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"If you give a little and try to understand and respect each other, we'll have a better understanding between the two cultures."

> - Karen Pasqua See Page 9

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Source's name remains secret

By Connie Sampson Windspeaker Contributor

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.

David LaChance said his family will continue to participate in the inquiry into his brother Leo's murder by white supremacist Carney Nerland.

Although the Saskatchewan Court of Appeals upheld the RCMP request to keep the name of the Aryan Nations informant secret, there is still much to be learned, he believes.

Nerland, Crown Prosecutor John Field and RCMP officers have yet to testify before the three-member commission in Prince Albert.

LaChance has questions he wants answered by these witnesses.

Leo LaChance died after being shot by white supremacist Carney Nerland Jan. 28, 1991, in Prince Albert. Nerland pleaded guilty to manslaughter so no trial was necessary and no evidence heard. Nerland, the Saskatchewan head of the Church of Jesus Christ Aryan Nations, is serving a four-year sentence in Stoney Mountain Penitentiary in Manitoba.

The tribal council, the LaChance family and outraged citizens, Native and non-Native, demanded to know why LaChance died, if the criminal justice system had acted in good faith and how involved the Aryan Nations are in Saskatchewan.

To receive Windspeaker

A commission of inquiry, led by Ted Hughes, Delia Opekokew and Peter Mackinnon began public hearings in May. However, the commission was asked at the outset to rule that the names of RCMP informants would be kept secret. The commission refused.

In July, when city police detective Peter Mesluk told the commission an RCMP officer from Regina had told the crown prosecutor and police officers the name of the informant, Mesluk was ordered to reveal that name.

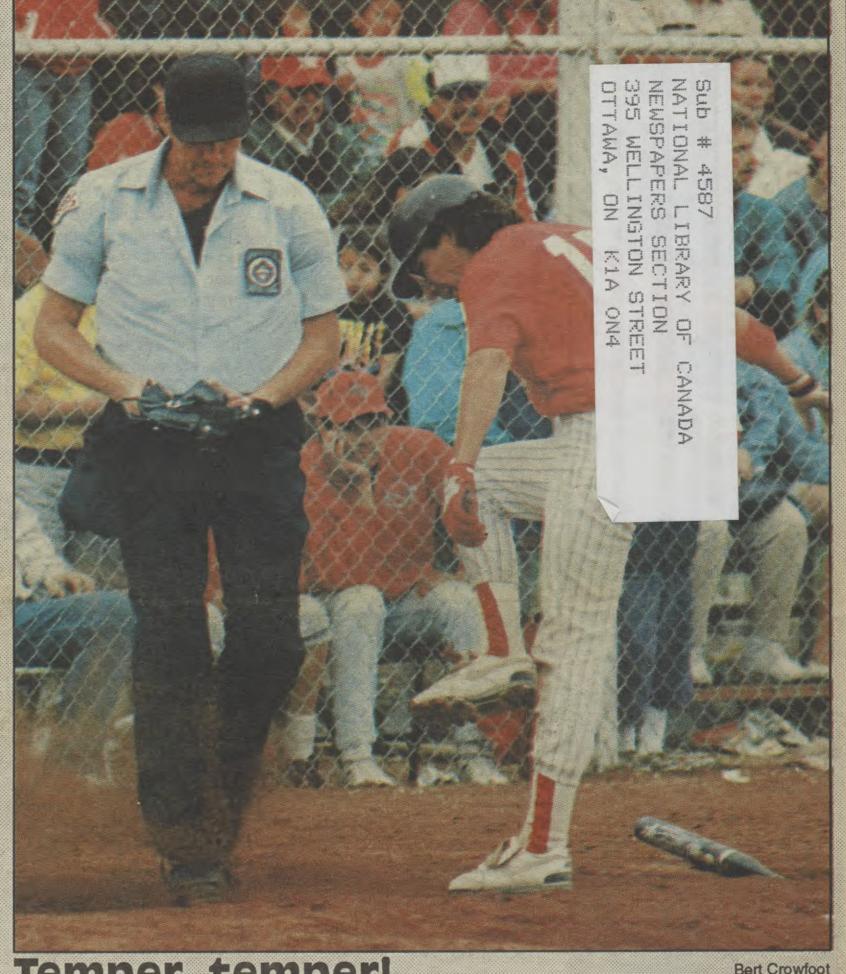
Immediately, RCMP lawyer Martel Popescul asked for an injunction to stop proceedings until the Saskatoon Court of Appeals could consider the commission ruling.

On Aug. 6, the court ruled in the RCMP's favor, saying the Supreme Court has upheld the law protecting informants in three decisions in the past 10

Gerald Morin, lawyer for the LaChance family and the tribal council, is upset and dismayed by the ruling. He insists the inquiry cannot determine if the criminal justice system acted in good faith without knowing who the informant is.

The media suggested Nerland himself might be the informant, which throws into question the criminal justice system decisions that Morin wants examined.

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Temper, temper!

Bert Crowfoot

Is this baseball's answer to John McEnroe? No, it's Morley Watson, a member of the Ochapowace Thunder team, expressing his displeasure at an umpire's decision. Watson was playing at the Canadian Native Men's Fastball Championships in Brandon, Man. See story, Page 10

Lubicon reject latest offer

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

LITTLE BUFFALO, ALTA.

Ottawa's latest offer in the 50-year-old Lubicon land settlement dispute contains "little that's new," says Bernard Ominayak, chief of the 500member northern Alberta band.

In a nine-page letter to Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon, Ominayak flatly rejected the July 24 offer, which Ottawa estimates could be worth up to \$73 million.

"These numbers don't add up to the claimed 'more than \$73 million' any way you cut it, even if one accepts at face value

the transparent attempt to pump up the numbers," Ominayak wrote in a letter released to an independent commission reviewing the Lubicon dispute.

The federal offer includes \$53 million in benefits over five years, a \$12.5 million economic development package, a \$2.5 million settlement bonus and 95 square miles of reserve land.

Ominayak said the new set of numbers looks like a bigger offer, but doesn't add up to an improvement over the so-called 1988 take-it-or-leave settlement once inflation is factored in.

He also questioned whether Ottawa would live up to its \$73million estimate. Ottawa calculated the settlement based on

Ominayak's estimate of 500 band members. But Ominayak said government sources have indicated Ottawa is only prepared to calculate a final settlement based on about half that number.

"The number of supposedly "eligible" Lubicons could range anywhere from the seven or less claimed by the province to be 'eligible' a few years ago to the between 250 and 300 claimed by the federal government," he wrote. "Reliable inside government sources advise us that 300 people . . . is in fact the number the federal government has in mind."

Siddon called the band's decision "puzzling" but said he is willing to continuenegotiations.

"I'm leaving the door open. I'd like to speak with him (Ominayak)," Siddon said at a Calgary press conference after receiving the Lubicon rejection.

"I used the word puzzled earlier because the reply which was signed on his behalf and sent to me is totally out of context with our discussion and the understanding I thought we had reached."

While describing the federal proposal as a "top-end" offer, Siddon also said populationbased compensation estimates could be revised because the the Lubicon and Ottawa have agreed on the size of the band.

"The number isn't rigid. It's based on population," he said.

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WHAT'S SIGNIFICANT?

The Two Mountains That Sit Together near Chetwynd, B.C. are not considered historically significant because they don't contain important archeological deposits. But local bands believe otherwise, insisting the mountains have a long history of traditional use, and they are opposing Amoco's plans to drill for sour gas on the sacred mountains. See Page 3

MOTIVATING YOUTH

Forget shyness - go after what you want and what you deserve. That was the message motivational speaker **Howard Rainier gave** teens at the Ermineskin Youth Conference. Believing in yourself and your abilities is good, and a little bragging won't hurt, either.

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Program driving families apart

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

BONNYVILLE, ALTA.

About three years ago, social service managers in Bonnyville, Alta., implemented a new program to help keep families together when the department was on the brink of removing children.

The project chugged along quietly, winning enthusiastic endorsements from social service workers in the community 160 km northeast of Edmonton and attracting interest from other agencies.

But in recent weeks, at least two of the about 50 families served in the last few years have come forward, saying Bonnyville's in-home support program has driven their families apart.

"It set up a routine for my kids, which was a good thing," said Fernie Marty, a single father of six. "But then the in-home support service became an inhome takeover service."

Bonnyville's in-home support program is designed as an alternative to foster care. Instead of taking kids away from family, workers culled from the community are sent into the home to

situations, sometimes on a 24hour basis.

The idea is straightforward. After two weeks of basic training, workers are slowly introduced to a family where they are expected to help build a stable routine for the kids.

Workers may be required to do anything from house cleaning and family budgeting to supporting families who are seeking special counselling. When the program is successful, families are given the tools to cope on their own without relying on outside help.

For Marty, however, the experience worked in reverse. Instead of gaining an even-handed control over his household, he felt himself becoming a fifth wheel, a redundant part that had no role in the home.

"It turned into a long nightmare," said Marty. In-home workers complained about his pipe and smudging ceremonies and once threw out a moose roast, saying it was not something to feed children.

"There was no stopping How in the hell was I supposed to show any initiative when everything was taken away from me?"

"It was like what you call help families avoid dangerous surveillance," said Maryanne

Morningchild, another parent who feels the program broke her family apart. "All they did was look at the bad points in our lives. Our history of drug and alcohol abuse They didn't give us two minutes a day alone with our children to tell them we loved them."

Despite criticism from Marty and Morningchild, social service organizations in the Bonnyville area defend the program, saying many families have been helped.

"We actually have satisfied customers," said Terry Aman, social services district office manager in Bonnyville.

(Spying) is a perception in maybe one per cent of the families we deal with If we take over an aspect of a home, it is because that aspect of the home isn't being taken care of We wouldn't disempower."

Outside agencies are also supporting the project, saying social services are actively seeking community involvement in the project and working hard to iron out kinks.

"If you are going to put a program in place, it's not going to be 100-per-cent positive at first," said August Collins, a vicepresident with the Metis Nation.

"This program keeps fami-

lies together, which is better than taking kids away."

But complaints about the inhome service have attracted the attention of some child welfare workers like Bernd Walter, the province's child welfare advocate.

Walter says while he supports aggressive forms of intervention in families, Bonnyville's in-home program raises many questions.

"The purpose of in-home support is to give the family some tools. If what you are experiencing is so intrusive that you lose power, you are working against the idea."

Walter is reluctant to criticize the program directly. But he says he has "received comments" and has several questions about how in-home support is delivered.

In an interview he suggested families in the project may not be getting enough information to decide whether it will help them. He also questioned whether it is appropriate to send non-professionals to work so closely with families in nearcrisis situations.

"What I'm picking up is it's unclear whether a criteria exists to make those decisions," he

RCMP seize Native newspaper photos

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

YELLOWKNIFE

Yellowknife RCMP searched a northern Native newspaper and seized photographs to use in a criminal investigation against striking workers at a gold

"In principle I don't think we should become an investigative arm for the RCMP," said Lee Selleck, managing editor of the Press Independent, who took photographs at a scuffle between strikers and police in the Giant mine dispute.

Union members at Giant have been on strike since spring and have been locked out of company property. On June 14, a

knocked down the mine property's front gate and fought briefly with more than 60 police and security guards.

Selleck reported the story and took photographs. Police visited the newspaper after the fight and asked for photographs but were turned away because they didn't have a search warrant.

They obtained a warrant two weeks later and seized three rolls of film.

Selleck said police indicated they may also call him to testify in criminal trials related to the

The police action threatens the paper's ability to publish complete reports on the strike, Selleck said. People may now fear their comments or photo-

ger of being arrested.

"I worked hard to stay out of becoming a party to this dispute," Selleck said. "I'm sure the film seizure has the possibility to affect access to the story and self-censorship."

RCMP officials in Yellowknife say there are no plans to seize evidence from other northern media outlets or subpoena videotape shot by striking miners or their families.

The paper is considering legal action to get their film back but has yet to make a decision.

"These things have gone to the Supreme Court. Challenges of these things can be very expensive," Selleck said.

"Before we take on a case like this we want to be sure that we

group of about 50 pickets graphs could put them in dan- have a good case and that we can afford it.

> In related news, three national news organizations are fighting a police seizure of photographs and videotape of a rampage in downtown Toronto.

> Police want to use the unpublished photos and un-aired videotape to identify people who smashed windows and looted 105 stores on Younge Street in a race relations riot.

The Globe and Mail, CTV and CBC will be sharing the legal costs.

Michael Doody, a lawyer for Thompson Newspapers, which owns the Globe, said the news organizations will argue the search lacked details required by the Criminal Code to be of any use in a police investigation.

NATION IN BRIEF

Traditional circle used to sentence white offender

A judge in British Columbia called 26 people together for a three-hour circle meeting to sentence a 19-year-old white man on charges of assault with a weapon. "It was really quite an experience to sit there in slacks and light shirt and talk with the accused on a first-name basis about what he thinks about the offence," said provincial judge Don court Waurynchuk after the meeting with professional youth workers, the accused, the victim and both their families. Waurynchuk said he learned about circle sentencing from a Yukon judge who had used the technique to sentence a Native man. Af-

ter a lengthy discussion with the group about the crime, the accused man received two years probation, community service and counselling. Defence lawyer John Van Stein said the sentence was "fair, just and appropriate." Buthe expressed doubts about circle sentencing because people in the circle are not under oath and said he would not allow future clients to go through the procedure.

Native runner picks up Olympic bronze medal Battling back two years that have included bout a mononucleosis, tendon problems and stress fractures, Native runner Angela Chalmers pushed ahead to win an Olympic bronze in the 3,000 metre event. "What really got me totally motivated was when

Guillaume LeBlanc got his silver in the medal in the race walk," said the 28-year-old athlete who now lives in Victoria. "Before the race he told me he was going to go beyond where he had ever gone physically and I was prepared to do that to." Chalmer's tough attitude drove her past Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan in the final strides of the race to her third-place finish. She finished with a time just over eight minutes and 47 seconds. Her personal best came in 1990 when she won the Commonwealth Games gold medal with a time of eight minutes and 38 seconds.

Ottawa distorts facts at UN, Natives say

The Canadian government presented a long list of what it called accomplishments by Native people to a United Nations group

working on aboriginal concerns. Gerald Shannon, Canadian Ambassador to the Genevabased organization, cited land claim settlements and constitutional progress as examples of Native achievement. But Shannon's claims were quickly refuted by members of Canada's First Nations. "I think it (the presentation) is rather distorted in many aspects," said Cree Nation representative Ted Moses, who also presented the group with a criticism of the Hydro-Quebec James Bay project. Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi said while improvements have been made on a number of fronts, he also said federal and provincial governments can easily back out of their commitments.

Native leaders hail

Winnipeg's new police chief

The new chief of Winnipeg's troubled police force can heal the rift between the city's Native community and police force, says a Native leader. Native groups have laid blame for the growing rift at the feet of former chief Herb Stephen, who retired last fall under the cloud of the investigation into the shooting death of activist J.J. Harper. But Phil Fontaine, head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, said Dale Henry will be able to close old wounds. Henry is a former RCMP assistant commissioner for Manitoba. Winnipeg mayor Bill Norrie said Stephen will help restoredepartmentmoraleand public confidence.

Drilling dispute pushing boundaries Band says "no" to Amoco's plans for sacred mountain

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

CHETWYND, B.C.

A dispute over gas drilling on a sacred mountain is pushing the boundaries of archeological studies that determine whether areas should be protected for their historical significance.

"The kind of uses people had for that area isn't well protected in legislation," said anthropologist Doug Hudson, who is helping Chetwynd-area bands with historical and cultural studies of Beattie Peaks.

"The mountains were used. But the uses weren't all that visible in terms of what the researchers were looking for."

Beattie Peaks is known as the Two Mountains That Sit Together by the Saulteau, Beaver and Cree people who live in the foothills of northeastern B.C.

The twin peaks figure prominently in local tradition. It has long been the site of vision quests, medicine gathering and healing. The Saulteau bands migrated to the area after the extinction of the prairie bison in the mid-19th century, following the vision of a holy man.

To the oil and gas giant Amoco, however, Beattie Peaks shows potential for sour gas development. The company wants to drill a test well on the mountain. If the results are good, it could lead to more wells and the construction of a pipeline and gas plant.

According to a companysponsored survey, the test well area does not contain significant archeological deposits. Researchers found stray pieces of carved stone, records of a grave and cabin remains.

The bands rejected the study's findings and started their own investigation - funded in part by the provincial government and Amoco.

"It's a special place where people receive life," said Verne Lalonde, who's documenting the traditional knowledge through interviews with elders.

"If a world disaster or anything like that happens, that is where the people are supposed to go Those mountains are supposed to be protected, they are a special place."

Hudson said the study could set precedents for archeological impact assessments if the band is successful in preserving the area based on oral history rather physical artifacts.

"If it can be shown any historical impact study is more than artifacts in the ground, it will be quite an improvement."

Amoco has suspended its work in the area pending the study's conclusion. Don Smith, head of the company's Native affairs department, said it is the first time he has ever heard of such steps taken in an archeological impact assessment.

But even if the new process represents a step forward in preserving Native culture, it does not appear likely to resolve the development dispute over the peaks.

Smith said Amoco hopes the band's study will lead to a compromise that satisfies business and cultural concerns.

"It's new. It's requiring us to adapt," he said. "The hopeful thing would be . . . if the work would help us and help the people in the area."

Opposition to the project, however, remains strong with the band's political organization. They say the mountain is not only spiritually significant, but also one of the few undeveloped environments left in the area.

"That area is first of all in Treaty 8," band administrator Michelle Good said. "It's of spiritual significance. It's a pristine area For them to go in there would just destroy it."

Native leaders to join talks

OTTAWA

Native leaders will be invited to the next round of constitutional negotiations involving Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa, who has raised concerns over the latest self-government package.

Prime Minister Brian nal people." Mulroney made the announcement last week, putting to rest fears that Native organizations would be left out of the final process.

The question over Native inclusion in the coming bargaining rounds capped a stormy week fuelled by fears the July 7 package would fail when Quebec returned to the table.

Assembly of First Nations chief Ovide Mercredi led a demonstration at Meech Lake to protest Native exclusion from an informal premiers' meeting earlier in the week.

It was the first set of discussions to include Quebec since Bourassa started a boycott of 7 deal is reopened.

constitutional meetings to protest the Meech Lake accord's failure two years ago.

"The potential is there for this to become a resurrection of the Meech Lake process, but I doubt it," he said. "There are too many premiers who want a public process that involves aborigi-

Leaders from the Native Council of Canada, the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the Metis Nation did not join Mercredi's demonstration. They said they were satisfied with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's offer of a separate meeting during the premiers talks.

"I have no reason to justify my being involved in a protest," Native council president Ron George said.

Metis leader Yvonne Dumont left the meeting saying: "The sky has not fallen." But Dumont and George were unable to say how much of the Native package is safe if the July

Alexis reserve youngsters protest child's removal

By D.B. Smith Windspeaker Contributor

ALEXIS RESERVE, ALTA.

A small group of children are camped at the Alexis Reserve on a lonely watch for a lost friend.

Half-a-dozen kids from the reserve, ranging in age from eight to 14, are protesting the removal of Tony Alexis, who was taken from the community on July 24 by representatives from Alberta Family and Social Services.

Stationed at the crossroads just north of the band council's office, the children are surrounded by posters which read "We want little Tony Alexis back," "We have rights too, " and "Find the foster children." They waved signs at passing residents in hopes of attracting attention to their cause.

Alexis, 12, was removed after Social Services in Barrhead received an anonymous complaint about his welfare. The child's mother is dead and his father, Raymond Alexis, refuses to care for him, said Alexis resident Percy

Potts, Sr. 'Tony was the kind of boy who went from home to home,"he said. But removing children from households where they are neglected and placing them in foster homes will ultimately do more damage than leaving them in the care of the community, said protester Craig Kootenay, 12.

"It gets me mad. They should build a group home here. They take kids away. I hope at least we'll get a few of the kids back . . . and Tony."

"We miss him," said Kevin Gladuc, 14. "They take him away but if someone is looking after him, they shouldn't take him away to some place that is far."

Alexis was staying with Potts Sr., vice-president of the Alberta Indian Association, at the time of his removal.

"The band constable, I guess, was given direction to go and apprehend him. These

group of youngsters are holding a roadside vigil, waiting for the return of Tony Alexis.

kids here, these are the ones he hung around with, he went to their homes and he was welcome there. You know, they'd look after him. And no one really thought anything of the situation but I guess someone complained."

Potts Sr., 41, said he let Alexis stay in his home following an incident with social services on July 23. "They had him cornered over by Bella Alexis' place," he said. "And Tony wouldn't talk to them. He just sat in a closed position. I said 'If you guys are having any problems with Tony, I'll look after him'."

The next night, however, band constable Clyde Jones showed up to take Alexis into protective custody.

Percy Potts Jr., who witnessed the incident, said the constable took his friend away without any warning.

"Clyde told Tony he was just going to talk to him," said the eight-year-old. "And he took him into the car and he shut the door and left."

Potts Sr. does not know why Alexis was removed from the community, despite the neglect

and tradition here within the community that until all resources within the community have been extinguished, utilized, only then will the children be removed. In this case, in Alexis's case, all resources were not utilized. I guess (Clyde) had directions. From what I understand, there was a court order to remove Tony from the community."

Neither Alexis's father nor Social Services representative Delores Kenny were available for comment.

However, Alexis's removal was almost inevitable, said Potts Sr., because chief and councils have no authority to stop such removals in cases of neglect.

"The provincial (child welfare) legislation will come in to take the kids out but at the same time the provincial legislation won't allow for money to come into the community where they can build a centre where they can keep these kids," he said.

The group of children plan to demonstrate until Alexis is returned to them.

Alexis reserve is 100 km "There's a customary law northwest of Edmonton.

RCMP insist secrecy essential

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Morris Bodnar, lawyer for the commission, agreed the question of the informant is crucial to the whole inquiry, which is charged with examining the actions of the system.

In his presentation to the court of appeal, Bodnar suggested the RCMP might be raising the issue of privacy for informants to cover what he has termed interference in the investigation by city police.

RCMP lawyer Popescul disagreed. He maintains the protection of informants is not a coverup, it is essential to the protection of society. The RCMP and other police forces depend on informants who would no longer inform if their safety was threatened by their public identification, Popescul said.

The RCMP are upholding the law by keeping informants' names secret but are willing to give the commission informa-

tion gathered in Saskatoon on the Aryan Nations, Popescul

LaChance family lawyer Morin will meet with the tribal council, the LaChance family and Bodnar as soon as possible. The matter has to go to the Supreme Court, he said, but he is not hopeful the highest court will hear it because the three Saskatchewan justices were unanimous in their decision.

Meanwhile, Morin questions whose interests are being served by the appeal court decision.

David LaChance said new information has come to light recently. People afraid to speak before have approached him with their knowledge of the Jan. 28, 1991 shooting death of his brother.

The Aryan Nations are slowly beginning to swing their weight around, LaChance said, and he wants to know why the RCMP appear to be protecting them.

Who are RCMP protecting?

The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal has ruled the RCMP won't have to reveal the name of their informant in the racist Church of Jesus Christ Aryan Nations.

The cops, it would appear, are getting off easy this time. For those wanting to get to the bottom of what happened the night Carney Nerland shot Leo LaChance through the door of his Prince Albert gun shop, the court's decision is a setback.

The police have justifiable rights regarding their use of informants. It would be very difficult to solve or prevent serious crimes if they didn't have access to information. But those rights can also be abused and the Nerland inquiry may be a case of abuse.

Media speculation has tabbed Carney Nerland as the informant the RCMP want to protect. If he is not, then the RCMP should be compelled to say so. While that course of action might pose some risks for the force's informant, it would clear Nerland of one suspicion and clear up a fundamental issue at the inquiry.

Windspeaker does not wish to endorse rumors that Nerland has been secretly feeding police information on Saskatchewan's white supremacist groups. But suppose for a moment he was the source.

The fundamental issue at the inquiry is whether Nerland was given unbiased treatment by the system for killing a Native man. Investigating officers on Prince Albert's force would no doubt ask themselvesif Nerland's racist beliefs motivated the shooting.

Enter the RCMP. During the investigation, officers from the federal force approached the Prince Albert police with information about an informant in the Aryan Nations.

If that source was Nerland, would the information have influenced the investigation of the Prince Albert police? Would it have given them reason not to investigate Nerland's potentially racist motivations because they believed him not to be a serious racist?

If Nerland is the source, these questions become very material issues at the inquiry. They put the RCMP and the Prince Albert police in a defensive position.

Iif Nerland is not the informant, then why should the RCMP be so worried about saying so? By denying the Nerland rumors under oath, RCMP would keep the inquiry on track and lift some of the suspicion surrounding the behavior of the Prince Albert police.

If it is Nerland, well, we can only ask the question: what are you trying to protect? The man is a convicted criminal with hardly worthy connections. The RCMP should be concerned with the rights of the LaChance family and the Native community.

The cops can always find another informant. Leo LaChance is dead forever.

Newspaper not police source

The Yellowknife RCMP - like their cousins in Saskatchewan are also stepping out of line this month.

They recently raided the offices of the Press Independent, a newspaper serving the Western Arctic, to seize photographs taken during a fight between striking miners and riot police.

One has to wonder why.

If 60 cops, many fitted in full riot gear, alongside a force of security guards can't muster a camera and a body to shoot their own pictures, something must be wrong. That they have to use legal force to get a reporter to do the job for them is enraging.

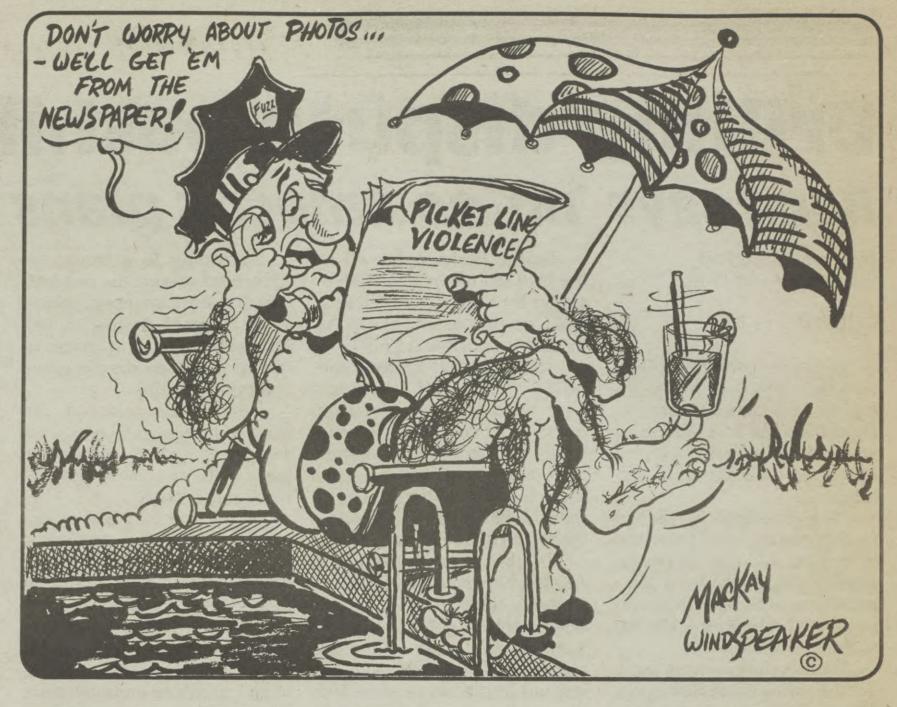
Reporters can not be expected to tell sensitive stories in an accurate and balanced manner if sources fear police can help themselves to unpublished notes and photographs.

Nor can small newspapers like the Press Independent afford the legal fees to defend themselves against well-financed groups like the RCMP, should they want to fight the seizure in court.

Reporters don't work for the police. And police shouldn't feel free to take material from media organizations unless the circumstances are extreme.

There were more than 100 eyewitnesses to the events in question. The mining company and security are said to have their own videotapes, giving the Yellowknife RCMP plenty of sources.

If they screwed up and didn't get their own pictures, they shouldn't expect the Press to cover for them. Photos should be returned, with a full apology.



Debate threatens nation

When it all began a few years ago, most thought the constitutional discussions were mere realignments to what was signed seven years earlier.

We were such innocents.

Today the constitutional discussions threaten to tear apart the country despite the fact that this time all the provinces and Indian people are talking, and taking an active role in the proc-

Now Quebec Robert Premier Bourassa is heating up the discussions even further with his proposals for constitutional

change. His latest demands have set the proponents for a Triple-E Senate digging in their heels for a battle, and may well have wiped out the provinces' support for inherent self-government for Indian people.

Where previous discussions may have tied Mercredi and Bourassa to the same outcome for some form of self-government, Bourassa has clearly cut Mercredi adrift.

It is my belief that Bourassa will use the Triple-E Senate to squash inherent self-government so as to ensure his veto over future changes to federal institutions.

Ido not believe the difficulty is selling the Triple-E Senate to



Pikiskwe by Connie Buffalo

the Quebec people. After all, at where Pierre Marc Johnston, present their senators were all chosen by reigning party leaders and were not elected.

The difficulty will be in selling Quebecers on "inherent right to self-government." Oka, the LaGrande hydroelectric project and most-recently the Great Whale hydroelectric project have all cost Quebec. Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come successfully lobbied the New York legislators to back out of the deal to buy electricity generated by this new dam.

If Bourassa's proposals are granted, for most Indian people there will be no immediate change. But for those in Quebec, their very survival as a people will be in jeopardy. Aboriginal people in Quebec will be subject to Quebec language and civil code. No protection for aboriginal languages or government, inherent or otherwise.

I remember sitting in a class

former Minister of Justice for Quebec, was the guest lecturer. He said with pride that Quebec's new language act would have new immigrants to Quebec learning and speaking French in their schools.

I thought 'What arrogance! How can he be so insensitive when a people are losing their language?'

In Quebec, there will be no charter protections for minorities. If the veto is given to new federal institutions, then Ouebec could squash any initiatives to create new provinces. This would place "Innuvialuit" and any other new territories in a subordinate position to Quebec. Finally and more importantly, Quebec's civil code and "distinct society" clause could effectively undermine any future challenges to proposed Hydro-electric projects based on aboriginal title.

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Your Opinion

Siddon's no-show a sign of cowardice

Dear Editor,

It is irksome to listen to Mr. Siddon's lame excuse for ducking his responsibility of appearing before the Independent Citizen's Commission reviewing the proposed Lubicon Lake Settlement. The minister's refusal reinforces the perception that either this government still doesn't give a doodley squat about the long-molested Lubicons or that it's just plain chicken or both.

This commission is to be loudly hailed for providing a democratically empowering forum in the process of resolving the land dispute and reviving the plundered and debilitated Lubicon society. One can only hope that the lessons learned about the use of back-room Meech-style shenanigans can be applied here and result in a respectful commission presentation from Mr. Siddon. Yours Truly, Stephen Kenda

AN OPEN INVITATION Dear Prime Minister,

While noble ministers fumble the constitutional football the Lubicon Lake day bleakens

pumps sucking out the blood of the earth

and the heart of the people The assassins' hands of time wind tighter

sir Siddon cites a nonexistent accord

his silence mocks democracy Iurge you to send Mr. Siddon to the Independent

Citizen's Commission examining the Lubicon

settlement. His absence can only be seen as

governmental cowardice. His presence a sign of

"governmental sincerity." (Or is that an oxymoron?) asphyxiating, unfeeling, untiring Speak now and so

loosen the grip. humanity sacrificed for the crude and the hewer Yet chance beckons to make amends so join now into the circle and help bring back a ray of light

Please leave your football at the

(Submitted by Stephen Kenda.)

Ignoring sex abuse no solution

Dear Editor,

Recent news about rampant sexual abuse of children on the Sandy Bay Indian Reservation is scandalous because the federal government knew about it five years ago, yet did nothing about it. Although we expect better from our leaders, people should not be surprised at the government for ignoring its own reports about child sexual abuse on Manitoba reserves.

It has only been since the 1980s that people started believing the stories and began looking at the horrible consequences that the sexual abuse of children has on society at large. When the victims grow up to be adults, they become drunks, addicts, violent criminals, prostitutes, Satanists, mental cases or suicide statistics.

Whether the abuse occurs on an Indian reservation or in the church vestry, most people would rather stick their heads in the sand like ostriches and pretend it never happened. But ignoring the problem will not make it go

It is of vital importance that child sexual abuse remain in the public eye until something real is done about it. Glib apologies from church leaders while they set fire to

the evidence, or more government reports that only gather dust are not going to stop children from being abused, or help the victims who have already been abused.

This is why I have gone public with my being a survivor of childhood sexual abuse by a priest. It is a sort of therapy to tell people what happened, a therapy I was promised by the Catholic Church, but never received. In fact, while the Church put up a big display about being sorry and wanting to help the victims of its perverted priests, it has done everything in its power to deny the truth. Now I finally understand why some people say it is the Catholic Church that is the "whore of Babylon" that's spoken of in Revelation, the last chapter of the Bible.

But whatever it really is or not, the Catholic Church should live up to its promises that it will help its victims. And when the government gets reports of children being sexually abused, they should do something about it. Until such time as this happens, I will continue to speak

Gordon Robert Dumont Prince Albert, Sask.

Peace Parks being promoted

Dear Editor,

The Institute for Peace through Tourism is conducting a series of workshops across Canada promoting the designation of Peace Parks in every community in the country.

The workshops, conducted for the CANADA 125 Peace Parks across Canada project, are to provide background and information about the Peace Parks project and to assist community representatives in preparing dedication ceremonies for their park.

CANADA 125 launched Peace Parks across Canada on May 29 with the simultaneous dedication of Peace Groves in Victoria Park, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Seaforth Park, Vancouver, B.C.; and Waterton Glacier International Peace Park, Alberta - the world's first international peace park.

Peace Parks across Canada is a program to create "a place of peace" in each community in Canada, and ultimately around the world. Communities all across Canada are invited to designate an existing park as their peace park in recognition of Canada's historical role as peace keepers and as a commitment to world peace and environmental protection. The parks will be dedicated on Oct. 8, simultaneously with the dedication in Ottawa of the national Peacekeeping Monument, com-



Peigan Reg Crow Shoe (right) prepares a traditional Native offering of tobacco to feed the spirit of the trees at the dedication of a Peace Grove at Waterton Glacier International Peace Park as Bernard Campbell, (left), member of the Board of Directors of the International Institute for Peace through Tourism and Louis D'Amore, founder and President of the Institute, look on.

memorating Canada's active role in U.N. peacekeeping missions around the world.

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est of the latest.

at the age of 47. He was known for helping people look at themselves to succeed. He had a dream that the young Native people would get a good education and be strong leaders for

OKI!!! or Hi!!! This is Ethel

This week starts off on a sad note. One of Calgary's "local

Winnipeg, bringing you the lat-

heroes"Ron Vivier passed away

tomorrow.

His devotion to the Native community started more than 20 years ago, as a regional manager of Native Employment Services. He was a board member of the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre and the Metis Nation of Alberta. He was a member of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce's Aboriginal Opportunities committee and was one of the founders of the Aboriginal Job Finders Club.

He had always given with humbleness and that makes him a true hero. My condolences to the Vivier family.

Bonnyville, Alberta - The Edmonton Eagles soared to capture first place at the Native provincial mixed modified fastball championships with a 20-8 win over the Saddle Lakers. Third place went to the Saddle Lake Diamond Masters. The most valuable players were Tina Legrande and Curtis Cardinal.

The tournament ended in controversy. This one was not of any infidelities. It was the JACK-ETS! Last year, the hosting Eagles couldn't take their claws off the jackets to give to the champions Keeheewin Ball Busters. So, this year, tournament organizers refused to give the championship jackets to the Eagles. All I want to know is ... where's the iackets?

The Eagles will be hosting next year's championships, with or without the jackets.

Ottawa, Ontario - Another com-



PEOPLE & PLACES by Ethel Winnipeg

petition was held. The Department of Indian Affairs held their second annual fire prevention poster contest. The prizes included a trip to Ottawa and presentations from minister Tom Siddon.

The contest is split into three different categories: kindergarten to grade 2; grades 3 to 6 and grades 7 to 12. Violet Paul from Chapel Island, N.S.; John Courtpatte from Oxford House, Manitoba and Lisa White from Kahnawake, Quebec took first place in their categories. This contest was to promote awareness of fire prevention in Native homes and communities.

Hobbema, Alberta - This past weekend, I have enjoyed another powwow. The Hobbema people know how to host a good powwow with all the added treats. It was chilly both nights, it seemed the people didn't notice. The attraction brought visitors, dancers and drummers from all over North America.

They had specials for the dance competitions. Adolphus Denny had a special for my favorite competition: Men's Fancy. There was five finalists. It had taken them three extra songs to choose the winner, Tony Brown from Montana.

As for myself, I had the pleasure of visiting with friends and meeting new people. Like Sandy Benson Jr. from Curve Lake, Ontario, an artisan who makes shields, lances, bone necklaces

and many different authentic objects of art. I hope he enjoyed himself out here in Alberta.

This is my fifth powwow I've been to this year and I'm not finished yet.

Wow! We at Windspeaker can't believe the interest in our Reader Contest, but then again with such great prizes - should we really be surprized? Yours truly performed the drawing of all correct entries, and must admit the feeling of power was great. And now, what I'm sure many of you readers have been waiting for - announcing the win-

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Wins the tipi from Ktunaxa Tipi Company

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Wins the Windspeaker grab bag.

Thanks go to the sponsors and to the participants in our first reader contest. There's a new contest starting this issue, so there's another chance to get in on some great prizes and read North America's best Native newspaper at the same time (no I'm not biased!).

Here are the winning answers: 1: Ethel Winnipeg 2: Creston, B.C. 3: Regina, SK. 4: 489-5457 5: Dogrib Bands

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Delegates turn to drums, dancing

Stephane Wuttunee attended the First World Indigenous Youth Conference in Quebec City last month. This is a continuation of his coverage, which began in the last issue.

After lunch hour on July 15, another neat thing happened. We thought that if our minds were cluttered, how great it would be if we could separate into small workshops and identify the problems facing indigenous peoples today, and then start finding solutions.

Out of extraordinary generosity, the interpreters (non-Natives themselves) offered to stay on a volunteer basis and help the translation process between groups. To put a long story short, we moved butt! Piles of paper were taken to the computer room for typing. The results would be passed out the next morning. Yet even with this vision of success ahead, I still had doubts. Chief Martin of the Hopi Tribe and I crossed eyes. I walked over.

"I'm not sure if we're doing the right thing," I said in a low tone. It's useless trying

to hide uncertainty from an astray this whole thing had elder, they know when you're feeling insecure about a decision.

swering;

"Our people...tried paper way long time ago... didn't work...now I see young people doing same thing all over again...that's...the...bad way...hard work and pray ...that's good way. We lose all over again white man way...young people think the computer change everything for better and paper... think old way not work anymore and natural law..."

There was silence, we stood against the wall, observing the delegates busy at work. Then he finished; "Well, I guess we'll see someday who's right...we'll

I waited for more guidance. It didn't come. He had said enough.

That evening, Harley and I went for supper in a chic French restaurant. Over pizza and orange juice, I shared how I felt about what was happening and how

gone. Harley admitted he couldn't understand half the boring political terms we He took his time in an- used in the forums. "I liked it best when we were on the river," he added. "Less complicated, more peaceful."

That really made me think. Just a few days ago, this 14-year-old teenager kept saying out loud how anxious he was to get off the water and into a cozy bed at night. And every day, in some way, he would curse the elements for raining, being too hot - whatever!

So how much worse could this conference be for him, I thought, that it makes him wish he were back out there canoeing!? This youth gathering had turned into a political tug of war, neither party winning. I felt ashamed for disappointing him. He even felt the hotel room was too hot!

Sleep didn't come easily that night. Kept thinking about what the old man, keeper of one of the five sacred Hopi prophecy stone tablets, had told me earlier,



First Person by Stephane Wuttunee

about the old ways coming back and rough times ahead.

I hated myself for going against my gut feelings. For reacting to peer pressure. Giving in. Why is admitting we're wrong so hard to do?!

Day four. Different. An attitude of laissezfaire developed. The organizers and I agreed to put everything behind us and start anew. "In many ways," I said on the mike, " this isn't a youth conference at all. It seems as though we are born middle-aged for all the problems surrounding us and we get older from then on."

I continued: "I'm sick and tired of hearing about problems in our countries and us not knowing what to do. Don't we often forget that

with or without us, things eventually always work out in the end anyhow? So let's dance, and enjoy drumming, and let's bring back those kind of memories to our countries instead!!"

We danced all morning. Even bumped up the guest speakers. This time, everyone took part. A few people gave short presentations and slide shows on their cultures. Delightful!

Short-lived pleasure.

We gradually became saddened again with more horror stories from other countries and the things governments were doing to the women, children, men. It seemed as though we were doomed to repeat the despair of the past few days.

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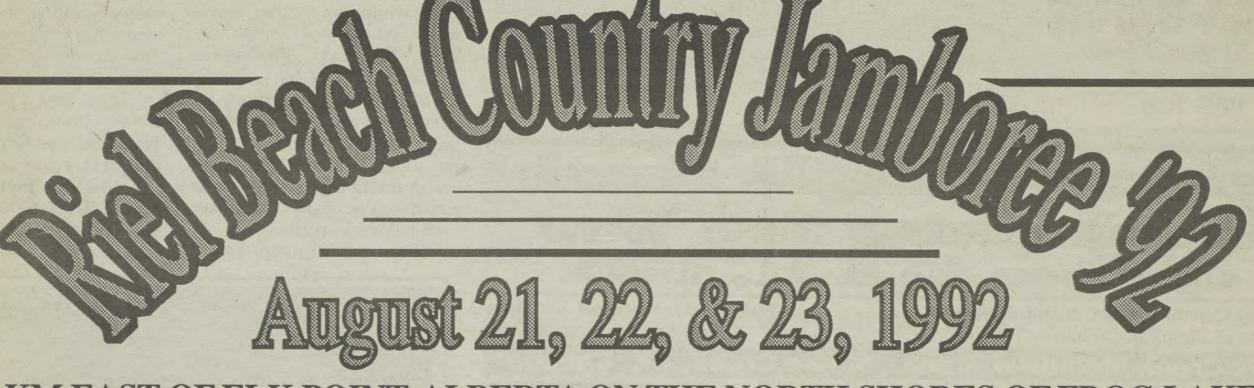
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Arts & Entertainment



The late Pauline Johnson-Tekahionwake. Poet's "Spirit" to tour Russia

The spirit of Mohawk poet and performer Pauline Johnson-Tekahionwake will be carried to Russia when a southern Ontario Native artist goes on tour.

Raymond Skye, from the Six Nations Reserve, will exhibit his watercolor and charcoal pencil of Johnsonportraits Tekahionwake.

Skye's partner, Sheila Ferguson, will deliver a series of lectures about her life and work.

Johnson-Tekahionwakewas born on the Six Nations Reserve in Brant County, Ontario in 1861.

"Her father was a Mohawk chief while her mother was a white woman of British descent," Skye said. "Pauline led an exciting, out-of-the-ordinary life at the turn of the century. By passionately reciting her popular poetry on the concert circuit throughout Canada, the United States and England, she became a national celebrity - Canada's well-beloved vagabond.

"Pauline Johnson had a

colorful 16-year stage career, during which she visited and performed in virtually every community, large and small, in Canada," said Skye.

She died of breast cancer in Vancouver, B.C. in 1913 and was buried on her 52nd birthday.

Skye began researching her life in the mid-1980s because he thought not enough was being done to keep her memory alive. He joined forces with Ferguson, who was researching the poet's life to create a public speaking presentation, in 1990.

Their motive in creating the Pauline Project is to enhance the memory of the poet and try to return her to the centre of Canada's literary and theatrical history.

Skye and Ferguson will travel with Wilma Palmateer of Brantford and Simon Johnston of Port Dover to Russia, visiting Moscow, St. Petersburg and Totma. The late-August tour is sponsored by the Gorky Institute of World Literature.



Redwood headlines festival

The Sarcee Reserve's country rock band Redwood will be the headlining performance at the entertainment showcase during the fourth annual International Native Arts Festival in Calgary. The show starts on Saturday, August 22 at Gallery 826 at 7 pm. Redwood's new compact disc and cassette of nine new original songs will be released next month to coincide with the Canadian Country Music Awards, which will also be held in Calgary.

Play brings communities together

By Shannon Avison and Richard Agecoutay Windspeaker Contributors

FORT QU'APPELLE, SASK.

A Fort Qu'Appelle play brought hundreds of people together from different communities to produce a show combining varied views of history and cultural perceptions.

Pa'ko'pi'ci'wak, or The Gathering, relates the history of the Calling Lakes area, including the town of Fort Qu'Appelle and the 16 area reserves.

Darrel Wildcat, who cowrote and directed the play, said the most challenging part of researching and writing The Gathering was trying to find a balanced picture of history.

"The textbooks and essays had a real bias toward the Western view of history so we expanded (the research) to include interviews with Native elders."

Prior to the arrival of Westerners, the First Nations people lived in harmony with their environment for thousands of years and developed their own cultures and lifestyles. Everything changed with the arrival of Columbus.

Early traders, the Hudson's Bay Company, settlers, the treaty commissioners and the Canadian government forced changes in the valley and eventually the Indian people were moved onto reserves where their lives were controlled by Indian agents.

Throughout this history, the people of the town of Fort Qu'Appelle understood very little about the Indian people who lived next door, and because the

prisoners on their reserves, they knew little about the settlers.

The play, attended by more than 3,200 people during its July run, was performed outdoors in a natural amphitheatre in the Qu'Appelle valley. It started with Legend Woman, played by Karen Pasqua, telling the story of her death and the heartbroken lover who still calls to her.

Legend Woman has the power to travel through time. She takes the audience to the end of the last glacial period and introduces them to the Cree trickster Wesahkeychuk, played by Terry Carrier, who rides a glacier into the play area. With the retreat of the glacier the earth is flooded and the stage is set for the Cree creation story.

Community plays are a unique approach to theatre. The researchers and writers draw on the the stories and talents of ordinary people to find and tell the story of the community.

Volunteers designed and built costumes, stages and props, including a 10-foot-tall puppet of Queen Uictoria and a miniature town. The actors and actresses were also volunteers from the communities - 77 people played 340 different roles.

"I think there has been an effect on the community," said Wildcat. "Idon't know how deep or how long it will last, but I think people have been made aware of a lot of things. If they'll actonitorifthey'll change, that's something we'll have to watch for," he said.

Another important aspect of the play is that it allows ordinary people to tell their own stories.

identifying who we are through radio, music, movies, books and essays," he said. "I think what's really important about the play is that Native people are given a vehicle to express who they are and what their history is, and what their culture is. It doesn't come from a second or third point of view, but from the first (person) point of view."

In the play's development, local bands also had input. Fred Starblanket, of the Starblanket band, was appointed by the Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council to represent the 16 area bands on the play's steering committee.

"For once Indian and non-Indian people are working together to produce something. It's exciting to work with the people of both communities. There's an air of togetherness," Starblanket said.



Photos by Richard Agecoutay

Karen Pasqua plays Legend Woman.



A huge puppet of Queen Victoria watches over the signing of Treaty Four in The Gathering.

Indian people were treated as "A lot of people have been Welcoming all the students back for 1992/93 school year. Mohawk

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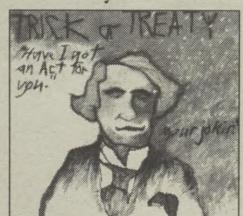
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Vancouver Mustangs new national champs

By Bert Crowfoot Windspeaker Staff Writer

BRANDON, MAN.

Finally! After all these years of playing bridesmaid, Earl LaForte made it with a winner as the Vancouver Mustangs dethroned the reigning Canadian Native men's fastball champions, the McKay United in an early morning thriller by a score of 3-2.

LaForte's played with teams from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and finally British Columbia before finally striking gold with the Vancouver Mustangs.

The Mustangs didn't have it easy, either, as they had to play seven games on Sunday to win the championship. Their first game Sunday was a 1-0 win against the B.C. Arrows at 9 a.m. and then a 1:30 p.m. game which resulted in a 4-3 loss to the Ochapowace Thunder.

This put the Mustangs on the B side where they had to play back-to-back for five games, defeating the Nova Scotia team 7-2, B.C. Arrows 3-2 and avenged an earlier loss to the Ochapowace Thunder 3-0.

The first game against the McKay United team started at midnight and since the tournament format was true double knockout, the Vancouver Mustangs had to defeat the McKay United team twice to win the championship.

In the first game, there was no scoring until the bottom of the fifth inning when Kerry Wale of the Mustangs singled. Lloyd Eli then drove a triple to deep right field to score Kerry and then scored himself on a single by the catcher, Zeko Flett.

This gave the Mustangs a 2-0 lead and although the McKay boys did threaten in the top of the seventh inning on a run by Ray Breland, it was all the Mustangs needed as LaForte shut down the McKay United team 2-1.



Earl LaForte forgets the pain of his sprained ankle during victory celebrations.

The championship game started at 2 a.m. exactly like the first game until the bottom of the second inning when LaForte's ankle gave out on him. He lay on the pitching mound for 45 minutes until the ambulance arrived and he was carried off on a stretcher.

It looked like a serious blow to the Mustangs, because their second pitcher, Grant Bennett, was struggling in the first championship game. Bennett answered the call with two strikes to end the inning.

In the top of the fourth inning Ken

Gerard singled and then scored on a double by Darrell Eustache to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Mustangs increased their lead by one more run when John Lyle tripled. He scored when Kerry Wale hit to the McKay shortstop and he overthrew first base.

In the bottom of the sixth inning the McKay United team started to mount a comeback after Bernie Morrisseau singled. The Mustangs decided to intentionally walk a dangerous Rick McKay. Darrel McKay singled to score Bernie to make it 2-1 with runners at first and second. Barry McKay then drove one off the pitcher's glove to load the bases with two out.

The Mustangs had to pull Grant Bennett, but with LaForte out, they had no choice but to go with an unknown Rick Bruyere, who came off the bench and gunned down Marty Fleury with three straight strikes.

In the top of the seventh inning, John North singled and then stole two bases as McKay catcher Ray Breland lost sight of a passed ball. Rick Bruyere then singled to give the Mustangs a two-run lead.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Lionel McKay scored but that was as close as it would get and the Mustangs were crowned the new 1992 Canadian Native Men's Fastball Champions.

Around the sixth inning, LaForte made a surprise appearance on the Mustang bench. During the victory celebration, he forgot the pain of his sprained ankle, threw down his crutches and hobbled out to celebrate with the Mustangs.

LaForte was named the tournament's most valuable player and after the game, he attributed his success to being sober for a year and a half. Finally, after all those years of being so close, yet so far,

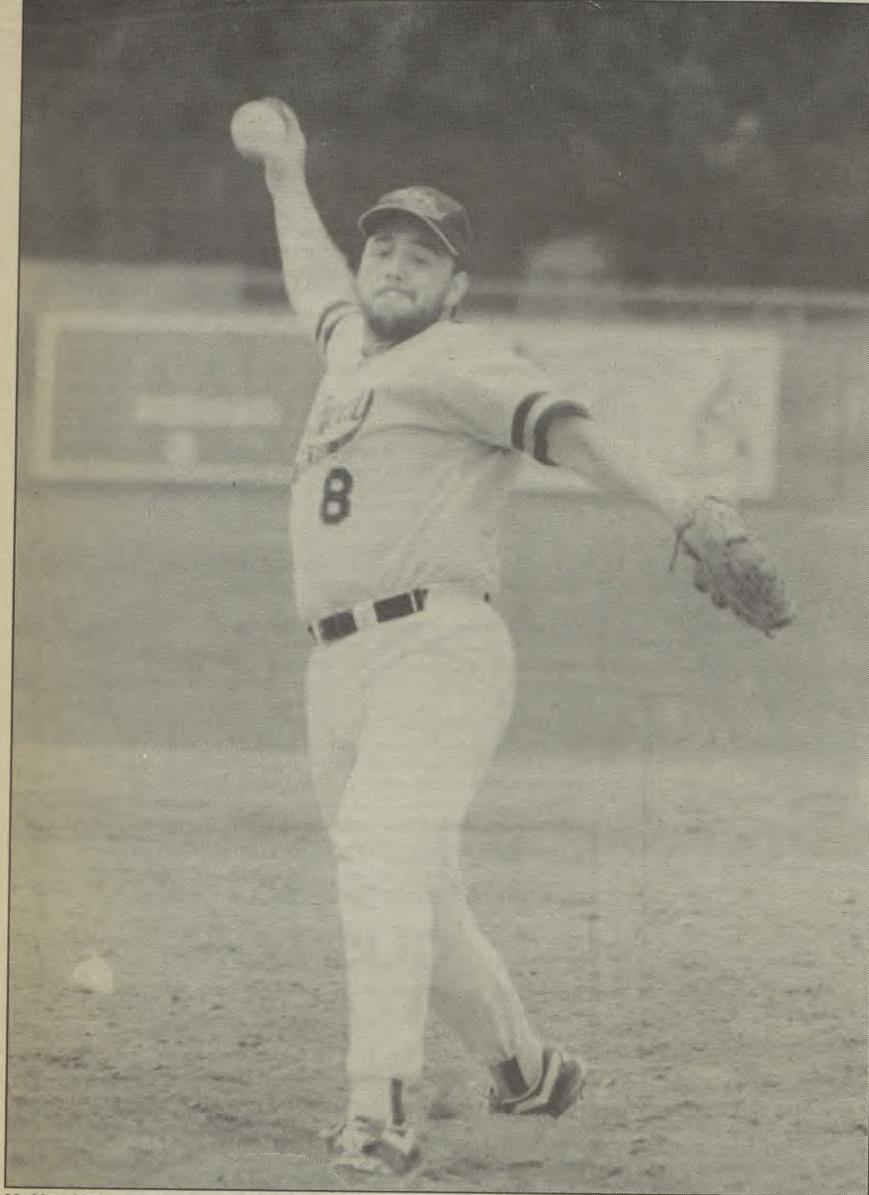
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Barry
McKay slides
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McKay United pitcher Kevin Bouchard winds up for a throw.







Morley Watson displays his displeasure at an umpire's ruling.







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os By Bert Crowfoot

Chief's wife granted bail

THOMPSON, MAN.

The wife of deceased Shamattawa, Manitoba chief Noah Redhead has been granted bail and ordered to take alcohol counselling.

Jessie Redhead, 23, was charged with second-degree murder following the stabbing death of her husband last month. She has been ordered to stay away from the reserve.

Noah Redhead's death has focused attention on the troubled northern reserve, which has

along history of violence fuelled by alcoholism and solvent sniffing. His death followed a week of violence sparked by an illegal liquor shipment smuggled onto the supposedly dry reserve 750 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg, RCMP said.

Redhead, 28, was elected in February, in part because he wasn't drinking. He was seen as a chief who wanted to see progress on the 800-member reserve, where poverty and unemployment are widespread.

Redhead and his wife started

drinking again about a month before his death.

Agroup of chiefs from northern Manitoba wants an emergency meeting with Premier Gary Filmon, saying conditions must immediately improve on the troubled reserve, accessible only by air, water or winter road.

Chief Pascal Bighetty, of the Council of Northern Chiefs, also wants to meet with several federal and provincial cabinet ministers responsible for areas such as child welfare and economic development.



BI-SEXUAL MEN AND AIDS

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It may not be often, but when he has sex with other men he may take part in some pretty unsafe sexual practices. Unfortunately, chances are that the family man and his male partner don't use a condom. Neither of them takes precautions against infection with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS.

People who have sex with both men and women are called bi-sexual. No matter how seldom they have sex with other men, bi-sexual men are at a greater risk than most men of becoming infected with HIV. Certain sexual practices common during sex between men are more likely to result in the spread of HIV, if a condom is not used.

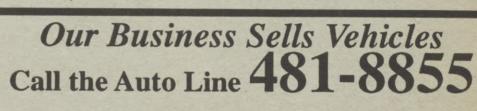
Bi-sexual men run the same risks of HIV infection that gay men do, but there is an additional risk in the sex lives of these men. Their wives or female partners may get the virus without any knowledge that they are at risk.

Women often use some form of birth control other than a condom. A bisexual man who suggests using a condom would need to explain his other sexual contacts. Yet if he does not use one, he runs the risk of giving HIV to his female partner. If she became infected, there is a 30-per-cent risk she could pass the virus to her unborn child if she became pregnant.

If you are a man who has sex with other men, whether once a week or once a year, are you prepared to risk the health, security and future of your loved ones? Have you been tested for HIV? Will you make the move to practice safer sex - using a latex condom? Make a decision you can live with!

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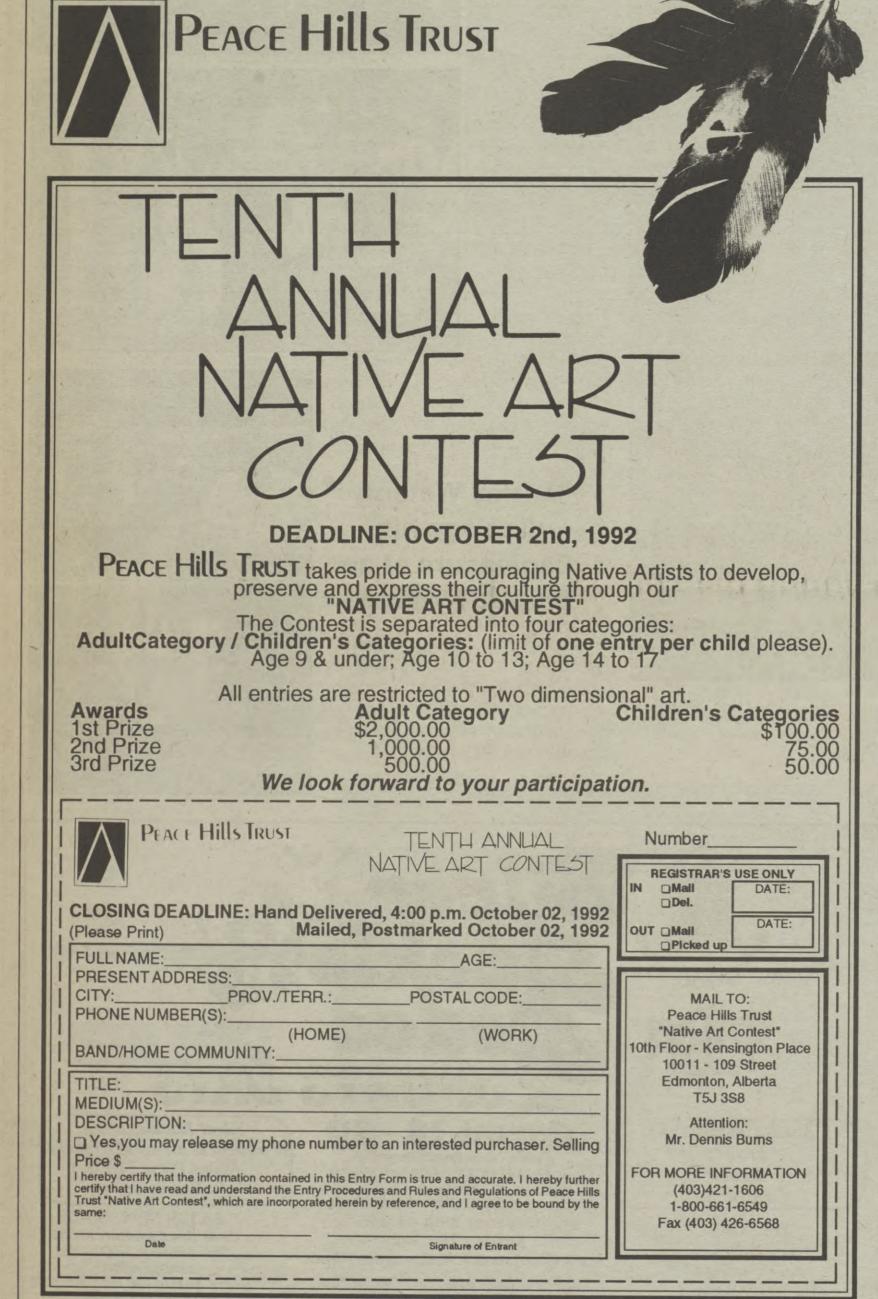
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 By signing the Entry Form, the entrant: represents that the entry is wholly original, that the work was composed by the entrant and that the entrant is the owner of the copyright in the entry: warrants that the entry shall not infringe any copyrights or other intellectual property rights of third parties. Each entrant shall, by signing the Entry Form, indemnify and save harmless Peace Hills Trust and its management and staff and employees from and against any claims inconsistent with the foregoing representations and warranty: waives his Exhibition Right in the entry for the term of the NAC, and in the event that the entry is chosen as a winning entry, agrees to waive and assign the entrant's Exhibition Right in the winning entry, together with all rights of coupyright and reproduction, in favour of Peace Hills Trust; agrees to be bound by the NAC Entry Procedures and Regulations. All entries complying with the Rules and Regulations will be registered in the NAC by the Official Registrar Mr. Dennis Burns. Late entries, incomplete entries, or entries which do not comply with the NAC Entry Procedures and Rules and Regulations will be disqualified.

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Lac La Biche, Beaver Lake Celebrate



Bertha Erasmus kept score for the family team, the Kikino Classics, at the Lac La Biche Heritage Days.



Dancers perform just before a dinner break at the Beaver Lake powwow.



Maggie is delighted with the entertainment at the powwow.



Dave Giroux takes in the festivities while a young dancer takes a break from the rigors of performing.

Photos
by
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Grandmother tends to the wounds of an unhappy Erin at Heritage Days.



Percy Leveille and Allan W. Smith from Two Hills discuss the action at the Heritage Days baseball game.

Instilling success speaker's goal

By Linda Caldwell Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

Indian children should stand tall, be proud and go after their heart's desires.

That's Howard Rainier's message, and the 60-or-so young people at the recent Ermineskin Youth Conference were listen-

Forget all the negative stereotypes about Indians, he told the students gathered in the gym at Ermineskin Junior High School. He listed them on the portable blackboard: silent, drunk, dirty, poor, bingo ad-

"No more this, no more that, but onward and forward with faith and power and love," the students chanted as he led them through a series of physical movements.

"This is magic," said Rainier, a motivational speaker, as he watched the movements of the young people get progressively stronger and the chants louder and more assertive as they came to believe in what they were say-

"Forget shyness," Rainier told the group, most aged 13 to 19 years old. "Say 'choose me'.

'You don't have to take a lot of garbage. Start speaking up. If



Howard Rainier leads a group of teens through a series of steps, encouraging them to turn their backs on the negative and reach out for the positive.

you start seeing your friends lot of Natives doing a lot of powdestroying themselves, speak up. No more self-pity - stop feeling sorry for yourselves."

He urged his audience to be supportive of each other and proud of what they were good at, whatever that was. Talk about it, tell other people about it. And those listening shouldn't laugh at the dreams and aspirations of their peers.

"That's why you don't see a

erful things. We keep each other down," he said.

Over lunch, Rainier, a Taos Pueblo Indian from New Mexico, said it isn't enough to occasionally have someone like him come in and build the kids up and get them enthusiastic and excited. They should have regular gatherings and do things that will build confidence and develop talents.

"With their talent development will come their self-discovery: 'Who am I, really? What can I do? If I can do this, I can do

"These kids have an abundance of talent, but nobody ever says, 'Hey, what can you do or how do you do it?' So, every three months, you have something so the kids can count on that. Then you start challenging them."

It's not enough just to excite the kids, he added. The adults should attend motivational workshops, too.

"A lot of people aren't sold on the idea that their kids have a fighting chance in life, period."

All through the morning session, he had told the kids repeatedly they were smart, goodlooking and Native.

"That's all you need in life. Stop and think about it. It's simple, but if you think you're worthy, you live up to that worthiness. If you think you're not, you live up to that."

Rainier doesn't approve of the Hobbema bands' practice of giving their young people a large chunk of money from oil royalties when they turn 18.

"I would say no money 'til you graduate from high school and \$25,000 when you graduate from college."

Some of the teachers have asked band administrators if the money could be withheld if kids don't attend school, as an incentive to keep them there.

"They're looking ahead and they're saying 'Why should I?' What I would say is they have to have a year of community service, they have to finish high school, maintain a certain grade point average and they have to finish college. Now that's expecting something out of their lives."

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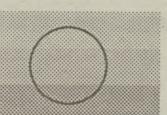
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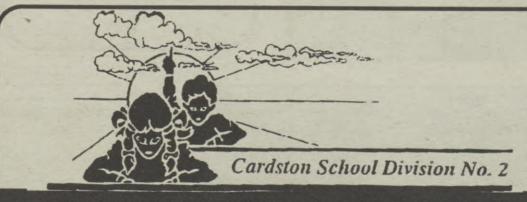


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Students deal with real issues

Presenting management students with real life issues affecting small businesses and communities is the focus of the recent publication of 27 case studies by the Centre for Aboriginal Management at the University of Lethbridge.

"This is the first publication series of its kind. Case studies on aboriginal issues have been done before but no body has ever put them together as a collection and made an effort to offer them to other institutions," said the centre's Kate Chiste.

"The cases involve Indian, Inuit and Metis individuals and communities in a wide variety of Canadian locales."

They focus on unique situations and problems associated with aboriginal communities and economic development and range from proprietorships, such as restaurants and convenience stores, to collaboration, as in bands and tribal councils.

For example, one case deals with a commercial printing business and art gallery in northern Ontario which faces personnel problems of tardiness and absenteeism. The case is seven pages long and the issues involved are relatively simple. A complex case, such as a bandowned forestry operation in Quebec facing socio-economic development, technological change and band governance, delves more deeply into complicated issues and is 31 pages long.

The cases have been used in classrooms at the U of L and students are challenged to resolve issues using theoretical information they already have.

What happens if the students find an innovative way to resolve the issue?

"I'll give them an A," said Chiste.

Many reasons youth turn to crime

By Sharon Smith Windspeaker Contributor

There are many reasons Native youth turn to vandalism and petty crime, said RCMP Corporal Paul Currie.

He's a 24-year veteran and Northern Fly-In Sports Camp board member in Manitoba. The sports camps involve Native youth and local community workers as partners with RCMP, university and college-trained recreation professionals from the south. The recreation workers fly in and set up summer activities for the community youth and employ Native youth as leaders-in-training.

Currie suggested six possible reasons for Native delin-

quency in northern communities and the positive effect a program such as Northern Fly-In Sports Camps can have on susceptible youth.

Delinquency by association: If you associate with delinquent people you will then have a higher risk of becoming delinquent yourself. Currie noted the unjustly high incarceration rate for Native people, and said Native youth are often turned out of jail with nothing being done about their real problem. They may then take their delinquency back to the community and further compound problems by creating a bad role model for other youth.

Delinquency because of a lack of parenting skills: Native people who were treated badly in residential schools often have poor parenting skills, and, through no fault of their own, parent their children inadequately. He suggested youth in sports and recreation programs will have positive controls placed on them by their peers, coaches and friends.

Delinquency as a result of rebellion: Itis commonly agreed there are two types of crime: crimes against people and crimes against property. But in northern communities, crimes against power are increasingly common, with the police station, nursing station and schools targeted when Native youth rebelagainst this power and the way they have to live their lives. A program such as NFISC gives youth more realistic goals and objec-

Delinquency as a result of boredom: Many youth commit crimes from sheer boredom. A young man will break into the school and leave behind a obvious piece of evidence that will lead Currie to him. "All he wants is to get caught, get arrested, get flown out of the community."

Delinquency to assert masculinity: Young women are increasingly involved in these "status" crimes. When (Native) culture is on the verge of disappearing, perhaps sports and recreation programs can give something back.

Delinquency because of racism: To Currie, this is the sad-

dest of all reasons for delinquent behavior. He read a quote from a former chief of The Pas Band: "If you tell a child right from birth that he's no good, that he's a drunk, that he's not able to hold onto a job, that he's just plain no good, and you tell him that over and over, by the time that child is 16 years old, then he actually believes that he's supposed to be lazy, that to be Indian is to be on welfare, that to be Indian is to be in jail, to be drunk." Currie knows many First Nations people grow up hearing this time and time again. "It seems so simple to turn it over to the other side of the coin and come up with the positive aspects instead of the negative aspects all the time."

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Jewelry maker sells identity

By Glenna Hanley Windspeaker Contributor

Martha Campiou doesn't just sell designer jewelry - she also sells personal identity.

Campiou operates Native Endeavors Inc., selling her own Native design jewelry, in silverturquoise and semi-precious stones, and hand-beaded items, as well as the work of other Native crafts people. She also makes custom and deerskin clothing.

As she arranged a display of huge silver and turquoise belt buckles, beaded neck pieces and ornate arm bands and bracelets at a recent crafts show, the Edmonton Native crafts woman talked about the history and symbolism of her work.

"Most of the jewelry is symbolic of some Native personality and significant to Native cultureand Native understanding," explained Campiou.

When people buy her jewelry, often they are not just buying it for ornamentation.

"It is also a matter of personal identity, and has some significance to them or to the person they are buying it for."

When a customer purchases a neck-piece with an eagle on it, "it represents a free spirit and freedom. The eagle is the closest thing to the creator because it flies the highest," explained Campiou.

The animal kingdom is featured in much Native craft, and symbols for men and women differ. Designs featuring the bear and wolf are male designs while the feather, turtle and butterfly are relevant for women.

Campiou began craft work more than a decade ago, starting with bead work and feather earrings. She can't recall ever sitting at the feet of an elderly grandmother to learn the craft.

"We (Native and Metis people) all have this talent and I just picked it up," said Campiou.

Along with learning the skills, she's accumulated a lot of the history of Native crafts. Peo-

ple often ask how Indians made their beads. They don't realise it was the Europeans who introduced beads to the aboriginal Canadians, she said. The Native women just incorporated and adapted the beads into their traditional designs.

Campiou devotes much of her time to making clothes. One of her specialties is a complete wedding outfit in deerskin.

Her business has been steadily growing since it began in 1980 and her two sons now help make jewelry and help in the selling.

While she sells largely at craft fairs, conferences, rodeos and powwows, she hopes to soon open a shop in Edmonton.

Campiou is also starting up a new national organization, Aboriginal Artisans Art and Craft Society, to promote Native arts and crafts. It will sponsor future art and craft sales and feature the work of Native arts and crafts from all across Canada.



Martha Campiou and son Fred Zarutzky with a display of jewelry at a recent conference.

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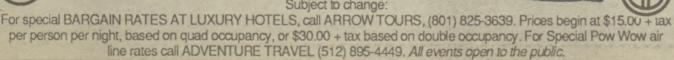
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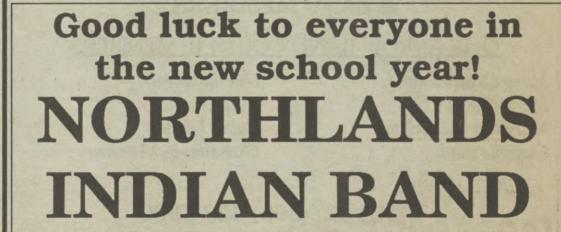
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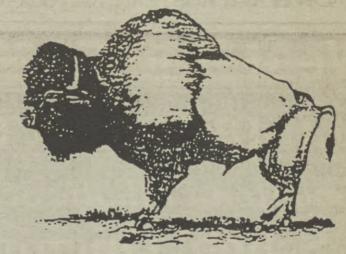
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Indian Nations vice-chief Dan Bellegarde and Calgary lawyer James Prentice have been appointed to an independent panel reviewing land claim disputes.

Bellegarde has been actively involved in the negotiation of Saskatchewan's \$450-million claim that is nearing completion despite recent snags.

Prentice helped negotiate the 1989 Sturgeon Lake Settlement and has worked in the field of Indian and Metis self-govern-

As part of the six-member Indian Claims commission, Prentice and Bellegarde will take part in settling disputes between First Nations and the federal government over claims arising from treaty violations.

The panel is part of Ottawa's \$355-million specific claims initiative announced in 1991 following the Oka crisis. The package includes a fast-track process for dealing with claims under \$500,000 and allows settlement negotiations based on pre-con-

federation treaties.

The claims commission has Federation of Saskatchewan the power to make non-binding recommendations on whether the Indian Affairs department should accept specific claims. It can also make recommendations on compensation packages and will mediate disputes when negotiations stall.

> Harry LaForme, a lawyer from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, will head up the new body. The other members are:

> * Roger Augustine, chief of New Brunswick's Eel Ground band:

*Carole Corcoran, a B.C. Dene from the Fort Nelson reserve who works as constitutional adviser to the Assembly of First Nations;

*Carol Dutcheson, a Winnipeg lawyer specializing in corporate and commercial law;

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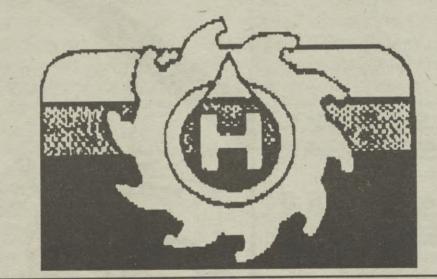
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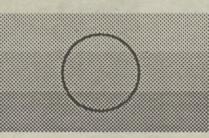
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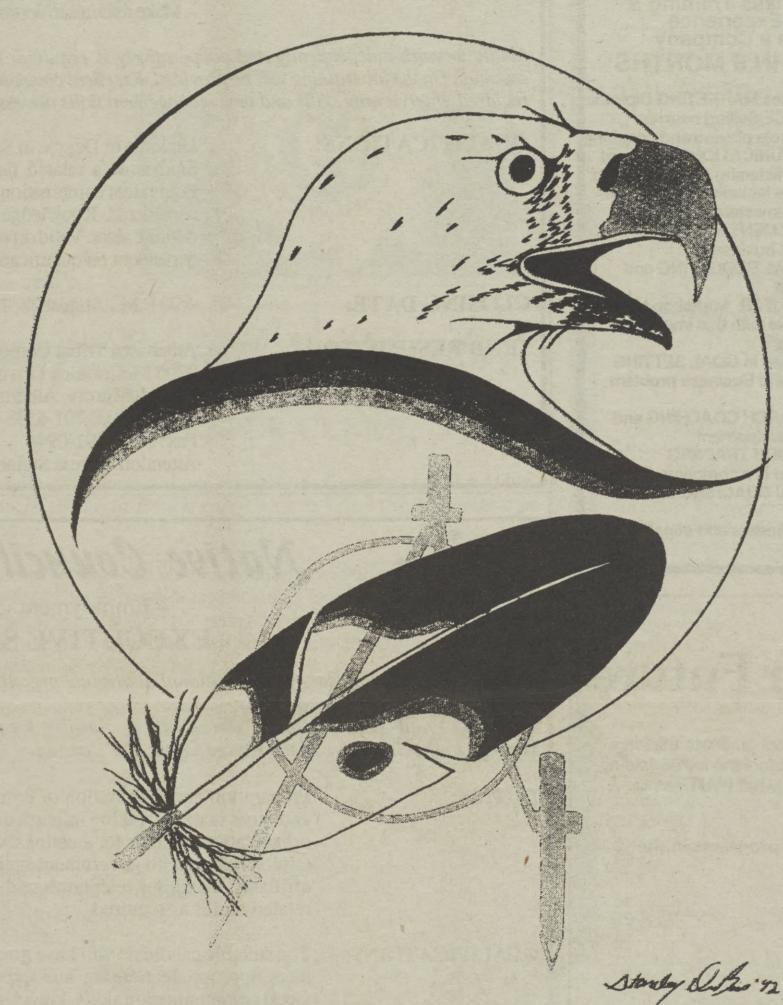
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