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The little card I received during church service for Henry, starts with a poem ... "Please don't sing sad songs for me...forget your grief and tears."

Sorry Henry, I will grieve for you, I will miss you. And on occasion when the fiddle is playing something sad at a Metis gathering, as I sit and listen, I will shed a tear for you...because you were my bestest friend and now you're gone and I wish you were here.

—Rocky Woodward

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NATIVE COWBOY STAR

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## Lonefighters vow spring action

By Jeff Morrow  
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PEIGAN NATION

Peigan Lonefighters plan to halt start up operations this spring at the Oldman River Dam despite the transfer of six RCMP officers to their reserve, a spokesman said.

"Our backs are against the wall," said Lorna Born With A Tooth, who is a member of the radical Native group. "Action has to take place, otherwise we've lost our river forever."

Born With A Tooth would not release details of the Lonefighter plan. But she said they are plotting to prevent dam reservoirs from flooding during the spring run off.

Members of the Lonefighter Society tried to divert water away from the \$350-million southern Alberta project in the summer of 1990 leading to a standoff against the police.

They have continued a protest campaign against the dam, which they say will destroy their Blackfoot culture and historical artifacts that lie deep in the Oldman River basin.

Pincher Creek RCMP moved

a six-man detachment onto the reserve this month.

Spokesman Sgt. Gary Mills said the move was made at the request of the band council who were concerned about policing in the 2,200-member community. He said the decision had nothing to do with Lonefighter activity, adding that 80 per cent of the Pincher Creek rural detachment's work is on the reserve.

"It has nothing to do with the Lonefighters," Mills said. "Why would we put a detachment on the reserve when their leader (Milton Born With A Tooth) lives in Calgary."

But Lonefighters call the RCMP move a clear indication the Canadian government wants to stop Natives from taking a stand to protect the river.

"They say it's because of the high crime rate, and that it has nothing to do with the Lonefighters Society," Born With A Tooth said. "We feel that's exactly why they put the RCMP there."

She said the shift of local police manpower to the reserve won't discourage traditional Natives from mounting a campaign against the dam.

In a bold statement at a recent Edmonton constitutional conference, Milton Born With A Tooth said he was prepared to die fighting the dam. "Get ready for Plan B," he said in a terse interview with *Windspeaker*.

Peigan Chief Leonard Bastien could not be reached for comment. But Peigan Elder Evelyn Crowshoe Kelman said Blackfoot culture hinges on its past that needs to be preserved.

"When your culture is dying, what do you do? You have to do something," she said.

The 75-metre high dam has been the centre of a heated environmental debate. Construction is nearly complete and it is expected to be fully operational in the next few months.

The Alberta government decided recently to proceed with dam operations despite a Supreme Court of Canada ruling that the project needs the approval of a federal environmental assessment review panel.



File Photo

Milton Born With A Tooth



Bert Crowfoot

Spring is in the air and youthful faces are smiling. Students Billy Cote and Felishia Dumont are seen here enjoying a fresh breath of spring air during recess at the Prince Charles Elementary School in Edmonton. Spring arrived on March 21st. Another sign that spring has arrived is the return of the robins to Alberta. Have you seen a robin?

## No review of Nepoose case—Rostad RCMP investigate internally; officer and witness charged

EDMONTON

Alberta Attorney General Ken Rostad ruled out a public inquiry into the murder conviction against Wilson Nepoose that was dismissed as a possible miscarriage of justice.

Rostad said there is no need for any further public investigation. He said all the relevant facts were unearthed during the 35-day appeal court review of the case ordered by federal justice

minister, Kim Campbell.

"The attorney general feels that a public inquiry wouldn't be of any further benefit because all the evidence has been fully disclosed," said David Henning, a spokesman for Rostad.

The 47-year-old Hobbema man was freed March 9 when the Alberta Court of Appeal ordered he be retried in the 1986 strangling death of Marie Rose Desjarlais.

The attorney general's office

decided to stay the charges citing a lack of evidence following the 1989 death of key witness Lily Mackinaw. However, the case could be brought back to court any time within the next year if evidence is found that could support a new prosecution.

The three weeks since Nepoose's release have been marked by a series of official moves and announcements.

RCMP commissioner, Nor-

man Inkster, ordered an internal investigation March 17 in response to damaging findings in last fall's federally ordered review of the case.

The review, by Alberta Appeal Court Justice William Sinclair, said the RCMP bungled parts of their investigation and withheld evidence from crown and defence lawyers.

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# Samson oil talks not settled, chief blames Ottawa

By Judy Shuttleworth  
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The Samson band and the federal government failed to reach a deal on transferring a \$400 million trust fund to band control by a court-appointed deadline.

And Samson Chief Victor Buffalo says Ottawa should take the blame for stalling the negotiations, which are part of the band's multi-million dollar suit over band oil and gas revenues.

"Indian Affairs doesn't want to do anything. They just keep asking questions," Buffalo said.

Federal Court of Canada Justice James Jerome last January ordered band and government representatives to work out a trust fund transfer agreement by Feb. 28. The band wants the money transferred to their investment company Peace Hills Trust.

Indian Affairs broke off talks the day before the deadline, raising questions about the viability of Peace Hills and a suit by 14 women who want to be reinstated in the band under Bill C-31.

"They're just stupid questions when all Indian Affairs has to do is walk across the street and ask the regulators in Ottawa (about Peace Hills)," Buffalo said. "The claim is a legitimate question. But do you stop the process?"

According to court documents, Indian Affairs told the

women they had been reinstated as band members under the 1985 amendments to the Indian Act. The band does not recognize the women as members, according to an affidavit Buffalo filed with the court.

The women were granted intervenor status in the Samson suit last by the federal court.

## Indian Affairs crunches the numbers in Canadian status Indian report

OTTAWA

Status Indian people are living longer, spending more time in school and can expect a 27 per cent boom in their numbers by the turn of the century, a new study says.

And an increasing number of people are choosing to live in the cities instead of on the reserves, says an Indian Affairs basic data report for 1991.

The report is an annual study charting social and population trends based on department statistics. It includes the latest figures on population, health, education and social and housing conditions among Canada's status Indians.

Life expectancy at birth is up for both men and women and is expected to improve throughout the decade, according to this year's report.

The average life-span for children born in 1991 is almost 66 years for males and 73 years for females. That marks a six-

This means they will be able to question witnesses and make submissions to the court.

Meanwhile, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Ovide Mercredi written a letter to Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon in support of the Samson claim. The federal government contradicted its position on the

inherent right to self government by breaking off negotiations, Mercredi said in the letter.

"Canada's unwillingness to let go can only be interpreted as colonialistic and demeaning and as an indication of what Canada means by self-determination for First Nations."

The Samson band started a lawsuit against the federal government in 1989, claiming the government had mismanaged the fund. The suit's main demands are for control of the trust fund to be given either to the band or its trust company, Peace Hills Trust, and \$575 million compensation for lost revenues.

year gain for the boys and a seven-year gain for the girls since 1976. The trend is expected to continue into the 21st century where the average life span should reach 70-years-old and 76-years-old respectively for males and females.

Coupled with longer lives is better health. Although injuries remain a major cause of death, fewer people are dying from the circulatory and tumor problems, the other leading causes.

There have also been healthy increases in the number of people attending schools at all levels. Post-secondary enrolment jumped from less than 16,000 in 1989 to more than 21,000 in 1991, a dramatic increase from the early 60s when there were less than 100 status Indian students at university.

Enrolment at the elementary level is nearing 100 per cent and almost half the young students living on reserve are attending

band-operated schools.

According to Indian Affairs estimates, there are now 490,000 status Indians in Canada. That number is projected to grow to 620,000 over the next 10 years. Although most status people live on reserves, about 60 per cent, the number of people choosing to live in the towns and cities, doubled in the last 25 years. Today, about 40 per cent of the status Indians live off-reserve compared to 20 per cent in 1966.

## Calgary Native school fighting budget cutbacks

By Cooper Langford  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

A school for Native students in Calgary faces crippling budget cuts if the local board of education goes ahead with plans to stop funding students over 19-years-old, the principal said.

"We might lose the whole school," said Jerry Arshinoff, principal of Calgary's Plains Indian Cultural Survival School. "It generally would be a disaster."

The southwest Calgary school, one of the first urban high schools in Canada to be initiated and controlled by Na-

tives, educates a high proportion of former dropouts. Arshinoff said of the current 420 students, about 280 are people over 19 who have returned for upgrading.

If the cutback goes through, many of those students could end up on welfare or in jail, he said.

The Calgary board has scheduled the cutback for 1993 in an effort to fight dwindling provincial grants and avoid raising local school taxes.

Trustee Ann Craig acknowledged the school's importance but said the federal and band governments should be chipping in to help cover the costs of over-age students.

"It's an important thing.

That's why we've given them a year," she said, adding that cutbacks would hopefully attract attention to the student's need. "But the tribal and federal government should be helping us. They do have to start supporting their students."

The proposed cutback is the latest move in a five-year funding struggle for the school. Arshinoff said the problem could be solved if the board accounted for its over-age student payments in its special grants for continuing education instead of in its normal annual grants. Craig said she had not heard of this option and said Arshinoff should discuss it with the board.

## NATION IN BRIEF

### Manitoba Native leaders warned

Native leaders in Manitoba who abuse their power will face legal and political consequences, said Jim McCrae, the provincial justice minister. McCrae said allegations against provincial Native leaders have been so serious in recent weeks they are becoming a human rights issue. "The allegations are just astounding and I can't believe something like this is happening in the 1990s...If they are true, then it (the abuses) has to be stopped because it shows a clear lack of accountability," McCrae said he was particularly concerned by one report of a social worker who was allegedly beaten and thrown off a reserve for taking a child into custody.

### Inuit leader ousted after sex charge conviction

The head of the N.W.T.'s leading Inuit organization was fired after being convicted of sexual assault. Paul Quassa, president of Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, caused an outrage when he was granted an absolute discharge for the offence. He later attributed the incident to an alcohol problem. "Everybody's human, you know, nobody's perfect," he said in a radio interview. "I'm not claiming to become perfect once this ordeal is over." Quassa will be replaced in Nunavut elections this fall.

### First Nation artists coming to national gallery

The National Gallery of Canada will break new ground this fall when it presents an exhibition featuring First Nation artists from Canada and the United States. "This is a historic occasion for the gallery," said director Shirley Thomson. "We regard the chance to exhibit these works as a great honor for the gallery and a fine opportunity for visitors to see a landmark show." The exhibition, called Land, Spirit and Power, uses contemporary work that represent traditional ideas in modern contexts. It is the first show of its kind at the Ottawa-based museum. The gallery also plans a film and performance series to go along with the exhibition.

### Problems in Wood Buffalo park, UN group says

The Canadian government should take steps to repair environmental damage in Wood Buffalo National Park, a United Nations environmental body said. The Swiss-based International Union of Conservation of Nature originally dismissed a call by Canadian environmentalists to have the park declared an endangered World Heritage site. But the union decided the situation warranted serious attention after reviewing the issue with the Canadian Parks Service. "Perhaps now the Canadian government will take the steps necessary to rehabilitate the area," said Kevin McNamee, a spokesman for the Canadian Nature Federation. The park has been facing problems of logging, diseased bison and lost wetland due to dam construction in British Columbia.

## No review of Nepoose case, Rostad

From front page

Meanwhile, Rostad's department charged Sgt. Don Zazulak, a member of Red Deer's rural RCMP detachment, with perjury for lying under oath about a police memo related to the Nepoose investigation.

Delma Bull, who sparked the re-examination of Nepoose's conviction when she said she lied at his original trial, is also facing perjury charges.

Longtime Nepoose supporters protested the internal RCMP investigation and the provincial government's refusal to launch a public inquiry.

"It's a farce," said Jack Ramsay, the ex-Mountie and private investigator who flushed out many of the inconsistencies in the case against Nepoose.

"We need to see the full picture. This man has been railroaded and we need to know why and how it happened.

Debbie Nepoose called the internal RCMP investigation pointless and said it should be conducted publicly by a neutral person outside the force.

"It's a joke," she said. "They already said they have a reputation that's at stake here. They're going to expect us trust them to do this right? No."

Lester Nepoose has sent a petition to Alberta and British Columbia Indian bands demanding a full public inquiry.

In Ottawa, NDP Native affairs critic, Bob Skelly, said the federal government should order an inquiry whether Rostad likes it or not.

"I believe you have a high trust obligation to convene an independent public inquiry into Wilson Nepoose's conviction, with or without the Attorney General of Alberta," Skelly said in a parliamentary memo to Justice Minister Campbell.

Skelly said the Canadian public has right to know what happened in the Nepoose investigation, but added that a public review should wait a year until Nepoose is fully clear of the charges.

## AIDS threat warning

CALGARY

The Native community is on the brink of a devastating outbreak of AIDS, a Calgary AIDS activist warned.

"It's like we're sitting on a time bomb," said Robert Welsh, the southern Alberta director of the Feather of Hope organization. "As an aboriginal community we are not ready."

Welsh said about one per cent of the 127 clients at the Feather of Hope are Native. Since 1988 there have been 34 reported cases of Canadian aboriginals contracting the virus.

But Welsh said sporadic funding for awareness services and denial in the community are creating a major threat.

"We know there are a lot more out there who have the virus, but they are too scared to come to us," he said.

Ken Ward, founder of the Edmonton-based Feather of Hope, said Native leaders don't want to admit an AIDS threat in the Native community because they see it as a white man's problem.



# Trout and Peerless lakes lose medical services

By Cooper Langford  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

PEERLESS LAKE, ALTA.

Medical services in two isolated communities have been pared down to almost nothing

## Sask. land claim talks back on track

By Cooper Langford  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

REGINA

Negotiations for Saskatchewan's \$481-million land claim are back on track after grinding to a halt following provincial elections in October.

"Before negotiations could continue, we had to establish a clear provincial position," said Bob Mitchell, Saskatchewan's Indian affairs minister. "Now that we've had the opportunity to look at the issue, we hope an agreement can be reached in a reasonable time frame."

The land-claim talks were officially called off last month. But Native leaders said little progress had been made since the new NDP government came into power five months ago.

Government spokesman Darcy Mackenzie blamed the delay to details overlooked by the previous government in their negotiations with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. These included a failure to consult Native leaders on a land claim cost-sharing agreement between Ottawa and the province and bureaucratic "catch-up" work.

"The government needed some time to look at this and figure out what was negotiated," Mackenzie said.

Both sides now hope an overall framework agreement can be reached within the next two to three months.

"Everything had just ground to halt," said Winston McLean, land entitlements co-ordinator for the Indian federation. "We're hoping to pull something off in the next few weeks. Maybe an agreement-in-principle, something we can take back to the chiefs."

McLean credited a federation-sponsored publicity campaign with bringing the province back to the talks.

The Saskatchewan deal is being negotiated by the federation on behalf of 27 bands and communities. A framework agreement, which was originally scheduled for completion this spring, will allow the purchase of 1.5 million acres of land to meet unfulfilled treaty promises. The current negotiations are focused on compensation issues and implementation problems.

## Mohawks shouldn't stand trial, spokesman

By Ron Thompson  
Windspeaker Contributor

EDMONTON

The government of Quebec is wrongfully forcing 39 Mohawks to stand trial for offences stemming from the Oka crisis, a leading spokesman from the 78-day standoff said.

"How can people who were denied their basic human rights be put in a court system? And they may be in the courts for years," Ellen Gabriel told a group of University of Alberta students during a recent visit to Edmonton.

Gabriel, who sides with Mohawk traditionalists, said crown lawyers indirectly admitted they were wrong to follow through on charges. She said they offered to drop the charges against the women if the men

due to federal cutbacks and a new health unit policy, a community spokesman said.

"It's a bad situation right now," said John A. Cardinal, a spokesman for the northern Alberta community of Peerless Lake. "We're down to nothing. Nothing at all."

Weekly medical clinics were cancelled in the neighboring communities of Trout Lake and Peerless Lake after the federal government stopped paying to fly in doctors.

In an unrelated move, medicine has also been removed from the communities by the Athabasca Health Unit, which provides health promotion and prevention services in the region.

Community residents now must travel 300 km to Slave Lake to pick up prescriptions or make regular visits to a doctor, Cardinal said.

"We used to have three doctors coming. We don't have that now," he said, adding that a doctor in Slave Lake will attempt regular visits, although the trip is a four-hour drive each way.

Len Albrecht, a spokesman for the federal medical services branch, blamed a budget crunch

for his department's decision to stop paying for the weekly flights. He said the branch must stick tightly to its mandate of serving status Indians in the current climate of budget restraint, even if that means cutbacks in mixed communities like Trout and Peerless.

"We have a budget for services. That budget is not growing as fast as we'd like," he said. "We have to be spending Indian dollars and Indian resources in Indian communities."

But Dr. Paul Caffaro, who was part of the team handling the weekly clinics, said cancelling the visits will end up costing the government more money because more people will now have to take medical travel.

"If there is any concern about a patient, they come out of the communities," he said. "As far as saving money goes—no way. It's a waste of money."

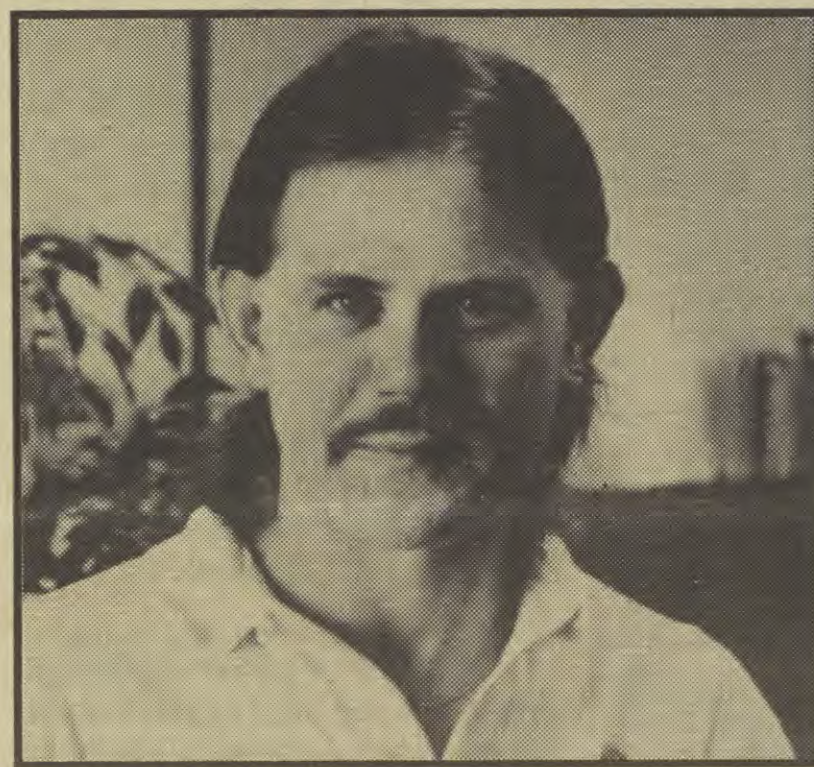
Negotiations are underway to work out a cost-sharing agreement between the federal and provincial governments that could restore the program.

The Athabasca Health Unit decided to stop supplying drugs to communities in January. Although the organization has been distributing a growing list of medications over the years, it decided the practice was dangerous in communities without full-time medical professionals.

"We thought it could be dangerous," said Glen Bromley, head of the Athabasca health unit. "Our staff are just not trained to (distribute medicine.)"

Trout Lake and Peerless Lake do not have a full-time medical worker living in the communities other than community health workers. Cardinal said one of the teachers at Peerless is a registered nurse but only has time to work in emergency cases.

## Former Windspeaker editor wins a national award



File Photo

Investigative reporting award winner, Dana Wagg

EDMONTON

Former *Windspeaker* editor, Dana Wagg, has won a Canadian Association of Journalists award for his stories on the shooting of trapper Leo Lachance by a white supremacist.

The awards are presented annually for the best investigative stories in Canadian newspaper and broadcast journalism. Wagg won in the small newspaper category, for publications with circulations under 25,000.

Wagg admitted he was a bit surprised, but

very pleased when he was told of the award.

"I'm overwhelmed. As a journalist there is no greater honor for me than to get an investigative award," he said in an interview with *Windspeaker* from his home in Victoria, B.C.

Wagg travelled to Prince Albert, Sask., in 1991 to cover the controversial trial of Aryan Nation leader Carney Nerland, who was accused of shooting Lachance. But Wagg did more than cover the legal proceedings which led to a four-year manslaughter conviction for Nerland. He also gave *Windspeaker* readers a look at the other side of the tragedy—the life and death of Leo Lachance.

"Dana was dedicated to getting the real story out," said *Windspeaker* editor Rocky Woodward. "He felt bad that something like this could happen in Canada. Dana certainly deserves the award."

Wagg will receive \$1,000 and a certificate of merit.

The Canadian Association of Journalists is Canada's only national organization for reporters and editors. The association will be presenting its awards in Edmonton this year at its Frontiers '92 convention.

Other winners in this year's competition included: the Ottawa Citizen's Mark Kennedy in the open newspaper category, Toronto Life's Lindalee Tracey, for magazine articles; The Fifth Estate, Susan Teskey, Linden MacIntyre, Oleh J. Rymal and Mario Possamai for network television; CBLT, CBC At Six (Toronto) Susan Papp and Lyn Whitham for regional television; for documentary radio, Morningside (CBC) and CBQ Radio (Thunder Bay) Ashley Wright; and for radio news and current affairs, CBC Radio (Edmonton) Byron Christopher, and CKSL/Q103 News (London) David Helwig.

## Women's group challenges constitutional funds

OTTAWA

The Native Women's Association of Canada launched a lawsuit to block federal funding for Native participation in the final round of constitutional negotiations.

Association president Gail Stacey-Moore said the funding is going to male-dominated groups with leaders who do not support putting self-government under the charter of rights.

"There is a sexual equality issue," Stacey-Moore said in a media release. "The federal government funds male-dominated aboriginal organizations to speak against the charter and fails to provide equitable funding to Native women."

Stacey-Moore said Native women need charter protection and their voice should be heard directly when Ottawa is draft-

ing its final constitutional proposals.

The lawsuit targets \$10-million set aside by Ottawa to fund constitutional work by the Assembly of First Nations, the Metis National Council, the Native Council of Canada and the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark promised the funding when he recently announced that Native organizations would be invited to a final round of constitutional talks with the premiers.

Other Native organizations, including some groups that represent women, protested the association's lawsuit.

"Women have been involved from the start in developing the treaty constitutional position," said Isabelle McNab, president of the Saskatchewan Treaty Indian Women's Council.

"If we lose our funding, for all practical purposes we lose our seat at the bargaining table and our ability to negotiate self-government."

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## Siksika doctors leave

SIKSIKA NATION

Four doctors who worked for the Siksika Nation in southern Alberta quit their community practice in a dispute over rent at the clinic, a band official said.

The doctors left after the band council asked them to pay \$25,000-per-year rent at the Siksika Medicine Lodge, said Rick Running Rabbit, Siksika's community services division manager.

"At least with rent they would have been contributing something to the community. Basically, they were here with no overhead at all."

Running Rabbit said the doctors have opened a new health centre in the nearby community of Gleichen, taking the community's pharmacist with them.

The band has contracted with a local courier service to fill prescriptions and is considering a boycott of the doctors' new clinic.



# Windspeaker must change with the times

Times are changing. And they are changing here at Windspeaker, too. As many of you readers will have noticed, the paper now costs one dollar.

We used to send the paper out to the communities free of charge, stating that the funding we received from the federal and provincial governments covered the subscription cost.

In 1988, the provincial government began phasing out funding over a three-year period. As you all know, in February of 1990, the federal government cut 100% of funding for Native newspapers across Canada.

Since then we have been 100% self-sufficient, relying on advertising and subscription sales. Other Native newspapers have not been as successful and have folded in the past year.

Putting a price on the paper is helping us to develop the kind of paper we think you want to read as well address some of the concerns that you have had in the past.

One of these concerns is how inefficient the postal system has been and that you have been getting the paper sometimes weeks late.

To address this problem, we moved to newsstands, allowing us to deliver the newspaper virtually overnight. That means you, the reader, gets faster and fresher news. But this overnight delivery costs money.

*Windspeaker* and its former editor, Dana Wagg, just won a national award from the Canadian Association of Journalists for investigative journalism. The association honored our coverage of the Life and Death of Leo LaChance. We want to continue providing this type of coverage.

We're also working on beefing up our sports, entertainment and business coverage. So there is a lot to look forward to in future issues.

If you want Native newspapers to survive, you'll have to show support. Part of that now includes tossing a couple of coins our way every two weeks.

This will allow us to do our part and continue to bring the best Native news, features and pictures.

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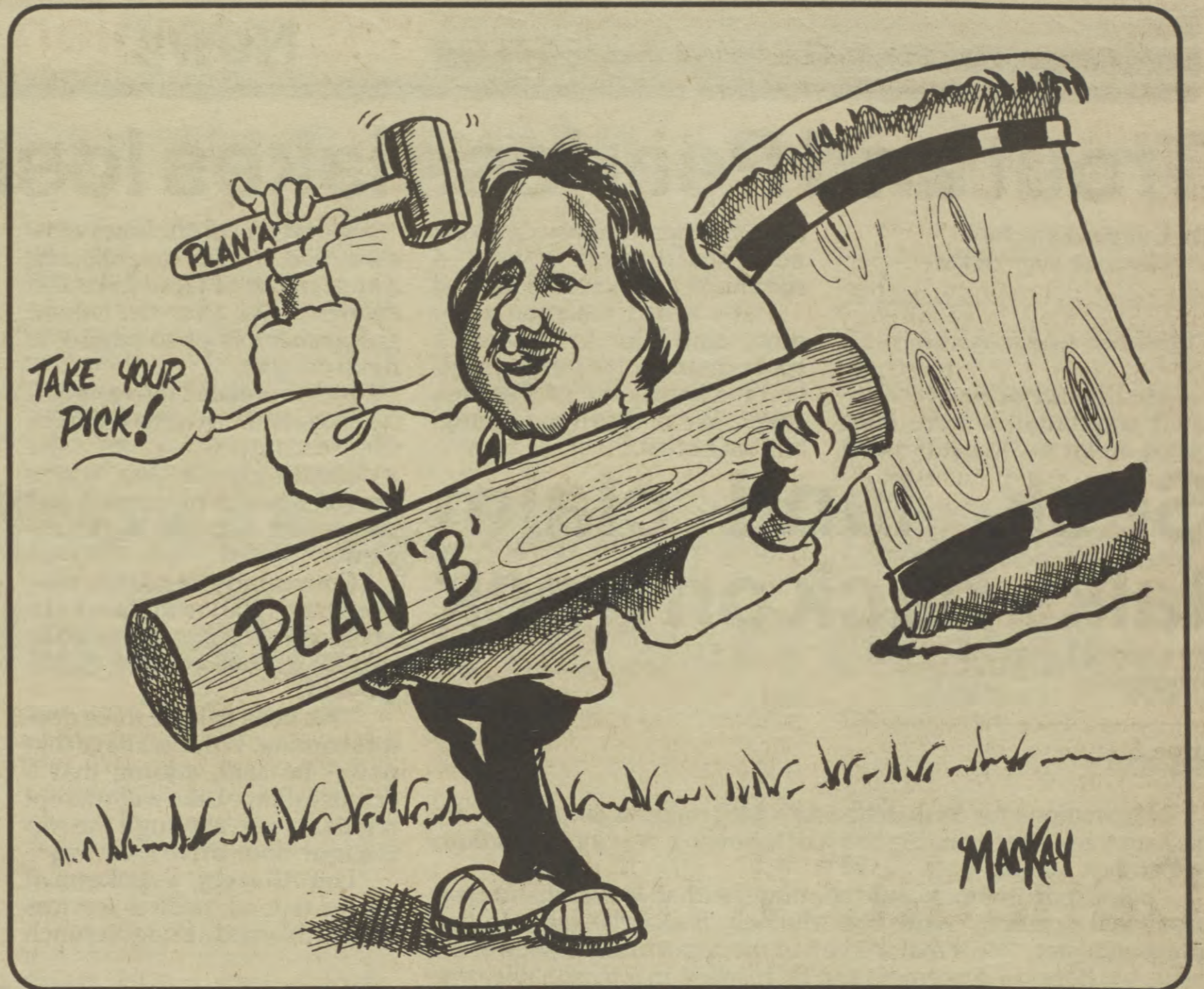
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## Politics is like listening to little gods

I would like to tell you about what I think about the political world as it now stands and make a few comments about self-government.

First of all, we have a prime minister who people listen to and trust like some kind of god. And we have another god, who is the Queen. There are also little gods. They are the premiers of each province.

The prime minister is the one who gives the final answer on a lot of questions. The premiers, however, will make submissions about what should be done in a certain province.

This is how the Canadian government likes to work.

But in the end it makes no difference. When the western provinces make a proposal nothing happens because the people in Ontario and Quebec will not listen to anybody. They will force their will on the western provinces.

The people of British Columbia may have a different set of values than, say, those of the people in Ontario. The people in British Columbia make their living according to the environment they live in. This environment would certainly not be the same as it would be in Nova Scotia or Quebec.



### I Have Spoken by Stan Gladstone

The point I am trying to make is simple. What would the people in the East know about how the people in the West live? How do they feel? How do they talk? The way they live would be quite different.

This brings me to what I feel about Native self-government. I believe that our Creator or the Great Spirit was responsible for the way we lived here in North America.

We developed a self-government according to the directions of the Creator. We have always had very spiritual people in our Native community. Through these spiritual people, every Native nation in North America developed their own government.

The Native nations would also develop their lifestyle according to their environments. The plant life is not the same in the East as it is in the West. Also, our animals are not the same. So we had to live according to different situations.

We did not have a central

government or one man acting like a god.

A nation of Native people would not have any right to go to another nation and impose their will upon them. This kind of thing would not make any sense to Native people. It is similar to the values we see in the animals. There is a concept of live-and-let-live in our wildlife.

Today, we hear about our inherent rights and the right to self-government. I believe if a person is honest with himself and other people, he would admit we have every right to live here in North America as our Creator intended.

But it seems like government leaders, who sometimes act like gods, don't want to live-and-let-live. In the West, people complain about Quebec and Ontario running their lives. In the Native community, we have had the values of foreign governments and societies forced upon us.

We were placed here to develop and live in harmony with our Mother Earth. We have to share our land with immigrants. If these immigrants would try to live their God-given way, I believe it is possible that we could all live here in harmony.

Our Creator must have given the people from every foreign country a way of life and direction.

I am not an expert on politics nor do I know all the answers about living or anything else. I will always be learning about something.

Thank God for our elders. They are our teachers, the people that give us guidance.

I have spoken.

# Windspeaker

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## Your Opinion

## It's time to listen to the youth, reader says

Dear Editor:

I am a 21-year-old Metis person living in Edmonton's inner city. You may have already heard about me as I was recently reunited with my natural parents in October of 1991.

I am writing to inform the public about the many struggles that I have encountered in the past few months with finding employment and getting an education in Edmonton.

My story starts when I was lost and didn't have an identity so I began a search for my biological parents. This took four years and four months.

I was one of the many children that were adopted by social services into white homes. It has been proven many times

over that this a no-win situation because of the lost cultural and spiritual identity. I suffered for 15 years as result of things I had no control over. I am still suffering.

I would like to comment on the school system and the way it treated Metis people. At an early age I was marked as different amongst teachers and fellow students because of my skin color. The names and the abusive natures I encountered were pure horror.

So, at an early time in my life I had problems accepting myself as a Metis person. The many schools I was enrolled in had a negative effect on me. I began to reject all authority figures because they had called me down.

Many times when I returned home I would be mentally and physically abused by my step-family. I grew up in a very negative environment and I would often react in the same manner in which I was treated.

When will people realize that Native people are very able and willing to adjust to the existing society given the proper chance and help to succeed.

I have tried to better myself. I applied for life skills coach training so I could better understand and help my brothers. But I got no funding to take this program because I was under-age. According to whose standards am I under-aged? When will I be considered an adult? When I am 18 or 21 or 32-years-

old?

I have survived the most difficult situations that society has thrown my way. And still I have not been given an opportunity to work in the field of youth outreach. Is it because of my lack of ability? No. The best social workers have experienced what our young people are going through today.

I draw the conclusion that this society is not considering the talented young people who are unable to apply their skills because of lack of encouragement and belief that we can do the job.

It seems to me our society doesn't want to accept the fact that our world has changed. If we need to understand these

changes, we should listen to the youth point of view. Its like the adults are pushing the youth as a minority of their own.

My struggles as a street youth are shared by many others in Edmonton's inner city. When will it stop? Lucky for me I can get up in the morning and try again. But how many youths will just get so frustrated that they give up, go on welfare and stay at home? Or worse yet, get so bored they have an altercation with the law and end up in jail because we are ignoring them.

We have to do something about this because the youth are the people of the future.

John A. Fabien  
Edmonton

## Canada? What's in a name?

Dear Editor:

Being so far away from normal mail channels I have only just recently received the last six months of *Windspeaker*.

I am writing re: Richard Wagamese's column "Don't count me in—yet" (July 19, 1991). I have always thought for many years that Canada was an Indian word—although I had never known from which of the numerous languages the word derived.

I would like to offer you an alternative origin of the name Canada.

The Spaniards and Portuguese—those early colonizers of the Americas—were the first people to draw maps of that region. My understanding is the word may come from the time of the Treaty of Saragossa in 1532, when the maritime powers Spain and Portugal agreed

on how they would explore the so-called new worlds.

Spain kept the right to explore and colonize all regions in the West (with the exception of what is now Brazil). Portugal got the right to explore and colonize all lands to the East (hence Angola, Mozambique etc.). The Vatican issued a papal bull granting the northern territories to the French. The English, having rejected Catholicism, were excluded.

As a result, the areas in the North were essentially unknown to them. According to some Spanish and Portuguese scholars, the Spaniards wrote "Acqui esta nada" (here there is nothing) on their early maps. This was shortened to "Acqui-nada." The equivalent phrase in Portuguese is "Ca nada."

One day I would like to see a definitive verification of the origin of the name Canada. Does it

really mean "our home" in Iroquois?

By the way, in my opinion *Windspeaker* has improved markedly year by year in presentation, breadth of reporting and quality of writing. Richard Wagamese is without doubt the best writer. It is also extremely heartening to know how well the struggle for Native rights and consciousness is progressing.

It has always struck me as a odd that many people in the West—North America in particular supported the aspirations of the various African peoples over the last 30 years in their struggles. Yet they do not extend the same compassion and understanding to the very people from whom they stole the continent.

C.H. Wrangler  
Gondar, Ethiopia

## Treaty 6, the Indian act and a nobel prize for stupidity

Dear Editor:

Historically, Treaty 6 was signed and sealed between two nations, the British monarchs and the plains Cree people. The Treaty 6 signing took place at in 1876 Fort Carlton, N.W.T. Aug. 23 and Aug. 28 and near on Fort Pitt Sept. 9. The final outcome of the process was an international agreement, which conceded 121,000 square miles of land, 33 reserves and appendices, common land and resources as freehold estates.

Sadly enough, all Victorian and Canadian treaties were designed to be phased out, except for Treaty 6. This failed scheme of the Indian Act has been costly and refutable. The fulfilment and honoring of the treaties has yet to be settled. Elders today claim they haven't seen any of the treaty promises honored.

The direct descendants of Treaty 6 are legal monarchs unto themselves. Yet they have been

thrown into a prison camp without fences. They have been fed and kicked out into the streets and too often incarcerated. To the extent we are British subjects, we have been wrongly represented at all levels of the Canadian system because we are not subject to taxation anywhere in the boundaries of Treaty 6.

Interestingly enough, the people who signed Treaty 6 were labelled "barbarians" and were later christianized. Yet these same people are responsible for the existence of Treaty 6. No scholar or any amount of money can alter or negotiate the terms of Treaty 6 without the consent of the descendants of the original signatories.

Incidentally, the signing of Treaty 6 and similar agreements caused the government to give birth to a law which is known as the "Canadian Constitution."

I believe it is unjustifiable if, for some strange reason, Treaty 6 people hopped on a band-

wagon just to see whatever this law has to do with the treaties that created it. In other words, what has the Canadian Constitution got to do with Treaty 6? Treaty 6 laid the foundation for the constitution.

I'm not saying status Indians shouldn't be involved in the constitutional process. As a matter of fact, we, the people of Queen Victoria Imperial Crown Treaty No.6, wish them luck in their fight for self-government, etc.

Self-government is better than the Indian Act. In fact, the Indian Act should be awarded the Nobel Prize for stupidity. If such a thing existed, Indian Affairs would undoubtedly be the first recipient and would set a record for their long-term, illegal ownership of Treaty 6.

Harvey Kinematayo  
Hereditary Ambassador  
Treaty 6  
Saskatchewan

## DID YOU KNOW...

that you should give your staff the respect they want by recognizing their contributions. Highlight individual accomplishments. Post an employee of the month award or announce outstanding achievements in meetings, memos, or the company newsletter. Praise a worker verbally for a job well done. A pat on the back is a simple, inexpensive, yet apparently underused, gesture.—Working Smart

## Calling all Filmmakers!

Dear Editor:

I am attempting to locate 16mm and 35mm films made by Native North American Indians. These films will be previewed by a Native curatorial committee, which will meet for three days in Regina in late May.

Films selected by the panel will be assembled into traveling film programs which will initially tour through Western Canada in early 1993. The programs may then be offered to venues further afield after mid-1993.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could let me know of any films or film-makers you would recommend for this series. I would also appreciate it if you could make the above information available to your membership or subscribers through your publication.

Film-makers who wish to have their films previewed by the panel in Regina should send VHS or U-Matic preview videotapes and biographical material to me before mid-May 1992.

Receipt of all videotapes will be acknowledged and the tapes themselves will be returned to their owners by late June. Thanks for your attention.

Martin Rumsby  
#2-1325 14 Ave. SW  
Calgary, Alberta  
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## Toy Truck article among best read

Dear Editor:

I read Richard Wagamese's column on the 75-cent toy truck with the wheel missing. Along with his column on the tattoo, it is among the best columns I have read by an Indian writer.

I would like to know if he will be publishing a collection of his columns at some date.

Leonard (Tony) Mandamin  
Winterburn

## Fixing Lubicon figures

Dear Editor:

In your reprinting of the letter from Gordon Dumont (*Windspeaker* March 16, 1992) there was an unfortunate error that significantly changes the letter.

In Mr. Dumont's original letter, he states that more than \$7 billion in oil has been extracted from Lubicon land, which is correct. However, when it was reprinted billion got inadvertently changed to million throughout

his letter.

As a result, none of his letter makes any sense. For example, the letter now states that since more than \$7 million has been taken out of Lubicon land, and since the Lubicon want \$200 million for a land claim settlement, that only works out to three cents for every dollar of worth of oil that's been taken.

Terri Kelly  
Edmonton

## Letters Welcome

*Windspeaker* welcomes your letters. However, we reserve the right to edit for brevity, clarity, legality, personal abuse, accuracy, good taste, and topicality. Please include your name, address and day-time telephone number in case we need to reach you. Unsigned letters will not be printed.



# Droppin' In is droppin' out! So long Rocky...

Adios! This is where my ugly dogs and I part company with everyone in *Windspeaker* land.

Jim White, over at the Edmonton Police Department, left a message for me. "Tell Rocky, I'm crying because he's leaving," the message read.

Well, thanks Jim. But I'm not going to phone Jim because I'm worried his tears are "tears of joy!"

Which brings me to this. Last Wednesday *Windspeaker* staff and management held a small farewell party for me. You should have seen all the tears! People were hanging onto each other and weeping. Three of my

ugly dogs were hanging onto people and weeping. The fourth mutt was sitting at a desk with his head bent, pounding his little paw against the desk top and bawling like I never saw Cat Stretcher bawl before. It was a sorrowful affair.

I said, "Cat Stretcher! Why are you crying so hard?"

Cat Stretcher raised his head and looked up at me with one soggy eye peering from behind his ear and said, "Cause ya gonna go, go, go!" the ugly dog bawled.

Then someone grabbed a bugle and played "Taps." Another guy started singing,

"We're gonna miss ya, like ya never been missed befooooo!"

The general manager gave me a gold wrist watch and a going away cheque for \$1,000. People were lining up to give me gifts of every sort, a new bike, cowboy boots, a brand new engine for my war pony called Dodge...while the band played "For he's a jolly good fellow..."

I just couldn't take anymore so I got up and rushed out the door, feeling like—Soooo loved.

And then I came out of it. Day dreaming can be such a killer. The staff and I sat around having coffee for 20 minutes. I said "bye" they said "bye" and I



## Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward

and it's given me a lot. The Native Nashville North CBC television series, the documentary *Beyond the Bend of the River* on the life of country singer Harry Rusk, my horse ride to Batoche, Saskatchewan from Edmonton, the *Music of the Metis* CFRN television show—all of this could not have been done without the backing of *Windspeaker* and AMMSA. For this, I will always be deeply grateful.

And it's helped me grow as a writer. It's given me the opportunity to travel in Canada and the USA. I have met some wonderful people from all walks of life—I've told their stories and snapped their pictures and *Windspeaker* paid me to do it! What more could I want!

But there comes a time to move on—a time to hitch up the uglies (dogs) and look for greener pastures. And so I say goodbye to a most wonderful and dedicated staff that I have ever had the chance to work with. And who knows...when a story needs doing just maybe they'll remember this reporter and I'll be back every so often, filling in a page, here and there, for the paper that's already given me so much.

**DROPPIN' IN:** I have one more thing that I need to do.

Droppin' In's bestest friend, someone I'm going to miss very much because of his kindness, past away on March 13, 1992 in Edmonton.

Odilon Henry Bedard was born on April 5, 1927 at Selkirk, Manitoba. He was laid to rest at Westlawn Memorial Gardens in west Edmonton.

Henry was Droppin' In's bestest friend from the first time I met him in the early 1980's. Always active in community affairs, Henry was looking forward to his 65th birthday when he was taken from us. Whenever Henry and I met for coffee or lunch, he'd fill me in on what was happening in his life—and his conversation always led to Native people—his hopes and dreams for our "making something of ourselves."

Henry cared—he really cared. He was a strong and brave man. He came from an era when men basically knew what they wanted and how to get it. "To do something with your life and help others who stumble to find what they're looking for," Henry once said to me.

Yet he laughed about life. He never complained and anytime something was bothering him personally, he would always find a positive ending for his concern. He never, never had a bad word for anybody.

You hear this all the time, about how we talk nice about people after they're gone. It's probably true to some extent, but if you knew Henry, you know I talk the truth about him.

I remember saying to him once, "Why do you put up with it. I wouldn't!" about something that was bothering him. Henry looked at me as if he saw another side in me (the anger) and I got a look of "that's not the way to be Rocky." He waved off my comment and said, "Things always work their way out." And I felt embarrassed because I had let my guard down and Henry saw right through it.

But do you know why I felt embarrassed? Because Henry could deal with his problems maturely...I simply got angry. You see...I even learned something over a cup of coffee about myself. Because of Henry's easy way of seeing things and working things out, I now take more time before I try and judge something too quickly and explode.

Henry was my friend and I will miss him. The little card I received during church service for Henry, starts with a poem... "Please don't sing sad songs for me...forget your grief and fears."

Sorry Henry, I will grieve for you, I will miss you. And on occasion when the fiddle is playing something sad at a Metis gathering, as I sit and listen, I will shed a tear for you...because you were my bestest friend and now you're gone and I wish you were here.

Happy Birthday, Henry.



Bert Crowfoot File Photo

Droppin' In's Rocky Woodward on Native Nashville North set back in the good ol' days

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**8TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION (NAJA) CONFERENCE;** Apr. 29-May 2; Oneida Nation's Conference Centre; Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA.  
**FIRST ABORIGINAL YOUTH CONFERENCE "CHALLENGE OF THE CENTURY";** Apr. 30-May 2; Yellowhead Tribal Council (307 Wesgrove Bldg., 131 - 1st Ave.), Spruce Grove, AB.  
**TALK WITH AUTHOR ("THOSE WHO KNOW—PROFILES OF ALBERTA NATIVE ELDERS") DIANNE MEILL;** Sunday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.; everyone welcome; Unitarian Church of Edmonton (12530 - 110 Ave.); Edmonton, AB.  
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**1992 NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE;** July 27-30; Stoney Indian Park; Morley, AB.

left. Reality can be soooo cold sometimes.

I'm just kidding. I was given a great send-off and believe it or not *Windspeaker*, I'm going to miss you. It was a lot of fun, wasn't it.

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## Sports

# The Arctic Winter Games are coming this way

By Andrea Buckley  
Windspeaker Contributor

WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Nearly 200 people from northern Alberta led the parade of athletes at the opening ceremonies for the Arctic Winter Games.

They screamed the loudest. They waved their flags the hardest and they smiled the widest.

The Alberta team has sent the most athletes in its history to its fourth games—almost double the number that travelled to Yellowknife, NWT, in 1990.

"We started with 50 and growing," said Steve Pritchard, the team's chef de mission.

"We're just having such a great time. A lot of work was done with the kids, hyping them up for this. They're just so bloody excited and happy to be here.

We're looked after so well. It's just a blast."

The Arctic Winter Games, held every two years, began in 1970 in Yellowknife to promote the exchange ideas of culture between northern people. Former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau welcomed 500 athletes and coaches from N.W.T., Yukon and Alaska at that first gathering.

The games' popularity ballooned since the early days and it is now a major event on the sporting calendar. This year's games in Whitehorse, Yukon, featured 16 sports, highlighted by a series of cultural displays. About 1,600 participants from Alaska, Yukon, NWT, northern Alberta, Greenland and Russia took part.

The Alberta team, drawn from residents who live above the 55th parallel, includes representatives from 24 communities.

And the athletes are competing for the first time in five events: cross-country skiing, dog-sledding, arctic sports, badminton and biathlon.

"This week, we've had 11 medals in sports we've never been in before," said Pritchard. "Those athletes go back to their communities, get some exposure and it snowballs from there."

Since the games will be held in Slave Lake, Alberta, in 1994, the organizers are even more excited about getting northern

Alberta athletes involved.

"When the games are well-run, that encourages people to get involved," Pritchard said.

For the arctic sports, which involve traditional Native sports like the two-foot high kick, Alaskan high kick and the one-hand reach, the Alberta team imported a coach from the N.W.T.

"He came up to hold some clinics and give us a demonstration," said Pritchard. "We found a coach and staged a competi-

tion.

"Now we have some people in our province interested in it. Since we're hosting the next Games, we'll get some more interest going because it's a new activity."

Pritchard predicts the Alberta team will grow to 250 athletes by the next games.

"With 24 communities involved, we're creating a special opportunity for athletes who never get a chance to be involved in these things."

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## Native Entertainers

## Stories from country music's backroads

By Rocky Woodward  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Country music—like summer powwows, is something every Native boy and girl in Alberta grew up with. The sound of the fiddle, an old flat-top guitar and a couple of well used spoons to keep the beat, was about all that was needed on a rural Saturday night.

In earlier days there was always the 78 rpm records by Jimmy Rogers or Kitty Wells to listen to. There were the transition years, to 45 and 33 record speeds, that brought us country greats like Hank Williams Sr., Patsy Cline and Johnny Horton.

Today we've entered a new era where technology has us listening to country music on cassettes and compact discs with sound systems that almost bring the singer into your living room. Yes, the old is out and the new is in—but country music hasn't changed.

Just ask a band that's been around for a while like the Weekend Warriors, made up of brothers Winston, Hank and Buddy Gouchey, and cousin Robert Gouchey.

"We play anything from Judas Priest (heavy metal) to Johnny Cash. Music is music but we're basically country," smiles Winston, the lead guitar player and vocalist for Weekend Warriors.

The Gouchey's are from Valleyview, about 220 km northwest of Edmonton. It was there, growing up under the influence

of their country singer father, Alex, that the boys nurtured their taste for country music.

"It's been said that I could sing before I could talk," says Hank, the lead singer of the four-piece band.

During an interview and photo session with *Windspeaker*, Weekend Warriors, with one guitar and Robert tapping out a rhythm on a desk, sang one of their original songs, *Feeling Blue*. It's a song recording studios

posed five songs each," Winston adds.

The group have paid their dues. They've worked the taverns in Alberta and Saskatchewan for years, and they've had their share of "softer" crowds

Winston, saying the band is never stuck for a song to sing.

The four musicians laugh when they remember the funny things they did out of necessity in front of a tavern crowd.

"We once used two strings tied from the ceiling to hold a microphone because we didn't have a stand. People were staring because the string was invisible and there was this microphone, floating in mid air," says Winston.

"We also used a coat hanger to hold a microphone," laughs the band remembering the earlier days.

Buddy gives a lot of credit to brother Winston for helping him progress as the bass guitar player. Hank is on rhythm guitar and brother Harry? "I'm just a roadie," laughs the lightman for the band.

No, country music hasn't changed much from those early days. And when you listen to Weekend Warriors belt out some good old country tunes or contemporary country, no matter which way you look at it, they're hot, and a damn good band.

"We'll have another in the band soon enough," says Winston of his five-year-old daughter Chandelle, who's already singing up on stage at talent shows, just biding her time to sing with Dad Winston and Weekend Warriors.

Presently, the band is busy working gigs across Alberta. But if you have a notion to hear them, you can always call Alberta's number one Native radio station CFWE and request a band that is going places—Weekend Warriors.



Bert Crowfoot

L-R - Hank, Buddy, cousin Robert and Winston Gouchey—Weekend Warriors

Because they've been together for so many years, (the last member, cousin Robert joined the band in 1983 as the drummer) the Warriors are about as tight as any band could hope or dream to be.

should take a listen to.

"Hank wrote it and the band arranged the music," says Winston. "Right now, we're putting together about 14 original tunes, possibly for a future recording. Hank and I com-

like at the Convention Centre in Edmonton and Expo '86 in Vancouver.

"You can only get better if you're on the road. We now have a repertoire of about 250 songs because of hard work," smiles

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Native Entertainers

# Goodstriker to ride the European ranges

By Jim Goodstriker  
Windspeaker Contributor

BLOOD RESERVE

Leon Goodstriker—all-round athlete, movie actor and stuntman has left his southern Alberta home for one year to become a cowboy star in Paris, France.

The 24-year-old Blood Indian was hired along with 65 other actors and stuntmen to perform wild west shows at EuroDisney, a new theme park built by the movie company.

"They just told me to bring my saddle and tack," Goodstriker said before leaving for a few days of job training in Orlando, Fla. last February. "I'm really looking forward to going overseas. It will be a good experience to get away from North America, see another part of the world and meet new people."

Goodstriker faces a gruelling schedule when he gets to France. He's already been through training in Florida "to learn some French and get acquainted with the other Natives I'll be working with."

When the shows start at the new Disney com-

plex, set to open in April, he'll be out in front of the crowds 12 to 15 times a week.

Goodstriker has been making inroads into the acting world. He recently completed work on a major motion picture "The Last of the Mohicans" scheduled for release this summer.

But the new-found success means he's having to put some other aspirations on hold, including a desire to play professional baseball.

"I guess that dream has taken a back seat because I would like to pursue an acting career starting as a stuntman and hopefully moving into bigger things," said Goodstriker, who already has some experience with minor league teams in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The new schedule has also cut into some of the community events he would like to spend more time working on. Goodstriker had been asked to the official opening of the Treaty 7 Winter Games. But paperwork in Calgary kept him away from the event he had hoped to attend.

"I just want to apologize to the people who were expecting me," Goodstriker said. "I really feel strongly about developing our youth through sports on our reservations. It's a good building block and if kids get the support behind them, they have a chance of advancing in life."



Jim Goodstriker

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Story and Photos  
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# like bread men anymore

By Bert Crowfoot  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## SIKSIKA NATION

Three years ago, the Siksika Nation's three-man police force worked out of a trailer, drove a battered old van and wore uniforms that looked like bread man suits from McGavin's bakery. Things have changed a lot since then.

Today, the band is graduating 10 new police recruits from a special training program who will soon take over much of the work traditionally handled by the RCMP.

The move to upgrade band police services came in 1989 when the chief and band voted to establish an autonomous police force. At that time, Indian Affairs was funding a small crew under an archaic formula that paid \$52,000 a year to cover the costs of four officers.

The council was ready to put its full weight behind a new program and contributed \$250,000 towards a new police department, covering approximately 95 per cent of the total cost.

Setting up a police commission was one of the first steps the new program had to take. A group, reporting directly to the chief and council, was appointed that included council representatives Rick Running Rabbit and Morris Running Rabbit as well as community representatives Levi Many Heads, Amie Melting Tallow and Brenda Quiring.

Dan Kirby, a Kahnawake Mohawk, was hired as police chief. Kirby has been a member of the RCMP since 1975. He has served in Alberta for most of his career.

Selecting constables was the next step. Applicants went through a thorough screening process that included background and credit checks. Those who passed were then interviewed by a selection board that included Gary Gibson, a staff sergeant in charge of recruiting with the Calgary City Police.

Recruits were asked psychological questions about how they would deal with various police situations. The questions were developed by the Calgary police for their own recruiting purposes.

Ten people were selected for a five-month training course at the Solicitor General Staff College in Edmonton. The college course included training in criminal code violations, provincial statutes, tribal law, traffic laws, conflict intervention, arrest procedures, self defence and firearms.

On Feb. 27, 1992, all ten recruits graduated from the staff college.

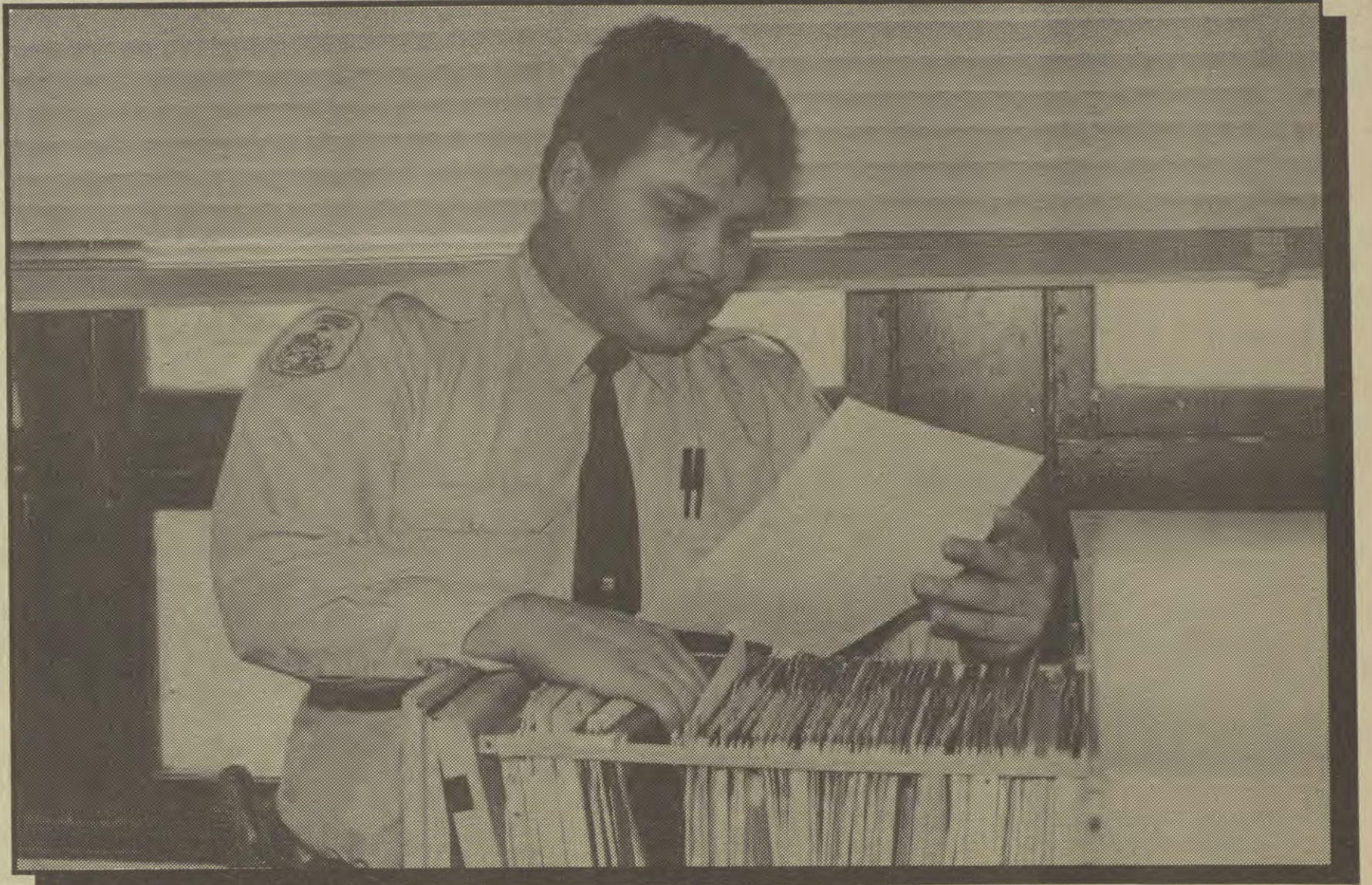
Their next task is six months of field training with local RCMP detachments at Gleichen, Strathmore and Okotoks. Field training is one-on-one, with the recruit and an officer investigating local cases together.

Const. Gordon Pitts has been paired with recruit Grant Many Heads and is pleased with the progress of the program. "It's really positive and should have a positive effect on policing on the reserve," he said.

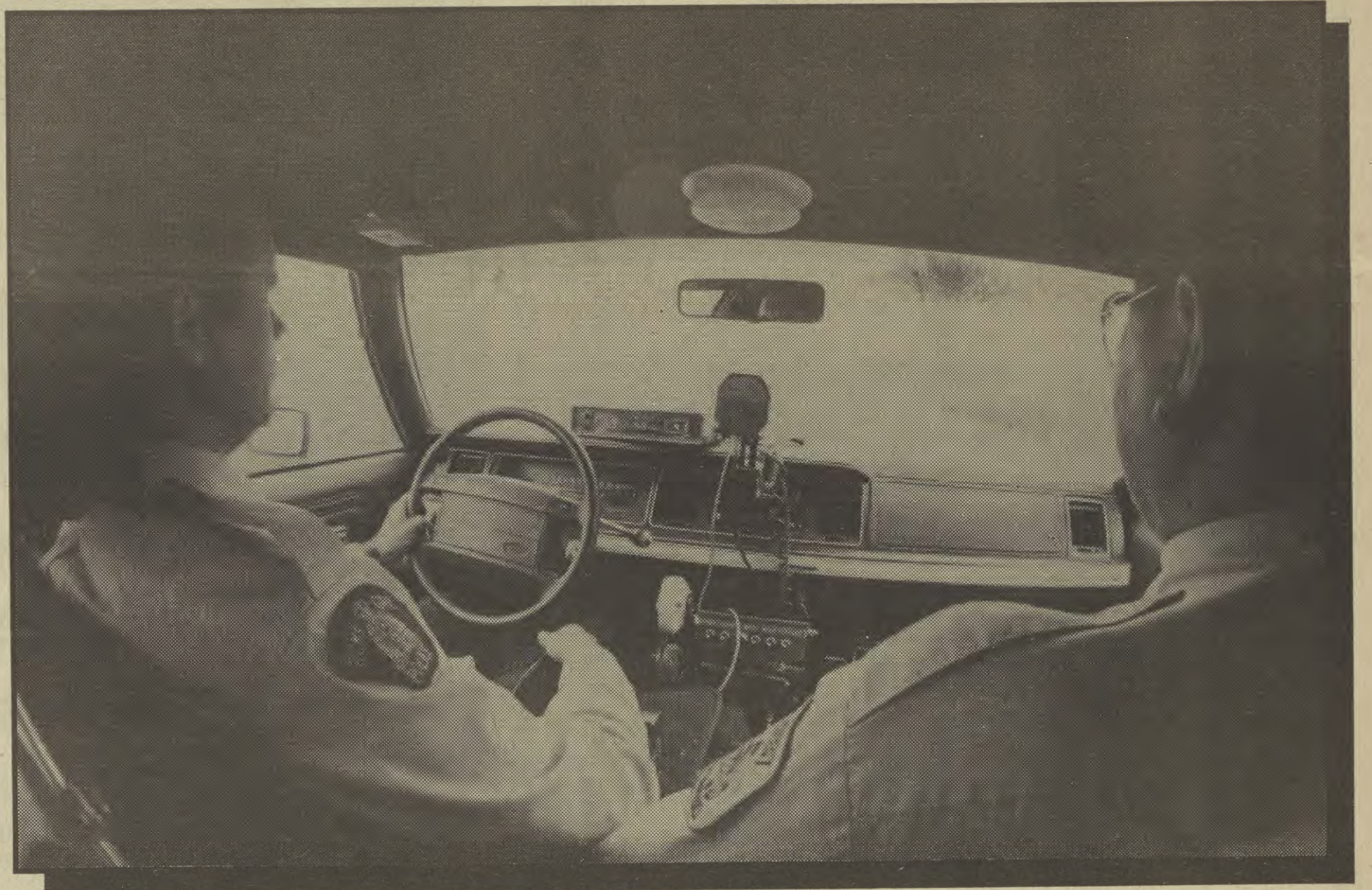
After their training the recruits will slowly take over all investigations on the reserve.

The Siksika Nation is also now in the process of finalizing an agreement with the federal and provincial governments to cover the cost of the police force. The agreement becomes effective April 1.

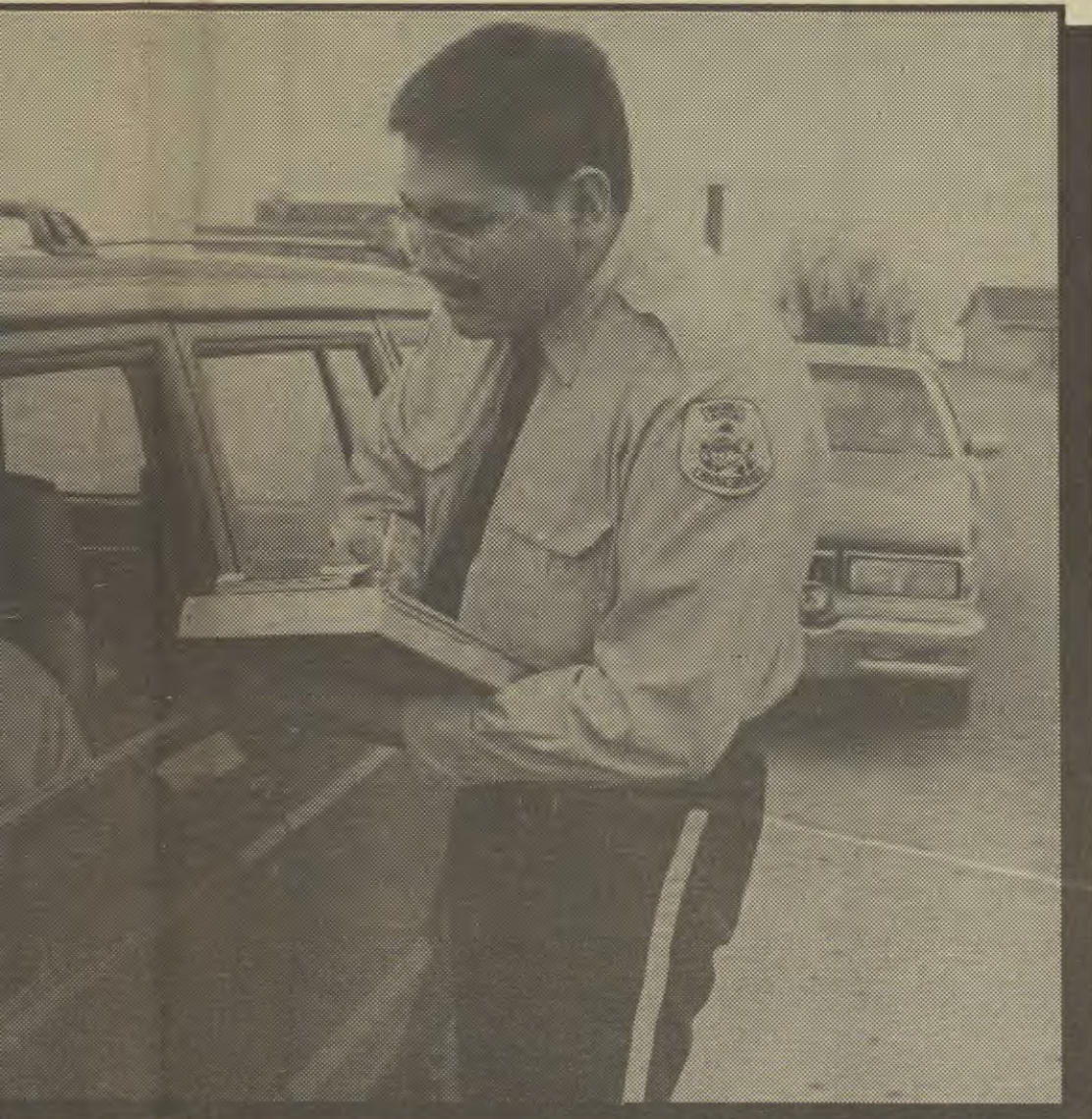
Police Chief Dan Kirby is excited with the new group of Siksika constables and is confident they will do well. It's a long way from the old trailer, beat-up van and bread-man suits.



Clifton Water Chief catching up on paperwork back at the office



Grant Many Heads & Gordon Pitts are on the beat.



honest officer, I didn't see the sign back there!"



Robbi Lafrance receives certificate at police graduation



# Manitoba team wins SIFC Cup '92 challenge

By Neil Pasqua  
Windspeaker Contributor

FORT QU'APPELLE, SASK.

Even high-scoring power plays couldn't keep the Hobbema Oilers on top of Manitoba's The Pas Blues, who beat Hobbema 7-5 in the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) Cup '92 challenge.

The Blues prevailed in the tight, high-scoring game, pulling ahead with a three-goal lead late in the third period.

After that, the Oilers, who had traded goals with the Blues throughout the first two periods, succumbed to frustration and exhaustion. They were on their third straight game of the day.

The end finally came at 5:44 in the third when Blue, Wayne Young Jr., swept through the Oiler defences to score his third goal of the night and edge the score forward to 5-4. Eight seconds later Allen Constant scored again for the Blues. One more goal for Young two minutes later ended the Blues scoring run and clinched the game.

The Oilers rallied and scored once more on a powerplay. But it was not enough and the Blues held onto the win.

Both teams featured players from the 1991 championship team, Saskatchewan's Pasqua Selects. Hobbema had Brent Pascal, the 1991 most valuable player, while Tony Constant, 1991's best goalie, minded the nets for the Blues.

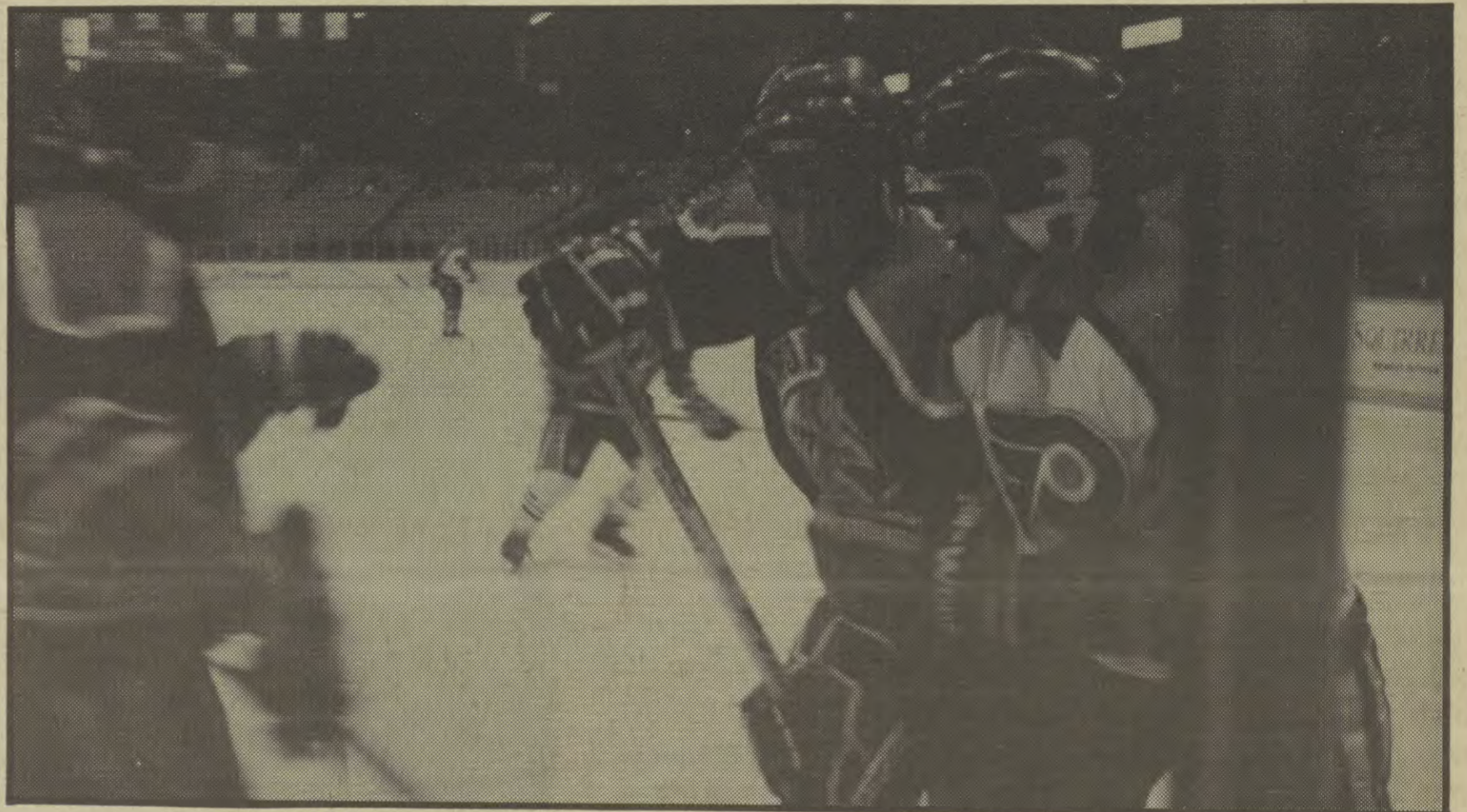
Third and fourth place at the tournament went to Kawacatoose Flyers and the Regina Blackhawks.

Wayne Young Jr. of the Blues won the series award for top scorer and most valuable player. Hobbema's Dan Dion and Harvey "Bingo" Morin won best defenceman and best goalie.

Fourteen teams from the three prairie provinces took part in this year's tournament, which was held at the Regina Agridome.



SIFC Cup '92 winners, The Pas Blues from Manitoba with tourney co-ordinator Glen Pratt. Getting soaked in the lower left is Cornelius Constant



The Hobbema Oilers in action against the Kawacatoose Flyers. The Oilers won this game 3-0



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Sports

# Onoway skippers shape up for nationals

By Ron Thompson  
Windspeaker Contributor

ONOWAY, ALTA.

Six Onoway Skipboppers have May 13 circled on the calendar. That is day they will travel to Quebec to participate in the national skipping championships.

Only a few representatives of the 25-member team will make the long journey to the national championship as only the best of the best can attend.

But the Skipboppers are gearing up for that day by taking part in a regional competition in Wildwood and the provincial competition in Berwin for the first weekend in April.

The girls will further hone their skills at a demonstration at the Western Canada First Nations Child and Family Services Conference in late April.

Skipping has boomed as a competitive sport in the five years since the Skipboppers got their start, said coach Colleen Wournell.

"On the whole the kids really enjoy it, they have a lot of fun, it's inexpensive and it's a good way to work out."

The Skipboppers are strong in precision skipping routines, Wournell said, adding older team members are improving in pairs and the complex double dutch routines.

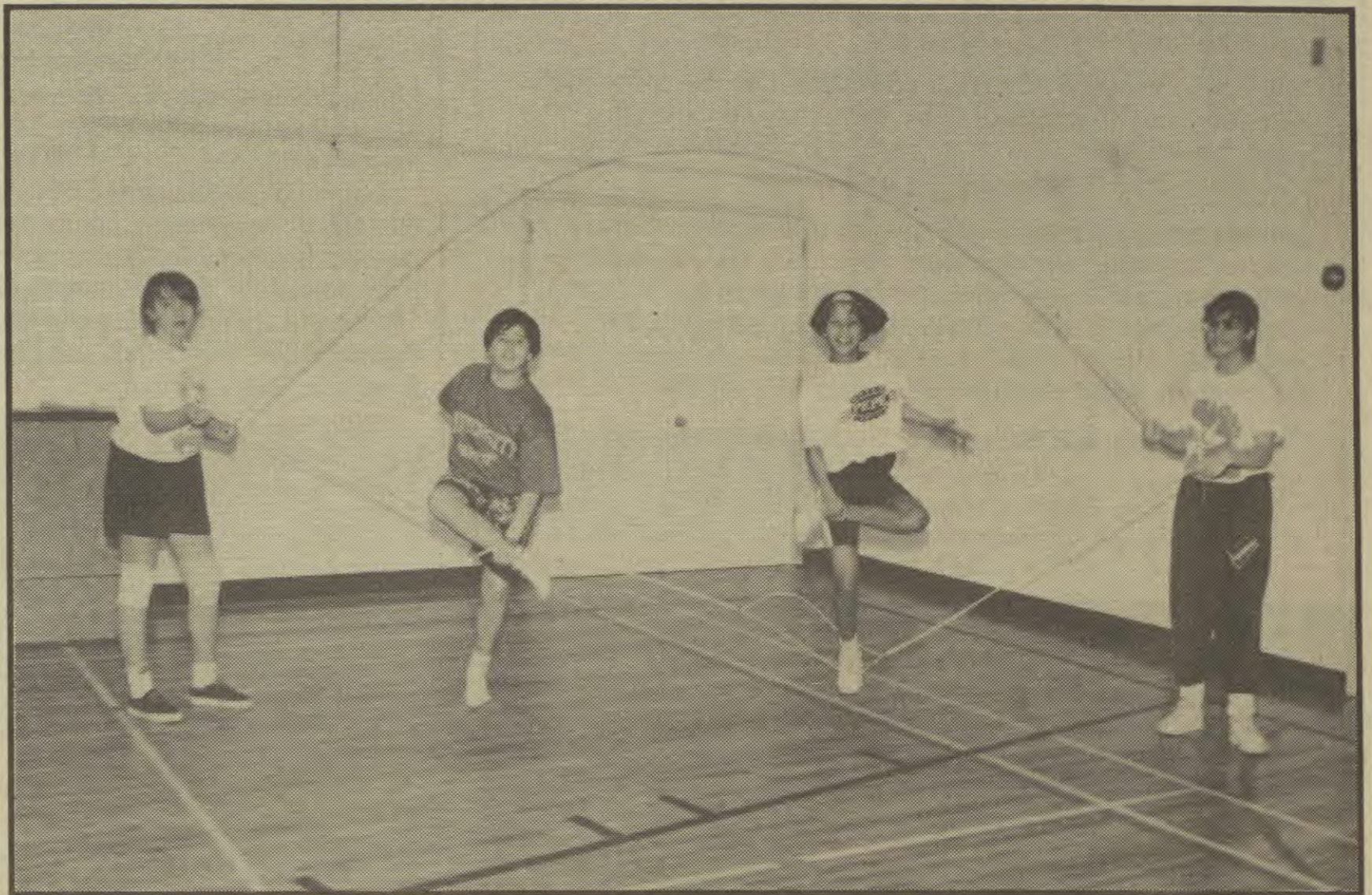
Skipping was incorporated into Onoway's elementary school system as a sport five years ago and is paying off in big dividends, said Native education counsellor, Evelyn Potts.

"It's an extra-curricular activity to help our Native kids progress in school and to bring up their self-esteem. It also helps motivate them and helps them enjoy coming to school," she said.

"Onoway Skipboppers took themselves to the nationals in Toronto three years ago. A couple of our Native students have advanced to the standards of the coach and have been to various places in Alberta for competitions and demonstrations."

Seven Boppers also recently travelled to Missoula, Montana, where they performed demonstrations and workshops in local schools.

The Skipboppers are part of the Alberta Heart and Lung Association, which helps fund their travel costs in exchange for demonstrations to promote fitness. Native Education also helps pay transportation costs.



The Onoway Skipboppers will compete in the national championships in Quebec May 13

Ron Thompson

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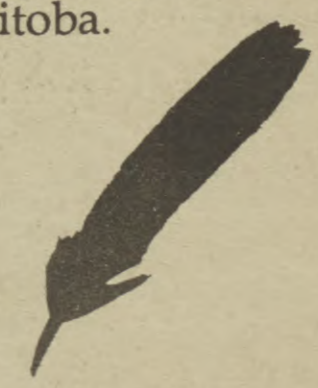
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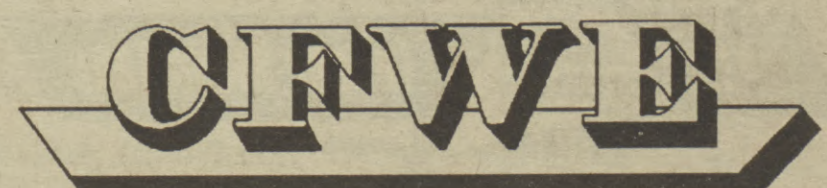
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## Community News

## Sucker Creek shelter four years in the making

By Joe McWilliams  
Windspeaker Contributor

## SUCKER CREEK

When elder Jean Willier cut the ceremonial ribbon at Sucker Creek's new women's emergency shelter, the four-year-old project was officially complete.

But the shelter's doors had been open for a month before the March 13 ceremony and staff

had already taken in 15 people trying to escape abusive relationships.

"We had someone come in not too long after the ceremonies," said Audrey Willier-Samson, who directs the service for Native and non-Native women and their children in the Sucker Creek area.

The shelter, the second on-reserve facility in Alberta, got its start in 1988 when the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corpo-

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"It will offer women a better alternative than uprooting them and putting them into an urban area," she said, adding that there

is a great need for services in rural areas.

Athabasca MP Jack Shields presented a Canadian flag, a scroll and a plaque to Lavern Willier, president of the shelter's management board. Shelter staff also presented recognition plaques to Sucker Creek Chief Jim Badger, Lavern Willier, consultant Cham Mistry and Indian Affairs program services manager, Kris Sayal.

## R.A.R.A. awards a smashing success

By Charlene Wilson  
Windspeaker Contributor

## FORT MCMURRAY

Fort McMurray's annual Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards night celebrated its fourth anniversary with a lively evening hosted by well-known CBC radio host George Tuccaro.

But while Tuccaro kept the night rolling with his endless stream of jokes and stories, the main focus was, of course, the awards and the respective winners.

Fort McMurray's Billy Bird, who usually has many stories to share, was left speechless as he accepted his award for Elder of the Year.

Winners from the northern oilsands town also included Dennis Cardinal, who won Entrepreneur of the Year for Northern Crude Contracting, a company that is creating jobs in the community of Chard. Willie

Sinclair was awarded Outstanding Athlete and 12-year-old Quentin Mercredi proudly accepted the Male Youth award.

Fort Chipewyan had two winners. Steve Courtoreille, who didn't forget to thank his wife during his acceptance speech, won the Outstanding Student of the Year award. Leona Cowie brought home the Volunteer of the Year award.

Conklin proudly took 3 awards back to their community. Margaret Quintal won Female Citizen of the Year while Marcel Shephard won the Male Citizen of the Year award, and 12-year-old Michelle Tremblay won the Female Youth award for her contribution as an active volunteer for her community.

David Janvier and his wife Yvonne, both of Chard, each won an award. David won the Trapper of the Year award and Yvonne won the Culture award.

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## Slave Lake

### Bad weather doesn't hamper talent show

By Joe McWilliams  
Windspeaker Contributor

#### SLAVE LAKE

Bad weather kept many contestants away from the seventh annual Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre Talent Show, but other than that "it was great" says program coordinator Gail Anderson.

Contestants, mainly from Slave Lake, Faust and Wabasca, turned in some very good performances in several categories during the three-hour show.

The winners were:

Melvin Bigstone won in the male vocal category with Joyce Boucher winning on the female side. Carolyn Lemay took second place.

Cheryl Auger got the judges nod as best teen vocalist. Pamela Beaver was second.

Carolyn Lemay and Joyce Boucher got together to win the award for best senior duet.

Best junior instrumentalist was Conrad Auger of Wabasca, who played Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star on the fiddle. Conrad's dad, Lorne got second place in the senior men's vocal category.

Leonard Lawrence was first.

Christine Courtoreille's jig won the top spot in senior dance. Cindy and Kirk Boucher cleaned up in the professional category, taking home all the hardware for female vocal, male vocal and duet.

Nathan Bellerose-Boucher won the storytelling contest with his tale about the kid from Driftpile who killed a moose with a slingshot.

Senior and professional winners won trophies and \$50 cheques. Younger winners were presented with trophies and \$25 cheques.



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Joyce Boucher & Carolyn Lemay sing their award winning duet at the Slave Lake Talent Show

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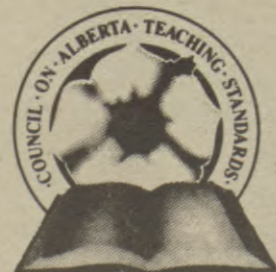
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## Sports

# Epic relay to link North and South

By Cooper Langford  
Windspeaker Staff Writer

## EDMONTON

North and South America will be linked this summer in a 15,000-mile relay run across both continents to mark the 500th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the West.

The epic relay will begin simultaneously in Argentina and Alaska in May. Both sides will meet in Mexico City on Oct. 12, the date of Columbus's arrival, in a massive historical and spiritual celebration, said Alberta organizer Patrick Cutknife.

Cutknife said as many as 10,000 individual runners are expected to participate in the five-month event with up to 100,000 converging in Mexico for the grand finale.

"The more the better. The more people involved, the better the intent of the run will have been achieved."

The run, known as the Peace and Dignity Journey, is being organized by the Mexican-based indigenous group Kalpulli to promote awareness of traditional culture and spirituality. The group has chapters throughout North and South America and draws its name from an Aztec word meaning "collective mind."

Cutknife said the Columbus marathon has been two years in the planning with "hundreds and possible thousands" of organizers involved.

The North American leg of the journey starts in Tok, Alaska and comes through Al-

berta into the mid-western United States and on to Mexico. An eagle staff will be passed from between running teams along the way. Participating communities and regions will add feathers as the staff makes its way toward Mexico.

The run should pass through Edmonton in early June, though there could be some delays due to weather conditions. "The Alaskans are running through some mountain areas and its avalanche season," Cutknife said.

The South American route will likely include the Pan American Highway.

The number of runners in the pack are expected to swell as "tributary" marathons from Chicago, Boston and possibly Saskatchewan link up with the main route. The event concludes with a spiritual and historical festival in Mexico.

"This run is to demonstrate that we are peaceful people," Cutknife said, adding that the event is open to non-Native as well as Native people of all ages. "Our ancestors, who met the Europeans, were peaceful people."

Cutknife said the marathon embraces the Aztec prophecy of the eagle and the condor, which has come to symbolize many of the aboriginal Columbus anniversary activities. According to the prophecy the joining of the eagle and condor, representing Native people in North and South America, will usher in an era of renewed spirituality and strength for people living in the two continents.

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# Latest conference says inherent right is okay

OTTAWA

Long-standing divisions within the Native community bubbled to the surface during a nationally televised constitutional conference on Native

rights in Ottawa.

And while the conference did not meet its objective defining self-government, political and Native leaders praised the exercise saying it was a success in educating the Canadian pub-

lic.

"The chances of it being a failure were very high just because of the logistics," Assembly of First Nations Chief Ovide Mercredi said of the hastily organized meeting of 200 Native and non-delegates from across Canada.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark said he felt progress was made in shaping the concept of self-government. He said the conference helped publicize some of the self-government models already at work in Canada that would reassure public concerns.

The meeting ended with most of the delegates supporting constitutional entrenchment of the inherent right. But that agreement was underscored by three days of debate on the different forms that government could take.

Women's groups demanded self-government be subject to the Canadian charter of rights. They said self-government without equality guarantees would weaken their position against chiefs who are reluctant to reinstate women stripped of their status under Bill C-31. Many also said charter protection would help women fight the high levels of violence suffered in the Native community.

"We say every citizen of First

Nations has a right to live free of the dark shadow of abuse," said Gail Stacey-Moore, president of the Native Women's Association of Canada.

That position came under attack from other conference delegates who said putting self-government under the charter is forcing white values on Native society.

"I've had a 200-pound man knock me down and what I want is non-Native women to stay out of my life," said Manitoba delegate Joan Crowe. Crowe said the individual rights laid out in the charter do not reflect Native community values.

"Don't come in here with your individual values and try to push them on me because the charter of rights didn't help me."

Stacey-Moore accused leaders who don't recognize the charter of fearing "any limits" that may be placed on them.

Meanwhile, Metis and off-reserve delegates griped about the conference focus on status Indians. They said self-government must apply equally to all Native people and not just those with a land base. "The Metis don't want to be left out," said delegate Tony Belcourt.

Despite the debate on specifics, the concept of the inherent right gained a powerful new

ally. Former Supreme Court Justice Brian Dickson joined the growing ranks of influential Canadians supporting entrenchment of the right in a new constitution.

But he called from some "broad outlines" limiting the right that would include subjecting it to the charter and the criminal code.

"I think it would be a chaotic situation at best if no laws applied," Dickson said during a speech on the second day of the conference. "I think the charter should be applicable to all Canadians because it is a great document which we should be very proud of."

The conference closed with Mercredi calling for recognition of the inherent right, even if it can't be defined before the clock runs out on the current constitutional negotiations.

"I don't think anybody is expecting a definition of the inherent right of self-government (in the next 10 weeks)," he told reporters. "I think that is out of the question."

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## Traditional Dance

# Dancers share cultures and sobriety message

By Sara Darling  
Windspeaker Contributor

Vernon Cardinal firmly holds his dancing stick in his left hand. It's obvious the Cree Indian is very proud of the eagle-feathered piece of wood adorned with sweetgrass.

The staff and Cardinal's elaborate headdress, beaded breastplate, jingling moccasins and swinging feathered bustle are all an integral part of who Cardinal is, he says.

"On our reserves, we have widespread alcohol and drug abuse," says the soft-spoken member of the Edmonton-based First Nations Singer and Dancers from Northern Alberta.

"But we take pride in our sobriety. Building a stronger identity is just one of the ways we can fight these problems."

Cardinal is one of 1,300 people who live on the Saddle Lake reserve about 200 kilometres northeast of Edmonton.

About 10 years ago, he decided to find out more about the dances and songs that so much intrigued him as a boy.

"I loved to dance and friends of friends told me that other people were dancing and finally a group was formed."

"We were picky when we looked for people to join. We would not accept anybody that was involved in alcohol or drugs."

The five performers in the group who come from the Blackfoot, Stoney and Cree Nations, are close friends.

And although they come from different backgrounds, they share the knowledge of a variety of

North American dances and songs that have been passed down through generations.

These dances include the inter-tribal crow hop, the quick-stepping men's fancy shake and the dramatic war dance.

The group has spent countless hours practicing their songs and dances. The members have put in a lot of time creating their vibrant traditional costumes.

As Cardinal shows off the fur and hide he wears, he explains many of the materials have been traded with other dancers. Beads and pelts have also been won at various competitions.

Karen Calfchild, another Blackfoot dancer with the group, wears an emerald-green and silver jingle dress she proudly admits she sewed herself.

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"When I was making the dress, I had four dreams," explains Calfchild.

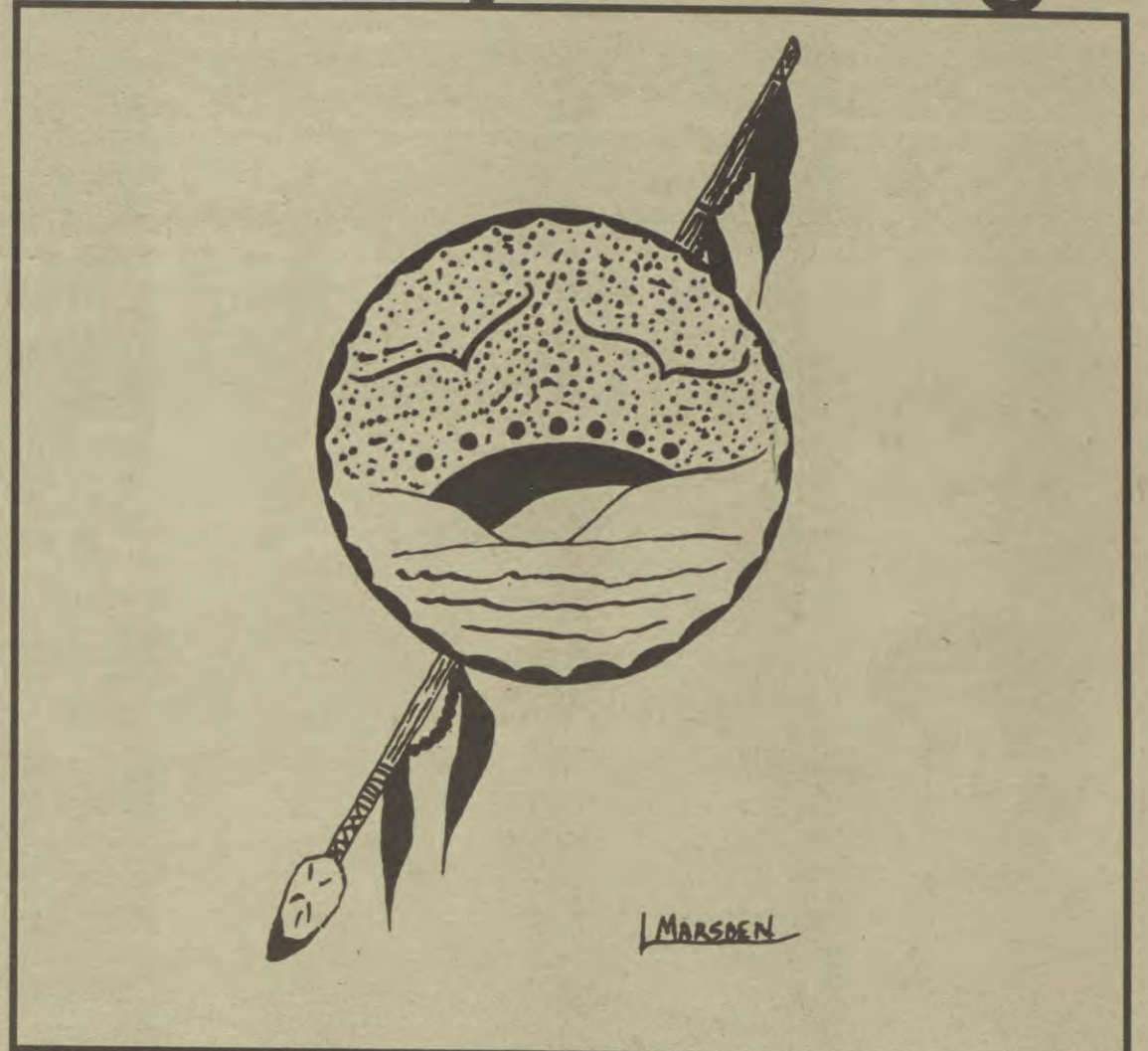
"And I knew that what I was doing in my life was the right thing to do. When I wear my dress, I feel very proud and very honored to be dancing."

Dreams are very important to the dancers, they say.

"Pow-wow comes from the Ojibwa word which means one who dreams, and when we dance it's almost like we're in a dream, we're taken away," says Cardinal.

The First Nations Singers and Dancers have performed across the country and have been invited to participate in cultural exchanges as far away as Austria.

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- Mac's Convenience Store
- Circle C
- Hodnett's IDA Pharmacy

#### FORT VERMILION

- Northwest Food Co.

#### FOX LAKE

- Fox Lake General Store

#### GLEICHEN

- Siksika Pharmacy
- Thrifty Market

#### GRANDE PRAIRIE

- Grande Prairie F/C
- Cool Aid Society

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#### HIGH LEVEL

- High Level Friendship Ctr
- High Level Super 'A'

#### HOBBEWA

- Big Way Foods
- Hobbema Pharmacy
- Lucky Dollar Foods
- Maskwachees College
- Maskwachees Mall

#### LAC LA BICHE

- Cresnet Drugs
- Choi's Tags
- The Native Perspective  
(CFWE 89.9 FM)

#### LETHBRIDGE

- Club Cigar Store
- Marketplace Shell  
(1818 Mayor Macgrath Dr.)

#### MORINVILLE

- Morinville IGA

#### MOUNTAINVIEW

- Barn Store

#### PEACE RIVER

- Little Buffalo Health Centre
- Odd Spot - Q Mart
- West Hill Shell  
(7401-100 Ave.)

#### PINCHER CREEK

- Hanson Foods -IGA
- IDA Drug Store

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- Red Basket Food Store
- Shopper's Drug mart

#### SADDLE LAKE

- Saddle Lake Store

#### SLAVE LAKE

- Harold's Speedee Mart
- Sawridge Truck Stop

#### STANDOFF

- Beebe Mart
- Blood Tribe Pharmacy

#### STRATHMORE

- J. Thiessen Services
- Strathmore Esso & Store
- Strathmore Value Drug Mart

#### VALLEYVIEW

- Valleyview Co-op

#### WABASCA

- Metis Association
- Wapahoo Inn

#### WETASKIWIN

- Mohawk Crossroads Service
- Wetskiwin Co-op Cafeteria

#### WINTERBURN

- Payless Gas

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### CHETWYND

- Saulteau Indian Band

#### FORT NELSON

- Fort Nelson Indian Band

#### PRINCE GEORGE

- Native Friendship Centre

#### SARDIS

- Sto:Lo Nation Canada

#### VANCOUVER

- Toody-Ni Grill Catering

### SASKATCHEWAN

#### BALLCARRES

- Kelly's IGA

#### BUFFALO NARROWS

- Timberland Services

#### CANOE NARROWS

- M&M Luncheonette

#### COCHIN

- Cochin Convenience Store

#### CUTKNIFE

- Cutknife IGA

#### FT. QU'APPELLE

- Valley Drug Mart

#### ILL-A-LA-CROSS

- Desjarlais M&M Foods Ltd.

#### LARONGE

- Kathy's Korner

#### ONION LAKE

- Makao Mall Store

#### PRINCE ALBERT

- Crown Confectionary

#### SASKATOON

- Book Nook
- Night Owl Grocery

#### WOLSELEY

- Wolseley Tomboy Store

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