

# Mohawks acquitted

### MONTREAL

Thirty-seven Mohawks brought to trial on charges stemming from the 1990 Oka crisis have been found not guilty on all counts.

Following five days of deliberations, a Montreal jury cleared 34 of the defendents of a total of 88 charges ranging from participating in a riot and obstructing police to firearms offences.

Three days earlier, Quebec Superior Court Justice Louis Tannenbaum ordered three men acquitted, ruling there was no evidence to support the charges. "I knew this was coming," said Robert (Mad Jap) Skidders, from the southern Ontario Akwasane reserve, expressing the view that the defence convinced the jury the Mohawks had set up their blockade with peaceful intentions. "This is an issue that must be dealt with by politicians, not by the courts," said Jenny Jack, a member of the Tlingit tribe in northern B.C. "The jury saw that." With the acquittals, only three people have been convicted out of more than 40 arrested when the Mohawks left their final hold out in a treatment centre at the end of the 78day stand-off. Five other Mohawks were freed earlier this month when To receive Windspeaker eeks, in your nt of or mon \$21 CANADA E 150 TA EDM STREET OF NAME 4NO IBRARY SECTI 1 INGTON ADDR K1 NO 4587 CITY/1 I I ONAL WELL Sub # 4 NATIONA NEWSPAF 395 WEL 0TTAWA, POST

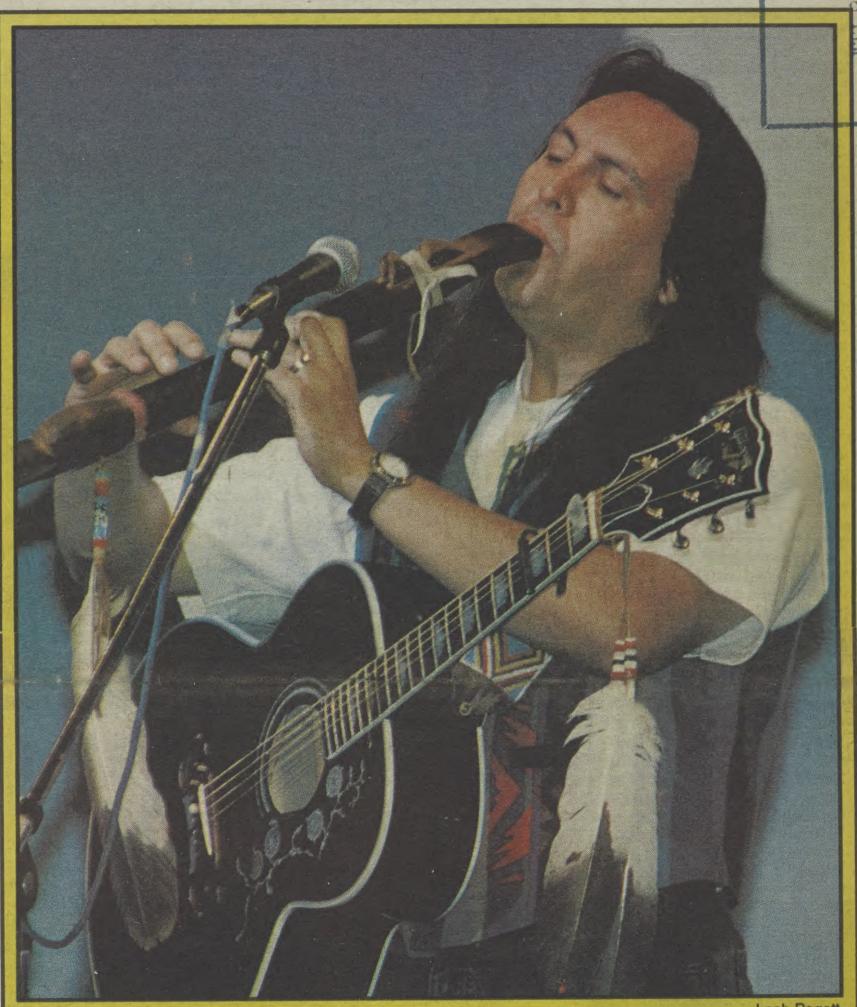
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- Mohawk Warrior Robert (Mad Jap) Skidders

the judge ruled there was not enough evidence against them.

About 30 others have pleaded guilty or been convicted in non-jury trials for offences during the show-down between Natives, the Quebec police and the army.

But while Mohawks celebrated the decisions, some members of Oka's white community expressed outrage. "I am thinking of leaving Canada," said Jacques Imbeau, whose house was vandalized during the crisis. "I don't know whether this will encourage them to do it again, but it shows our system is very sick." Oka MP Lise Bourgeault said the decision made no "good sense" and called it an insult to the white and Native communities affected by the dispute. But Mohawks still see the verdict as proof of the legitimacy of their grievances.



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"The acquittal means recognition - recognition that we are a people," Skidders said.

Crown lawyers have not said whether they will appeal the verdict but are reviewing the case.

## Sounds of celebration

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Singer/songwriter Bill Miller, who hails from Nashville, Tennessee, entertained the crowd at Talent Night at the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference in Edmonton. The conference was a time to celebrate successes and unite to face challenges in the struggle against alcohol and drug addictions. See Page 13

# **Constitutional agreements reached**

### **OTTAWA**

Native communities will have to bear some of the costs of self-government under lastminute changes to the constitutional package recognizing the inherent right.

But Assembly of First Nations spokesman Karen Issac said the agreement will not limit Ottawa's fiduciary responsibilities to Native people.

**Issacwould not comment on** how Native communities will be expected to raise their share of the costs. She also wouldn't speculate on whether the agreement might lead to taxation of Native communities by Native governments.

"Nothing is going to happen tomorrow. I think everyone knows that," she said in a telephone interview from Ottawa.

The new package, which has enough support from the premiers to become part of the constitution, also softens Native demands on when self-government claims can be taken to the courts if negotiations fail. The assembly had been arguing for a three-year delay but has settled on five.

Other key points in the package include:

•a "broad and liberal" inter-

pretation of the treaties and a promise to deal with treaties on a nation-to-nation basis.

•guarantees the division of powers between Ottawa and provinces will not affect Native rights.

•require Native consent to all constitutional changes affecting Native people.

•bring the gender equality issue to a future first ministers conference.

•guarantee Native seats in the Senate.

Despite softening demands in a few key areas, reaction to the package has been generally positive among Native leaders.

"We're quite happy," said PhilFraser, vice-president of the Native Council of Canada. "It's less than what we consider to be a perfect package, but we got the bare minimum of what we wanted."

Gerald Morin, head of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan, said Metis people have probably made the greatest gains of any group at the table. He said acknowledging Metis self-government rights puts them on a level playing field with Indian and Inuit people and creates a binding framework for land claim negotiations.

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### SHARING SUCCESSES

More than 3,000 aboriginal people from around the world met in Edmonton to share successes and challenges in the battle against alcohol and drug addiction. The Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference, which was three years in the making, was such a success an international steering committee has already begun to plan another for 1996 in Australia See Page 13

### CELEBRATION **OF CULTURE?**

Wanuskewin Heritage Park is situated on a site that has been a gathering place for First Nations people for 6,000 years. It includes 19 identified historic sites and is expected to become a centre for the study of Northern Plains Indians. But as visiting Windspeaker contributor Daniel Porttris found, being separated from the sites and constantly reminded to stay on the paths interfered with the experiences the park is trying to provide. See page 8

# Kowalski charges "conspiracy" halted Oldman celebrations

Plans to celebrate the opening of the Oldman River dam with a four-day festival have been scrubbed sparking a new war of words between dam opponents and the Alberta government.

Organizers said the decision to scrap the provincially funded, \$100,000 event followed what they called threats of disruption and violence.

Festival chairman Hilton Pharis said the Festival of Life/ Celebration of Water, scheduled to open July 16, was meant to be a family fun event that could have been ruined by a blockade.

"If government officials didn't come, it would have been a flop, and they felt they were too highly exposed," said festival fund-raising chairman Ken Lewis. "Threats by Milton Born With A Tooth on a phone-in radio show ... put the icing on the cake."

Although Born With A Tooth, head of the Lonefighters Society, has said he is prepared to die to prevent the opening of the dam, he denied ever making direct, violent threats.

Following the cancellation, Public Works Minister Ken Kowalski started a fire when he said dam opponents were members of a "conspiracy" involving the United Church, labor groups, environmentalists and the Lonefighters.

"It's a cheap way of trying to discredit us," said Rev. Bill Phipps, executive secretary of the church's Alberta and Northwest Conference. "It's an embarrassment to the government and the people of Alberta."

Don Aitken, president of the Alberta Federation of Labour, said Kowalski should either explain why he made the remarks or take them back.

"Because they actually blame us for the cancellation of a huge public event, they could have the effect of casting the federation in disrepute and we cannot let them pass," Aitken said.

Born With A Tooth described the coalition of dam opponents as a "unity" of groups with common concerns.

In a press conference following the United Church complaints, Kowalski said he didn't mean to imply any criminal activity when he referred to a conspiracy.

"The word 'conspiracy' was used in the context of the word 'network' and used in the context of groups working together," he said. "I want to make it very clear that the Government of Alberta does not perceive the United Church of Canada as an enemy."

Kowalski has yet to make a public announcement regarding labor activities.

# **Protesters continue blockade**

**By Cooper Langford** Windspeaker Staff Writer

### CANOE LAKE, SASK.

Despite a police raid and 30 arrests, demonstrators are continuing to blockade a northern Saskatchewan highway to protest logging by a Native-owned forestry company.

"If they don't meet our demands, we are here to stay," said Leon Iron, one of the leaders of the two-month-old blockade

The blockade, which has been drawing up to 100 supporters a day, is opposing clearcut logging in the region by Mistik Management, which manages forests in the area for NorSask Forest Products. NorSask is owned in part by the Meadow Lake Tribal Council.

Two weeks ago 80 RCMP officers in riot gear raided the blockade and arrested 30 people on trespassing charges.

The RCMP left the blockade four days after receiving assurances from local elders there normal flow of traffic.

Since then, many of the people arrested have returned to the site. And with a total collapse of negotiations between the protesters and the tribal council, there is no end to the dispute in site.

"We are not going to negotiate with a blockade," tribal council vice-president Oneill Gladue said. "We are not going to deal with non-elected people .... We are dealing with self-government now. We have to focus on elected leadership."

nine communities to set up local forest co-management boards, a process he expects to be complete "by the time the snow flies."

The blockade went up in May with a group of angry residents from three of the communities demanding an end to clearcut harvests and the use of mechanical harvesters. They said clear-cuts damaged the environment and the mechanical harvesters took jobs away from area residents. A tentative deal between the protesters and the tribal council quickly fell apart when the two groups met face to face.

## **AD DEADLINES**

The advertising deadline for the August 3rd issue is Thursday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

about 65 km north of Meadow Lake on Highway 903.

were no guns at the site and that protesters would not disrupt the cil is now touring the region's

Gladue said the tribal coun-

# Major land claim nears completion

Saskatchewan's \$455-million land claim is only a few signatures away from becoming reality. And negotiators are hammering out the last few details before a signing ceremony that should take place before the end of July.

"We're doing some minor touching up on the document," said Winston McLean, a spokesman for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. "We're dotting the i's and crossing the t's."

Under the umbrella agreement, negotiated by the federation, the province's 27 bands will be required to purchase land from farmers and municipalities over the next 12 years.

The land purchases, which will be financed by Ottawa, will clear up unfulfilled treaty obli-

gations that are more than 100 years old.

Affected towns are enthusiastic about the claim and are anxious to see it finalized, said Daryl Chambers, executive director of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities in a letter to the federal and provincial Indian Affairs ministers.

With the deal nearly com-

plete, McLean said he is taking the claim to the communities "to make sure everybody understands the document."

One of the first steps toward implementing the agreement will be drawing up band membership lists. McLean said once the deal is complete individual bands will have up to three years to sort out their memberships and select their lands.

# ••• NATION IN BRIEF •••

## Police planned invasion of Mohawk land, newspaper says

Quebec police planned an invasion and occupation of the Kahnawake Mohawk reserve near Montreal eight months before the 1990 standoff, Montreal's largest French newspaper reported. According to reports in La Presse, the reserve would have been raided by 600 officers and occupied to end Warrior Society intimidation in the community. The plan, developed after a 1989 attack on two farmers, was rejected by Quebec government officials who have since refused comment on the reports. "We are living in a police state with a darned

autonomous force," said Mohawk grand chief Joe Norton after the report. "The Surete (Quebec's police force) do what they want to do .... It's a frightening situation." Norton said the community would have "fought like hell" against the police if the plan had been carried out. Quebec police are not commenting on the reports.

## Born With A Tooth appeal decision delayed

Three judges on Alberta's appeal court delayed their decision on Lonefighter leader and Oldman dam activist Milton Born With A Tooth's firearms conviction. They have not said when they will complete their deliberations. Born With A Tooth is appealing on the grounds that the original judge

at his trial hindered the defence by preventing the jury from hearing his lawyer's original arguments. Calgary lawyer Karen Gainer had tried to argue Born With A Tooth believed he was defending Peigan property when he fired shots in the air to warn RCMP officers away from a wier the Lonefighters were building to divert the Oldman River. Born With A Tooth was sentenced to 18 months in jail. He has been free on bail since the 1991 conviction.

## Crop circles draw curious to Hobbema

Crop circles - mysterious circular areas of flattened grass frequently associated with UFOs have appeared in a farmer's field near Hobbema, drawing crowds of curious onlookers. But hopes

the phenomenon might become an enduring enigma were quickly quashed by Edmontonbased extraterrestrial experts. Guy Desrosiers of the Society for the Preservation of Earthbound Extraterrestrials said the 14-metre spots were nothing more than a farmer's seed dump. "Once we started digging inside the circle it was obvious there was a lot more seed per square inch than what there was outside the circle," Desrosiers said. Barley in the circle was able to grow during the rainless June, but it was flattend by wind and rain in recent weeks, he said.

## Panel to review child welfare in Manitoba

The Manitoba government will work with an aboriginal committee to review the prov-

ince's Native child-welfare agencies. Family Services Minister Harold Gilleshammer says the review will likely be conducted by a three-member panel comprised of one chief and officials from the federal and provincial governments. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs set up a child welfare committee nine months ago and has been conducting its own review. Gilleshammer says that review hasn't been moving fastenough and that. he will meet with assembly chief Phil Fontain to finalize plans. The assembly review was started after women's groups levelled charges of political interference in investigations of child abuse complaints.

## News

# **Protesters occupy band office**

### **By Cooper Langford** Windspeaker Staff Writer

### STURGEON LAKE, ALTA.

Sturgeon Lake residents opposing the election of chief Darlene Desjarlais, who is neither a treaty Indian nor a band member, occupied the band hall demanding her resignation.

the protest in the community 300 km northwest of Edmonton, community member Jerry Goodswimmer said in a telephone interview.

"Desjarlais doesn't have status membership anywhere in Canada," Goodswimmer said. "We want one of our members leading our community. It has already eroded the community. There are two sides."

Band offices were closed after the occupation began on the afternoon of July 8, he said. The occupation was still in effect at Windspeaker press deadlines and Desjarlais was saying the office closure would prevent the dis-

tribution of welfare cheques.

Desjarlais, a non-status Cree, defeated former chief Ron Sunshine and five other candidates in an April election. She is believed to be the third woman in Alberta to become chief of a band.

Her election caused an immediate controversy in the 900member band. Shortly after the Up to 100 people have joined vote, more than 150 placardwaving protesters marched on the band office demanding her resignation and petitions were circulated in the community.

> "Sturgeon Lake people do not need an outsider to run their business," one angry community member said at the time.

Goodswimmer called Desjarlais's election a fluke and said she only won her current position because the number of candidates split the vote. He also blamed the band's expulsion from the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council, the body that distributes federal money to area bands, on Desjarlais's leadership.

Desjarlais is defending her position, saying she won't resign. She said events that have fuelled the demonstration, like a funding cap on student grants, were decisions made by the former council.

"As far as me resigning - no. I'mnot going to," she said. "Iam an Indian. At this point in time I don't have a card to prove I am a status Indian. But I am an Indian nonetheless.

"As far as trying to get to get anything off the ground here since I've been elected chief that's only been three months. I've spent that time trying to defend not only myself but other councillors as well, which has really limited the time we've had to do any other work."

Goodswimmer said band members wrote to Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon asking him to remove a section of the Indian Act that allows nonmembers to run in band elections. He said they have not received a response in the three months since the letter was sent.



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Sturgeon Lake band members occupied the band office to protest the election of Darlene Desjarlais as chief.

# Groupaimstoaid inmates' wives

**By Cooper Langford** Windspeaker Staff Writer

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do to keep their families together .... Sometimes you have outside agencies come in with the best intentions. But you have to walk the walk. These are inmates' wives helping inmates' wives."

# N.W.T. diamond rush worries Dogrib bands

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

Chamber of Mines, said the initial discovery was based on a small test drill. Although the

The families of people serving time in penal institutions are a forgotten sector in the justice system, says the head of a new support group for the relatives of inmates.

"There are many things in place to help the victims," said Tasha Pelletier, who founded the Helping Hands Society three months ago. "There are things to help the inmates. But there is nothing for the families."

Pelletier knows what she is talking about. For the last 12 years, she has been forced to raise her two children alone while her husband served time in federal institutions.

The life is a tough one, she says. When a family loses a member, especially a father, they suffer a host of losses. The family is thrown into emotional turmoil, economic stability vanishes and then there are the stigmas that go with having a family member in jail.

Pelletier has had to move her family several times to keep up with her husband's transfers inside the system.

"It's a sad life," she says. "It is amazing what these women

The Helping Hands group now meets on Saturday nights in an Edmonton church. It's a chance for women to share their feelings, get a little support and try to find ways to improve the system. The group hopes that it can gain enough credibility with the administration at the maximum-security Edmonton Institution to have some of their recommendations implemented.

The group is trying to raise money to refurnish the family visit trailers to give them a more home-like atmosphere. They also hope to refurbish family visit areas with toys and a video player so children and fathers can share activities.

"That visiting room is our living room. We try to raise our children there."

Pelletier says the group, still in its infancy, hopes to put together children's programs and activities for families.

"We are trying to take a loselose situation and make a winwin situation," she says. "Sometimes knowing you're not alone is the key to the problem."

## YELLOWKNIFE

Eager prospectors have staked claims to thousands of kilometres north of Great Slave Lake in a rush to cash in on what could be a major diamond find.

But the lure of huge returns on what could become North America's only diamond mine is causing headaches for the region's Dogrib bands, who are trying to settle a land claim.

"Oh yes, we have lots of concerns .... We've got a map. The whole area is taken up," said Henry Zoe, who represents most of the six Dogrib bands scattered throughout the region in the territorial legislature.

"We've got to figure out what to do. Do we go to Ottawa and ask for a land-freeze? Do we go to the courts and ask for an injunction (to prevent further staking)? These are some of the issues."

Since November, more than 25,000 square kilometres have been gobbled up in new mining claims, an area nearly as large as Belgium. And federal mining officials say the area already believed to be the largest area ever staked in North America - could double by the time all the companies have finished their staking.

Dia Met Minerals Ltd. - a small exploration company-started the rush last year when they announced their discovery of diamonds under Lac de Gras.

Tom Hoefer, general manager of the N.W.T.

sample could not prove diamonds are going to be the next big northern export, the results were strong enough to warrant bigger, more expensive explorations.

"These guys go in and drill one hole and hit diamonds. It's incredible," he said. "If someone had said their might be diamonds in that area (a few years ago, they would have been laughed at."

The Dogribs, however, are not laughing.

"There's a great concern that there is a lot of land being alienated," Dogrib Tribal Council chief Eddy Erasmus said in an interview with Yellowknife-based Press Independent newspaper.

"We don't like what we see. But what the hell can you do?" said Jonas Sangris, chief of Dettah, a small Dogrib community near Yellowknife.

Political difficulties within the Dogrib nation stemming from the collapse of the Dene-Metis land claim in 1990 have delayed a formal response to the diamond rush, Zoe said. But the tribal leadership is meeting in August and hopes to formulate an official position.

In the meantime, representatives of BHP Minerals Ltd., one of the biggest investors in the massive staking, have met with the bands to discuss concerns.

"At least we have an understanding of how fast we should act with our lobbying," Zoe said. "We are not opposing any mining development.... We are for development, but on our terms."

# **Constitutional agreements reached**

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But any deal emerging from Ottawa will be put to a vote among chiefs in Manitoba before the Assembly of Manitoba chiefs throws its weight behind an agreement, assembly head Phil Fontaine said.

Speaking to northern chiefs in Thompson, Man., Fontaine said tremendous progress had been made with the new deal.

He said, however, he still has some concerns over the final details.

Doris Ronnenberg, head of the native council's Alberta wing, called the deal a positive step but expressed some concerns about how financing will work out in the long run.

"At the meetings I went to, financing caused a lot of concern, heat from all sides," she said. "It could end up with us having self-government, but it would be empty because of financing . . . . I'm waiting to see the fine print."

But members of Native women's group are continuing to criticize the process for not explicitly dealing with sexequality concerns.

"We haven't been invited (to the negotiations) and therefore we are angry and concerned," said Janis Walker, vice-president of the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association and a Micmac band councillor.

Native women were left in the dark when they were denied special constitutional funding given to four other national groups and a seat at the bargaining table, said Sarah Fiddles, eastern representative of the Native Women's Association of Canada.

The deal on self-government nearly fell by the wayside in the log jam over Senate reform. Provincial premiers and Native leaders settled their differences in an intense round of negotiations. But the fate of the deal still rests on the approval from Quebec, which has expressed doubts on the Native provisions.

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# **Mohawkacquittals** show support on Natives' side

Quebec Mohawks - and people across Indian country- no doubt greeted with relief the recent vindication of the 40 or so people charged at the end of the Oka stand-off.

The 88 not guilty verdicts on charges ranging from participating in a riot to firearms offences are fascinating, given the twists and turns of jury trials.

It's impossible to know just what was on the minds of the 12 people who rendered the decisions. But it is possible to take a stab at a few conclusions.

One of those conclusions might be that the provincial and federal governments are way out of step with the public attitudes and values that juries are supposed to represent.

Robert (Mad Jap) Skidders, one of the defendants in the trial, said he believed the verdicts showed defence lawyers had successfully argued the Mohawks set up their blockade with peaceful intentions.

The facts bear that out. The first blockade protesting the expansion of the Oka golf course onto traditional land was a quiet affair on a dusty access road. It went up at the end of the winter of 1990 to block heavy machinery that would be brought in to clear sections of a sacred area known as the Pines.

It was only after the Surete du Quebec - the provincial police force - staged an armed, military raid on the blockade that the situation turned violent. And rather than recognizing the effect their provocation had on the situation and withdrawing, the Quebec government upped the stakes by calling in 4,000 Canadian soldiers.

The 78-day stand-off ended with the surrender of dozens of weary people holed up in a treatment centre. As was expected, many were subsequently arrested.

But clearly what the Quebec police and the military thought were crimes they could prove in court turned out to be something else.

A handful of the charges were tossed out during the trial for lack of evidence. The rest resulted in not-guilty verdicts.

On a technical level, that suggests Crown prosecutors could not prove to the jury a given individual was breaking a specific law at a specific time.

But it also indicates that the jury was more prepared to give the Mohawks the benefit of the doubt when it came to the legitimacy of their claims and actions.

Maybe the Mohawks were provoked into committing whatever "crimes' they were accused of. Maybe the various levels of government can't simply declare war on a community that actively opposes their wishes. After all, opposition to government is a right. Maybe the jury even believed that the police, army and governments weren't taking their share of the blame for the events of that tragic summer. We may never know what individual jury members believed when they rendered their verdict. But collectively, their decision indicates the Canadian public is not going to accept a heavyhanded, militaristic approach to dealing with legitimate Native concerns and peaceful civil disobedience.



# Kowalski owes church an apology

Last week Kowalski found himself backtracking on comments made about the United Church of Canada and the Oldman River Project. His remarks about the United Church and the cancellation of the opening festivities of the Oldman Dam were that of a blustering, angry politician.

The United Church should demand an apology from Ken Kowalski for intimating the church was part of a conspiracy involving threats of violence.

I think the church should be applauded for their pro-active Christian stance on aboriginal and environmental concerns.



stop there. A few weeks ago I attended an ordination service of the United Church for four aboriginals. The new ministers are Rev. Sandy Scott, Rev. Allan Sinclair, Rev. Solomon Meekis and Rev. Raymond Eaglestick.

and the church. Rev. Stan McKay, a Cree Indian from Fisher River, Manitoba is in the running for Moderator. The Moderator is the religious head of the church in Canada. Rev. McKay holds two doctorates, from the University of Montreal and the University of Winnipeg. The Cree-speaking man from Fisher River will have a lot to offer the church. Ken Kowalski criticizes a church because of its commitment to rectifying old wrongs against aboriginal people and supporting groups and individuals for environmental concerns may be seen as interference in church policy. Whatever his reasons, his attack on this peaceful organization may be his political undoing.

Might is not always right . . . . Thank God.

Over the last several months of constitutional negotiations, polls have shown public support for Native issues and the drive for self-government. Critics have warned that the support is shallow and won't last if the list of demands gets too long.

The jury at the Mohawk trial just may have proved the critics and the federal and provincial governments - wrong. Very wrong.

The church, through Reverend Bill Phipps and others, has organised effective lobbying groups beginning with the Friends of the North to the Old Man River Project. Both projects are attempts to right some injustices by using established political means. They, unlike Ken Kowalski, do not use government money to promote political events.

The church's involvement for aboriginal people does not

All took a program offered at the Jesse Saulteaux Centre in Manitoba. Currently there are about 30 aboriginal ministers in training in the program.

The church has supported the Native people who are members to form their own conference. The All Native Circle Conference is comprised of all the Native congregations in Canada. They are encouraged to hold services using their own language and methods of worship.

This August may mark a new milestone for aboriginal people



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## Your Opinion

# Inmates' spiritual needs not being met

### Dear Editor,

As the elected leader of my people within Drumheller Institution, I feel it is my responsibility to address the cultural/ spiritual need deficiencies that exist for the approximately 200 aboriginal prisoners housed here.

In 1990, Justice Allen Cawsey headed the Task Force on the Criminal Justice System and its Impact on the Indian and Metis People of Alberta. At that time, he assured us improvements would evolve. Since then, throughout Alberta correctional institutes, change and improvement has transpired through the implementation of the recommendations of that particular task force. In fact, in the wake of several recent task force findings throughout the prairie region in regards to aboriginal people and the criminal justice system, change has evolved for the better in Manitoba and Saskatchewan prisons.

However, here at Drumheller Institution our needs as aboriginal people are not being adequately or sufficiently met. Given the high number of aboriginal prisoners housed here, there is a definite need for change and improvement.

I have been the leader for three months and since then, I have advocated for change and improvement with the administrators of this institution and I have been treated in a very unjust manner as a result of voicing our concerns. It is not only myself as the current leader that has pressed for change and improvement; several earlier leaders pressed for the same. They, as well, have encountered indifference and intolerance.

The following is a list of the pressing cultural/spiritual needs we as aboriginal prisoners have at this institution that are not being adequately accommodated:

1. The need for the establishment of a Cultural Centre in which we can have an area in which to identify with our culture/spirituality. This area would serve as our prayer room, our traditional drumming and singing would be held there as well as all other cultural/spiritual activities. As it exists, we lack a space and must schedule around activities conducted by the Chaplains (who have two chapel halls) and the

socialization department. We to the cement barrier that stands feel our need for our "church" is as sacred as other religions that are adequately accommodated for in here and should not be viewed in the "second-class" manner in which it currently is looked upon.

2. The need for at least once a week sweatlodge ceremonies rather than bi-monthly ceremonies we currently have. Our sweatlodge can only hold 20 individuals at one time.

3. The need for sweatlodge ceremonies to be held for the prisoners housed in the dissociation and segregation area of the prison. These are the prisoners in the most dire need of the healing process our practice of Native spirituality is based upon.

4. The need for allocation of further funding to secure the service of Native elders from various nations to accommodate the varying needs of the various nations of people we have in here. For example, a Metis elder to meet the needs of the Metis prisoners and so on.

5. The need for viable access to our sweatledge area at any time we feel it is necessary. As it exists, we do not even have viable physical access to the area due in its way, as well as the security mentality that erects further suppression. This is a medium security prison. In Edmonton Maximum Security prison, this practice is commonplace.

6. The need for "no charge" fees we currently pay for the foodstuffs we require for cultural/ spiritual activities. For example, it is a common practice among our people to have bannock bread, berries and tea after a sweatlodge ceremony - it is a beliefofour"religion." And still, we must pay to practice what is a religious right.

7. The need for Native programming that builds upon existing cultural/spiritual progress, programming that is responding sufficiently to our needs. Not programming that is designed to mitigate the calls for change rather than induce change.

8. Now that there is an established Regional Council of Elders that are to serve the interests of federal aboriginal prisoners throughout the prairie region (Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba), that we as the people who have the needs be able to meet with this Regional Coun- Native Brotherhood Chief

cil of Elders at least twice per year. If CSC (Correctional Service of Canada) is sincere and concerned about improving the conditions of our people in the federal prison system, they will mandate this council of Elders to meet periodically with the various Native Brotherhood/ Sisterhood Organizations throughout the prairie region. As it exists, we have not even met these elders and our needs vary from one geographical location to the next. Empower these elders without the political illusion - the facade - the tokenism - make this council serve a REAL purpose.

In closing, we hope this communication will serve to urge you, the reader, to do something to better the struggle of our people confined within places such as this. Write to or telephone the proper people. We are tired of empathy. We want ACTION !!!

I Pray for the people,

Kevin L. Stonechild P.O. Box 3000 Drumheller, Alta. TOJ OYO

# Scholarships aimed at Native graduate students

### Dear Editor,

The Canada-United States Fulbright Program is very pleased to announce an academic award reserved exclusively for Native North American graduate students. The deadline for applications is Sept. 30, 1992. Applicants must be accepted into a PhD (or final degree) program at a North American university. Proposed projects must comply with the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program aim to enhance the study of Canada in the United States, the United States

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required of all applicants from Canada.

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### Sincerely,

Victor Konrad, Executive Director

# **Reader questions** church's methods

### Dear Editor,

The Catholic Church in Canada recently proclaimed to have as one of its new goals "the elimination of sexual abuse of children in church society." The bishops now promise to "promote actions that will purge this evil from society and the church."

As a survivor of childhood sexual abuse by a priest, I can't argue with their goal, but I do take exception to their methods.

The Catholic Church has been sending its offender priests to the United States for therapy. Sadly, this special treatment includes being coached in seminars on how to act appropriately outraged while testifying in court about sexual abuse charges, so as to trick the judge

into believing the priest is merely the unfortunate victim of fabricated allegations, or at least innocent, distorted memories. And if you think this is bad, they have done far worse.

How else can you explain the sudden rash of mysterious fires this year that have destroyed Catholic archives? These supposedly accidental fires conveniently obliterated all records containing the names of priests who were presumed banished to monasteries in Quebec for sexually abusing children. These supposedly accidental fires conveniently occur at a safe time of day, when most of its usual employees have yet to arrive for work, or else have been given the week off. Under such suspicious circumstances, I don't believe these fires to be accidental.

If I am wrong, then God has a funny way of helping Catholics attain their new goal of purging all trace of sexual abuse from Church and society. Sort of gives new meaning to the old hymn, "I saw the light."

Be that as it may, someone should tell our bishops that two wrongs don't make a right. Instead of purging the evidence, they should be offering treatment to both the offender priests AND their victims. I am hopeful that as long as some of the victims are willing to point out their errors to them, Canada's Catholics will truly see the light and change their evil ways.

Sincerely, Gordon Robert Dumont Prince Albert, SK S6V 3T7

# "Little People" stories sought

Dear Editor,

I have collected Little People stories from 322 South or North American cultures.

Since one telling a story more likely owns it than one who writes it down, I am seeking story-teller addresses. Half the proceeds (if any) will go to American Indian Scholarships in Albuquerque. Negative replies help me find which stories don't occur in areas or are too sensitive to tell.

Sincerely, John Roth 11196 Caves Highway Cave Junction, OR 97523 505-592-2100 (work)

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## INDIAN COUNTRY **Community Events**

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GREAT PLAINS ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL; August 1,2 & 3; Elk Point, AB.

SPIRITUAL UNITY OF THE TRIBES GATHERING; August 4-10, 1992, Tok, Alaska U.S.A.

METIS ASSOCIATION OF NWT 20th ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY; August 7, 8, 9; Fort Providence, NWT. THIRD ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE; August 9-11, 1992, Whitefish Lake Reserve, AB

## What's Happening?

## **By Ethel Winnipeg** Windspeaker Staff Writer

Vancouver, B. C. - The Mokakit **Education Research Association** and the Department of Indian Affairs have chosen winners in the Aboriginal Heroes Writing Contest. Students of aboriginal background were invited to write stories, poems, plays or essays. The top eight winners won a trip to Ottawa for the Canada Day celebrations. Those winners were: Cheyenne Corcoran, Prince George, B.C.; Timothy Douglas Cress Jr., Hannon, Ontario; Wahsayzee Deleary, Southwold, Ontario; Carla Goodrunning, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta; Anita Ootoowak, Pond Inlet, N.W.T.; Wendy Paul, Woodstock, N.B.; Bobbi White, Morinville, Alberta; Dina Williams, Terrace, B.C.; and Hilary Zornow, Hazelton, B.C.

File Hills, Saskatchewan - July 3-5 marked the annual celebration for the File Hills area. The



Herman Omeaso (left) and Paige Soosay (right) are shown self-defense techniques by Brad Schultz, who taught a Family Self-Protection Program to staff of the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre in Hobbema.

gathering took place on the of Rocky Boy, Montana. Starblanket reserve. Visitors came from as far away as Oklahoma. Some 250 dancers and 20 drums entertained. The host drums from Canada were Flying Eagle of Onion Lake, Sask., and the U.S. were Southern Cree

There were many different events. One of the events was called the Men's Endurance Fancy Dance, in which the fancy dancers had to keep up with the drummers. There were 15 dancers and lasted for 45 minutes.

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1992 SIKSIKA CELEBRATIONS; August 19-23, 1992, Gleichen, AB

BEARDY'S & OKEMASIS ANNUAL POWWOW; Aug. 25, 26 & 27; Duck Lake, SK.

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## **COMMUNITY TALKS**

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Through a series of "Community Talks", thousands of people in 186 communities across Canada have contributed their ideas. They talked about how to address the challenges and opportunities facing us all in the areas of competitiveness and learning. They talked about how to maintain our standard of living and secure our economic future. They concluded that all of us have to play a part ... and the government is listening.

We have a history of working in co-operation with others for world-class achievements in peacekeeping, medicine and space exploration. Now, with business, labour, governments, academic and social groups working together, we can achieve prosperity through international competitiveness. But there is one more critical factor: Canada's ultimate potential depends on the commitment of individual Canadians to being the best.



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## Yes we can. We've got the people.

It's time to focus our energies on our most important economic challenge yet ... and prepare ourselves for a more prosperous future.



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# Focus on positive key to contentment

When I was heavily into weight-lifting years ago, an important virtue my mentors taught was patience. If I were to look in a mirror every day and expect huge results, they'd say I'd quickly become disappointed. Muscle-building is a slow process.

They emphasized significant amounts of progress were best measured in years - not hours, weeks or months. I swore never to forget that lesson.

I have!!

When life goes from smooth sailing to stormy seas, it's easy to get discouraged and list all the things we think would patch us up. How hard it is to be thankful for what we have and can accomplish rather than dwell upon what is lacking or lost.

For myself, I admit the main reason I occasionally dive in melancholic moods (thank God they are rare) results from setting sky-high goals and getting frustrated when they don't materialize quickly enough. They say we appreciate the good times because of the bad ones. Lord knows how depressed I felt prior to the weekend. You know how it goes, it's the same old story. Young man ponders whether future career plans will work out or not. If so, do they include romance ... this and that. Argh. Give me a break.

These useless musings can drag anybody down. I knew therapy was needed. Fast. And it came in a most refreshing way. I've just returned from chap-

eroning a camping trip to beautiful Ojibway Park with an enthusiastic group of 55 teenagers from Wellington Junior High School in Sioux Lookout, Ont.

For three days, we fished, hiked trails, listened to loons, called various species of wildlife to us and gazed dreamily into the glowing embers of burning camp-fires at night. And this with the large, cozy interior of my father's tipi as headquarters.

In the evenings, when kids asked Dad serious questions about Native culture, I was pleasantly reminded of my own youthful beginnings in the quest for knowledge. Over the years, I learned to love myself and therefore all living creatures.

We could all learn more from our kin. Immersing myself in a totally synchronized and serene environment was an unbeatable solution to my problem.

Unfortunately, due to today's demands of keeping up the social pace, it isn't always possible to escape to the boonies.

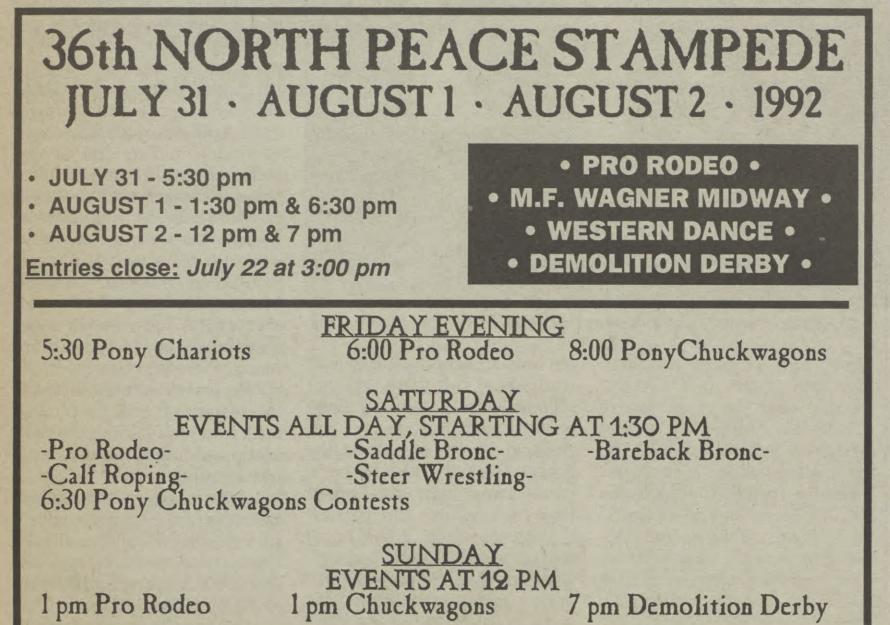
I have fond memories of long winter nights I spent writing at home in Calgary. About what? Absolutely anything that crossed my mind. It didn't matter, so long as I released the pentup trash in my head. Just as people weed their gardens, it is equally important we also "weed out" our minds. gumball machine, trying to get some candies. After some attempts, he succeeded in grasping a few. Yet, when his friends came by and tried to get him to come out and play, he found he couldn't follow them. His hand was caught because he still wanted the sweets. He missed the fun his friends were having.

You can only learn from the past. Try hanging on to previous mistakes and your "soul" companions will become despondency, sorrow and grief. It's not worth it. Why waste energy on the negative when there is so much beauty around us?

In this age, what's really nice to know is that no matter how favorable or bad our situations, we are never alone. Though captains of our individual ships, the same oceans bond us.

Gazing out the porch window on the gorgeous sunny morning, memories of the way I was feeling merely days ago now seem puny and unimportant. I have millions of things to be thankful for: good health, a loving family, a burgeoning new writing career - the list goes on.

I'll absorb a lesson from the animals, who never have time to sit around and mope all day they are too busy living life to the fullest. Now I know what my elders meant when they said to keep the balance. Guess what, my friends. Life is good.





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# Wanuskewinarestrictiveexperience

# OPINION

**By Daniel Porttris** Windspeaker Contributor

### SASKATOON, SASK.

Wanuskewin Heritage Park is situated about eight km north of Saskatoon and encompasses 120 hectares of creek valley and prairie where the Tipperary Creek flows into the South Saskatchewan River.

This protected little valley, open to the south and sunny most of the day, has been a gathering place for First Nations people for 6,000 years. Wanuskewin Park has 19 prehistoric sites, including a medicine wheel, tipi rings and camp-sites, two bison jumps, kill sites and stone cairns. With continued archaeological work planned, it's expected to become a centre for the study of Northern Plains Indians.

From the parking lot, a sidewalk follows the buffalo drive lane that leads to the New Asiniak buffalo jump site. The drive lane is represented by sidewalk lights made in the shape of stone cairns of the type used by Native ancestors to direct the buffalo toward the jump.

Inside the intrepretive centre, you are drawn toward the striking marble and bronze shaman who stands tall within a buffalo pound. This figure done by sculptor Lloyd Pinay appears to be calling the buffalo and six of them can be seen approaching the pound from the west. The building inside is high and constructed of mostly



Native participants in the opening ceremonies of Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

smooth cedar and glass, with four tall spires depicting the four cardinal directions. Practically the whole west wall is glass, overlooking the valley that flourishes in various shades of green and yellow from north to south below the jump. The interpretive areas within the building follow the natural clockwise flow so important to First Nations people. The exhibits are very well-done and intriguing but the audio-visual and handsdown past a cluster of tipis to the Path of the People at the bottom near the creek, where the air is hot but smells of sage and grass, leaf and moisture. The path is cut out of the earth and liberally sprinkled with signs. saying "Please stay on the trails" and "Fragile environment." Interpretive signs and benches mark significant sites, each with a ceramic and concrete plaque describing its significance.

Every now and then, a fresh

obvious somebody still gets to walk about out there and you secretly want to take off along one of them but you're constrained by the signs and the gravel. The path passes about 50 yards away from the Juniper Flats encampment, but the view is blocked by a pile of dead brush and the usual "Stay on the Path" sign. The kids complain that it's boring and they're thirsty. You want to sit down but the stone benches don't have any backs. on displays are overpowering. trail cuts through the grass and The views along the valley and Once outside, the trail leads across the gravelled path. It's the scenery are pleasant but you

feel they're out there and, well, you're here and separated by that "interpretive park feeling."

Protecting the natural environment is an important consideration for the park management because up to 150,000 people are expected to visit each year. Wanuskewin, which is Cree for 'seeking peace of mind,' has already been designated a national historic site and organizers have begun the process of seeking recognition as a world heritage site. This means Wanuskewin will become an international tourist attraction, which is another tool for long-term protection, and it increases the urgency for sensitive preservation of the environment and cultural artifacts like the medicine wheel.

**Besides making First Nations** Plains culture a living thingfor non-native people, Wanuskewin provides a living for many Natives in the form of long-term jobs and contracts. According to executive director Jeremy Morgan, 26 of 30 staff at the park are Native, including the gift shop manager and restaurant manager Delbert Bear.

Profits from the gift shop and the restaurant will be plowed back into maintaining the park and providing services to local Indian bands.

After walking the paths and following the trail of the buffalo up the other side of the valley, a person needs to eat. What better than the buffalo stew or burgers in the traditional restaurant?

Driving out, the last sign you see is the message: "See nature through the eyes of an eagle." Ho!



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## News

# Siksika Nation to takes over policing

The Siksika Nation will take over most of the reserve's policing in September with the completion of a three-way agreement for local police services.

And the newly expanded Siksika Nation Police Force is scheduled to take control of police duties in 1994.

"The Siksika Nation welcomed the prospect of First Nations officers policing First Nations communities. That prospect is now a reality," chief lice force. Strator Crowfoot said in a media release following the dealsigning ceremony with federal and provincial ministers.

Under the agreement, Ottawa and the 4,100-member band will share the cost of training and operating the local po-

Ten recruits graduated in February from the province's officer training college and are now into an 18-month field training program in communities on or near the reserve.

The Siksika Nation, 100 km east of Calgary, has had a small constable service since the 1970s to police minor matters. But limited funding kept the force small. In 1989, when the band created the Siksika Nation Police Force,

the three-man service worked out of a trailer and drove a battered old van.

The new force will be made of the 10 recruits and police chief Dan Kirkby, who has 15 years **RCMP** experience in Quebec and Alberta. The band will continue providing a police building.

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# **Assault charges** laid against Algonquins

More than 30 members of a small Algonquin band in northern Quebec have been charged with a string of sexual and physical abuses on about 50 of the band's women and children.

And the number of accused men from the 330-member Grand Lac Victoria band could reach 40 when provincial police conclude their investigation, said spokesman Ghislan Blanchet.

The charges include sexual and physical assault, incest, sodomy, sexual touching and threats. The victims range in age from five to 50 years old.

"I don't think there is a single woman of the age of 14 who has not been assaulted," said Andre Lebon, a Montreal mental health expert who spent 10 months planning child protection services for the community. The arrests were made after groups of women came forward

GRANDLACVICTORIA, QUE. one after another and made more than 30 complaints of physical and sexual assault to provincial police.

> This is the first time in Quebec that a band has broken what is called by Natives in the region the "code of silence." Their goal is to end widespread abuse in the community.

"You are not supposed to turn to the white society for help," said one woman who was the victim of two assaults. "It's the code of silence. But how long are we supposed to be silent?"

"People of exceptional courage have come forward," said Richard Kistabish, a former grand chief of the Algonquin Council of Western Quebec, now a Grand Lac Victoria community worker.

"We tried a number of ap-

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proaches-alcohol treatment centres, battered women's shelters, parenting courses. But in the end people had to come forward and lay charges."

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FACING AIDS

Of those now infected, most will develop AIDS within 10 years. AIDS is the last stage of infection with HIV. More than 250 men, women and children have died of AIDS in our province so far, and an equal number are extremely ill. People with AIDS live in Edmonton, Calgary, smaller cities, towns and rural areas.

It is estimated that in some countries more than half the population is infected with HIV. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that 60 per cent of all HIV infections worldwide occur through sex between men and women. These numbers don't apply to Alberta yet, but the number of those becoming infected through heterosexual behavior is rising.

AIDS is clearly not limited to certain high risk groups. AIDS is not restricted by social status, race, sexual orientation or good intentions. High risk behaviors, not group association, spreads HIV.

The good news is that we have a choice over these risky behaviors. More and more men and women are protecting themselves and their partners. They practice safer sex and do not share unclean needles or syringes.

Make informed choices. Reduce the risk of becoming HIV infected or spreading AIDS. You can make a difference.

Watch for more news columns in this paper and television features during the FACING AIDS campaign, February 1st to May 2nd.

For more information about HIV/AIDS you can call:

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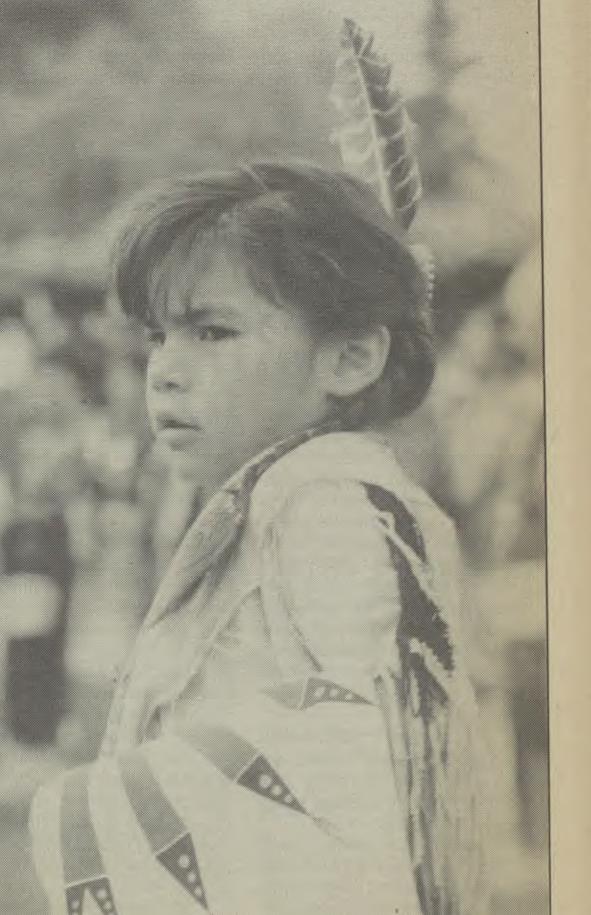


A young dancer takes part in a competition



Two Dancers take advantage of a break to stand on the sidelines and observe.







The grand entry at the Poundmaker/Nechi powwow in St. Albert.



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# Edmonton to host employment conference

Edmonton will host nority groups. Bridges 92, a major conference on diversity in the workplace and employment equity, Sept. 21-23 at the Edmonton Inn.

"The conference is targeting the equity groups and the aboriginal people are part of the equity groups," said Iris Saunders, chairperson of the conference advisory committee. Besides aboriginals, other equity groups include women, disabled people and those from visible mi-

"Aboriginal people and people with disabilities have major difficulties in accessing the workplace," she said.

"The other thing that we want to create is a positive environment for the workplace. We want to dismantle a lot of those myths out there and establish some opportunities."

Representatives from Native Employment Services of Alberta are invited, along with Robert Lubicon,

executive director of Calgary's Native Awareness Week. A number of Native people will be sitting on the panel and addressing issues facing aboriginal people, including Roy Whitney, chief of the Tsuu T'ina Nation near Calgary, Saunders added.

Delegates from the western provinces, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon are expected to attend, including representatives from multinational corporations, labor groups, universities and federal and provincial government agencies.

Keynote speakers include futurist Ruben Nelson. He'll be talking about what's happening in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, which currently has a 75per-cent Native population, and looking at what may happen in 10 or 15 years, when Natives could form almost 100-per-cent of the population.

Nelson will also be talking about the shrinking

labor force, the dropping birth rate and the opportunities free trade may create. Those increased opportunities mean employers will have to look at equity groups to find people to fill those jobs.

A trade show and exhibition will run at the same time the conference is in session. It will feature displays of new and innovative programs and activities aimed at dealing effectively with the challenge of diversity in the workplace.

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Co-ed Teen Skift Rowing (16 & under) 1st-\$80 2nd-\$60 3rd-\$40

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Saturday, August 8 9:00 AM Men's Fastball Tournament 1st-\$3,000 2nd-\$2,000 3rd-\$1,000

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3:30 PM Johnny Walker Memorial Canoe Marathon 1st-\$2,000 2nd-\$1,500 3rd-1,000

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# **Conference a chance to celebrate success**

### **By Sharon Smith** Windspeaker Contributor

### **EDMONTON**

More than 3,000 aboriginal people met recently in St. Albert for the international conference Healing Our Spirit Worldwide. They came from all over the globe to share their pain and successes in the struggle to free Native peoples of the devastating effects of alcohol and drug addictions.

Delegates represented many aboriginal cultures, including Sammi from Norway, Maori

from Australia and Mapuche from Chile. Most came from grass-roots organizations on the front lines of the fight against substance abuse in their homelands.

Keynote speakers urged delegates to see the meeting as a celebration and a chance to share the recipes for successful repatriation of indigenous cultures.

Anna Whiting-Sorrell, president of the National Association for Native American Children of Alcoholics, said years of racism and oppression have devastated Native communities and

from New Zealand, Mowree led directly to rampant alcohol abuse among North American Natives. She urged all aboriginal people to stand together in their fight for sobriety.

> "What you can't do alone can be done collectively."

The conference opened July 7 at Poundmaker Lodge with prayers and traditional dances and moved to the Edmonton Convention Centre July 8-10 for workshop sessions on how to overcome alcohol, drugs and sexual abuse. Delegates heard what worked in other Native communities and got a chance to share their experiences.

Lakota Sioux delegate Ramona Jones said she was not surprised to find other aboriginal people have the same problems as North Americans.

"It doesn't matter what you name it, it's the same story no matter whose nation, whose life story. The only thing that changes is the place and time."

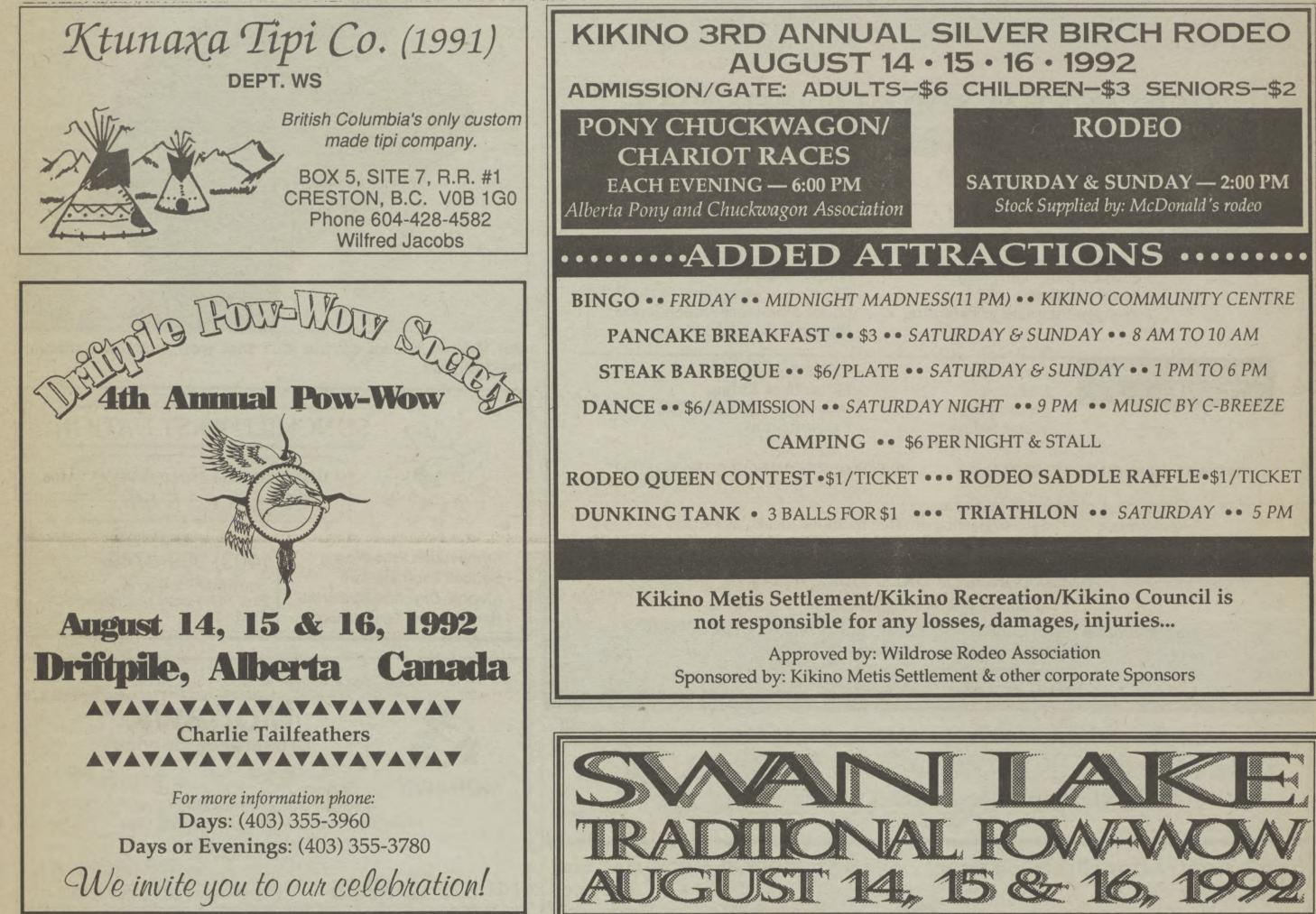
The five-day conference was three years in the making, said Maggie Hodgson, conference organizer and executive director of Necchi Training and Research Centre. Hodgson had long wanted to see a forum where the international Native

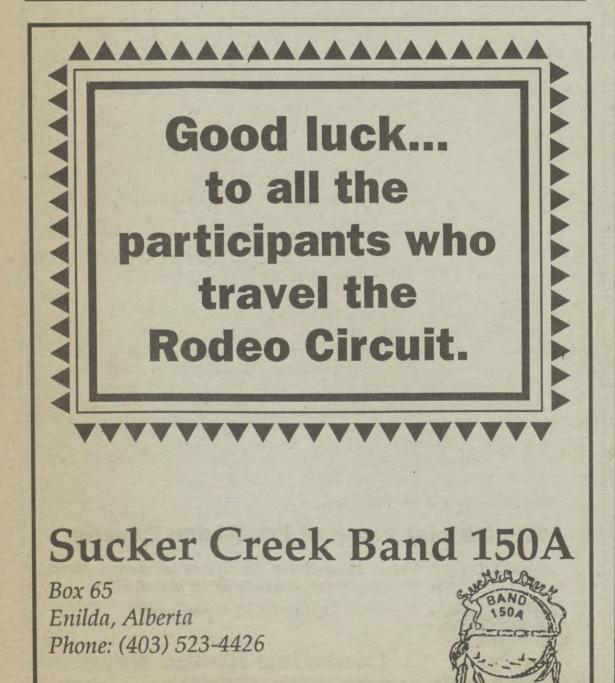
community could focus on successes, rather than the negative image so often portrayed in the media.

"There is so much emphasis in the media on what's not working; how many children died of glue sniffing ....

"We must stop selling failure and must sell success," she said. "If Natives see success is possible, it motivates them."

Hodgson said an international steering committee has already begun plans for the 1996 and 2000 conferences for Australia and New Zealand respectively.





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## Sports

# B.C. kick-boxer aiming for the top

Kick-boxing champion Mel old Native Vancouver resident. Murray is heading for Australia in September, and he wants to bring home the World's Intercontinental Championship title.

"That would definitely bring me to a top contender spot for the world title," said the 28-year-

Murray got into kick-boxing via boxing. He used to watch kick-boxers and wonder how a boxer would stand up against them. He finally decided to find out for himself and discovered kick-boxing offered him the challenge he was looking for.

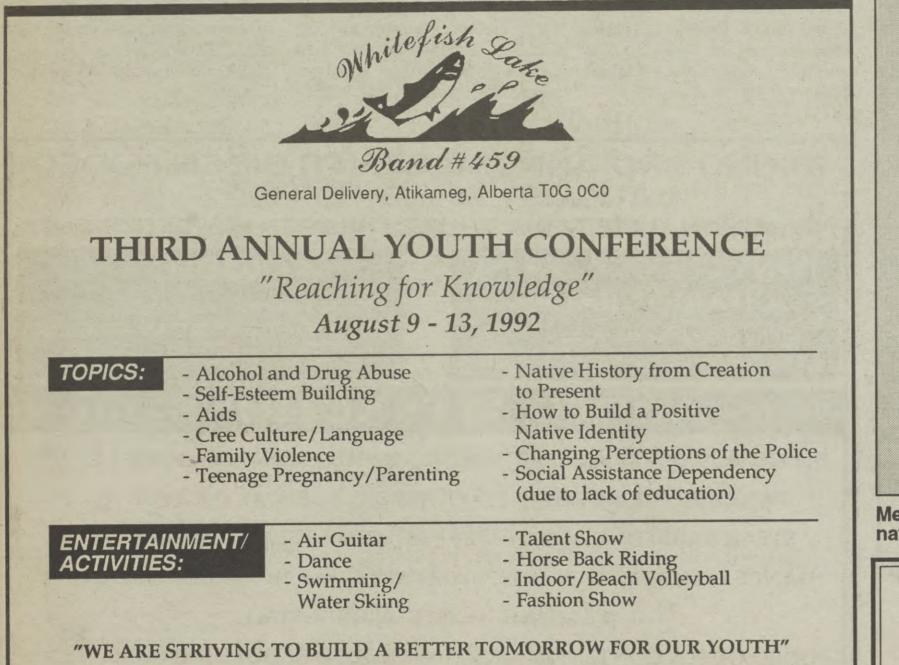
"It's a gruelling sport - much more so than boxing," he said. He turned professional just over a year ago and won the

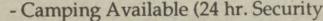
Canadian national title on his birthday, April 16, 1992. His first national title was as an amateur. facing him in his pursuit of the September title is finances. It will cost roughly \$5,000 for him and his trainer to fly to Australia and pay living expenses while there.

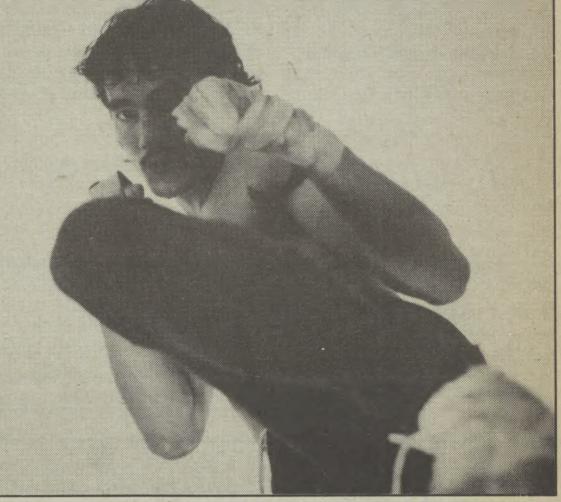
He works two jobs - one in construction and a part-time job

One of the biggest obstacles - but that doesn't leave much after he pays living expenses on B.C.'s lower mainland. Now he's trying to find sponsors.

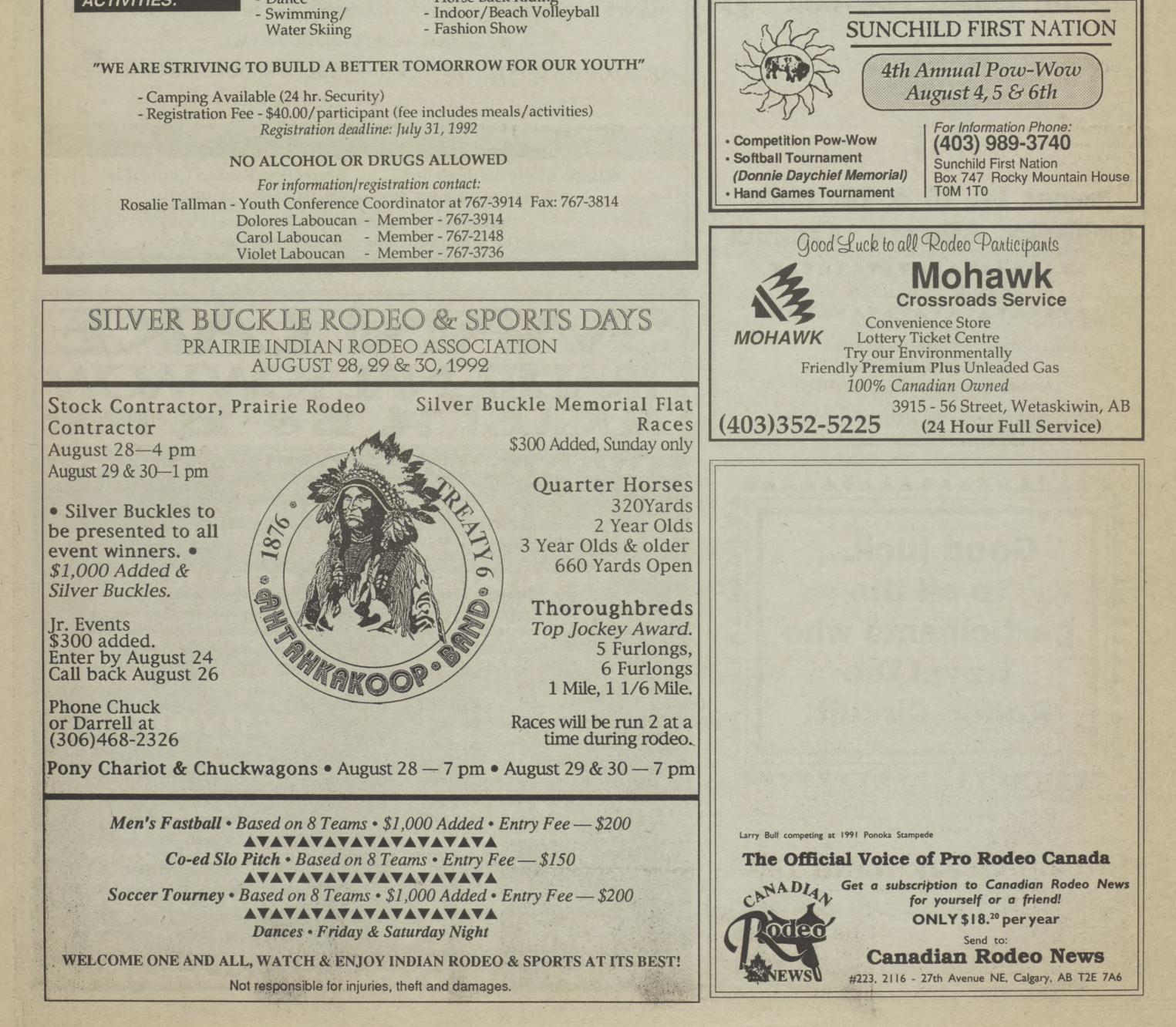
> "I want to be the first Native, the first in Canada and the first in the lower mainland to be a world title holder," he said.







Mel Murray shows off the kick that won him the Canadian national title.



## Sports

# Veterans shine at Babb rodeo

**By Jim Goodstriker** Windspeaker Contributor

### BABB, MONTANA

Veteran contestants stole the show at the United Indian Rodeo Association (UIRA) of Montana third rodeo of the season at the Powell Ranch rodeo arena.

Mike Brown of Browning was the only bareback rider to make a qualified ride of 65 points to win the event, and \$412 all to himself.

Kelly Edwards, also of Browning, got tapped-off with a Sherman re-ride horse spurring for a 68 effort to win first place money of \$260. Bill Tathead of Standoff was second at 65 points, good for \$195.

The bull riding event saw Powell's high-kicking bull Catfish bring Montana cowboys Chad Onstand and Dale Bird to the pay window in first and second place respectively, with markings of 72 and 69 points and payoffs of \$246 and \$185.

In the timed events two Standoff ropers, Wright Bruised Head and Slim Creighton, were one-two in the calf-roping event, with runs of 11.06 and 11.73 seconds and returns of \$341 and \$256 at the pay window.

Two-time World Indian All-

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2 - Bill T. Head	65	195
3 - J.W. Kunning Fisher	62	130
4 - Barney Augare	61	65
BULL RIDING	70	24/
1 - Chad Onstad	72	246
2 - Dale Bird	69	185
3 - Tyler Little Bear	68 68	93 93
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CALF ROPING	11.06	341
1 - Wright Bruised Head 2 - Slim Creighton	11.73	256
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3 - Terry Pitts 4- Eric Watson	12.06	85
STEER WRESTLING	12.00	05
1- John Colliflower	4.94	491
2- Ivan Small	6.68	368
3- Shawn Shade	7.57	245
4- John Hodson	9.36	123
TEAM ROPING	2.00	120
1- Vince Michaels/Dutch Lunak	7.81	1.016
2- Steve & Rob Bruised Head	8.11	790
3- Don Wilson/Dan Bird	8.13	508
4- Dmatt Speaksthunder/Jim Cole	8.81	254
5- Ken Whyte/Don Guardipee	11.78	141
6- Frid England/Ted Hoyt	12.45	113
LADIES BARREL RACÉ		
1- Traci Vaile	17.79	341
2- Sheila Mad Plume	17.88	256
3- Stacey Gonsalez	18.02	171
4- Barb Regan	18.03	85
LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING		
1- Traci Vaile	5.44	247
2- Colleen Crowler	5.75	165
JR. BARRELL RACE		
1-Jimi Lunak	18.86	146
2- Jenny Monroe	19.51	97
BOYS STEER RIDING	11	100
1- Clarence Gilham	66	155
2- Dustin Bird	65	116
3- Mike Miller	63	78
4- Jarret Monroe	61	39

around and Steer Wrestling Champion, John Colliflower of Rocky Boy, threw a steer down in a snappy 4.94 seconds to win the steer wrestling event along with first place money of \$491. Ivan Small of Browning was second at 6.68 seconds, pocketing \$368.

Pickup men Vince Michael and Dutch Lunak used their ropes, hauling rough stock back to the catch pens.

All that practice during the rodeo paid off as they won the team roping event with a run of 7.81 seconds, sharing first place money of \$1,016.

Steve and Robert Bruised Head of Standoff placed second at 8.11 seconds and second place money of \$790.

Local cowgirl Traci Vaile had a good day pocketing \$589 for 23.23 seconds of work. She won the barrel racing for \$341 and the breakaway roping for another \$248, posting times of 17.79 and 5.44 seconds respectively in each event at the June 19-20 rodeo.

The junior events saw Jimi Lunak win the barrel racing with a clocking of 18.86 seconds going home with \$146. Clarence Gilham was the top steer rider with 66 points and \$155 at the pay window. Both youngsters are from Browning.

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Ivan Small took the steer wrestling title.

# **RODEO CALENDAR 1992**

T'suu T'Ina Annual Rodeo Bragg Creek, AB July 24 - 26, 1992

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Paddle Prairie Rodeo Paddle Prairie, AB August 22, 23, 1992

Silver Buckle Rodeo & Sports Days Shell Lake, SK August 28, 29, 30, 1992

> **Rocky Lane Rodeo** Paddle Prairie, AB August 29, 30, 1992

Young Pine Rodeo **Blood Reserve**, AB September 19, 20, 1992

Fort Vermilion Indian Summer Rodeo

### CHUTE CHATTER

The twoday rodeo attracted more than 190 contestants, with a total payout of \$8,478 ... Judges were Bud Connelly and Gene Matt . . . Mary Deuereaux and Lisa Campbell handeled the stop watches. . . High school bull rider Bill Wetzel was the announcer, he was leading the Region #3 circuit when he fractured a leg about a month ago... Jess Matt was the bullfighter... despite ankle-deep mud both contestants and the stock put up a good show. .. The UIRA excutive include chairman Ivan Small, board members John Colliflower, Ken Whyte, Ron Bird and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Bird ... they hope to put up 10 rodeos for the season plus the year-end finals. . . All-round cowboy Spike Guardipee hauled in a brand new two-horse trailer he won at Whife Swan, Wash. June 5-7 for winning the all-round title, winning both the calf-roping and team-roping events, including a trophy saddle and \$4,500 and change... Powell, Lytle and Sherman supplied the rodeo stock... Cory Twigg, after taking the wrong steer in the doggin' event, had a second shot at getting dirty in the mud and did a good job of it the second time around... Most of the contestants entered an open rodeo on Sunday in Browning, the annual Doug Griffin Memorial.

Siksika Fair and Rodeo Gleichen, AB August 20 - 23, 1992

Fort Vermilion, AB September 25, 26, 27, 1992 

To list your up-coming rodeo event, contact Ethel at Windspeaker, (403) 455-2700 or write 15001 - 112 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5M 2V6

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responds to the fact that 1992 marks the 500th anniversary of European contact. the First Nation's constituency group of the NDYC has organized an array of activities including a sweetgrass ceremony, discussion circles and a major speaker. Throughout the weekend over 150 delegates from every province and territory will working together in small working groups in order to develop a Declaration of Youth. This document of approximately 35 pages will tap into the energy, ideas and experiences of each and every delegate. The hope is that it will be a vision statement from and for our generation.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Registration: 12 noon - 11 pm 5:30 Welcome to Saskatoon 5:45 Reports 6:30 Federal Election Workshop: Youth Campaign 8:00 Adjourn 9: 00 Band: The VeXations

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15** 

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 Order of the Day: Plenary-**Declaration of Youth** 11:00 Elections and Resolutions 12:00 Lunch 12:30 Elections and Resolutions 2:45 Order of the Day: Speaker Roy Romanow, Premier of SK. 3:30 Adjourn

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Linda Caldwell Ruth Mustus and Glen Nipshank made a major contribution to the book Voices of Thunder

## Husband, wife team dominate new book

### **By Linda Caldwell** Windspeaker Staff Writer

### **EDMONTON**

The works of an Alberta husband-and-wife team dominate a recently published collection of creative writings.

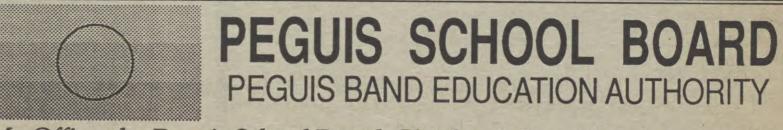
Ruth Mustus, from the Alexis Reserve 80 km northwest of Edmonton, has seven of her written works in the book while her husband's art graces the cover. Mustus and Glen Nipshank, a Cree from Slave Lake, are both students at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mustus is the only Canadian writer with works in the book, published by the school, and Nipshank is the only Alberta Native artsist with work in the book. Mustus headed south last August after working as a production assistant for a television station in Vancouver. She got frustrated by the lack of attention being paid to Native issues and by the realization she would have to stay in the industry for 10 to 15 years before she finally got to be a producer. myself as a writer but I went down there and somebody said 'What's your major?' I thought, well, I'm not a painter, I'm not a sculptor, I'm not interested in the museum program, so I guess I'm a writer," Mustus said. "But it's really comfortable -I think it's what I'm meant to do now."

books, you're almost ashamed to be Indian when you go to school. I want to give them the real image of what happened not somebody else's interpretation.

"We're such a video-dominated society now - that's the easiest way to get the message out."

Mustus and Nipshank met four years ago in Edmonton and moved to Vancouver together, where both of them went to school. Nipshank followed Mustus to New Mexico in January. The two now have a daughter, Chloe Bluebird, born in December. Nipshank has been a working artist for the last 10 years, working in water-color, oil, ink and acrylic. He has had exhibitions in Toronto and Quebec and his work is in the collection of the Ministry of Indian and Northern Affairs and in private collections in Alberta, Ontario, B.C. and California. He's working right now with textures and a "different way of looking at things." His teachers frown at what they call "coyote art" - a big seller among tourists "I never really thought of in Santa Fe. They try to teach their students to reach and work from their natural creativity. "They want you to play like a baby again - like a child - and then you get creative again." Nipshank's paintings are in several Santa Feshops and some of his works will be chosen for a display in New York. He also plans to do a show in Slave Lake Eventually, she wants to at the 1994 Arctic Games. "I think Native art is coming to a head right now. The pride is "If you read the history being instilled again."





write and produce historical films of Native peoples.

## Arts festival in the works

Sharing heritage and inspiration is what the International Native Arts Festival is all about.

This year's events are planned for Aug. 15-23 in Calgary, Alberta. Native artists, including painters, carvers, sculptors, photographers and jewelers, authors and performers will gather to show their wares and share their talents.

Visitors can try everything from wood-carving to erecting a tipi, or they can learn to say

"Hello" in more than 10 different languages.

A festival highlight is the Art Exhibition and Sale, which opens Aug. 19. More than 30 artists from North, Central and South America will show their works.

Activities are planned for locations throughout downtown Calgary, with Bankers Hall serving as the main venue. All activities are free to the public, except the gala entertainment evening planned for Aug. 22.

My Office, the Peguis School Board, Chief and Council and the people of Peguis take great pleasure in announcing the names of the 1992 Peguis High School Graduates.

We congratulate you on your achievements and wish you a great future in further studies.

W.C. THOMAS, Superintendent

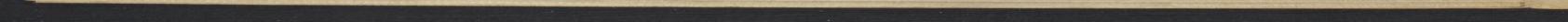
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## Sports

# Prince Albert golfer new champ

**By Daniel Porttris** Windspeaker Contributor

### REGINA

The 1992 Indian Canadian Golf Champion is Prince Albert's Bill Cameron, who beat Regina's Ken Sinclair by one stroke, with a four-over-par score of 220.

The Murray Memorial Golf Course in Regina was the site of the championship games.

Top prizes went to the top four players in the Championship flight. Placing fourth was John Dorion from Cumberland House and third was Mitch Buffalo from Hobbema, Alberta.

The tournament was hosted

by Peepeekisis Indian Reserve in memory of the late "Doc" Swanson, who was an active recreational promoter on the reserve. He could always be counted on to take part in every sporting event held. His widow, Mrs. Swanson, presented champion Cameron with a trophy and a painting by Indian artist George Swanson Daywalker painting.

The tournament opened with the qualifying rounds on Friday, July 10, and continued through Sunday in what could only be described by tournament organizer Don Ross this way: "The golf gods are with us this weekend.

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"You won't get better weather for golfing.

The days were clear with very little wind. Humidity was high because of occasional showers, mostly overnight, and the temperature hovered around 20 C during the prime golfing times from noon to late afternoon. Because of the generally cool, wet weather this year, the greens were in excellent shape. Golfers had to putt with authority and the pin placements were challenging. On the 18th hole, the green is mostly off to the left at the end of the fairway and, for the final round Sunday, the flag was hidden behind a pine, practically invisible until you were

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New champion Bill Cameron receives his trophy from Mrs. "Doc" Swanson.

within 50 yards. Those pines cost Ken Sinclair an extra stroke as he was coming in for the final, tied with Bill Cameron.

Indian golfers came from all over Western Canada. Some 76 men, 11 women and 15 junior golfers took part. Lloyd Gauthier, originally from the Regina area, drove all the way from his home in B.C. On Saturday, Chief Enock Poitras hosted a round of golf for special guests - Willie Littlechild, MP from Wetaskiwin, Bob Mitchell, Saskatchewan Minister of Justice, and Keith Goulet, NDP-MLA for Cumberland in Saskatchewan.

Besides the incentive to win some of the more than \$10,000 in prizes, golfers were competing to become members of the Canadian Indian team that goes to play in Warm Springs, Oregon for the CanAm Indian Golf Tournament in October. The top 10 golfers and one alternate were determined Sunday. Dutch

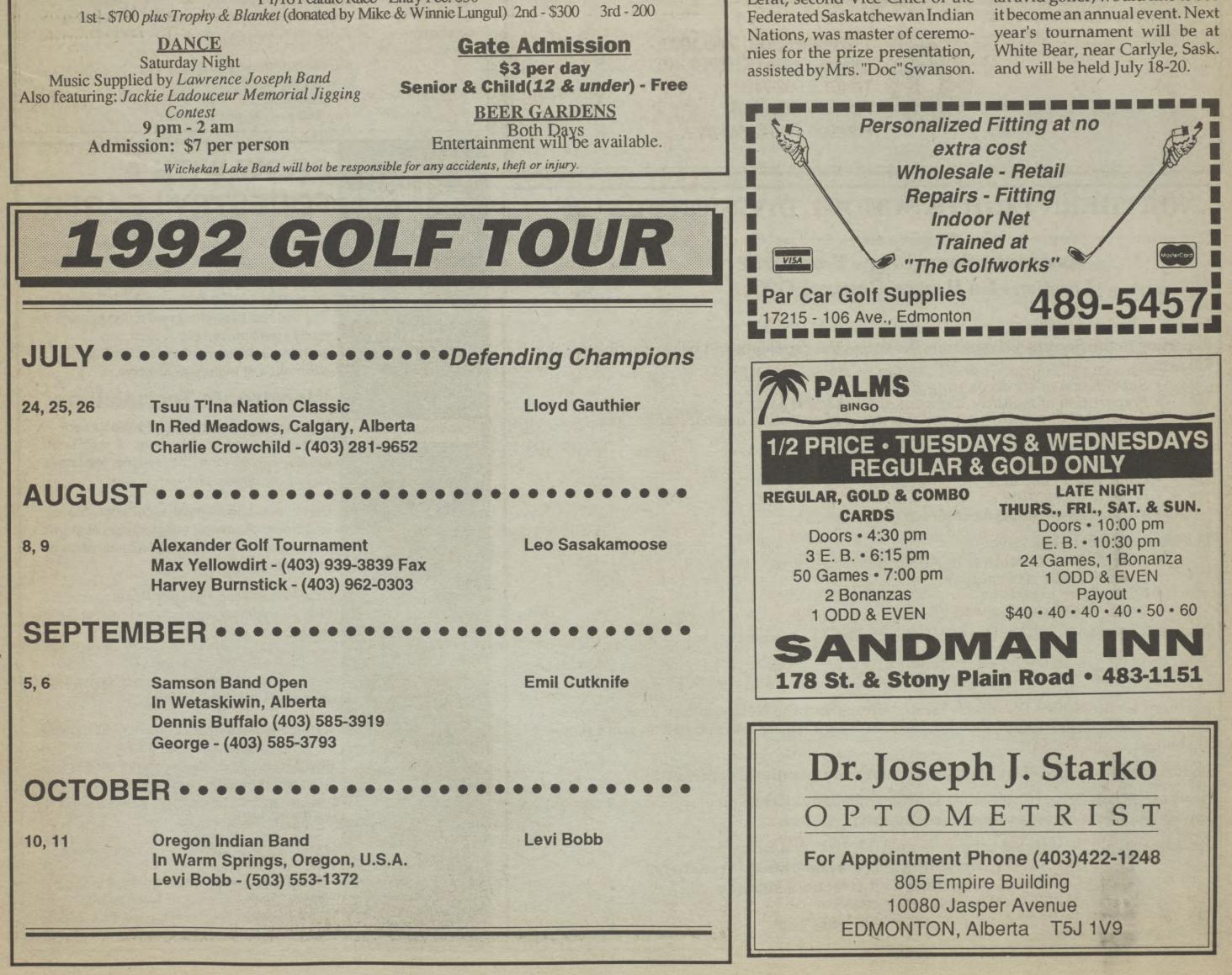
Top junior golfer was Gustin Albert from Saskatoon. He walked away with a fine new set of custom clubs for his efforts. Top Women's golfer was Linda Poitras from Peepeekisis, winning the trophy and another painting by Daywalker. King Tuck, the winner in the Tuck (short for t'kai) flight was Louis Wolverine from Buffalo Narrows.

Don Ross, tournament organizer, announced the 10-man team going to the CanAm: Bill Cameron; Ken Sinclair, Regina, Sask; Mitch Buffalo, Hobbema, Alberta; John Dorion, Cumberland House, Sask; Lloyd Gauthier, B.C.; Joe Straightnose, Kamsak, Sask; Roy Goodwill, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask; Graham Murdoch, Regina; Roy Cote, Cole Reserve, Sask; and Guy Lonechild, White Bear Reserve, Sask. Alternate member is Linden Lerat, Regina.

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## PAGE 18, JULY 20, 1992, WINDSPEAKER **Columbus** "celebrations" unite indigenous peoples

## **By Linda Caldwell** Windspeaker Staff Writer

## EDMONTON

While European and American governments celebrate the "discovery" of the Americas some 500 years ago, indigenous peoples in North and South America are celebrating five centuries of resistance.

The Edmonton 1992 Coalition is a group of people and

organizations working together to organize activities highlighting those centuries of resistance.

"The objective is to educate people about the indigenous issues and the fact it wasn't any discovery of the Americas - there were people here already," said Ramon Antipan, one of the organizers and a Mapuche Indian from southern Chile.

The coalition is planning seminars, workshops and group discussions to educate people about "the other side of colonization," said Don Smith, a Metis coalition member.

"We call it the other side of history. The events are the same but the interpretation and the effects are quite different.

"The process of colonization that started with the Natives in 1492 is still continuing and is still having a negative impact on people across the Americas. One of the questions we have is what are the next 500 years going to

be like?" Smith said.

Coalition member Marcelle Gareau, a Metis from Grand Remous in Quebec, likens the treatment of the Indians to that of the Jews in Nazi Germany.

"The fact that people don't see it that way shows what an enormous amount of education needs to happen," she said.

The coalition has worked with other groups doing workshops at the University of Alberta, the Global Visions Festi-

val and the recent Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference in Edmonton. The Alberta Federation of Labour passed a resolution in support of 500 years of Native resistance following a recent convention workshop.

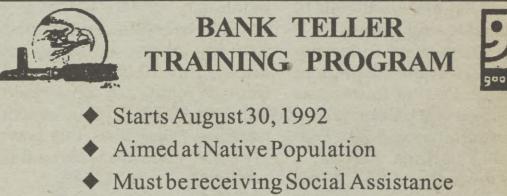
The group's work won't stop at the end of the year, said Antipan.

"Our objective is to go beyond 1992 - this is just the start of uniting Native people across the Americas."

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