDonald, Yvonne Jobin, and Roland Rollinmud were on hand, meeting your clientele," said and proved to be as much of an attraction as was their work.

The Native artists participating in this 10-day show are cultivating their marketing skills as well as their talents.

New artists can do likewise, according to Calgary art promoter, Wendy Morrison.

you have to be seen," said

ArtLink Marketing for the main reason her hotel's sched-Arts Inc. Morrison's latest promotion, a summer weekend art fair, called Street Studios,

offers that opportunity. Every weekend this August, approximately 30,000 people are expected to browse through Street Studios' 100plus booths set up on four blocks of the downtown Stephen Avenue Mall.

With booth rental at only \$80 per weekend, Morrison promotes Street Studios as an affordable place for new artists to

"The biggest problem is Morrison, who has about 15 years' experience connecting leading Canadian artists with corporate and institutional clients. Native artists, she added, are sometimes isolated, and uncertain about stepping out into public.

Marge Gudmundson, public "What you have to do is relations officer with Quality Hotel Downtown, thinks Native

uled the Native Art Exhibition during the run of the Calgary Stampede. In her opinion, the Stampede does not give Aboriginal artists enough exposure.

"We felt it was time that Aboriginal talent and artists were recognized," she said.

Painter Fred McDonald brought together the artists in the Quality hotel show. He said he likes to take opportunities to help showcase other Native artists.

"I've been so fortunate, my thing is to give back to the Native people."

Even artists starting out can work together, added Morrison. For Street Studios, for instance, she recommends that two artists share a booth. Artists also receive a one-page tip sheet on sales psychology and display techniques. Eye appeal, she points out, accounts for 90 per cent of impulse sales.

too. People want to deal with artists, she explained. In a street be friendly, but not pushy.

"All you have to do is let people see (your work). I don't advocate a hard sell on anything. If you are out there by yourself, talk about yourself, be friendly and talk about your work."

Yvonne Jobin, an accomplished Metis fashion artist participating in the hotel show, agreed.

"I've been to so many shows where I see people just sitting there. You have to be able to talk to everybody."

"When a buyer is buying art, they are not buying art, they are buying the artist," added Stéphane Wuttunee, a watercolor artist featured in the hotel art show.

a person who is sincerely interested in other people, that is going to show and people are going to buy their art."

If getting out and meeting Artist appeal is important the public is the first step for new artists, then being worthy of that exposure is the second one, said Morrison. "Your work

has to be high quality."

Jobin also advises artists to set high standards. "Be your own worst critic."

New artists attending the hotel show also should note that artists' business cards were prominently displayed. Followup marketing, emphasized Morrison, is just as important in a weekend street art fair.

"You have to build a mailing list," she said. Artists can ask for business cards as well as give away their own. People can be invited to write down their address in a notebook.

"I have a rule that whenever I meet someone new, whenever I shake their hand, a business card always goes "If the artist comes across as into their hand," said Wuttunee. "Even on holidays I was sending (people) faxes, wishing them happy holidays."

Craftsmanship and marketing basics should pay off well particularly for Native artists' because Indigenous art is in demand now.

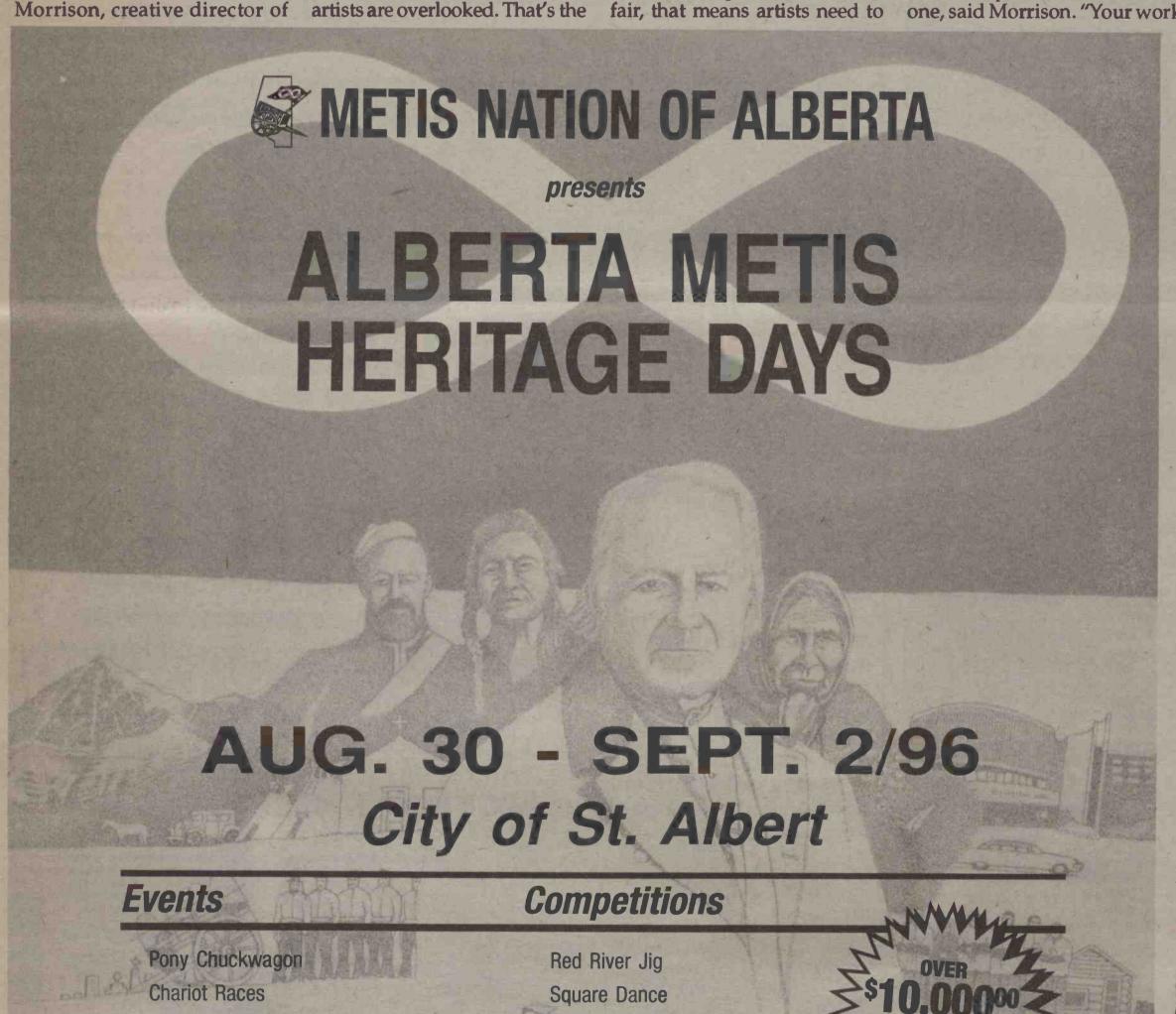
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Fishery in jeopardy, says University researcher

By Roberta Avery Windspeaker Contributor

OWEN SOUND

Saugeen First Nation, one of the two bands on the Bruce Peninsula, will require sports anglers and boaters using its waters next year to buy licences.

Chief Richard Kahgee announced the formation of the Saugeen Fishing Authority and said jurisdiction over the water isn't debatable.

"It's an authority we never relinquished," he said.

The Saugeen Nation reclaimed jurisdiction over those waters last October in its Deluth declaration and will begin issuing licences on

"We never surrendered or transferred our fishing rights, so we have the authority to regulate the fishing," said Kahgee.

Kahgee admits the federal government doesn't recognize the Deluth declaration. But he says the band is preparing a fishing policy it intends to enforce through its own, soon to be established, court system.

Saugeen First Nation and the Chippewas of Nawash are the two Saugeen Ojibway bands on the peninsula.

Last month, the Nawash band passed a federally approved bylaw. The bylaw gives the Nawash band the authority to manage its own commercial fishing operations, but no jurisdiction over sports anglers, said Chief Ralph Akiwenzie.

doing things," Kahgee said.

But his people want to work with the Nawash people and all user groups in the development of his band's fishery policy.

"We want to walk with them," he said.

A 1993 court decision recognized the bands' rights to fish in their traditional waters, but the province doesn't recognize the us," said Akiwenzie. Nawash or Saugeen claims to the right to manage the fishery.

"Management of the resource comes under our jurisdiction," said John Cooper, the information officer for the Ministry of Natural Resources' Lake Huron fishing unit.

Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licence for the two Native com-

"We have different ways of munities on the Bruce Peninsula in June and is ready to enforce the new regulations, said Cooper.

But the ministry's licence, restricting where and when the two bands can fish and limiting the catch to 50 per cent of the allowable commercial catch of 540,000 kg is not valid, say both chiefs.

"It's totally unacceptable to

The ministry does not have the jurisdiction and a recent study commissioned by Nawash indicates the MNR has mismanaged the Lake Huron fisheries, Akiwenzie said.

Dr. Stephen Crawford, a University of Guelph researcher, The ministry introduced an who conducted the study, says there are fundamental and widespread flaws in the ministry's

He warns such mismanagement could, if continued, lead to the destruction of fish stocks.

The existing commercial fisheries management program cannot be relied upon to protect these fish populations from over-exploitation, and it should be abandoned, Crawford said.

Akiwenzie agrees and says Nawash is better equipped to manage the resource.

"We know more about the importance of the fisheries, in the past, in the present and in the future," he said.

Crawford also raised concerns about non-Native stocking programs.

The introduction of foreign species to the water can disturb the balance of nature, he said.

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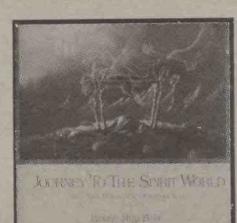


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Irwin shifted blame to the provinces, calling the Ontario government's treatment of First Nations "a disgrace." He also accused the Reform Party of spreading racism and misinformation about Aboriginal people.

In June, when asked why First Nations were shut out of the first-ministers conference between the federal and provincial governments, Irwin responded by saying the federal government spends \$5 billion a year on Aboriginal people.

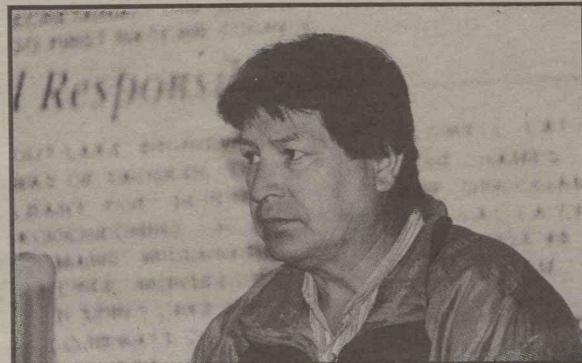
His comment sounded "as if that money was being spent for people who did not need it," AFN National Chief Ovide Mercredi said later.

The media also do a poor job of telling Canadians about First Nations, Peters said. Many journalists see Irwin as a spokesperson for Aboriginal people.

"The media plays a tremendous role. Most of them will tell me very clearly, 'We've already spoken to Ron Irwin on this issue.' But what's being said publicly [by Irwin] and what's being done in the policy are two different things. That's what Canadians have to realize." riginal land cleanable, well always a tremenriginal land cl

"The media have to take responsibility to ensure the facts they present as facts are indeed true," Jules added.

The Insight survey suggests that education-level affects attitudes: 65 per cent of survey respondents without a university education thought Aboriginal



Ted Shaw

Ontario chief Gord Peters.

people were better off than the average Canadian; only 24 per cent of university graduates thought so.

Regionalism also figures prominently. Sixty-seven per cent of Quebecers think Aboriginal land claims are unreasonable, well above the national average of 54 per cent; and 69 per cent of Quebecers think First Nations have it as good as, or better than, most Canadians, well above the national average of 47 per cent.

By contrast, Ontarians were much more sympathetic: 53 per cent of them feel First Nations' land claims are reasonable.

Peters attributes that to the former NDP government in Ontario, which made a concerted effort to educate its citizens about First Nations, he said.

So how can public miscon-

ceptions be shattered? Shackelly proposed a series of nationwide demonstrations to wake up the public to Aboriginal realities. Peters feels First Nations should build coalitions with other social groups from labor, environmental, anti-poverty, religious and ethnic organizations. Forming such networks builds a strong support base for Aboriginal concerns and educates members of those other factions at the same time, he said. Over time, communities as a whole become enlightened that way, he believes.

"First Nations have to take the leadership [role] in exploding the myths," Jules added. "At the same time, I think governments have to be more responsive and more real in terms of developing economic opportunities for First tunities for First Nations."

Insight Canada research

Surveyed were 1,201 people by phone during the last week of February, 1996.



How would you compare the standard of living of our Aboriginals with the average Canadian?

-worse 51% (a combined 17% increase over 2 years ago)
-better 17% (a combined 17% increase over 2 years ago)
-same 30%

-don't know 3%

Do you think the overall standard of living of Aboriginal people is getting better?

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Broadcast News — JUNE 26 Three dissidents from the Waterhen Reserve will spend time in jail for their part in an armed standoff. Yesterday a judge in Dauphin sentenced Ellis Catcheway to 65 days in jail for his part in last spring's blockade and other charges. Percy Houle was sentenced to 50 days and Charles Parenteau was sentenced to 45 days. All three men are also prohibited from owning weapons for two years. The standoff was sparked by a dispute between rival factions of the Waterhen band.

Broadcast News — **JUNE 19 An Ontario Court** judge has ruled a barricade keeping some Natives out of the Dalles First Nation north of Kenora must come down. **Judge Erwin Stach** says by barring access to the plaintiffs, the defendants are trying to impose their will on an entire community. Jerry Perrault, **Dennis Copenace** and Ron Cobiness claim they are the legitimate leaders of the band. They are suing more than 40 band members who allegedly have blocked the reserve's entrance for the past eight months. The injunction will stand until the case goes to trial. However, no trial date has been set. An O.P.P. lawyer warns taking down the barricade could lead to a bloody confrontation. Susan Ficek says the court should promote mediation in the

WINDSPEAKER -**JULY 1996** Assembly of **Manitoba Chiefs**

dispute.

conflict on reserve

By Mrs. Noah Black Windspeaker Contributor How to stop

The chief and council and their relatives get all the "perks".

The band manager uses band-owned equipment for his private logging contract.

We only hear from council at election time.

Does this sound familiar? Yes, you say, this sounds a lot like our reserve. We need new leaders. In fact, we've got a petition

What can you do when you believe there is corruption or mismanagement on your reserve? Indian Affairs' spokesman Andy Noel says it is essential that First Nations put written policies and procedures in place to provide the structure for proper band administration.

"The department is now stressing "local accountability," Noel says. "Letters were sent by the minister to every chief and council in Canada requesting that First Nations put in place local conflict of interest bylaws [and] codes of ethics," he adds.

He says this step is crucial to ensure that band leaders remain accountable.

If you presently have concerns about the way your nation's leaders are managing your assets, Noel says to put your complaints in writing to the council. Be as specific as possible. Make sure you date the document. Keep copies of all correspondence on the issues in dispute.

You have a legal right to know how your leaders are spending your money. If council denies your requests to see a recent, audited financial statement, Noel says you can make a request under the Access to Information Program. Put your request in writing to Indian Affairs, which will process it through its corporate services unit.

If you have actual evidence of wrongdoing, you should inform local legal authorities — either your nation's police or the RCMP.

"Preferably in writing" Noel says.

Edmonton lawyer Robert Reiter attributes the problems under discussion to the "anachronistic" Indian Act. He says it has only two sections "that really speak about chief and council," other than those contained in the "Election of Chiefs and Band Councils" part.

Additionally, there are a few sections of the Act that refer to powers that may be delegated by the minister with respect to land and money management, and some "minimal" band council procedural regulations, Reiter says. However, there are no public administration bylaws to provide for doing things "consistently, fairly, and making good use out of public moneys, material and labor," according to Reiter, because "the legislative framework just isn't there."

The bottom line is that First Nations need to implement some kind of self-government model, but he says that is a "long haul." For now, you need to develop and write your own bylaws, codes, policies and procedures if you want to avoid problems with the way your leaders interpret their powers.

You can "go to a customary election and have recall or review [of leadership] in there," Reiter says. Recall under a customary election code means that a First Nation can write its bylaws to state that if a certain percentage of members are dissatisfied, they can replace the band council and call for another election.

"The other thing," Reiter suggests, "is to write some sort of a public administration bylaw." As well, your community needs conflict of interest rules, he says, which allow for disclosure and "all of the stuff that is in the non-Indian system" at all levels of government.

If your nation is still working within the strictures of the Indian Act, you should know that section 82 states that your chief or a band council member must forward a copy of any bylaw your community writes to the Indian Affairs minister "within four days after it is made." Unless the minister objects, your bylaw comes into force 40 days after the minister gets a copy, or sooner if the minister approves it.

Jeffrey Rath, an Priddis, Alta., lawyer, attributes some of the problems on reserves to "misunderstandings." He also thinks Indian Affairs has not properly explained to First Nations what their leaders' obligations and legal liabilities are so far as making their own bylaws is concerned.

Rath says it is common practice for the chief and council to hold shares of band businesses in trust for the rest of the First Nation, but sometimes people don't know that some complicated business structures have to be created to do business on reserves. He means that just because somebody's name is attached to a lot of shares, that doesn't make him a crook.

"The [legal] standard of a chief and each individual councillor is that of a trustee, so all of the breach of trust rules and all of the common-law remedies apply to them, said Rath.

If a chief makes personal use of band equipment that was paid for through the economic development fund, for instance, and that can be proved, technically under the law of trust there is an action for breach of trust against that individual for what is called "self dealing".

A nation's leaders also can't enter into a deal on their own behalf that they as trustees should have entered into on behalf of the band members.

"What I've heard allegations of is all the lucrative contracts go to the chief or members of the council or members of their family — well, that, too, is a breach of trust," Rath says.

Another breach of trust occurs when a band leader uses information he has obtained through his position of trustee for his own benefit and to the detriment of band members.

To avoid misunderstandings, Rath says some First Nations have their corporations hold shareholders' meeting where the money is go Nation in Treaty 7 is an

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conflicts between factions as seen at Manitoba's Waterhen First Nation. At a meeting with Fontaine June 13. Minister of Indian Affairs, Ron Irwin, said he agreed that a separate Aboriginal justice system could

be key in avoiding

factional disputes.

THE EASTERN DOOR — MAY 24 **DIAND Minister Ron** Irwin announced a mutual agreement that has been reached in selecting Justice Rejean Paul to act as mediator in the dispute over leadership at Barriere Lake. The article reports that the focus of the inquiry will be in examining the situation and assisting in the resolution of the dispute between the traditional government and an Indian Act sanctioned elected council. The article also names Noel Knockwood of the Micmac Band in Shubenacadie, N.S. and Elder Robin Greene as having been selected to

YUKON NEWS — MAY

assist Paul.

Problems in the community of Kwanlin Dun are affecting important land claims, said councillor Jason Shorty. The problems stem from the contentious leadership of Chief Joe Jack. Elders are calling for his immediate resignation. They are upset

because Jack filed a court action against 21 members of the band to keep them from attending council meetings. The injunction was adjourned, but the Elders say they feel insulted by the heavyhanded tactics of the chief.

shareholders' meetings and put on workshops to explain what they are doing, who they employ, where the money is going, and how much of their profits are being reinvested. He says the Tsuu T'ina Nation in Treaty 7 is an excellent example for other First Nations to emulate.

Tsuu T'ina chief Roy Whitney said his nation did not model their procedures on those of Indian Affairs, but consulted lawyers and others for assistance in setting up codes and to ensure they have covered all the bases.

"We've developed our own administrative procedures as well as developed our own financial act, which determine the process of council in reporting back to its membership," he says. As a basic requirement, Tsuu T'ina set up guidelines for signatures related to the nation's expenditures.

The signatures required on cheques depend upon the amount of money involved and the department from which it comes. The system ensures proper reporting procedures, Whitney says.

The amount of community consultation they do depends on the number of issues involved. In 1995, Tsuu T'ina held two major nation meetings, as well as various "issue" meetings and workshops. Most of Tsuu T'ina's 1,060 members live on reserve, and about 140 attended the last band meetings. Rath says most allegations of mismanagement and fraud

occur in First Nations that have very closed administrations. Sometimes it is a case of bad management rather than outright wrong-doing that is the problem.

"The people that are managing the programs are embarrassed and don't want people looking at stuff, because they're afraid they're looking at it negatively," Rath explains. They may say "I don't want this person looking over my shoulder; they want my job, or they want to criticize me, or they want to call me down in public.

"I find," Rath continues, "that First Nations have [fewer] problems when the chief and council take the position that they are trustees of the people and they run a real open administration." Rath says the advantages are that it lowers the chief and council's liability; there is less stress on the chief and council; rumors and accusations are eliminated; and issues are dealt with by the entire community.

Rath agrees with Indian Affairs about using the Access to Information Act if your leaders won't let you see financial statements. But he cautions that members may not have the right to see all documents:

"Private documents, like the documents of band corporations, whether the shares are held in trust for all the members or not, are the subject of a private trust and Indian Affairs may or may not have access to them.... Indian Affairs doesn't [always] have access to the records or the books of privately held band corporations.

"In that instance, your only remedy would be to sue in the Court of Queen's Bench for what is called "an accounting"; or if it's the records of the band you want [not just a single band company], you may have to go to Federal Court." Typically, this could cost \$20,000 to \$60,000, according to Rath, who adds that courts often order the First Nation to pay costs for both sides in the dispute — money that must inevitably come out of a nation's programs.

A mediation panel (such as Indian Affairs has talked about recently) made up of members of various First Nations, with qualified mediators or arbitrators to preside over things and make the appropriate orders in these types of disputes, is less expensive and faster than going to court, Rath says.

But he says you should try to resolve problems politically first. Assume chief and council are acting in good faith, and give them a chance to explain.

Further, Rath thinks it makes sense to adopt the kinds of policies and procedures used by other First Nations that seem to work well. "Mikisew Cree's a good example — I think this is a success story — they've

put a lot of time and effort into putting together a fairly comprehensive conflict of interest guideline for the chief and council." As well, although it hasn't been formally distributed yet, Mikisew, a

1,900-member-plus nation near Fort Chipewyan, Alta., has just about completed a code of ethics for the membership, said CEO Lawrence Courtoreille, "where they also have guidelines to follow in terms of not making allegations and (showing) disrespect at public meetings. "

Mikisew First Nation has a no-nonsense approach to handling its business affairs.

Courtoreille says they recognized that to have their own government, they also had to have rules, which led to them restructuring. their election regulations. Members wrote in some community expectations of chief and council. The people get to see the annual budget, and if the chief and council exceed that budget, without prior consultation, they're all out of a job. "That's about accountability," Courtoreille adds.

Many First Nations can be proud of how much they have accomplished in reasserting the right to be self-governing and in the way they govern. But one chief pointed out that one of the things slowing progress in that regard is that many people are now conditioned to think in what he calls "the Indian Affairs mindset." He says there are still some people who believe that Indian Affairs has always looked after them, so why change the system. That is why, in some First Nations' territories, it should not surprise you that wielding power from the top down, even when it is done with the best of intentions, still displaces consensus-building and equality of members.

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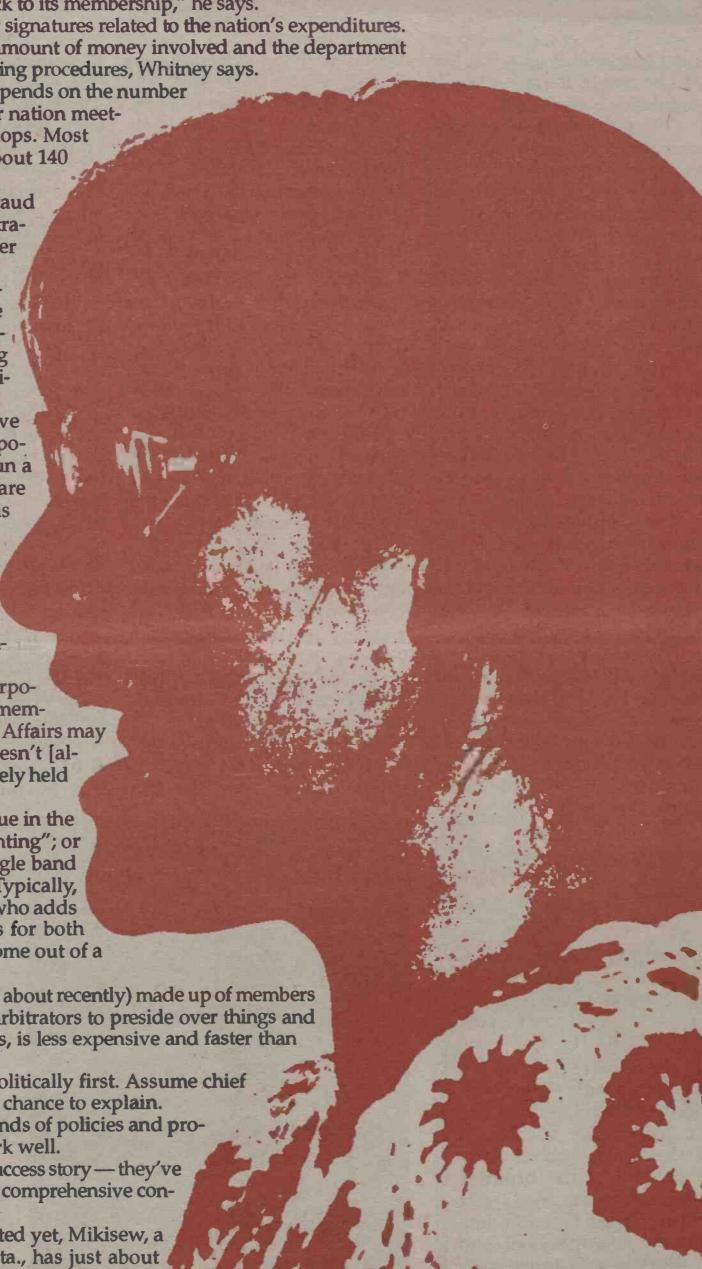
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Community need sparks program

By Cindy Chatwell Canadian Diabetes Association

KAHNAWAKE, Que.

The old saying is true: if you want something done right, you have to do it yourself. Aboriginal communities are sensitive to the epidemic of diabetes among Native people. For many, their response has been a grassroots movement to take health back into their hands through various "wellness" programs.

In 1992, the National Health Research Development Program launched a special initiative for applications for funding for diabetes research in Native communities. One of their conditions was that the community had to be in agreement with the reproposed. Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project (KSDPP), established in Kahnawake, Que. in 1994, is one such communityowned initiative.

Two main factors influenced the development of the KSDPP. One, the people of Kahnawake were hard hit by diabetes, and two, educators were concerned about the new rates of obesity in elementary schoolchildren. Patient chart reviews by Dr. Louis Montour and Dr. Ann Macaulay, both family physicians hired by the community, and Dr. Naomi Adelson, an anthropologist, re- ing as part of their daily life. vealed shocking statistics.

Chart reviews determined that 12 per cent of the population aged 45-64 years of age had diabetes, and 30 per cent had high blood pressure. Both of those rates are about twice that of non-

Native North Americans. A review of diabetes complications determined that 48 per cent had heart attacks or heart surgery, 13 per cent had strokes or experienced a loss of vision as a result of a stroke, and 12 per cent had circulatory problems leading to amputations. The study also showed high rates of obesity — 86 per cent of the diabetic population was obese, compared to 74 per cent of the population without diabetes. Because obesity is a major risk factor for developing Type 2 diabetes, it's possible that 74 per cent of the non-diabetic population is also at risk.

"Overall, the risk of someone with diabetes in Kahnawake having any of these complications was six times higher than a person from the same community without diabetes, matched for age, sex, high blood pressure, obesity and smoking. So it was the diabetes itself that caused this increased rate," Dr. Macaulay said.

In the spring of 1987, the doctors took these statistics back to the community through formal lectures. They began by presenting the basics of what diabetes was, then went on to describe the results of the two studies.

They concluded their presentations by suggesting that people adopt healthier lifestyles by eating healthy food and incorporating regular activity such as walk-

"We reached the community leaders," Dr. Macaulay said. "We went on the local radio station, opened up the lines for questions and answers, and these presentations had a huge impact within the community. People knew

about diabetes because it was in their families and they realized the significance of the findings. They came to us and asked us to do something."

The second factor was the new rates of obesity in elementary school children. Community health nurses found that 25 per cent were over 120 per cent of ideal body weight. Staff from the health centre and staff from the education centre began to talk, and "this was the beginning of what became Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project," Dr. Macaulay said.

The KSDPP focuses on the prevention of Type 2 diabetes (non-insulin dependent), the most common form of diabetes in Native communities. There are two types of diabetes: Type 1 (insulin-dependent), when the body does not produce insulin, and Type 2 (non-insulin-dependent), when the body is unable to use it's own insulin effectively. Type 2 is usually diagnosed in adults, which is why it may seem unusual to develop a program that focuses on the prevention of Type 2 diabetes in children. However, research has shown that a healthy lifestyle and maintaining a healthy weight can reduce the risk of developing diabetes and its complications, so if the children develop healthy lifestyles they are less likely to develop Type 2 when they are older. This approach is also reflective of the community's traditional beliefs.

"In Mohawk tradition this is taking care of the seventh generation...the children yet unborn," Dr. Macaulay said. "Mohawk tradition states that every decision you make now

should benefit the seventh generation. Another tradition states that people should be aware of all the issues, so that they are able to come together in consensus to make decisions. What we've tried to do through the Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project is to model traditional ways."

The fact that the community is a full partner in the research process has contributed to the success of the project. A community advisory board with an age range of 22-74 years is representative of the community. The advisory board assisted with the development of a Code of Research Ethics. They offer advice to both the intervention and evaluation teams on cultural and traditional relevance and current community concerns, act as role models for healthy lifestyles and take the message of healthy lifestyles back to their organizations. The advisory board will also decide how the objectives of this program should be continued after the end

of research funding, June of 1997. Dr. Macaulay said, "Between the health staff of the community owned hospital and the staff of the community owned education system, we've developed a culturally relevant health curriculum for elementary school children which has three sections: the first is nutrition, the second is fitness and the third is diabetes.

The community partners are all working together to support the KSDPP. Nutritionists and community health nurses have introduced the "hands-on" health curriculum into the schools. Teachers learn by observation, and with further training will be

able to deliver the curriculum so the curriculum will remain in the schools when the project funding ends. Schools have also introduced a nutrition policy. Junk food is gone, children are only allowed to bring healthy food to school, and the canteens only sell healthy food. Teachers have also begun to incorporate physical activity into classroom activities, and are given calendars to log activities. Incentives are awarded for classes with the most physical activity for that month.

Educational programs are delivered in the community to increase knowledge of the adults, parents and elders so they can support the children. The project supports established organizations like the Youth Club, whose goals are to promote healthy lifestyles.

Dr. Macaulay credits Alex McComber, intervention coordinator, and Rhonda Kirby, intervention and media agent, with gaining community acceptance for the project. Both are Mohawks from Kahnawake, and Dr. Macaulay says it is because of them that this project has become accepted and has achieved its non-threatening status, which is important for it to succeed. Dr. Macaulay also believes that the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) can be a valuable support for communities grappling with diabetes and its related complications.

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Cree Construction joins with New Brunswick Native group

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Faced with a sharp slowdown in Hydro-Quebec contracts, Cree Construction is travelling as far as the Philippines seeking work. What it didn't expect was to nab a job in its own backyard without even having to pick up a phone and dial.

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Nation, a Micmac band in northern New Brunswick, called them.

The band, in conjunction with the New Brunswick government, is beginning large tourism projects. It is readying to build interpretive centres for both Heron Island, located near Dalhousie, and an Aboriginal Heritage Garden Project adjacent to Eel River.

The Eel River First Nation has no contractors of its own that could handle these projects, so it started a search. It not only wanted someone who could do the work; it wanted someone

who would help train locals, to foster expertise within the band.

Cree Construction has 20 years of construction experience, building major roads, sewage systems and houses, and its specialty is training and working in partnership with Native communities.

The offer to form a partnership with Eel River was extremely attractive to Cree Construction. It only took a couple of months to lay the ground rules for the official signing in December. The agreement to create a joint entity based at Eel River seals a

deal for Cree Construction to build the Heron Island centre, a \$3-to\$4 million contract. The partnership has the added advantage of giving Cree Construction an edge when bidding on other contracts in New Brunswick.

Heron Island, a breeding ground and habitat for at least 87 species of birds, is particularly rich in herons and cormorants. Observation towers and 18 kilometres of trails are being built on the island. Cottages, wigwams struction of Canada, in an atand the ornithological and cultural interpretation centre will be located on the mainland nearby.

A federal agency that helps Atlantic businesses, ACOA, has pledged \$5.5 million towards the project.

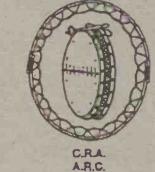
A flood of work in northern Quebec — especially for Hydro-Quebec projects to build and maintain roads to work sites, landscape transformer stations and move power lines — is trickling to a stop. This propelled Cree Construction of Quebec to change its name to Cree Contempt to give the company greater recognition internationally as it seeks outside contracts.

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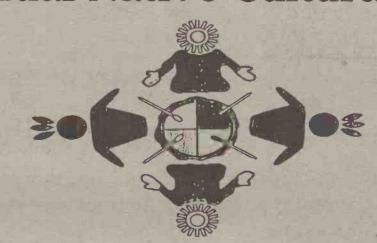
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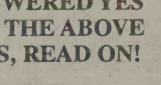
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Mohawks approve policing agreement

KAHNAWAKE, Que.

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, near Montreal, announced June 13 that it had extended its policing agreement with the federal and Quebec governments to March 31, 1997.

The renewal was widely believed to be in jeopardy, as a result of tions between the

provincial government. The relationship was strained following the controversial Extreme Fighting event held on the reserve last April.

The Quebec government attempted to ban the event on the grounds it flew in the face of Canada's Criminal Code. Kahnawake's athletic commission sanctioned the fight, but the community's own peacekeepers arrested a number of the participants. This raised questions as to which rule of law, Mohawk or Canadian, was being applied on the reserve.

Kahnawake Mohawk Council Grand Chief Joe Norton had expressed strong objections to extending the policing agreement in light of the controversy.

Now, officials are saying a protocol that outlined the respective jurisdictions of the peacekeepers and the Sûrèté du Québec, the provincial police force, was agreed to April 26. They say peacekeepers will be the primary police force in Kahnawake and on major highways around the reserve. Jurisdiction will remain an essential part of any further policing agreements, and a liaison committee set out in the policing agreement will expand its duties to include dispute resolution. Police jurisdiction is also on the agendá in Canada-Kahnawake roundtable discussions.

According to Phillip Jacobs, a chief on the Mohawk council responsible for Kahnawake's police and justice services, the council had "backed away from signing the agreement" because of a dispute over police jurisdiction during the Extreme Fighting event. When Kahnawake's own chief peacekeeper called in the Quebec police to help maintain order at the event, putting the peacekeepers under provincial police authority, "some of the things that (the critics) were complaining about may have actually indeed happened to some extent," Jacobs admitted.

Kahnawake council and the police did bend to the provin-

Pressed to say whether the agreement they re-signed gave Mohawks complete jurisdiction over policing in their own terri-

"It does, but it wasn't necessarily spelled out in so many words — it was something that we were pushing for [since 1979] to try to nail down some sort of an agreement with the feds and with the province . . Believe me, both the feds and province bent every which way they could to stay away from that and said it wasn't needed and we could live with how the wording was on the present agreement or on what was being discussed at the time. We could see what could happen if it wasn't clearly spelled out.

[Mohawk police are not] going to answer to the provincial police force — we're independent. It's something that's very rare and I think we're probably one of the only police forces in the country that's still independent . . . The power is in the hands of the community here, not the provincial government or the federal government, and if at any point they try to push their power on us, the community can easily change the mandate of our police department."

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At the same time, Jacobs says the two police forces now "work well together. It's always the political [people] that mess up everything." He credits the policing agreement with giving Mohawk police the chance to take specialty training and to have help from the Quebec force in areas such as forensics, which Kahnawake cannot yet "Under pressure, our chief of afford on its own.

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For Edgar Baptiste in particular, it took all of one minute, are the one event 14.44 seconds for him to complete a sizzling final circuit of Aboriginal drivers the "Half Mile of Hell." His run qualify, both as was penalty free, and made him drivers and as outthe undisputed winner of the riders. Also of Na-\$50,000 Rangeland Derby tive ancestry in chuckwagon race.

Charging from the Number 3 Buddy Bensmiller, barrel in one of rodeo's most exciting events, Baptiste shot into the lead. He never looked back as he guided the Wine Cellar rig at a blistering pace in a thrilling victory. In addition to the cham- Morin, pion's purse, Baptiste won a beautiful bronze trophy and two championship belt buckles. He also goes into the records as the first Treaty Indian to win the cov- ants also proved eted championship.

Baptiste's closest rival was events. The novice Tyler Helmig at 1:15.54, fol- saddle bronc was lowed by Dallas Dorchester the aggregate winner — in 1:15.84, and five-time winner from Vernon, B.C. Kelly Sutherland, who turned in Heading into the a dismal 1:19.53.

For the 41-year-old Cando, round with 251 Sask., chuckwagon driver, it signaled the end of a 16-year drought.

"Lots of times I came close, but outriders just took a lot of penalties," said Baptiste. Although they amassed 10 seconds in penalties this year, there was no denying him the championship.

When asked what he'll do with his winnings, an ecstatic Baptiste said that he'll likely "get into better horses next year, fix my ranch up a little bit, maybe get some more livestock."

Fellow driver Ray Mitsuing, chief of Saskatchewan's Loon Lake First Nation, wound up taking no time on the final day to place 31st of 36, despite his being in second spot going into the competition's fourth. Still, he managed to pocket over \$10,000 in day money with the Foothills Creamery wagon. The 1992 Stampede aggregate win-

ner, who also happens to be the chuckwagon asso-1995 ciation's champion, had a run of bad luck oldest son, Darren, the track.

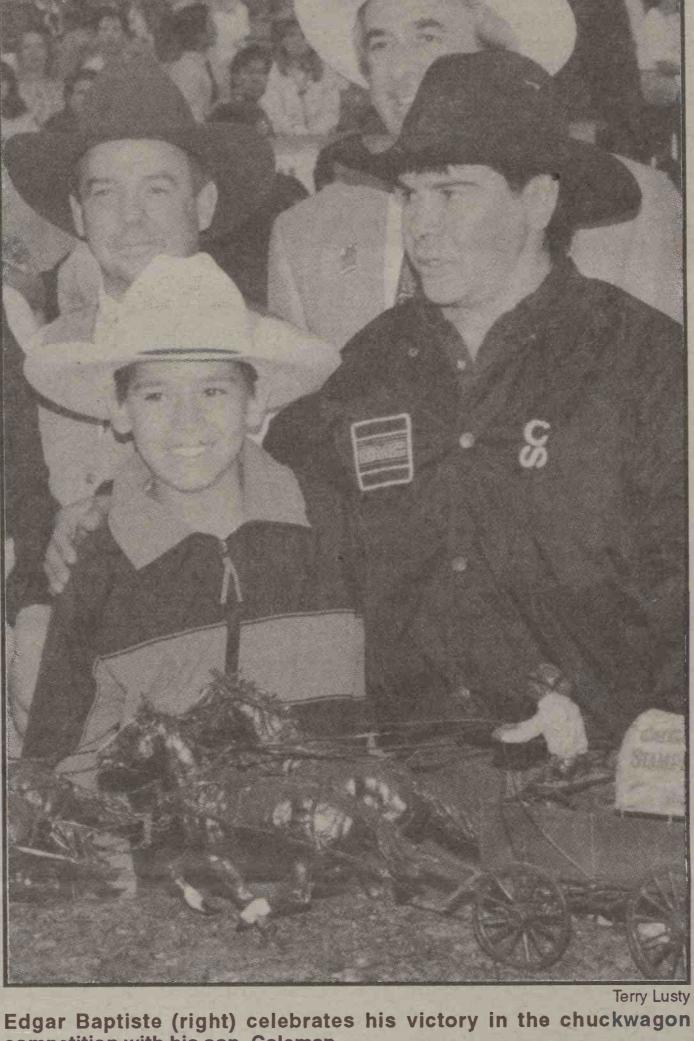
Chuckwagons for which many 1996 were drivers Glen and Jerry Bremner, Ray and Bert Croteau, Ross Knight, Maynard Metchewais, Bruce Ervin Quinney, George Stanley, and Leo and Luke Tournier.

Native contesttheir mettle in other handily won by 18year-old Ben Louis fourth and final gopoints, he simply had to stay on his last bronc to maintain a commanding lead of nearly 50 points.

"It's been one of my dreams for a long time," beamed Louis. "It really feels

good!" His first cousin, Jay Louis, also of Vernon, had to drop out after suffering an injury on his first mount.

Brothers Todd and Cody Munro hit pay-dirt in just their third trip to the Stampede. The duo placed a very strong and close third behind winner Duane Ashbacher in the wild cow milking. Still, they managed to "cover expenses," claimed Todd, who vowed to "return with a vengeance next year." They were informed ear-Nugent that it took him 12 years Skoal's Silkscreen.



competition with his son, Coleman.

to win his first title.

"Maybe it'll take us four," mused Todd.

Yet another Native competitor who very nearly walked off with \$50,000 was bull rider Adriano Moraes from Texas. The champion two years ago was the only cowboy to complete all 10 of his rides, but he touched the bull with his free hand, a rule violation. The infraction meant no trip to the final go-round, which was won by Montana's Scott Breding, lier by former champion Bill who scored a whopping 90.5 on

The saddle bronc went to Oklahoma's Billy Etbauer, bareback to Davey Shields Jr. from Hanna, Alta., and calf roping in a lightning-quick time of 5.9 and 4.5 on two head to Texan Roy Cooper. In steer wrestling, Todd Boggust from Paynton, Sask., was the big winner, while Jason Havens from Washington state captured the novice bareback.

For the first time, ladies' barrel racing beckoned with a \$50,000 pot; it was won by an extremely happy and emotional Sharon Smith from Oklahoma.

1996 Calgary Stampede results

· Major awards ·

 Saddle bronc (average) Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont.; (\$50,000) Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Ókla. *Bareback (average) Colin Orr, Maple Creek, Sask.; (\$50,000) Davey Shields Jr.,

Hanna, Alta. *Bull riding (average) Scott Breding, Edgar, Mont.; (\$50,000) Scott Breding

•Calf roping (average) Roy Cooper, Childress, Tex.; (\$50,000) Roy Cooper •Steer wrestling (average)

Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla.; (\$50,000) Todd Boggust; Paynton, Sask. • Barrel racing (average) Kay

Blandford, Stockdale, Tex.; (\$50,000) Sharon Smith, Dibble, Okla.

• Chuckwagon (aggregate) Dallas Dorchester, Falun, Alta.; (\$50,000) Edgar Baptiste, Cando, Sask.

• Individual awards •

• Novice saddle bronc - Ben Louis, Vernon, B.C. •Novice bareback — Jason

Havens, Clarkson, Wash. •Boy's steer riding — Ryan Cox, High Prairie, Alta.

• Wild horse race — Jesse Doenz, Milk River, Alta. ·Wild cow milking -Duane Ashbache, Arrowwood, Alta.

•Rookie award - Mark Sutherland, Clairmont, Alta. •All-around — Gerald Willsie, Caroline, Alta. •High Point — Gerald

Caroline, Alta. Willsie, · Guy Weadick Memorial Award - Morica Wilson,

Cardston, Alta. •Guy Weadick Award runners up - Bruce Flewelling, Strathmore, Alta.

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Role model school a big hit

By Dave Schritt Windspeaker Contributor

LLOYDMINSTER, Sask.

Players come away from their sessions with stars in their eyes.

But when a young hockey player spends the better part of a week gazing up at the likes of Sandy McCarthy of the Calgary Flames, Gino Odjick of the Vancouver Canucks and Wade Redden, who recently signed a contract with the Ottawa Senators, it's not tough to leave the arena with the feeling of having NHL players.

Hockey School lures those Native hockey players, coaches NHL, and that, in turn, brings in the youngsters to the six-day hockey camp. From age seven to those in their mid-teens, onhockey league in the world to attend training camps.

leave an impression. One hundred eighty-six Native hockey players hit the ice at this year's school.

"I've just seen Wade Redden," said 15-year-old Derrick Sangris, while taping sticks in the Russ Robertson arena lobby. "It's kind of exciting."

Sangris, entering his second year of bantam, has attended two previous hockey schools, but this is his first trip to Lloydminster to take part in the Aboriginal Role Models school.

"This is the best camp so far," commented Sangris, who, along with his dad, made the trek from brushed elbows with bona fide Yellowknife to attend this year's school. "Yesterday was the first The Aboriginal Role Models day, and we just went through some drills and stuff."

Sangris hopes to play and scouts currently in the hockey in the Edmonton area. He has received invitations from the Western Hockey League's Red Deer Rebels and Moose Jaw Warriors, as well as ice sessions with those good the Saskatchewan Junior enough to make it to the best Hockey League's Lebret Eagles,

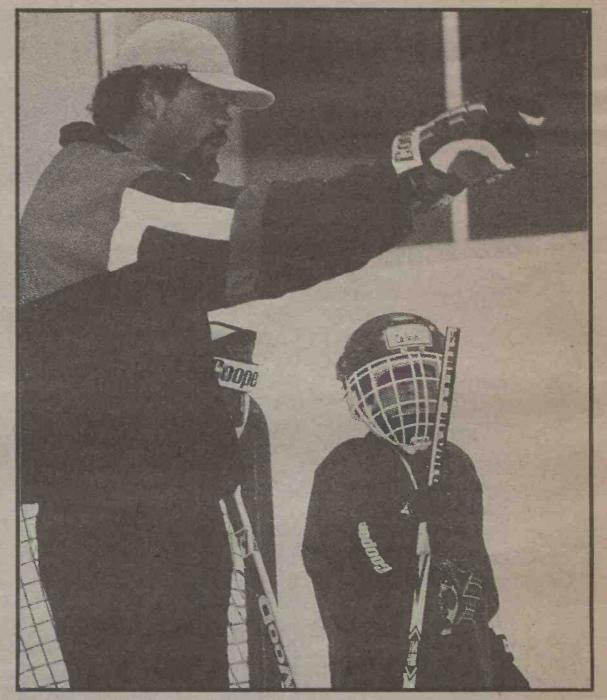
"It's always a big kick for the kids," said Bart Redden, one of the instructors and a member of the SJHL's North Battleford North Stars, on having the NHL players at the school. "They're great guys to talk to."

Kevin Tootoosis, one of the organizers of the school, said the presence of McCarthy, Odjick, Buffalo Sabres' coach Ted Nolan, Vancouver Canucks' scout Ron Delorme and Wade Redden means a lot to the players at the camp.

"They're putting something back into the game," he said, while looking on from the stands. "They come from all over North America just to be here. A lot of the parents we talked to like the organization and the quality of instruction on the ice."

For Sangris and the other players, the NHL is a long way off, and the odds of making it in the big leagues are daunting.

"I'm hoping to learn a lot," added Sangris. "The information seems overwhelming sometimes."



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Calgary Flames' winger Sandy McCarthy explains a drill to one of the youngsters at the Aboriginal Role Models Hockey School.

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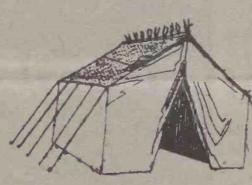
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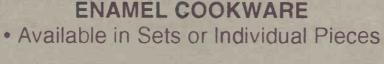


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The American Indian Higher Education Consortium was founded 23 years ago as a support network for a number of new tribal colleges. Today, it continues to foster the exchange of information among its 31 member institutions, including two in Canada.

It was anticipated in 1973 that each institution would face similar challenges and problems, and the AIHEC has worked for two decades to mobilize support for the improvement of higher education for American Indians and Alaskan Natives in spite of serious hurdles such as geographical separation and cultural differences. The information exchange has helped each new college to get off the ground and to operate successfully without having to reinvent the wheel.

The AIHEC provides other services to its member schools, as well. The consortium continues to develop collaborative approaches to such issues as same year, preparation for regional accreditation reviews, faculty and staff development and board governance. In addition, it sets up training institutes for the college

presidents, giving them the benefit of nearly a quarter century of experience in post-secondary education for Native people.

Since 1989, the consortium has operated the American Indian College Fund, which raises funds from the private corporate sector and interested individuals to provide essential support for the Îndian colleges located in the U.S.

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Sinte Gleska University

Lakota Elder and teacher Ollie Napesni helps students at Sinte Gleska University understand the culture and history of the Lakota nation.

founded Tribal College, the jour- College provides quarterly reports on the work being done by Aboriginal colleges and univeracademic discussion of issues central to American Indian education and life.

come from all over the map, but are concentrated in Montana and in North and South Dakota — the three states boast more than half of the AIHEC's member institutions. In Canada, the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College at the University of Regina and Red Crow Community College in Cardston, Alta., are affiliated.

Most member institutions are community or tribal colleges, but there is one fully accredited member university: Sinte Gleska University in Rosebud, South Dakota. In many ways, Sinte Gleska is a role model for Native American higher education.

Sinte Gleska was given its right to exist through a tribal charter from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe granted in February, 1971. The charter gave the university wide-ranging authority to operate an educational institution and to provide other programs to help meet the needs of the Rosebud Sioux people. The university is governed independent of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe

become an important forum for by an all-Indian, elected board of regents.

Located on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in south-cen-Members of the consortium tral South Dakota, Sinte Gleska's service area encompasses more than 13,000 sq. km, and includes a bicultural and bilingual population, including some 16,000 Sicangu, or Burnt Thigh, Lakota. The reservation area is one of the poorest areas in the U.S., with a per capita income of under \$2,000 for Indian people and an unemployment rate which ranges as high as 90 per cent. Seventy-five per cent of the university's students are Native Americans.

> Post-secondary education was and is viewed as an essential building block to eventually decrease poverty and its attendant problems. The founders of Sinte Gleska University had a dream for their people: to provide educational opportunities that both allowed the Lakota people to maintain their cultural identity and to learn the skills necessary to compete effectively in a non-Indian dominated society.

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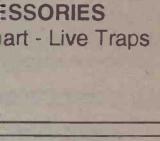


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The reservation, located in the Bear Paw Mountains, includes country of rolling foothills and prairie land. The principal use of lands within the reservation is grazing and dryland farming. The tribe has several economic development enterprises, which is enhanced by a few family owned businesses.

With the help of Chief Rocky Boy, Chief Big Bear and some prominent non-Native men of the time, including William Bole, publisher of the *Great Falls Tribune*, Charlie Russell and Frank Linderman, the Rocky Boy Reservation was created.

On September 7, 1916, the 64th Congress designated a tract of land, once part of the abandoned Fort Assiniboine Military Reserve as a home for the Chippewa and Cree Indians. Located south of Havre, this refuge consisted of approximately 55,000 acres. About 450 of the Chippewa and Cree Indians chose to settle on the reservation. In later years, more land was added until the reservation reached it present size of 108,015 acres.

Since the creation of the Rocky Boy Reservation, intermarriage has amalgamated the two tribes until today they can be listed on the membership rolls only as Chippewa-Cree. The total number of enrolled tribal members is approximately 4,600.

The school year of 1995-1996 has been a year of change and challenge for Stone Child College. The year is ending with many new aspects including a new President Interim, Steve Galbavy, who replaced Luanne Belcourt (May '96). Luanne's sister, Peggy Nagel (former President from 1985-95), was called home at the young age of 42. Peggy was a great stateswoman, a futuristic leader who went beyond the call of duty to help individuals. She was a valuable colleague and mentor who is greatly missed by our local community and all people involved in education. Stone Child College will be carried on by those of us she left behind.

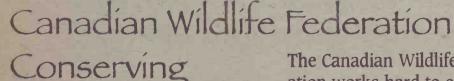
In the words of our late President Nagel, "Through education, we hold the future in our hands." Given this thought, Stone Child College will continue to carry on the vision of President Nagel and will continue to provide quality educational opportunities to the Chippewa Cree people. The Chippewa-Cree people believe that education is the only way out of the poverty conditions that they live in, and the only way to improve their way of life for themselves and their children.

A new facility recently finalized construction on the Stone Child College campus, which houses the Small Business Center, Tribal Resource Center, Distance Learning Center and Computerized Language Lab, Science Lab, and a conference room. The building is named, "Sitting Old Woman" Center, the given Indian name of our late president, Peggy Nagel.

Stone Child College was designated as the lead institution in a National Science Foundation project to facilitate access to the Internet for the 29 tribal colleges. The project will add to further the development of our telecommunications efforts and distance learning objectives.

Stone Child College achieved Land Grant Status on Oct. 5, 1994 through the Tribal College Act Endowment Amendment, signed into law by President Clinton as part of the Endowment and Secondary Education Act. The designation is a very historical event for our college and all tribal colleges. Land Grant Status will mean expanded programs and other opportunities to stabilize and access federal funding. Once appropriations are received, SCC will develop programs in Natural Resources and Agriculture. Our traditional Chippewa Cree culture and values will be integrated with the management of our natural resources.

For those who have never had the opportunity to visit Stone Child College, please consider this an open invitation to stop by and visit the campus. Our doors are always open to welcome visitors to Stone Child College and the beautiful natural environment of the Rocky Boy Reservation and the Bear Paw Mountains.

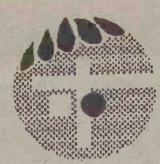




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The Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College announces its Fall 1996 Schedule of regular classes. Pre-registration is August 19th and 20th. Regular Orientation and Registration is September 3rd in the Student Services, Office of the College, and classes begin on September 4th. Call Darlene Redday, Registrar at (605) 698-3966 for more information.

President of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Community College for the academic year 1996-97 is Dr. John Derby. Dr. Derby was the Director of the Indian Fellowship Program in the Department of Education's Indian Office for six years prior to returning to the Sisseton area. Dr. Derby was born in Sisseton and educated in Sioux Falls. He received his BA in education from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion. Dr. Derby also received his Master's in counselling from that University. He obtained his doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. During the 80's he served as a school administrator in the midwest and southwest part of the country before moving to Washington D.C. in 1990.

Classes are being scheduled during evening hours in districts and in outlying communities as well as on the main campus. Call Darlene Redday at (605) 698-3066 for more information. The Management Training Institute will be holding evening classes during the Fall semester. Call Shannon LaBatte at (605) 698-3966.

Contracts are being sent to staff and faculty this week. Many adjunct faculty will be returning as well. New adjunct slots, and a few regular positions are being advertised. Distance learning will be heavily utilized this year, with students potentially receiving classes from several nearby four-year institutions as well as from regular staff members. Work on a new "smart classroom" is underway. The president and trustees are engaged in a heavy campaign of grant writing and fund raising to add additional technology to the curriculum. Currently the entire College is networked with Internet access. The Learning Lab and Computer Lab have above the "state of the art technology" currently available for student learning for success. Specialized Computer Assisted Instruction is available at the school as well. The library, its computers and Internet access, are available to the general public as well. Community members are encouraged to check out the resources available to community. Visitors are always welcome.

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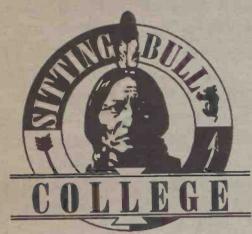
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Mercredi taken for the ride of his life

Assembly of First Nations' resolution challenges national chief's authority, questions his leadership style

By Christine Wong Windspeaker Contributor

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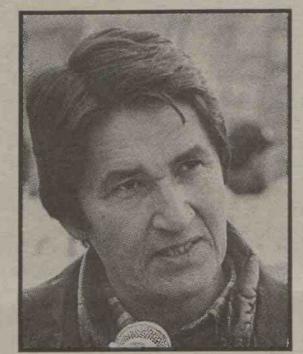
Assimilation, partnership or sovereignty? That was the question Ovide Mercredi put before a dismal showing of delegates at the Assembly of First Nations' annual general meeting in Ottawa last month.

It was also the official title of the conference, which was held July 8 to 10. The subtitle of the event was "Redefining the First Nations Direction," and delegates waited expectantly for Mercredi's own interpretation of just how to do that.

After the national chief's opening day speech, however, the burning question on everyone's lips was this: "What exactly does Ovide Mercredi mean by 'sovereignty'?"

Delegates, observers and media were unsure. Apparently, so was Mercredi when it came to providing concrete examples.

The two-term national chief did say that the present partnership with Canada, in which First Nations are economically and politically subordinate to the terms of the Indian Act, must be rejected. He stopped short of proposing a total end to relations with government, however.



Ovide Mercredi

ing... a relationship based on the recognition that we are equal people with the rest of the country, and that as such we deserve our own territory, our own land mass, our own resources; so that we can fend for our own lives and not have to make that trek to regional offices of Indian Affairs or the federal government with our hands out for some program dollars to build a house."

Any assertion of sovereignty must be pursued non-violently,

"We will not make the gains that we seek through the barrel of a gun."

When pressed by delegates for hard examples of how First Nations' sovereignty would take "I am not advocating no relaction clined. He said he only intended Mercredi from office. The resolusive sovereignty altogether." tionship," he said. "I am advocat- to raise the issue for discussion tion also expressed concerns over

so that chiefs could take it back to their communities for consideration at the local level.

During three days of open debate on the sovereignty issue, some chiefs said the policy needed clarification before being adopted as official AFN strategy.

"Instead of just going through the same old rhetoric over and over again, I'd like to see us come up with some concrete things here," one delegate declared at the open microphone.

Ontario Regional Chief Gord Peters wondered aloud how the Constitution would fit into the sovereignty idea, then told delegates they needed "a really clear statement of direction (on sovereignty) to take back to our communities, a clearer philosophy based on who we are as people." Peters also wanted to know how the sovereignty concept differed from AFN's present strategy.

In the end, delegates decided to carry the matter over to next year's general meeting, leaving the whole thing unresolved after generating considerable discussion.

Mercredi's rough ride continued on the last day, when a resolution was put forth challenging his authority. The motion called for a committee to monitor Mercredi's leadership, with the

"the frequency and quality of communication and accountability" between Mercredi and chiefs at the local community level.

According to Peters, those kinds of concerns may have convinced many chiefs to stay away from the conference. Out of more than 600 eligible delegates, only 150 attended. On day three, only 86 showed up to vote on final resolutions, including the sovereignty strategy. The fact that the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs held its own general meeting at the same time also lowered the turnout. The scheduling conflict was simply a mix-up, not an intentional slight to the AFN, Manitoba Regional Chief Royce Wilson told Windspeaker.

During open debate on setting up a committee to monitor Mercredi's leadership, delegates avoided speaking directly about Mercredi himself; one said the idea had merit, but needed more discussion; another simply said the AFN didn't need to set up yet another committee. After some tense, awkward moments, the motion was defeated.

The toughest reception of all was reserved for Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin, who arrived on the closing day to announce \$98.5 million in water and sewer programs. He talked

Following Irwin's speech, del-

egates bombarded him with angry remarks on the Indian Act, gaming laws, hunting and fishing rights, funding cuts to housing and education, and the willingness of governments to use military and police forces against Native protesters.

"It was a fine presentation the minister gave, but those are lies," Chief Clark Smith charged. "The Indian Act has destroyed much of our territories and lands."

Irwin responded by saying he believes the Indian Act should eventually be abolished. He also said Canada has many policies and laws that proclaim and protect Aboriginal rights. On the subject of gaming, he shifted blame to the provinces. During an interview with reporters after this speech, he was shouted down by three angry delegates and fled the building.

In response to Irwin's speech, Mercredi reminded the minister that only the federal government, not the provinces, can make laws concerning Aboriginal people. He also said most of the Liberal government's red book promises on First Nations have not been fulfilled. And unless protective laws and policies are carried out, Mercredi added, they are just meaningless pieces of paper.

With this year's AFN meeting power "to reprimand, or if nec- solely about money and over, Mercredi has the next 12 shape in Canada, Mercredi de- essary, recommend removal" of projects, avoiding the issue of months to refine his sovereignty proposal, the last year in his second term as National Chief.



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Casino's revenue to be split among Ontario's First Nations

By Roberta Avery Windspeaker Contributor

CHIPPAWA HILL, Ont.

Canada's largest casino will open on the Rama First Nation about 130 km north of Toronto on July 31. And all the Native bands in Ontario will get a share of the estimated \$60 million in annual profits.

About 400 Native leaders discussed the Rama casino at the All Ontario Chief's Conference at the Saugeen First Nation reserve west of Owen Sound in mid-June. They passed a resolution for 65 per cent of the net revenue to be shared among Ontario's 131 bands.

The Rama reserve, which is in debt to the tune of \$150 million for construction of the \$195-million-casino, will collect 35 per cent of the net revenue. But estimates of the casino's revenue were forecast before the announcement of the opening of the Niagara Falls casino, said Ted Williams, chairperson of the Casino Rama Resort Development Committee.

"It's sure to take some of our profits," Williams said. Video lottery terminals, and the opening of up to 50 charity casinos, if approved in a province-wide referendum in 1997, will also have an impact on Rama's bottom line, said Williams.

Profits from the casino will be used for community development, health, housing and education for Ontario's First Nations. But some of the chiefs cautioned that it should be made clear that this in no way diminishes the federal government's obligations to First Nations people.

The chiefs also decided to support a legal challenge of the provincial government's 20 per cent levy of the casino's gross revenue. That levy could amount to as much as \$50 million annually, said Rama Chief Lorraine McRae.

"I want to state very clearly that the First Nations did not agree to a 20 per cent win tax," she said.

The province halted construction on the casino in February and some reports stated that Rama had signed away the 20 per cent to get construction restarted, she said.

The complex is expected to generate 2,500 direct jobs and 6,000 spin-off jobs.

George family not alone in push for public inquiry

By Roberta Avery Windspeaker Contributor

CHIPPAWA HILL, Ont.

Sam George says he can't mourn until the truth is told about his brother's death.

But he now knows his family isn't alone in a quest for a public inquiry into Anthony (Dudley) George's shooting death by Ontario Provincial Police at Ipperwash Provincial Park on Sept. 6, 1995.

More than 400 Native leaders attending the June conference of All Ontario Chiefs at the Saugeen Reserve west of Owen Sound pledged financial support for the campaign for a public inquiry.

In an impassioned plea, George said his brother was the first person in Ontario to be shot dead while protecting a sacred burial ground, and he fears the "wrong-doers are being shielded."

His chief agrees.

On the first day of the conference, Tom Bressette, chief of Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation, demanded Ontario Attorney-General Charles Harnick initiate a public inquiry into George's death.

But Bressette was to be disappointed.

and wait until the release of a Special Investigations Unit's report.

But Bressette was not satisfied with Harnick's response.

"I asked a specific question; our community demands to know what's going to be done about this," said Bressette. "Our people are still extremely upset about this."

George was also unhappy with Harnick's response.

He fears the SIU, Ontario's civilian police watchdog agency, will point the finger at junior OPP officers.

"They will be left to take the blame," he said.

But George says the truth must come out about any involvement of top OPP officers and government officials.

Bressette also wanted to know why an inquiry into alleged police brutality during a striking government worker's demonstration at Queen's Park brought an immediate inquiry, but George's death has brought no action.

they got a public inquiry awfully fast, but we're still waiting," Bressette said.

Meanwhile the George fami-Harnick told him to be patient ly's legal costs are mounting up.



Ted Shaw

Sam George

"I borrowed \$70,00, but that's just about gone, but I can't give up, all we want is the truth to be told," George said.

The chiefs immediately responded to George's plea. Some donated their conference travel expense cheques and others pledged personal donations.

The leaders were then asked to stand if they supported a resolution for them to go back to their people to ask for a minimum \$1,000 donation from each of Ontario's 131 First Nations.

When the entire assembly immediately rose, George said "Nobody was killed, but his family no longer felt alone.

> "Today I found out we're not alone in this, we have the support of the entire First Nations people," said George, fighting

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9:00 am Opening Prayer (Elder) 9:10 am Traditional Healing in a Western Society (Lea Bill) 10:30 am COFFEE Parenting - theatre presentation (TBA) 11:00 am 12:00 pm LUNCH (theatre presentation) 1:00 pm Dressing to enhance Self Esteem - Fashion Show (TBA) 3:00 pm Closing Prayer/Song NOTE: Writing Circles will be offered at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm (Room TBA) 6:00 pm M.C. - Cecelia Firethunder, Dale Auger, Others - (TBA)

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AIDS awareness needed

By Susan Lazaruk Windspeaker Contributor

VANCOUVER

For Native AIDS workers, the highly technical and academic aspects of the 11th International AÎDS Conference held in July in Vancouver only points to how far behind Aboriginal communities are in getting out the message about the deadly disease.

Pauline Wood Steiman of the likely to be underestimated. Manitoba Regional AIDS Committee says Canadian Natives are still at the stage of educating their people at the community level.

The thrust of Native health organizations in Canada is to educate Natives in cities and on reserves about prevention, she said.

"Ten years from now, we'll be Africa and Uganda, so we should be prepared now," said Wood Steiman, referring to the epidemic sweeping the African continent.

The conference drew 15,000 scientists, activists, patients and media representatives from 125 countries around the world. It dealt with a dizzying slate of topics, from the latest new miracle drugs, to the delay in developing a vaccine, and the fear of new developing strains.

None of the 100 plenaries, abstract sessions or lectures dealt specifically with Aboriginal concerns, but two Native groups set up information booths on the floor of B.C. Place, one of the convention venues.

Wood Steiman displayed the AIDS Bingo Game, a basic educational tool that her committee developed for use in small towns and on reserves.

In this game, the community leader reads through a list of up to 50 statements about AIDS. Questions like — "AIDS can be cured" or "You can get AIDS from having sex without a condom" — are true or false statements and the players have to decide which response is correct.

"It's AIDS 101," she says.

There's an estimated 45,000 Canadians infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the precursor to AIDS. As of January, 176 AIDS cases were reported among Canadian Aboriginal people, rep-

Canada. But 40 per cent of cases reported don't include the ethnicity of patients, so the number of Natives with the disease is

resenting 1.4 per cent of all

cases, according to Health

Health Canada warns that the proportion of adult female Aboriginal AIDS cases — 13.3 per cent — is higher than in the non-Native population.

That may be because prostitution is a means of survival for some Aboriginal women living in inner-city areas, where highrisk behavior, like injected drug use and having unprotected sex, are more common.

HIV-positive individuals are also more prone to infection from diseases like tuberculosis. The areas with the increasing number of AIDS cases have also seen increases in the number of tuberculosis cases, Health Canada reports. And Natives are a high-risk group for contracting TB.

The federal agency also reports that of the Natives surveyed on Ontario reserves in McKinnon. 1993, 14 per cent of the respondents had used needles to inject expense of the new drugs, develdrugs. Three per cent of them had admitted to sharing needles.

Another Ontario study on reserve found that 90 per cent of people over the age of 15 were sexually active and 41 per cent said they had had sex without a condom.

Barbara Anne For McKinnon, an educator with Healing Our Spirit, B.C. First Nations AIDS Society, that means the message about the dangers of AIDS isn't reaching Native people.

"A lot of the young people think it's a gay disease," she says. "That it's a city thing, it's not going to come to their small town, because they're so young, you know. They're so

full of life and nothing bad can

happen to them." Wood Steiman says Native educators face difficulties when dealing with Natives who follow fundamentalist religions, because they've already heard stories about the disease being God's punishment for homosexuality.

"Our old people are very indoctrinated and we have to counteract that," she says. "Those are the most difficult people to educate."

McKinnon says she finds that "as soon as they understand, they're very accepting.

"Once we do our workshop, once they understand you can't just get it by shaking hands, then they take our person and give them a hug."

Dealing with Natives with AIDS and HIV also has to incorporate the unique cultural aspects of Native communities, both workers say.

That means combining hitech drugs with the traditional holistic healing that Natives are

The most important aspect of the work, however, is in making sure the people know how to avoid HIV.

"We have to provide education and provide ways of prevention in a big way," says

Both women worry about the oped this year and touted as the new miracle treatment at the conference, for Native people. They include three or more different kinds of drugs taken in a "drug cocktail" and have effectively reduced the viral load in patients' systems to the point where HIV can't be detected.

But these "drug cocktails" can cost \$8,000-\$20,000 a year.

"We, of all people, can't even afford to buy those kinds of things," said Wood Steiman.

She and McKinnon say it's important that the federal government keep providing free medical care for Natives.

In the meantime, they'll continue getting out the message about condom use.

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Moccasin Miles for Freedom



Ken Ward

Sharing the journey

Editor's note: Ken Ward has offered to share with Windspeaker's readers his thoughts and feelings about living with AIDS, a disease he has recently been diagnosed with after years of living HIV-positive. Ken has given much of his time to educate others about the disease. This column is an extension of his work to provide current information about HIV and AIDS to the Aboriginal community.

My name is Ken Ward and I am from the Enoch Cree Na-

Yes, now that I have been diagnosed with having AIDS, I feel as though I have begun a little journey into the unknown. What my tomorrows will bring, only the Dear Creator knows.

My intention with this column is to share with you my experiences and thoughts as I travel this path. The writings are to be sincere from my heart. This is the language in which I can write.

You will see the human side of AIDS and its effects on me, both emotionally and mentally.

If perhaps there are people out there who are sharing this journey, they may take comfort in knowing they are not alone and can appreciate what I may have to offer.

Hopefully, the issues raised with this column will help create a healthier understanding of what friends and families need to know when a loved one is diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

I will write of hope, respect and gratitude in the following issues. I thank the Elders and youth for these gifts. Let's share the journey, in what I call "Moccasin Miles for Freedom."

Thank you. Ken Ward

New project announced

Health Canada and Alberta Health have teamed up to work with Aboriginal communities to develop a comprehensive plan for HIV prevention in Alberta. The plan will also help Aboriginal communities develop the capacity to care for and support those affected by HIV. This unique three-year initiative takes essential steps towards a more coordinated approach to HIV and AIDS for Alberta's Aboriginal population.

Key elements of the project include the development of a strategy for prevention of HIV, community consultation and partnership projects, as well as an evaluation component to measure results. An Aboriginal consultant has been hired as project coordinator to work with an advisory committee to identify, review and make recommendations throughout the project. Both government partners will share the \$190,000 cost of the project, under the National AIDS Strategy II and the Alberta AIDS Program.

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Panel gives thumbs-up to NWT diamond mine

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An environmental review panel has advised federal approval of Canada's first diamond mine, subject to 29 recommendations.

BHP Diamonds/Dia Met Minerals' proposed mine at Lac de Gras, on the barrenland tundra 300 km north and slightly east of Yellowknife, is expected to cost \$750 million and create 830 jobs.

BHP hopes that federal Environment minister Sergio Marchi will approve the project. He is expected to announce the cabinet's decision on Aug. 6. The company must also obtain a water licence and land-use permits.

After a month of community hearings, the four-member panel concluded that the envi-

ronmental impacts of the mine are "largely predictable and mitigable. The project has the potential to provide significant benefits to the North," panelists wrote.

panel recommended that

-the federal government work quickly to resolve land claims of Aboriginal peoples;

-BHP submit annual reports on its environmental and socioeconomic monitoring programs;

-governments set up a multiparty board to manage the 350,000 animals in the Bathurst caribou herd:

-BHP and Aboriginal groups should try to reach impacts and benefits agreements before the mine is in operation;

-BHP ensure that its contractors pay fair, adequate wages; -the NWT government continue financial programs to assist northern businesses in taking advantage of opportunities with BHP;

-Canada provide for diamond valuation in the NWT.

When the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development develops new legislation resulting from land claim To realize those benefits, the settlements, it should be done with a view to "consistency, integrity and continuity" in management, panelists advised.

> If the mine is built, six lakes will be drained over a 25-year period. Mining and rock processing would continue 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With projected revenue of \$534 million in 1998, the value of diamonds from the BHP/Dia Met mine would approach that of minerals produced by all other NWT mines combined. Annual royalty and tax revenue to governments is expected to be \$150 million per year.

> The Lac de Gras area is home to a range of fish and wildlife, including grizzly bears, wolves, foxes, falcons, eagles and many other species.

Diamond panel recommendations criticized

By Lee Selleck Windspeaker Contributor

YELLOWKNIFE

First Nations and environmentalists are almost unanimous in their criticism of a federal review panel's recommendations for approval of the BHP/Dia Met Minerals diamond mine in the Northwest Territories.

"The recommendations are weak," says Ted Blondin, land claims manager for the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, the First Nation closest to the development.

"What's missing is the direct involvement of the communities in the environmental plan," Blondin says. "We have to be involved in developing it, reviewing it, and approving it. The Dogribs want more involvement in the monitoring area," which

encompasses environmental and socio-economic issues.

During the panel's community hearings, Dogrib leaders and local residents stressed that, at efits agreement (IBA) between the Dogrib Nation and BHP mine was approved. Instead, the panel merely encouraged the parties to conclude an IBA.

"We are negotiating an impacts and benefits agreement with BHP. We are making progress," Blondin says, but shortcomings in the panel's recommendations "make the job tougher."

Revenue sharing, for example, is a difficult issue that might have been resolved more easily if the panel had recommended such provisions, he says.

"The conditions attached to approval are disappointing," says Ndilo chief Darrell

Beaulieu, whose community near Yellowknife is covered by Treaty 8. "And the number of things they decided not to make recommendations about is disminimum, an impacts and ben-turbing. Most of those issues are the ones our people are most concerned about - social disshould be in place before the ruption, extra traffic on the winter road across our hunting grounds, the way cumulative effects will be monitored."

> Dene national chief Bill Erasmus says that when "the panel states that it is the responsibility of BHP, and sometimes the government, to monitor themselves, this is like asking the fox to watch the henhouse. An independent monitoring program, that incorporates traditional knowledge, must be established."

During the panel's hearings, BHP promised that when construction of the mine begins,

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Davis Inlet

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federal government is in regards to the devolution of programs and services [from the federal and provincial governments] to the band government," Rich said. "Hopefully, by the time we reach Sango, [the negotiations] will be completed."

Band control of such things as social services, supplies, schooling and a medical clinic, as well as the move back to the mainland, will give the community the means to escape the cycle of poverty and abuse.

and clay island off the Labrador coast, was originally settled with the large population base in 1967 by the provincial and federal governments' forced move of many Innu from the mainland. The island was unable to support the community in dozens of ways — four or five studies have concluded that there is no source of water on the island sufficient to keep the public worldwide. That helped."

approximately 525 people alive, and even outhouses don't work because of the clay soil.

The worst effect of the move, though, was the isolation of the people from their traditional lands. Davis Inlet becomes a virtual prison for three or four months each year, when the water becomes too difficult to cross either by boat or over the ice. For the nomadic Innu hunters, such conditions were intolerable.

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Davis Inlet, on a small rock million — and the province will supply the site.

"The thought of moving and the amount of dollars, all that work and all that money coming to the community, it scares me," said Rich. "But the community knows what they want and they've accomplished what they wanted to do. We've worked hard at it, and we made our story available to the media and the

Diamond panel

(continued from page 31) many opportunities will open up for Aboriginal and northern businesses. But the Yellowknives Dene haven't seen any benefits yet, says Dettah chief Jonas Sangris.

vised the federal government to move quickly to settle Aboriginal claims to land in the western NWT, noting that would encourage stability in the region. Inuit, Dogrib, Yellowknives and Lutsel K'e Dene have all traditionally used the Lac de Gras area, but only the Inuit have settled a land claim.

"By stating that they do not want to interfere with the land claims process, the panel missed the opportunity to ensure that the mine is a healthy economic and social success for all peoples," says Erasmus.

"The Inuit were allowed to select land with advanced thirdparty interest [for their land claim] and the Dene are not," noted Robbie Keith, a board

member of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee. That policy must be changed, but the panel skirted the issue, he said.

The federal government stated during the hearings that BHP's leases will not be affected The four-member panel ad- by Aboriginal people's claims to the area.

> Treaty 8 chiefs are disappointed that the recommendation wasn't stronger, and disillusioned with the negotiation process. Talks with Treaty 8 First Nations stalled a week after the BHP hearings ended in February, and DIAND has no negotiator, says Lutsel K'e chief Felix Lockhart.

Dene lands were designated a "hot spot" by an Indigenous peoples summit in London in May, and they will lobby the United Nations to pressure the federal government.

Only the Metis Nation-NWT has supported the review panel's recommendations. "We're pleased the project is a go," said president Gary Bohnet.

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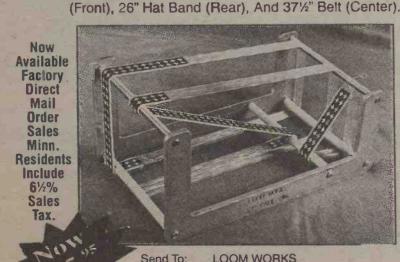
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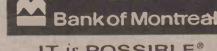
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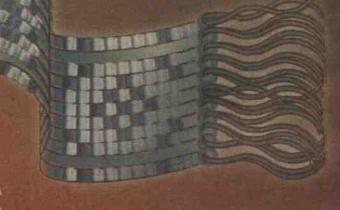
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