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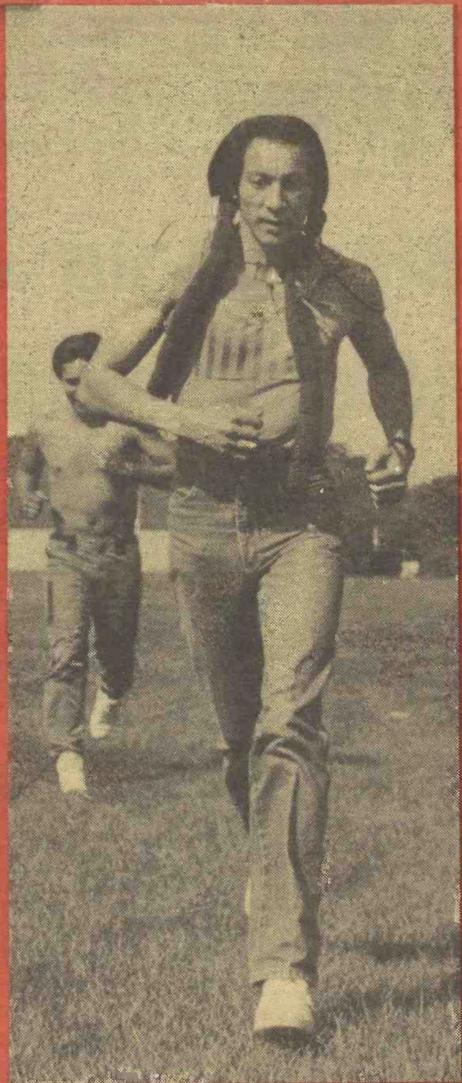
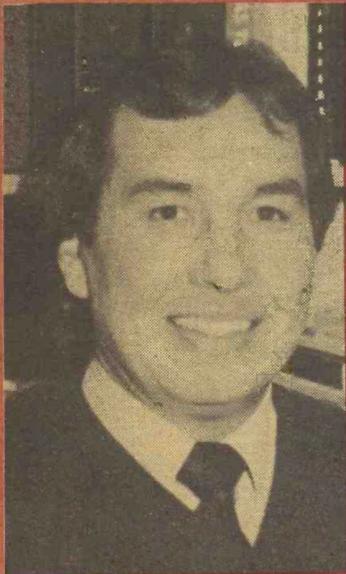
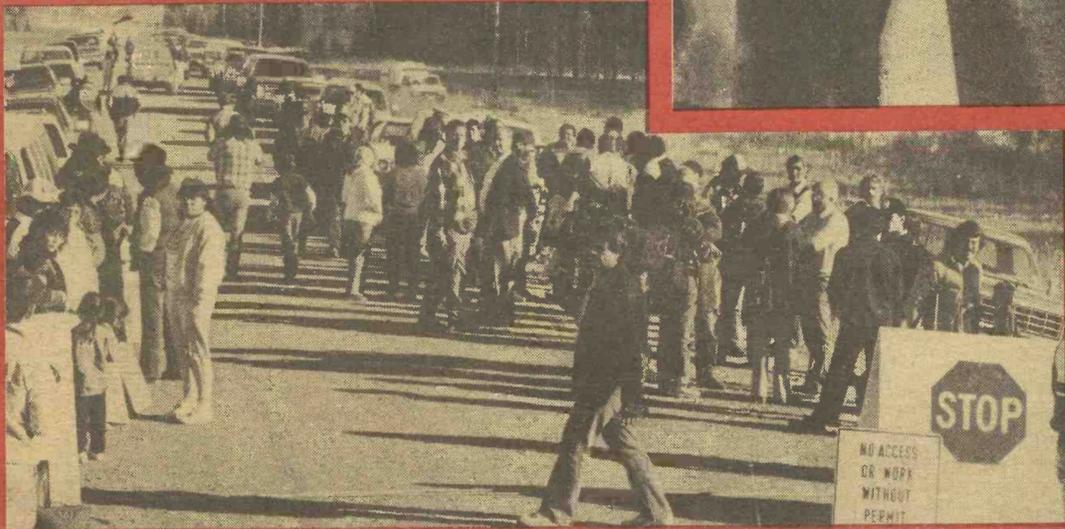
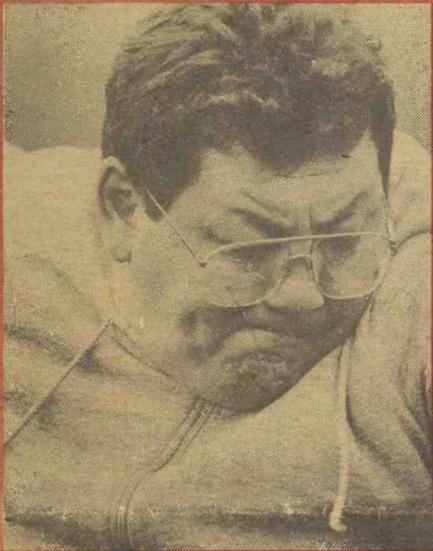
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CLOSE TO HOME

Aunt saves child from fatal fire

Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

LOUIS BULL RESERVE, Alta.

Pat Roasting, 29, doesn't feel like a hero, but in the fourth month of her pregnancy this day care worker saved her five-month-old nephew from a house fire on this central Alberta reserve. Roasting, however, lost her younger brother and sister-in-law in the blaze which started from a cigarette.

The fire took place at the home of Leon Roasting, 18, who along with his common-law wife, 18-year-old Connie Little Poplar of the nearby Samson Band, died in the fire.

Pat Roasting had decided to stay overnight at her brother's home and babysit for the young couple. She wanted to stay overnight so she could walk to work the next morning.

When Roasting and her nephew fell asleep in the upstairs of the house, her brother and girlfriend drank alcohol downstairs.

Suddenly Roasting and the five-month-old awoke to an upstairs full of smoke. She quickly took the infant and exited the building through the bedroom window. "When I got up, the

upstairs was already full of smoke I couldn't breath," she explained.

The fire took place at five a.m. When Roasting reached the outside of the building she says she heard the other two inside. "I heard them trying to catch their breath," she explains.

"If those fire alarms (smoke detectors) worked that wouldn't of happened," she remarks.

"I'm glad I saved my nephew. But I don't like it that I couldn't do anything for my brother and sister-in-law, especially when I couldn't get in." She explains that the flames were intense near the area where the other two were.

It was reported that the blaze started from a cigarette left burning when the couple fell asleep.

Media coverage for the fire has also drawn attention. Roasting mentioned that a Wetaskiwin paper improperly referred to the infant as a female. Also the Edmonton Sun published in their "Letter of the Day" column a letter criticizing their paper for not reporting the fact that Roasting was pregnant and saved the infant. She says "they didn't put everything."

Roasting did not want her picture taken.



SUSAN ENGE, Windspeaker

Signing ceremony at government house: MAA Prez Larry Desmeules and Attorney General Ken Rostad

Framework deal renewed

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

The 1987 Metis framework agreement between the province and the Metis Association of Alberta was renewed in a signing ceremony at Government House in Edmonton on Dec. 21.

The MAA's six zone vice-presidents and executive congratulated Attorney General Ken Rostad and department ministers for the strong initiatives they have taken in endorsing its continuance for another

year. The document, a direct result of failed Aboriginal rights talks at the 1987 first minister's conference, was designed to improve Metis access to government programs and services.

"It is the only provincial framework agreement of its kind in Canada amongst our people. Your government is the only government in Canada that recognizes Metis people as people, which we are very proud of that government for doing that," said MAA president Larry Desmeules.

Individual zones have proposed projects such as: a training program to ser-

vice and maintain bus services in Ft. McMurray, an employment training program, support service for inner-city Native people, an experimental agricultural project to determine the viability of wild rice production on eight northern lakes.

"It's important to get out into the grass roots and start from there developing these initiatives and develop this educational process as to what is available with the government," said Attorney General Rostad.

The agreement outlines methods in which the Metis population can develop and

access Alberta government programs and services. It also provides means in which consultation and co-ordination in areas of education, social services, career development and employment, forestry, land and wildlife, economic development, and areas of local government.

MAA president Desmeules was reluctant to identify affirmative action agreements presently being negotiated with Daishowa Canada Ltd. and possibly with Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd, the company recently awarded the forest development contract near Athabasca.

Stoney's hold band elections

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MORLEY

Stoney tribe elections were held Dec. 2 for the Goodstoney, Chiniki and Bears paw bands.

Chief John Snow was re-elected for another two-year term with the Goodstoney band. Elected Morley reserve councillors include: Generich Snow and John R. Two Young Men. Vying for third councillor are Valentine Fox and Jeff Beaver who tied for the position. A special by-election for the deciding vote will take place in January '89. Isaiah Crawler was elected councillor for the Goodstoney band on the Big Horn Reserve.

Chief George Labelle won the votes for the Chiniki band. Elected councillors for the band are: Georgie Chiniquay, Bruce Labelle, Glen Simeon and Kenneth Soldier.

Chief Una Wesley won her position for the



Re-elected: John Snow

Bears paw band. Morley councillors include: David Bears paw and Wallace Smalleyes. Orvall Daniels and Johnny Lefthand Jr. were elected councillors for the Eden Valley reserve in the Stoney Bears paw band.

Electoral officer Lorraine La Pierre confirmed more than 80 per cent of the eligible voters came out to cast their ballots on voting day.

Lubicon talks break for Xmas

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Lubicon band negotiators flew back from Ottawa without a land claims settlement as they hoped could be reached before Christmas. After three weeks of intensive negotiations with federal and provincial officials talks adjourned Dec. 22 and are expected to resume by Jan. 6.

"I can comfortably say that we're close on issues where we had to think things through, as much as anything else, like land and membership. We're having more difficulty on things

which involve money, like socio-economic development and compensation," said band advisor Fred Lennarson.

Chief Bernard Ominayak and several Lubicon members are planning to present two official documents to the community for approval or rejection. However, due to the news blackout policy imposed by both government and band negotiators, the contents of these documents remain confidential.

"When we got to Ottawa, the first item on the table was membership and we were working on that straight through, up until yesterday morning," said

Lennarson. And, the issue will "be back on the table the first week of January, he added.

Ominayak met privately with Derek Burney, the prime minister's chief of staff and Bill McKnight, minister of Indian affairs, Wednesday Dec. 21 to discuss the state of negotiations, said Lennarson.

The Lubicon Indian band are seeking a comprehensive land claims settlement equipped with sufficient land, hunting and trapping rights, cash compensation, membership and environmental and wildlife manage-



Home again: Ominayak

ment control on their traditional lands. The claim has been under negotiation for almost half a century.

CLOSE TO HOME

Lack of money halts Thunder

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MARATHON, Ont.

A lack of cash has halted Jim Thunder's run to New York to retrieve Big Bear's sacred bundle but he says it is only a temporary setback.

Thunder said in a telephone interview that his five-man support team had to retreat to Marathon because of a lack of money for their gas and lodging.

He says he has been phoning people for pledges of money so they can continue the run.

"I've been on the phone all afternoon and we're up to about \$400 as of now. We ran out of money at a town called Marathon which is on the north shore of Lake Superior," he explained.

However, the entourage of runners are not going to quit because of this setback. "We are not discouraged

and we are certainly not thinking of turning around and going back home or giving up," says Thunder.

Thunder says they are just over half of the way to New York and have completed just over 1,400 miles.

He had to overcome physical problems caused by the run and the lack of money is just one more hurdle to overcome. "I got hurt a while back. I had a torn muscle in my left leg and it was causing me a lot of problems 'til finally I couldn't run any more. There were some Indian runners who came and helped me. They ran relays until I healed up," explained Thunder.

Thunder says money isn't an issue and he doesn't understand why people are making such a big deal out of it. "What might be interesting is that we had left Edmonton with \$135 and there was talk going around that we wouldn't even make it out of Alberta and here we are half way through Ontario."

He says the purpose of the run is being forgotten



TERRY LUSTY

'Not thinking of turning around: Jim Thunder

amid the controversy. "Whenever I talk to reporters there is a lot of talk about money and it seems kind of strange to me that everybody is saying, 'what does it cost you?' We had estimated it would cost something like \$50,000 from Edmonton to New York.

"Reporters seem to be more interested in the money we've got instead of the purpose of the run," exclaimed Thunder.

He says the support from the Native people from the other provinces has been very encouraging. "Sometimes Indian families would invite us

into their homes and put us up and feed us or sometimes we would be invited to camp over on someone's reserve overnight."

That is in contrast to the sendoff he received in Alberta. "The response we got in Alberta was dead. But since we got into Saskatchewan a lot of the elders and chiefs backed us up. Manitoba was even stronger and as we get further east the Indian people out here think it is a really great thing and they are really supportive and encourage us to go all of the way."

Thunder finds it ironic that his own people don't

support the run and yet other Natives do.

He says the run is entering the Toronto area "and then headed for Ottawa so things are going to be coming to a climax pretty soon and the momentum is really going to pick up."

The run will be continued right through the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

"I don't think there is anything or anybody that can stop the run because there are people out here in Manitoba and Ontario that had dreams about it and it confirms my dreams," says a determined Thunder.

Hearing looks at alleged racism

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

DUFFIELD, Alta.

Two major sports associations met in a hearing on the weekend to discuss alleged racism in a hockey game between a non-Native team called the Mayerthorpe Spurs and the Paul Band Junior Eagles in the Mayerthorpe arena Saturday Dec. 10.

According to 17-year-old Shane Potts, an Eagles' player, the Mayerthorpe Spurs came out on the ice with their faces painted in stripes saying words like "wagon burners." He said he saw many of the players wearing the face paint into the second period of the game. "I felt uncomfortable - couldn't concentrate," he said.

The alleged incident has infuriated one of the Paul band parents. "This bullshit has to stop! It's just another incident in a long line of incidents," said Percy Potts, Shane's father, who is also the Indian Association of Alberta's vice-president of Treaty 6 area.

Potts consulted the Paul band's lawyer to determine whether legal action could be taken against the team. He was advised section 281.2 of the criminal code says the spreading of hatred against a particular group of people is against the law and could be used as a possible case against the Mayerthorpe team.

Paul Band Chief Walter Rain called Potts Wednesday night, Dec. 13 advising him not to discuss the issue with the media until the band could complete "an internal investigation."

In a telephone conversation with operations manager of the Alberta Amateur

Hockey Association in Red Deer, "acts of racism are not acceptable." But, Howard Wurban said he preferred to wait for "some documents" describing "what actually happened" before he would comment any further.

Wurban said he wasn't sure if the Mayerthorpe Spurs team were just performing some kind of "initiation ritual" for the new players on the team. And, until he received the facts, he wouldn't confirm whether disciplinary action would be taken or not.

Wurban said to infer disciplinary action was even necessary was "a little premature" and "making some suppositions."

Mayerthorpe Spur's manager refused to confirm or deny the allegations. "We just had a hearing within the league on the weekend. I have no comment because we still don't know where the Paul band stands on this or what they're going to do," said Blain Negrainse.

However, representatives from the Paul Band Junior Eagles' team were not invited to the weekend hearing.

"The vice-president (AAHA) works on the Paul band reserve and he wasn't invited either. It's only three guys who made the decision," said band manager Jordie House-Saulteaux. "We're not going to let it die. We're going to take it one step further and publicize what happened," he said.

According to House-Saulteaux, the Mayerthorpe team suffered an immediate suspension. At press time, Windspeaker was unable to confirm whether or not the suspension was lifted or maintained following the weekend hearing.

Racist letter war erupts

By Susan Enge
Windspeaker Staff Writer

GRAND CENTRE, Alta.

A bitter letter writing exchange between Native and non-Native people has erupted in the Grand Centre Sun's newspaper this month causing a rift between the town and surrounding Native communities.

The letter which sparked the feud contained acid remarks aimed at Indians. It was printed anonymously in the letters to the editor section of their Dec. 12 issue.

It said: "As a tax paying caucasian Canadian, I feel I do not owe the Indian race a thing.. No, I am not prejudice to native Indians. In fact, I have a strong sense of compassion for this culture fading breed."

And, "what has our world come to when a race is supported completely by the government...I resent my hard earned dollar being given to people who do not deserve it."

In the following week's issue, Grand Centre resident Mary Jayne Overby wrote a letter to the editor praising the anonymous views print-

ed the week before.

"If they (Indians) took all their energy they have for protesting and whining and put it into working and saving money they could afford to buy their own land. I pay taxes too, and resent my hard earned dollars going to a race who is constantly looking for other people to pay their way in this life," wrote Overby.

By the time the Sun distributed their paper containing Overby's opinions, four stinging rebuttals written by Native people were received in its office, for print in the Dec. 13th issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Desjardin wrote: "we, too pay taxes and wonder where the heck our tax dollars are going...Only a small chunk goes to the Indians for the compensation of their lands and lifestyles taken away from them. We are not asking for handout, only tools to become self-sufficient, and recognition for the once proud nation we were. So, Mary Jayne Overby, your beef is with the Government, not with your fellow brothers and sisters, the Indians."

Another respondent, Joe Tourangeau wrote: "Mary

Jane, first of all, when you write an article like this, (it) tells us that you have no respect for the human race, mostly yourself." He adds, "before you use your prejudiced lips again (you) better do a little homework."

In that same issue, publisher Jim Bentein wrote an editorial, 'Anti-Indian bigotry must be challenged', decrying views which were clearly of a racist nature were not the views of the Grand Centre Sun newspaper. He wrote: "bigotry must be exposed and weeded out of existence wherever it rears its ugly head."

But the anti-Indian comments caused a furor amongst the Native community. The town of Grand Centre is surrounded by five Native reserves and a Metis settlement where a majority of residents do their shopping for groceries and other supplies.

Cold Lake First Nation's chief and band councillors were already angry and decided to invoke a boycott against the Sun newspaper and the town's business establishment. However, Chief Francis Scanie called it off.

"We had a meeting with

Jim Bentein and we sort of settled everything. He's not going to allow any more of those things in the paper," said Chief Scanie.

"People took it really bad, they were hurt. If we boycotted it's the school kids who would be affected," he added.

An outspoken band councillor said their decision to drop boycott charges should serve as a warning.

"This time we won't push for a boycott against them. We shouldn't penalize businesses for just a handful of people who have migrated here from wherever," said Judy Nest.

Another councillor Vic Machatis added "we don't have a grudge against anybody."

In a telephone conversation Bentein confirmed the promise he made to Chief Scanie. Letters of an anti-Indian nature would not be printed in his newspaper again.

"We have since rejected two other letters that have come in. We're not planning on publishing anymore of them. It distresses me. I realize that in all of this mess there's pain," said Bentein.



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YOUR WORDS

Indians the same despite labels

Dear Editor:

Hello, my name is Dwayne Baron. I am currently in a federal penitentiary here in Ontario and we have a brotherhood here which is fairly strong (26 members).

The reason for this letter is to support Mr. Harley McMaster Sr., (story in Windspeaker Vol. 6 No. 38). We receive the Windspeaker here at this institution and it has always amazed me how there could be so much fighting internally among brothers and sisters. We were all put on this earth, as brothers and sisters and it seems to me that we fight for a common cause, which is to get our land back, restore our culture and finally to once again stand tall and walk with pride in the knowledge that we are a nation of people who once roamed this earth with reverence.

I was born in Alberta 32 years ago. My mother had differences with her ex-husband and moved me and two other kids to Ontario. My mother died when we were young so we were shipped to the Children's Aid Society and we were raised in a white foster home which I now only hold in contempt within my heart. I had no concept of what Indian meant or stood for. The only difference between me and the kid down the block was that he was white and I was brown. I now know and feel the difference between us.

My question is how can we as a nation achieve anything when so much time and energy is wasted because we decide to argue and fight amongst ourselves? Would not this time and energy be better directed at various levels of government? I read about so many arguments dealing with band membership. Why is it so important to belong to a band which works keeping the land and its beauty within certain boundaries, with limited access to those only who belong

to that band, so many laws and bylaws that it is almost impossible to walk down the road without stepping on somebody else's toes.

Why is it that with status you can purchase items tax free and claim benefits such as monthly cheques from the government? But if you are Metis or non-status, forget it. When two are walking down the street can you tell the difference - status or non-status? Are we not all the same in grandfathers' eyes?

This letter is not meant to criticize anybody or any band, but, for a while now I have wondered why such things are so.

In my prayers, in the sweatlodge I have always finished with the phrase "All my relations." To me this is a very sacred way to finish a prayer. These words I have learned are from my heart, with no one excluded because he or she is from a different band or is status or non-status.

To me, we are all equal, all created the same way, different paths to walk but in the end we will meet again. At first I wished to trace my mother's background and try to regain my own status if I was so entitled, but now I think I won't bother until you can show me that status Indians eat differently or breathe differently. Would I be entitled to live with a band who would want me because I am the right blood or come from the right tribe? It hurts me to know that we as a nation must fight each other rather than where it would be more productive.

Maybe someday I too will look at my neighbor and ask him or her if they are status or not or which band they belong to before I call them my brother and sister.

All my relations
in unity and spirit,
Dwayne Baron
Kingston, Ont.

Charlottetown seeks relatives

Dear Editor:

We are interested in locating descendants of delegates to the September 1864 Charlottetown conference. If any of your readers are descendants or if they have information on descendants, they are asked to call long distance from British Columbia, Alberta,

Saskatchewan and Manitoba (902) 368-4444 or write: The Festival of the Descendants, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 7N8.

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Thank you,
Rick Coles, Chairman
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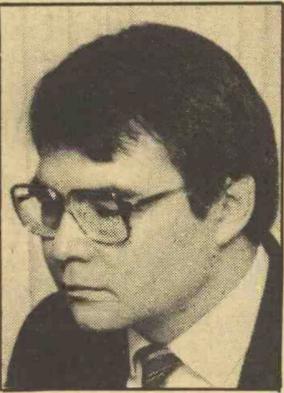
JANUARY

Mohawk Nations support Lubicon band

Mohawk nations declared solidarity with the Lubicon Lake Indian band and will send one of their own doctors to help the Lubicons deal with a tuberculosis outbreak in their community.

One third of the 459 member Lubicon band is affected by the disease.

More than 700 Mohawks led by Chief John Bud Morris and Alwyn Morris, a Mohawk Olympic gold medalist, stage a peaceful protest rally against the Petro Canada sponsored Olympic torch run as it passed through Mohawk territory at Kahnawake, Quebec.



Elected: Crowfoot

Youngest Blackfoot Chief elected

Strater Crowfoot, 32, was elected on December 16, by the Blackfoot band, at Gleichen, Alberta.

The new chief's education includes three bachelor of arts degrees in economic planning, accounting and finance and a masters degree in business administration received from the Brigham Young University in Utah, U.S.A.

Also elected to the band council are; Fred Breaker, Leonard Good Eagle, Lyla Healy, Clifford Many Guns, Kathleen McHugh, Ann McMaster, Allan Running Rabbit, Frank Turning Robe, Margaret Waterchief, Clarence Wolf Leg and Percy Yellow Fly.

Louis Bull Band builds highway rest stop

A new rest facility located 45 km south of Edmonton on Highway 2, is announced by the Louis Bull Band.

A complete travellers facility including a gas station, a 150 seat restaurant and a grocery store is being built by Kisputinow Holdings Ltd. which is owned by the Louis Bull band.

The facility will be open for business on April.

AFN urges bands to demonstrate

The Assembly of First Nations, which is supporting the Lubicon Lake band boycott of the Calgary Winter Olympics, urged all Indian bands to hold protest demonstrations when the Olympic Torch relay passed through or near their reserves.

The AFN which says 44 Indian reserves will be crossed by torch bearers is offering advice to bands on how to peacefully demonstrate support for the northern Alberta Cree band.

George Erasmus, AFN grand chief, reminds Indian nations that neither he nor the Lubicon band suggest anyone "block or stop the relay run or that citizens of First Nations be discouraged from participating in it. Such an approach would be counter-productive."

Lubicons still in limbo over claim

The federal and provincial governments failed to settle the Lubicon Lake land claim despite a federal announcement that an interim deal could be reached before the new year, without the involvement of the Lubicon Lake band.

Both governments refused to allow former justice minister E. Davie Fulton to act as a mediator in the negotiations.

Chief Bernard Ominayak refused to nego-



A media attraction: Ominayak

tiolate unless Fulton is allowed to act as a mediator and report to the parliamentary Standing Committee on Aboriginal Rights.

Federal negotiator Brian Malone says the government will not allow Fulton to report to the parliamentary committee, because statements made during negotiations could be used in future court proceedings.



Unsure: Smith

Elk kill renews Treaty hunting rights debate

The arrest of two general list status Indians charged with killing three elk on Highway 40 southwest of Calgary renewed debate on Treaty hunting rights.

Gregg Smith, Indian Association of Alberta president says the association will not get involved because the two Indian hunters are not members of an Indian band.

"We are not sure if Treaty rights apply here as they received their rights under Bill C-31," said Smith.

However the IAA will be vigorously defending Treaty hunting rights, particularly if environmentalists persuade the provincial government to assert jurisdiction over Treaty hunting rights.

Father sues after baby is put through an X-ray scanner

Two month old Anna Sakakeep got a clean bill of health this week after she was sent through an airport X-ray scanner Jan. 3.

Bruce and Susan Sakakeep of Big Trout Lake reserve near Thunder Bay, Ont. were travelling home when a Metropol security officer at the Winnipeg airport insisted that the baby's tikanagan be scanned, although the couple repeatedly told officials that their baby was inside.

Lawyers are trying to find out who is responsible for the incident while Sakakeep's parents will seeking \$3,000 in compensation damages over the incident.

Ottawa approves most codes

The majority of band membership codes submitted by Alberta bands

were approved by Ottawa, says Perry Bennet, membership director for the federal government.

He said 29 out of 36 codes have been approved, four are under review and three have been rejected. There are 42 reserves in Alberta.

Bands across the country began submitting membership codes two years ago after Bill C-31 was enacted. They were given two years to submit codes defining their membership or membership would be defined under federal policy.

FEBRUARY

Mohawk mask back on display

A Calgary court decided to allow the display of a sacred Mohawk false-face mask in the Glenbow Museum's Spirit Sings exhibition.

Kahnawake Chief Alvin Rice said displaying the mask violates the intended purpose of the mask and its sacred functions. It "constitutes a desecration, and ridicules and misrepresents the spiritual beliefs and practices of the Iroquis, including the Mohawk nation," he said.

In its argument, the Glenbow said the mask had been displayed in various museums for many years without objection. During

the hearing the Glenbow said the Mohawks only wanted to remove the mask to disrupt the \$3 million Spirit Sings exhibition scheduled for exhibition during the Calgary Olympics.

Lubicon chief says Daishowa on disputed land

A Japanese forest products giant, Daishowa, will not harvest trees on lands earmarked by the government for the Lubicon band, said Forestry Minister LeRoy Fjordbotten.

But Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak says the harvest area "covers our entire traditional area." He added his band was not consulted during the Japanese-Alberta negotiation and his community may have to assert jurisdiction over the land.

Indian businesses to get \$8.3 million

The federal government is pumping \$8.3 million into Native economic development through a lending institute called the Alberta Indian Investment Corporation.

The corporation is owned by the Indian Equity Foundation of Alberta, which is owned by the province's 42 bands.

Harold Gray, manager, says the corporations will give loans to Native entrepreneurs that might not otherwise be obtainable through mainstream banks.

Lubicons reject \$1.15 million offer

The federal government offered the Lubicon Indians cash compensation for loss of treaty benefits but says Alberta may want to claim half of the oil and gas revenues on the land under claim to the band.

The feds offered \$500,000 for loss of treaty benefits, \$300,000 toward

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planning a reserve and \$350,000 for a health centre.

Ominiyak rejected the offer and said the government is trying to "deceive the public to believe that they are trying to settle with us and that we're being unreasonable."

Lubicon protesters flood Calgary

Over 200 Lubicon protesters united in downtown Calgary to show support for the band's claim and boycott the Calgary Winter Olympic Games.

"I used to have sympathy with you Indians," said one onlooker, "but you've lost my sympathy now."

A Lubicon supporter retorted: "It's a pity that so

many people put a ceremony before the lives of real live people...the people of Lubicon are dying of TB. They are losing their land to the Japanese — they have nothing. Yet the people in the crowd think the fame ceremony is more important."

MARCH

Senate report: Natives a distinct society

A senate task force recommending Aboriginal people be recognized as distinct societies under the Meech Lake accord has met with mixed reaction from Aboriginal leaders.

Chris McCormick, vice-president of the Native Council of Canada, says



Filmmaker honored: Gil Cardinal

the proposals are a "good step forward" but fall short of creating rights for Aboriginal people.

AFN grand chief Georges Erasmus said: "It's a further weapon that Aboriginal people can use in pressuring the provinces

and the federal government."

Lubicon cautious of land offer

Premier Getty offered an interim settlement of 66 square kilometres of

reserve land without prejudice to future negotiations for more land. The Lubicons decided to wait for negotiation structure before considering the offer.

"We have to keep in mind that this is a proposal that was offered to us after the deal was struck between the federal and provincial governments. We were not involved," said Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak.

The Lubicon band wanted 235 square kilometres of land based on a population of 459 band members. They also wanted direct involvement into wildlife and environmental management over 10,000 square kilometres of their traditional hunting area.

and the federal government."

Fort Chip liquor licence approved

Chipewyan Chief Pat Marcel was "heartbroken and disappointed" after his community voted to approve a liquor licence at the Fort Chipewyan Lodge resort.

The lodge became the first business to serve liquor in the historic north-eastern hamlet.

The plebiscite saw 333 out of a possible 673 voters turn out. Unofficial results showed that 185 voted in favor of the licence.

Gadwa wins again

Gordon Gadwa was re-elected chief for his third three-year term. Newly elected councillors were Victor John, Eric Gadwa, George Dion, Roland Dion, Harvey Youngchief, Harold Watchmaker, George John and Gloria Badger.

Bigstone gets \$4.5 million for education

Wabasca-Desmarais signed a tuition agreement worth about \$4.5 million. The money will go toward tuition fees, books and supplies, transportation service, maintenance and wages for school employees.

During the same day, the band officially opened a two-storey kindergarten building.

Foster Child gets jury award

The film Foster Child, by Edmonton Metis Gil Cardinal, was honored with a special jury award for excellence at this year's Alberta Motion Pictures Industry Association awards.

Foster Child was the only Native film to contest the documentary category.

Tallcree get new chief

Bernard Meneen was elected new chief of the Tallcree band for the next five years. Two councillors were also elected — Eugene Kotash and Ronald Loonskin. Meneen was voted in with a total of 61 votes out of 119.

APRIL

Atikameg votes to go dry

The Whitefish (Atikameg) band members overwhelmingly voted to go dry and support a bylaw prohibiting alcohol from the reserve.

The decision was made after more than 100 band members signed a petition requesting a dry reserve

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earlier in the year. "We looked at our problems and found everything was related to alcohol," said band chief Eddie Tallman.

The results were 72-19 in favor of a dry reserve.

Language institute to be formed

The Assembly of First Nations was allocated \$1 million toward a language institute.

An Aboriginal languages steering committee was made up of people from all parts of Canada, except Alberta.

"We do, however, feel that because we have two Alberta members on the writing committee (LeRoy Little Bear and Ray Fox) that this fills in the gaps," said Dolly McDonald-Jacob, coordinator for the project.

British anti-fur labels threaten trappers

Plans by the British government to legislate that labels be adhered to fur garments warning buyers that such clothing "includes fur from animals commonly caught in leghold traps" has made Native trappers feel threatened.

This is a move to "undermine the culture and economy of Native trappers," charges Bob Stevenson, director of the Aboriginal Trappers Federation of Canada.

Native leaders have made trips to Britain to consult and plead with the British minister of state for trade and industry. But their pleas appear to have fallen on deaf ears, says Stevenson.

Youth conference attracts over 400

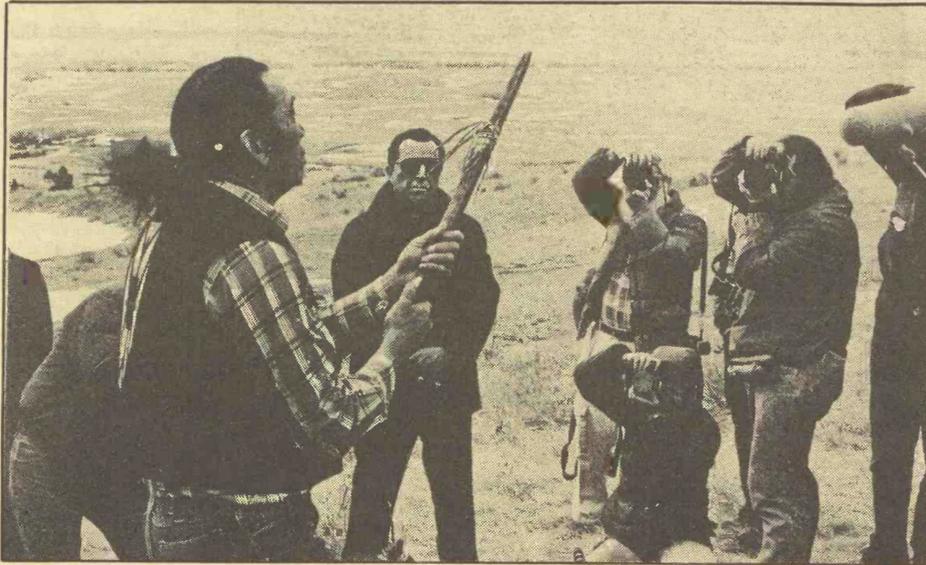
Saddle Lake youth initiated a youth conference that brought together over 400 students, parents, chaperones and speakers at the Saddle Lake reserve. They talked about crime, drugs, alcohol and traditions.

"This is the first time I've seen where the young people have been involved in the organizing," said Sam Windy Boy Jr., an educator from the Rocky Boy reserve in Montana.

Sawridge band buys hotel

The Sawridge band near Slave Lake became owners of Fort McMurray's Ramada Inn on April 6.

"I think we got a heck of a deal," said Sawridge



Swearing in ceremony: War chief Stevens (with sunglasses)

Chief Walter Twinn. Although the 192-room hotel was in receivership before the band bought it, Twinn is optimistic new management and upgrading will make the hotel a more stable investment.

In 1970, the band was worth some \$110,000 and today Chief Twinn estimates it has accumulated about \$50 million. Along with the band's chain of hotels, they also own a truck stop, apartments, real estate near Leduc, and is a part owner of two oil companies.

Metis launch newspaper

The Metis Association of Alberta announced they will begin publishing a monthly tabloid in May.

The newspaper is a component of a communications proposal approved by the government in March to enhance "internal communications," said Ron Harrison, acting director of the Metis Services Branch, Municipal Affairs.

Sioux war chief named

After more than a century, the Sioux Indians of



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South Dakota have named a war chief to lead the battle to have the Black Hills returned to the tribe.

Phillip J. Stevens, 58, was named Man Who Leads With A Shield. Stevens is a millionaire through his businesses in California.

Striking Kainai workers return to work

Striking employees at Kainai Industries Ltd., a housing construction firm, returned to the production line with a six per cent pay increase split over two years, life insurance and disability coverage and the

promise of a monthly meeting with management for better communication.

MAY

Cotton elected as ANWA president

Carrie Cotton was elected the Alberta Native Women's Association president, defeating former president Donna Weaselchild and Rena Sinclair.

Cotton said her first job would be to "comb through" outstanding reports in order to straighten out the association's financial records.

Cotton lives on the

Blood reserve with her eight-year-old son and her husband.

O'sky-ya provides rental housing

A new housing society began offering housing to low income Indian families living in the city of Edmonton.

Doris Ronnenberg, founder of the society, said they already received 104 applications from people wanting to rent.

Tenants who qualify for the houses will only be asked to pay 25 per cent of their income toward rent. Eligible tenants include non-status, general list and off-reserve Indians.

Kapown centre reopens doors

A residential treatment centre for Native people recovering from alcohol and drug abuse re-opened near High Prairie.

The centre closed its doors in November 1987 due to inadequate funding.

Feds sue province over Lubicon

The federal government filed a statement of claim in Calgary May 17 proposing the Lubicon band get 45 square miles (117



Housing: Ronnenberg

square kilometres) of land and declaring the province in breach of its obligations to provide the Lubicon people with a reserve.

Premier Getty said the province is being sued because they will not make an agreement with the federal government which they believe is unfair to the Lubicons.

Chief Bernard Ominayak said: "Their goal is to tie us up in the courts and delay and delay." He said his band may have to assert their own jurisdiction over the disputed land.

Bloods take over education, hiring begins

The Blood tribe began screening applications for about 50 positions for teachers, administrators and support staff after band

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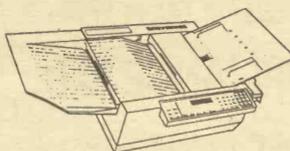
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control of Native education was approved.

The historic move means that the education board will administer staff and programs at the three reserve federal schools — Leverne, Stand Off and St. Mary's — instead of Indian Affairs.

JUNE

Natives enter mainstream politics

Muriel Stanley-Venne, Mike Cardinal and Willie Littlechild were nominated to represent their respective parties in separate elections.

Stanley-Venne won the NDP nomination for the Yellowhead riding.

Cardinal won the nomination for the PC candidacy for the riding of Athabasca/Lac La Biche.

Littlechild captured the nomination for the PC riding of Wetaskiwin.

Metis memberships revoked

Edson Local 44 president Sharron Johnstone and three of her members had their memberships taken away when they went into the Metis Association of Alberta's head office to look at the financial records.

President of the association Larry Desmeules said: "We didn't go about this lightly...we've been talking about this since January. They're trying to disrupt this organization as much as they can and we're just not allowing it."

Art contest winners announced

Cree artist George Littlechild was this year's \$5,000 scholarship winner of the annual Asum Mena

art competition. Second prize winner was Lauren Wuttunee while Bruce Omeasoo won third. Rocky Barstad won the three-dimensional category.

Past winners included: Jane Ash Poitras, Roy Salopree, Kim McLain and Faye Heavyshields.

Erasmus re-elected grand chief

Georges Erasmus was re-elected grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations at the annual assembly held in Edmonton. The former president of the Dene Nation won a clear majority — 60 per cent — 235 out of 391 votes cast.

Alberta candidate Leroy Littlebear of the Blood tribe got 96 votes and Steven Point from Chilliwack, B.C. got 60 votes.



Grand chief: Erasmus

AFN chief warns of violence

Grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Georges Erasmus, issued a warning that Aboriginal people may take violent action if Canada does not begin to take Native issues more seriously.

"We want you to know that you are playing with fire," he told about 700 AFN observers and delegates at the annual assembly in Edmonton.

Mohawks block road in protest

Mohawks near Montreal



At courthouse: Tallman Sr. and Blackwater

blockaded a main road through their reserve to protest a raid by 200 armed RCMP officers who arrested 17 band members and seized \$450,000 of cigarettes they say are being sold illegally.

The following day the road block was lifted after negotiations between Chief Joe Norton and government officials opened in Ottawa.

Getty wants inquiry into Blood deaths

Premier Don Getty announced a full scale public inquiry into deaths on the Blood reserve after a two hour meeting with Blood Chief Roy Fox.

Fox, and other Blood council members charged that recent murders were all racially motivated and that the local RCMP had not done enough to investigate the deaths.

Getty said the inquiry was not a criticism of the local police saying he had the "utmost confidence" in the RCMP.

Fox was happy with Getty's decision, saying "It's going to mean that we have some avenue to use in bringing forth their (band members) concerns."

Natives sign deal with Syncrude

A five-year agreement intended to improve oppor-

tunities for Native people in the Fort McMurray area was signed by the Athabasca Native Development Corporation, the federal and provincial governments, and Syncrude.

Other goals of the agreement include the development of local Native businesses and enhancing oil field education and training among Native people.

Frog Lake opens halfway house

Frog Lake opened the Puskeyakewin Halfway House June 9.

Some of the services offered include lifeskills counselling, AA meetings and Native spirituality. The centre also has facilities for wives and husbands to stay so both can be counselled.

"It must be welcoming — a home away from home," said Raymond Quinney, director of the halfway house.

JULY

East Prairie welcome elk

East Prairie Metis settlement took delivery of 17 yearling elk to complete plans to begin an elk ranch. But the Alberta Fish and

Wildlife Association expressed concern that the ranch might provoke more poaching by making people more willing to accept seeing wildlife behind fences and not in the wild.

However, the settlement members felt the ranch would boost the economy of the 425 member community.

Tallman murder trial continues

Alleged murderers Darcy Lee Watmough, 20, and Albert David Morin, 24, were to stand trial in the first degree murder of Blood Indian Bernard Tall Man Jr. decided Judge Ron Jacobson.

In the wake of the decision Chief Roy Fox pushed for the public inquiry into deaths of Blood members over the last couple of years.

Alberta Friendship centres hold annual meeting

The Alberta friendship centres held their annual general meeting in High Level and honoured Chief Harry Chonkolay for 50 years as the chief of Dene Tha' band.

Calgary's George Mallet was elected president of the association by beating out Ruth Kidder of Peace River and Henry Bedard of Edmonton.

Summer flood wipes out Dene Tha' assembly

Heavy summer rains caused the cancellation of the general assembly for the Dene Tha' band which saw 41 families from this northern community evacuated from their houses.

Flood damage was kept to a minimum and there were no reported injuries or accidents related

to the rains.

Resolution 18 introduced to legislature

Solicitor-General Ken Rostad introduced two bills and filed a resolution which would have a dramatic impact on the status of 1.28 million acres of Metis settlement lands in Alberta.

Metis Federation of Settlements president Randy Hardy indicated that he was pleased with the agreement which would guarantee protection of the settlement land.

Taxation powers clarified

A change to the Indian Act received royal assent giving bands clearer taxation powers. The proposed changes to the bill commonly known as the Kamloops Amendment would give bands with leases a tax base.



Floods: Northern road

IAA president resigns after meeting

Indian Association of Alberta president Gregg Smith resigned after an extra-special resolution which would have seen major structural changes in the IAA defeated at their annual general meeting in Fort Vermilion.

Smith then ran and won the vice-president's posi-

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tion for Treaty 7 in southern Alberta.

Metis assembly sees sparks fly

The 60th annual general meeting of the Metis Association of Alberta was marred by shouting and heated debate as emotions boiled over as some of the more controversial reports were introduced.

Much of the heated debate was centered around a report on Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc. which saw former chairman of the board Phil Lane question a report given by chief executive officer Jan Willey.

New president elected to lead IAA

The Indian Association of Alberta saw Samson band member Roy Louis beat out Wilf McDougall and Clifford Freeman for the president's position at IAA's annual general meeting in Fort Vermilion.

Louis said the focus of his term would be to restructure and bring about a new credibility to the organization.

Metis youth protests MAA actions

Edson Metis resident Darren Bradshaw marched 200 kms to Edmonton to protest the Metis Association of Alberta's removal of membership to seven people from Zone 4.

He was also accompanied by 50 people who were concerned about how the MAA was being run.

Cree Airways gets legal break

Small claims provincial court released assets and bank accounts of Cree Airways which had been



IAA president: Louis

frozen since October 1987 and company officials hoped to get the company back on its feet financially.

Apeetogosan funds withheld

The Native Economic Development Program withheld about \$1 million in funds from the Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc. because of concerns that the Metis Association of Alberta was too closely tied the money lending organization.

Questions about the alleged conflict were raised at the MAA's annual assembly in Lac La Biche by former chairman of the board for Apeetogosan Phil Lane when he questioned Gordon Watson, who was at that time, the chairman of the board.

Michel Callihoo band elects chief and council

Descendants of a band who were legislated out of existence elected two chiefs and a council to begin a fight to regain recognition and reserve rights.

Robert Callihoo and Gilbert Anderson were elected to the position of chief for the Michel

Callihoo band when they tied for the position and they decided to share the position instead of re-voting.

Charges of assault laid against chief

Blood chief Roy Fox was charged with allegedly assaulting a police officer after the vehicle he was a passenger in was pulled over for a routine check on the highway just north of Stand Off.

AUGUST

Lubicon band members take part in blockade

Lubicon band member Terry Laboucan and band advisor Fred Lennarson took part in a blockade of a highway to show support for the Algonquin Indians of northern Quebec who were opposing hydro-electric development on traditional lands.

Chief Ominayak then announced plans to blockade roads leading into Lubicon band's traditional territories.

Sacred bundle returned home

Blood band member Dennis First Rider and seven other runners were presented a sacred bundle from the national museum in Ottawa which was being returned to the Blood band.

The sacred pouch was originally given to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in 1980 and was stored at the museum for safekeeping. First Rider wanted to focus attention on Native issues and believed that the bundle should be returned to

its home.

Native Women's group gets house in order

Newly-elected president of the Alberta Native Women's Association Carrie Cotton announced that efforts to sort out finances had been successful and an audit would be released.

Reports would be issued and all of the outstanding debts cleared before the group could receive any further funding.

Economic development to help reduce Fort Chip unemployed

A granite quarry which was opened in Fort Chipewyan on Cree band lands is expected to provide employment to the Natives living in the area.

The Alberta government



Hunger striker: Parry

promised they would buy 10,000 cubic feet of granite each year for the next three years.

Hunger striker continues protest

Linguist-researcher Buff Parry started a hunger strike until Premier Don Getty imposed a moratorium on the Oldman River Dam construction.

The fast started on Aug. 9 after Peigan elder Joe

Crowshoe hosted a sweat with Parry who opposed any sort of a dam on the river.

McKnight responds to Lubicon threats

Indian Affairs minister Bill McKnight responded to Lubicon band's threats to block roads by writing the band and proposing to settle out-of-court on the band's land claim.

Chief Bernard Ominayak responded by saying that Ottawa's position had not changed and its conditions were still unacceptable.

Public to decide fate of sick bison

The fate of 4,500 diseased bison in Wood Buffalo National Park would be left up to the public to decide what to do with them said a report outlining the options from the

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officials of the park.

The herd suffer from tuberculosis and brucellosis and officials feared that the diseases could be passed on to domestic animals. One of the more severe options would be to destroy the entire herd of animals.

'Death rule' amendment passed by Native groups

Indian assent was provided to pass an amendment to the Indian Act to eliminate potential loss of entitlement due to the death of applicants' parents.

The Assembly of First Nations, Native Council of

Canada and Native Women's Association of Canada jointly reviewed and approved an advance copy of the legislation paving the way to eliminate the contentious loophole.

SEPTEMBER

Thunder run to New York begins

Jim Thunder left Edmonton amid controversy to get back Big Bear's bundle from a New York City Museum.

An attempt to block Thunder's run came from a Montana family claiming to direct descendants of Big Bear. However, Thunder disregarded the

claims and left on his eight month journey.

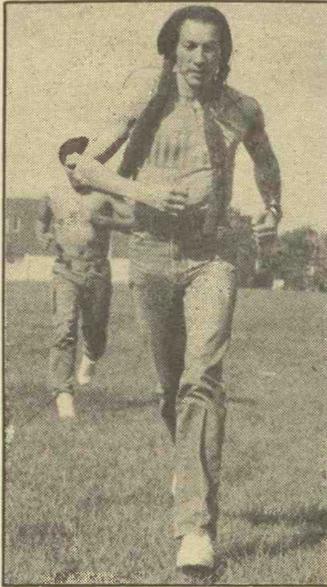
MAA membership dispute drags on

Three of eight members who had their memberships removed from the MAA have been reinstated but two continue to appeal revocation through the court system.

Sharon Johnstone-Martel and Dan Martel decided to press their court action and not go through the regular channels of the MAA which would have seen their applications go through an Elders Senate appointed to deal with such matters.

Chief pleads not guilty in assault case

Chief Roy Fox of the Blood band pleaded not



Bundle run: Thunder

guilty to charges of assaulting a police officer. Fox was charged after a vehicle was riding in was pulled over on a routine check just north of Stand Off.

Former chief says protect our environment

Former chief of Fort McKay Dorothy

MacDonald told a packed hall in Athabasca that the government is not concerned about the environment and will side industrial interests over environmental concerns.

She told the people, "We could eat dioxin, as far as they are concerned."

Apetogosan fires two executives

Apetogosan (Metis) Development Inc. released two top executives for the money lending company. Chief executive officer Jan Willey and manager of business development Steve Crocker were both let go from their duties by the board of directors.

Thunder run needs money

Jim Thunder's run to New York experiences financial difficulties as he nears Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. But he says



New man: Rostad

he will continue the run despite being criticized and running low on funds.

Ken Rostad given Native portfolio

Premier Don Getty placed Ken Rostad in charge of Native Services which is a division of the Municipal Affairs department. Native leaders around the province felt that the appointment was a good one.

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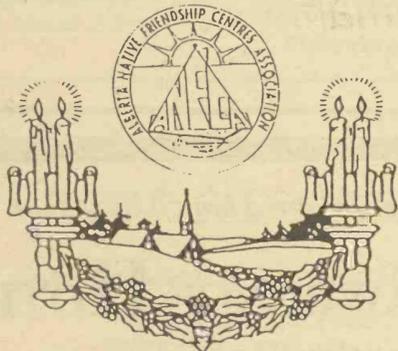
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Women's organization broke

The new president of the Alberta Native Women's Association admits the organization is broke and needs the funds which would see the doors kept open to its offices in Edmonton.

Because of past problems in reporting expenditures and keeping track of money the province was reluctant to fund the organization any further. President Carrie Cotton couldn't find former president Donna Weaselchild to retrieve Bill C-31 files report the expenditures for the project.

Former CEO launches lawsuit

The former president and chief executive officer of Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Inc. Jan Willey seeks \$55,850 for what he claims is wrongful dismissal.

Willey claims his firing by the company on Aug. 31 was a breach of the terms of his employment agreement and was done without giving him proper notice.

Election block fails

An attempt by former Metis Association of Alberta vice-president Dan Martel to block an election to fill the vacant vice-president's position was defeated in the Court of Queen's bench in Edmonton.

But the judge ruled that Martel was free to pursue re-instatement through the courts of his former position with the MAA.

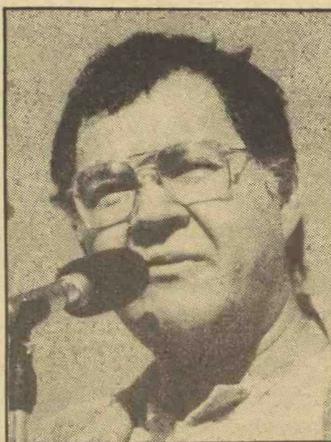
Election dispute settled

An election appeal committee has ruled a disputed Fort Chip Cree band election is valid and will stand.

The Sept. 9 election of Matthew Lepine was disputed by some members of the band who believed newly adopted custom election regulations were not followed correctly.

Blackfoot reclaim Banff park land

More than 100 Blackfoot Indians gathered at the foot of Castle Mountain in Banff National Park to symbolically reclaim about 68 square kms of reserve land they says was handed over to them in the signing of Treaty 7 in 1877.



Winner: Blyan

Zone 4 election results tallied

Joe Blyan and Thelma Chalifoux both won positions in a by-election to fill both vice-president and board director's positions for Zone 4 of the Metis Association of Alberta.

CNFC closes doors

The Canadian Native Friendship Centre of Edmonton was forced to close its doors after it failed to meet the deadline to upgrade its fire safety standards. A new building to house all of the centre's programs had not yet been found at that time.

OCTOBER

Lubicons announce "nation"

The northern Alberta Lubicon Lake Cree band announced they will defy Canadian laws and establish their own laws.

In an a high profile move, band lawyer James O'Reilly announced a new Indian nation — with its own laws and courts — will set up road blocks on their ancestral lands. Representatives of the band walked out of a Calgary court shortly after. O'Reilly noted that the band was "tired" of attempting to have the courts assist them in their 49-year-old land claim.



Ousted: Bruyere

Smokey Bruyere ousted as NCC president

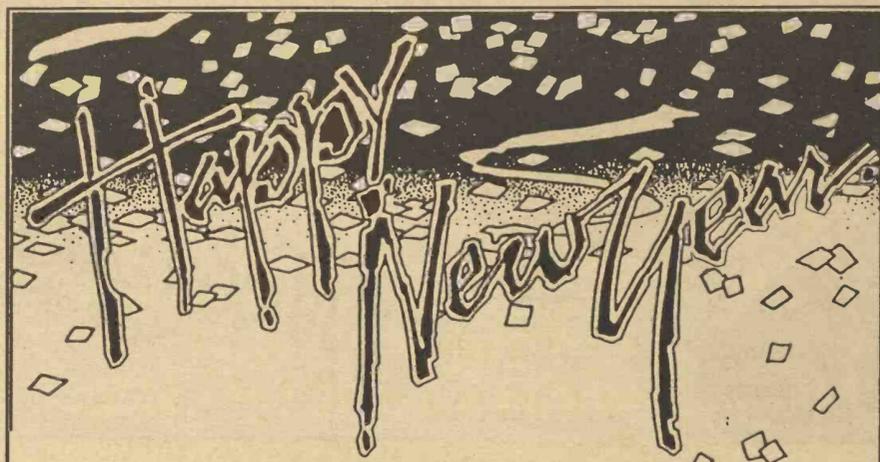
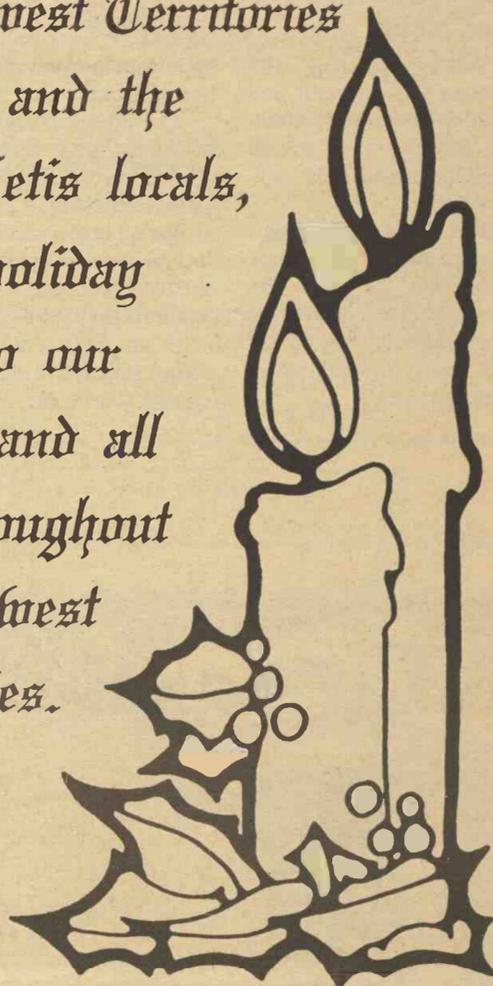
Nine-year president Louis "Smokey" Bruyere was asked to give up his position as president of the Native Council of Canada (NCC).

The council represents non-status Indians, those who regained Indian status through the Bill C-31 amendments to the federal Indian Act and some Metis. Bruyere, in a Hull,

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LOOKING BACK '88

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Quebec meeting was asked to resign over the NCC's \$160,000 deficit.

Lubicons set up road block

Talks between the Alberta Government and the Lubicons broke down and the tiny band set up roadblocks and their new Cree nation.

The Crees are assisted by supporters and groups from around the world. The well-publicized move also came under intense coverage from international media groups.

Ominiyak and Getty make agreement

In an October 22 meeting between Lubicon chief Bernard Ominiyak and Premier Don Getty an agreement was reached as to how much land the band would receive.

Oct. 20 saw the arrest of 27 supporters, including their lawyer. They were jailed and charged for participating in the road block.

The premier agreed that the band will receive 2,205 square kilometers of land with an additional 41.5 square kilometers to be discussed. The band claimed

they have 477 members, however, Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight in news conference made it clear that only those who the federal government feels are "status" Indians will receive benefits.

Louis' letter angers chiefs

At an Enoch all-chiefs conference the Indian Association of Alberta president Roy Louis of Hobbema was criticized for sending a letter to Don Getty concerning a settlement on the Lubicon claim.

He proposed a committee consisting of Prime

Minister Brian Mulroney, Don Getty, Bernard Ominiyak and himself. The purpose of the committee would be "to bring to light the facts of the Lubicon land claim." He also asked that a study of up to three months in duration be carried.

Assembly of First Nations Vice-Chief for Alberta Lawrence Courtoreille stated that Louis should have consulted with the chiefs before proceeding with the letter. A number of the chiefs felt the letter could hinder settlement of the case.

The chiefs also condemned the handling of the

blockade by the RCMP who used "excessive force" to quell the protesters. Some 200 heavily armed officers, some with sub-machine guns, swooped down on the blockade.

NOVEMBER

Chiefs support students over Indian Affairs funding

Indian chiefs meeting on the Stoney Plain (Enoch) reserve just outside of Edmonton agreed to support post-secondary Indian students in their protest against the Department of Indian Affairs' plan to reduce funding.

The protest involves the much talked about E-12 circular distributed by the department as part of their plan to cap annual education funding. Under the plan university student will now be required to complete their degrees in four years. Also, all applicants for funding will be put on a priority list and chosen from there, possibly closing the door to some aspiring students.

Cree Airways in jeopardy

President Dave Calahasen of the recently downed Cree Airways Ltd. stated that the small Cree company only has until the end of November to get an operating license.

Calahasen has been unsuccessful in his bid to secure funding from two

funding institutions — the Native Economic Development Program and the Apeetogosan (Metis) Development Corporation. The small airway requires an additional \$450,000 before it receives a promised \$250,000 from Alberta's Economic Development Minister Larry Shaben.

Windspeaker's "People on the Edge" issue

In a special insert Windspeaker made a report on "straight talk about



It's a deal: Ominiyak and Getty

addiction" to alcohol and drugs.

"The point of the needle, or "rig" as it's called on the street, pierces her dark calloused skin. It's a "hit!" Dark red blood shoots into the "T and R" solution in the syringe." So read the centrespread for this year's special report.

The story, which featured an interview with two Talwin and Ritalin intravenous drug users on

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LOOKING BACK '88

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Edmonton's skid road, was one of many that told of life before, during and after drug and alcohol addiction.

Louis' free trade ad gets flack

Indian Association of Alberta president Roy Louis of Hobbema came under scrutiny for publicly supporting the free trade movement of the Progressive Conservative Party during the federal election campaign.

He says he didn't necessarily do it on behalf of the association. However Assembly of First Nations Vice-Chief for Alberta Lawrence Courtoreille stated that he doesn't want the Alberta people to mistakenly think that all Alberta Indians support free trade.

Howse passes away

The Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements' vice president passed away at age of 65.

The elder who has served the Metis of Alberta for more than 20 years passed away at his home on the Kikino Metis Settlement.

He was replaced by Harry Supernault of the East Prairie Metis Settlement.

Huge Native Education Conference held in Edmonton

A 1,600 delegate conference called "Our People, Our struggles, Our Spirit," was held in Alberta's capital to discuss the different aspects of Native education.

Alberta's new minister of education, Jim Dinning, made one of first addresses to Native people praising the Native Education Project.

A number of groups presented their feelings on Native education or explained what they are doing improve education. Judy Daniel's explained Nova Corp of Calgary's Native Education Advocacy Project which travelled to some 66 communities and visited some 2,000 students in Alberta schools.

Littlechild first treaty to win federal set

Wilton Littlechild of the Erminskin Band near Hobbema won the federal election for the Wetaskiwin seat in central Alberta.

Littlechild, an accomplished lawyer and athlete, is the first treaty Indian to sit in Ottawa's House of



First MP: Littlechild

Parliament.

Littlechild represented the Progressive Conservative party whose main promise was the carrying out of free trade between Canada and the United States of America.

DECEMBER

BC "warriors" instructed to arrest police

Rudy Haugeneder reported that Indian fighters from northern British Columbia were "instructed to by hereditary chiefs to arrest police the next time they invade Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en land. The Tribal lands are located approximately 450 kilometers northwest of Prince George.

At a Kamloops meeting the hereditary chiefs also pressed other bands to set up special peacekeeping units that could be sent into Indian lands under attack.

Don Ryan, president of the tribe said it is the "type of direct action needed to establish Indian authority on Indian land." The peacekeepers would be specially trained in Indian language and customs.

Charges dropped, talks resume

Charges were dropped against 22 Lubicon members and supporters. Talks which broke down between Ottawa and the band were resumed.

Attorney-General Ken Rostad, who has the power to drop civil charges, refused to do so until Chief Ominayak discussed the matter with Premier Getty.

MAA books inspected

After two unsuccessful attempts the general ledger and cheque registry of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) were examined by two Calgary local presidents.

Jim White and Ella Baron viewed financial transactions made by the MAA over the prior 15 months.

The associations books had caused controversy over the year. Allegations of misappropriation were

leveled at association by Edson's Sharron Johnstone-Martel and husband Dan Martel who's memberships were cancelled.

President Desmeules maintained that the books are always open to members as long as they follow procedure set out in the associations bylaws.

Michel Callihoo case gaining momentum in media

Thirty years after the Michel-Callihoo's gave up their lands which sprawled along the Sturgeon River, descendants are now gaining momentum in their claim for compensation.

The Iroquois reserve was once located on the southern shore of the river located just to the northwest of Edmonton.

The band is presently planning strategy and holding meeting as to how they will press their case.

Whitefish settles land claim

The small Cree band at Atikameg, near High Prairie, Alta., has settled for \$19 million and 8.6 square miles of land in low-key negotiations.

Chief Ed Tallman plans to have a band referendum in January too finalize the deal. The agreement does not include self-government or aboriginal rights.



Ballet maker: Kim Bell

Kim Bell ballet breaks barriers

In the Land of the Spirits, a ballet based on Ojibwa folklore, premiered in Ottawa to "large and appreciative crowds." The spectacle is part of a string of accomplishments by Mohawk symphony conductor John Kim Bell.

Originally from the Six Nations Iroquois tribe in Ontario Kim Bell is the founder of the Canadian Native Arts Foundation.

The ballet employed Native talent from across the continent and was choreographed by Kim Bell.

"A national Canadian tour will take place right after Christmas of next year in 1990," says Kim Bell.

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Take a break at the Rockies

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DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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

And, for those of you wondering what on earth could all those garbled words represent? It says, 'Happy New Year! What are you waiting for? Now, if I were to translate those Chipewyan words 'exactly' into English, it says, 'This is a day to kiss, what are you sitting there for?' Totally different context don't you think? Now, we are supposed to communicate?

Since we're speaking Chip 'n all how 'bout another joke? I know, ... they're sick ... but ...

Question: What do you call Chipewyan babies?

Answer: Micro Chips.

So, what's your new year's resolution? You gonna stick to it? Good luck! Write to me, tell me about it. The readership might also enjoy hearing them. Hey, it would be fun! Send them in along with a photo (if possible).

Now let's, 'take a 1989 Alberta break' ...

Jasper National Park: Jasper's Annual Community Winter Festival will be held Jan. 21-29 in conjunction with Marmot Basin's 25th anniversary celebration.

Canada's largest mountain park is offering visitors a soothing and stimulating winter vacation with it's stunning panoramic view and lots of ski trails and runs for all abilities and levels.

For something unusual and fun try a rare experience of canyon crawling. This involves scrambles into the frozen labyrinths of Maligne canyon which is not overly strenuous and nearly everyone - including seniors - will find the trip well within their abilities. Jasper Park's

licensed and experienced guide Ben Gadd will take you down onto the canyon floor which winds through high limestone walls coloured blue-white with frozen waterfalls.

Jasper's lakes make great skating rinks. Pyramid Lake is especially popular.

Skating is also available outdoors at Jasper Park Lodge and indoors at the Jasper Activity Centre.

Ice-fishing anyone? Talbot Lake, as well as the other local rivers and streams, boasts 'excellent fishing' locations.

Test your skills at snow sculpting or compete in a snowshoe or a toboggan race during the annual winter festival.

Catch sight of some wildlife in their natural surroundings. Along the Icefields Parkway, you can often see wolves, elk, caribou and bighorn sheep. Moose frequent the area west of the Jasper townsite and along the Yellowhead highway eastward, look for mule deer.

Den Wildlife Display exhibits over 100 specimens of Canadian wildlife in their natural settings at the Whistlers Motor Hotel in town.

Nightlife entertainment features fine dining and dancing at any one of Jasper's restaurants to enjoy everything from hot-dogs to escargot (snails ... mmm ... yuk), from pizza to souvlaki (Greek), from seafood to deli-sandwiches and from steak to sushi (Japanese). Or, take in a movie at the Chaba theatre for current and classic films.

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SPORTS REVIEW '88

No wonder why this Olympic year has gone by so fast. I've just looked at the last 52 issues of Windspeaker and boy, has it ever been a busy year in Indian sports country.

Hockey was especially memorable.

Of course, 1988 will be remembered as the year we lost Gretzky. But I have a feeling it wasn't such a big deal in Indian country. A Tallcree Toro hockey player, **Rupert Meneen**, said: "I'm not a Gretzky or Oiler fan...I'm a Montreal Canadian fan." Fort McKay hockey coach **Mel Grandjamb** said: "Doesn't matter to me, just as long as the Fort McKay Braves do better this year."

About this time last year, the **Paul Band Black Hawks** hockey club went on a 14-day road trip in Japan. Coach **Alex Belcourt** said: "It's a culture shock. There's so many distractions to take you away from the game...the food, the scenery...people — everything is so different."

The **Hobbema Hawks**, of the Alberta Junior Hockey League, surprised fans by finishing strong in the league playoffs in April. Leaving the club because of age rules, were veterans **Randy Wong**, **Lloyd Cox**, **Todd Granley** and scoring sensations **Brian Bearskin** and **Marty Yewchuk**.

Also in April, five Alberta teams entered a 22-team hockey tourney at North Battleford. The **Goodfish Flames** came second on the 'B' side while **Saddle Lake's**

J.D. Blues earned third on the 'A' side.

In the senior 'C' provincials, the **Enoch Tomahawks** held off the **Goodfish Flames** to win 12-10 in March.

In Saddle Lake, tyke mania sweeps the reserve. Coach **Victor Houle** gets an award from the parents for coaching the tykes. The youngsters, a roster of 37, went through the whole season without defeat. They even played a game against their mothers.

In golf news, **Leo Sasakamoose** was hot. The man won the Sarcee Classic, the Bob Kootenay Memorial, plus the NIAA championships at Ponoka's Wolfe Creek course. This was the first time the championships were held in Canada. Sasakamoose said of the course: "I sure tamed the sucker, didn't I."

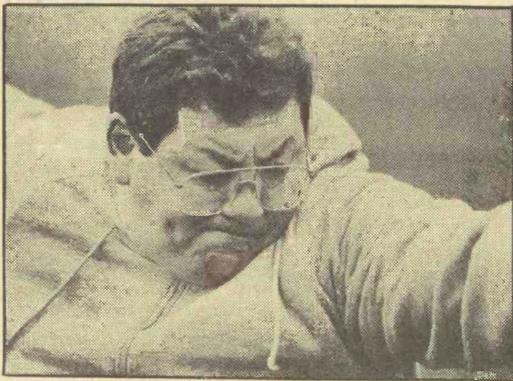
The Louis Bull band hosted the mid-winter golf tune-up in March. Nearly 80 golfers went to Victoria, B.C. When they returned, it two-time winner **Dan Henry** as top golfer. **Wanda Baptiste** won the ladies' while **Bob McGrath** won the open.

At the curling provincials, five of the six gold were won by Hobbema people. Winnings skips were **Dale Spence**, **Allan** and **John Nepoose**, **Cliff Potts**, **Pauline Wolfe**, **Georgie Nepoose** and **Kikino's Evelyn Chalifoux**.

In Native volleyball, the big story was a new kid on the block, a ladies' team called the **Saratoga Spirits**. The Spirits, led by **Darla Ferguson's** spiking power, defeated the new Strikers to win the Native provincials at Hobbema in Jan. 16, 1988. The Spirits then went on to win the Canada West tourney in April. They won the event without loss, beating Alberta and Saskatchewan teams.

It seemed that the team to beat in men's volleyball were the **Edmonton Strikers**. But when it came to the big events, the Strikers fell short of victory. At the provincials, they lost to the **Bounty Hunters**, a small but spunky team from Frog Lake. At the Canada West, the Strikers lost to the **Lac La Biche Mad Dogs**.

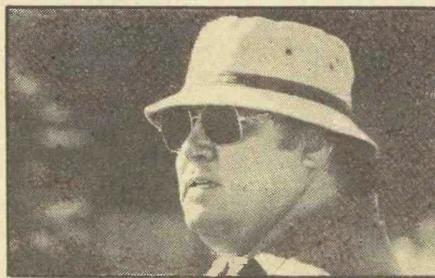
Another sports sensation in '88



Olympian medal winner: *Belanger*



Houle winners: *Munson and Stanley*



Golfing powerhouse: *Sasakamoose*

were the **Samson Cree Nation Boxing Club**. Led by coach **Jim Gilio**, the club won an astounding number of victories considering they were a brand new club. At the first annual Western Canadian Indian Boxing Championships at Hobbema in May, the Samson club won 11 out of 12 fights.

At the Indian Rodeo Classic at Hobbema in August, **Sam Bird** won the all-around cowboy award.

Benjy Buffalo and **Kenny Louis** went to Australia to compete in their rodeo circuit.

And, for the first time at the Indian National Finals Rodeo at Albuquerque, N.M., no Canadians finished in the standings.

At the annual Friends in Sports track and field games, **Deanna Munson** won five gold. The event was held at Lac La Biche. Comments about the games were favourable, except some events had to be cancelled due to rain.

This year Native people could boast three Olympians.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By *Kim McLain*

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

One was making his second go 'round — **Alwyn Morris**, a Montreal Mohawk failed to qualify in the kayak event this time. Last time, in Los Angeles Olympics 1984, he won a gold.

Comeback story of the year was ski jump **Steve Collins**. At 16, he competed in the 1976 Montreal

Olympics. Things were flying high until he ran into some problems with booze. But he overcame the booze problems and soared to new heights. He earned a spot back on Team Canada and was our country's highest finisher at the Calgary Olympics.

During the Calgary Olympics, WIN-Sports hosted a youth conference. Over 60 Native youth from across Canada were encouraged to set goals by speakers like **Alwyn Morris**, **Margo Kane** and **John Kim Bell**.

Our last Olympian was **John Belanger**. He competed in the Paralympic Games and won two silvers and a bronze in field throwing events.

Whadda year! So much more has happened, but here, very shortly, are a few more highlights from 1988:

Onion Lake celebrated their 90th Canada celebrations.

Cross-country skiers **Sharon** and **Shirley Firth** received the Order of Canada. Both are Inuvik from the Loucheux band in N.W.T.

Edmonton's **Gordon Russel**, in the same year, was entered into the Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame and lost his job at the Canadian Native Friendship Centre.

In May, a group of Fort Chip cross-country runners entered Spokane's Bloomsday 12km Run, the world's largest timed race.

Between marathon runners **Allan Beaver** and **Darrell McKay**, they ran hundreds of miles in Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Windsor and Toronto. Both hope to run the Boston Marathon some day.

Last Laugh: A couple of guys were hunting out in the bush when they saw their first hang glider flying overhead. One of them grabbed his rifle and shot at it.

"What the heck kind of bird was that?" asked his partner. "I dunno," said the first, "but I sure made him drop that man he was carryin' to his nest."



NIAA champs: *McKay*

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