#### QUOTABLE QUOTE

'When I first became involved with the Cree language around 1968, I was teachinhg in the public schools but they would only allow a half an hour a day. The little Native kids wanted to stay longer in the classroom but they wouldn't allow them to. I used to say, some day I'm going to have my own school and my own classroom and it's evolved into what you see today.' -Dr. Anne Anderson (please see page 7)



#### PINCHER CREEK

Second annual Cross Cultural Conference is a huge success. Held at Pincher Creek, Alberta, the Peigan Nation and non-Natives joined together in workshops, and other activities to 'bridge the gap'—please see pages 8 & 9

#### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Principal Jody Janzen's time is running out. Her fight to keep her private school open has gained no success with Indian Affairs, who say private schools are not their businessplease see page 3.

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# Native community loses talented, well known singer/songwriter

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

#### SANDY BAY, MANITOBA

Native people across the country are mourning the loss of well known country singer and recording artist, Shannon Two Feathers, who passed away suddenly from a heart attack in Edmonton, January 6. He was 52.

A Saulteaux from Sandy Bay, Manitoba, Two Feathers' career spanned over 30 years in the music business where he made a name for himself as a talented songwriter and singer. He also gained recognition as a painter and actor.

Film producer and director Wil Campbell remembers Two Feathers well.

"I sort of watched Shannon develop his career over the years. He grew up poor but turned out to be one heck of an artist. He was a fantastic artist," said Campbell, adding that Two Feathers inspired him in many

ways.
"He was a role model in terms of being creative. There was nothing he didn't try to do-

singing, acting, painting."
Two Feathers climbed to the top of the country charts in the 60s' with a song called The Prisoner after landing a recording contract with one of the bigger labels in the music business, RCA Records.

In an interview with Windspeaker two years ago, he credited country music greats, Chet Atkins and Johnny Cash for much of his success. He said it was Atkins who believed in him the most.

Following his first record hit, Two Feathers recorded another song, Sweet Gypsy Hair. It fared as well as The Prisoner. Not long



Shannon Two Feathers—1939 - 1992

after, he became recognized as an established singer/song-

Since those earlier days—a time Two Feathers referred to as "the golden days of summer", he made seven albums and his paintings hang on the walls of Native organizations and other

was working on his eighth al- cle Strong.' bum at his untimely death.

to do art work for the Meewasin Valley Authority Artifact Centre in northern Saskatchewan. In Alberta, he composed the theme song for National Drug and Alcohol Addictions Awareagencies across the country. He ness Week, called 'Keep the Cir-

Two Feathers was well Last year he was contracted known as a singer across the country, especially in the music and Native circles.

"He had a great voice and he was an excellent songwriter," said Winston Wuttunee, another

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# Supreme Court ruling favors **Oldman River Dam activists**

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

#### **EDMONTON**

In a decision likely to affect environmentally sensitive projects across the country, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Ottawa can conduct an environmental review of the Oldman dam.

And environmentalist and

Native groups heralded the landmark decision against the \$350-million project in southern Alberta as a major victory.

"This is like a vindication saying we are fighting a just cause," said Milton Born With A Tooth, who led Peigan Lonefighters in a standoff against the dam two years ago. "The provincial government has been told they're breaking the law twice now—once by the federal court and once by the Su-

preme Court."

"We're ecstatic to put it in a word," said Cliff Wallis of the Friends of the Oldman Society. "The decision is almost entirely in our favor."

In a 120-page decision, the Supreme Court stated Ottawa has a right and a duty to conduct wide-ranging reviews of provincial projects that intrude on areas of federal responsibility.

The decision almost completely rejects the Alberta gov-

ernment's argument that Ottawa should not interfere in provincial projects. Provincial leaders now warn the decision could deter future investment in the province.

But while the court handed environmentalists a powerful weapon, how far the decision goes in blocking controversial projects will depend on each

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# Supreme Court embraced Native view

The Supreme Court of Canada's ruling on the Oldman River dam should be applauded for taking broad definition of the environment but it could have gone farther in recognizing aboriginal rights, two Native activ-

"This whole thing hasn't considered culture," said Peigan Lonefighter leader Milton Born With A Tooth. "It hasn't considered the sensitivity to the connection between the life and the water and all the things that surround it."

Nor does the landmark ruling support Ottawa's fiduciary responsibility to Native people for environmental damage, said

Doris Ronnenberg, head of the Native Council of Canada's Alberta wing.

Native view of the environment," Ronnenberg said at a press conference after the ruling was handed down.

"I would have liked to have had a clear statement the government has a fiduciary responsibility in the area of the environment and Native people."

In its ruling, which clears a path for Ottawa to conduct reviews of provincial projects, the Supreme Court said reviews should consider the "physical, economic and social environment."

It did not, however, order the federal government to consider

compensation for Native bands for development projects affect-"The court has embraced our rights." ing traditional areas or treaty

But Born With A Tooth and Ronnenberg both said the decision gives more power to people fighting environmental concerns.

Born With A Tooth said he is using the decision to support a court order he is seeking to prevent the dam's reservoir from being filled next year.

Ronnenberg called the ruling a "tool for the future."

"The province has resisted in the past and will now have to work with the federal government, whether it likes it or not," she said.

## Court favors Oldman dam

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case, said John Gil, a lawyer with Native Council of Canada's Alberta wing.

Ottawa will only become involved in environmental reviews if the proposed projects require permits from federal departments, like fisheries or

transportation. Even then, a given project can proceed largely along provincial plans if federal permits are not crucial.

And the reviews will only produce recommendations to aid a federal department in deciding whether or not to issue a

"The guidelines have their weaknesses. They always end up as recommendations," Gil said. "We have to have faith in government and that the responsible minister will act on the recommendations."

Oldman dam opponents, however, believe the current project review could produce recommendations strong enough to stop the dam or severely modify the plans.

"We're hoping the panel will recommend the dam be torn down or operated in a way that won't affect the river," Wallis said. "Given the microscope on this project, the federal government will have to accept the recommendations of this study."

Wallis said the dam requires permits from the federal fisheries and transport departments that, if withheld, could kill the project.

# Canada's first Native network begins broadcasting

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT.

To the sights and sounds of their own culture people living in the Yukon, northern Quebec and the Northwest Territories inaugurated Canada's first Native television network.

Television Northern Canada was launched with a three-hour gala featuring drummers, dancers, bands and regional celebrities beamed into 90 communities scattered across the top of the country.

"It was fabulous. It was beyond what anybody dreamed," said Catherine McQuarrie, a TVNC board member and director of western Arctic's Native Communications Society.

"If the government is as serious as it says it is about improv-

ing the lot of aboriginal communities, this is one way to do it."

The new network will feature about 12 hours of programming each day featuring shows ranging from northern public affairs to arts and sports specials. It will also carry broadcasts in the region's 10 Native languages as well as English.

But amid TVNC's festive debut are concerns about how the network will continue to pay for its programs.

TVNC received \$10-million from the federal government for equipment and satellite rental time in a four-year budget. By 1994, it will have to negotiate annually with Ottawa for maintenance costs.

McQuarrie said Ottawa provided no new money for programs and, while advertising and sponsorship will offset some costs, program funding remains a concern for network members.

Ray Fox, head of National

Aboriginal Communications Society and TVNC board member, said he has mix feelings about the network. He said it could affect government support for other communication societies with the budget restraint mood in Ottawa.

"As great as the system is, it doesn't do anything to strengthen Native communications (in the south.) It takes a very skinny dollar and tries to stretch it further."

In 1990 the federal government slashed Native communications spending, shutting down many newspapers and crippling radio stations. To date, the lost funding has never been restored and annual budgets have been whittled away by inflation.

McQuarrie said she hopes TVNC will show the need for Native communications in the rest of Canada and encourage Ottawa to restore support for other media groups.

"My feeling was we had to take this leap of faith...It highlights the need for all kinds of

TVNC is made up of 15 Native communication societies and government agencies including CBC's Northern Serv-

ice. Each organization contributes programming to the network that extends from the Yukon/Alaska border to the east coast of Labrador.

Network planners are now looking at ways to have their signal carried in the south.

# Lubicons face trial in the fall

PEACE RIVER, ALTA

The 13 Lubicon people charged after logging equipment was torched near disputed Lubicon land won some breathing room in their tangled legal battle.

In an unusual move, eight of the accused agreed to waive their right to a preliminary inquiry and proceed straight to trial that will likely start in the five other Lubicon facing charges are scheduled

In bypassing the preliminary inquiry, a pretrial hearing that determines whether there is enough evidence to take a case further, the accused bought time for a special appeal to move \$20,000 damage to the company equipment.

through the Alberta courts.

The appeal, which could break the case, argues the eight defendants should not be required to testify against each other in court. To do so, it claims, would violate their right to silence. Crown prosecutors have said they plan to have the defendants give evidence against each other.

Meanwhile, preliminary inquiries against the

to start April 21.

The charges stem from a nightime raid on a Buchanan Lumber logging camp on Lubiconclaimed land in November of 1990 that caused

Catholic Church.

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songwriter.

work with him. You know, in a lot of instances the messages are greater than the messenger, and Shannon was that way. He delivered great messages and never mentioned his personal battles. I always listened to his messages and the ideas he delivered in his songs," Wuttunee said, adding that Two Feathers was "a gifted artist and as great as any country singer."

On Two Feathers' album cuts well established performer and he always sang about real life experiences. In his album Sepa-"I had the opportunity to ration Blue, songs like The Dreams of Maggie Johnson, and Main Street Angel are about the times and people he knew while he was "knocking around the mend, country."

> "I always write songs about real life, about the downs and ups relating to my past," Two Feathers once told this reporter.

Two Feathers was born Fred Shannon Roulette at Gladstone,

# Native entertainer dies at 52

Manitoba on September 16, 1939. He was buried on his home reserve at Sandy Bay, January 20, at Our Lady of Guadalupe

"The door that swings shut also swings open, the wing that's been broken will

the skies so white there's room

Your spirit will soar again." From the song It's Hard To Leave by Shannon Two Feath-

He will be deeply missed.

# NATION IN BRIEF

#### Mohawks call off land claim talks

KANESATAKE, QUE: Mohawks at Kanesatake called off their land claim talks after a high ranking conservative MP told five homeowners at Oka their homes would not be part of any eventual settlement. Grand Chief Jerry Peltier was furious Monique Landry, minister of state for Indian Affairs, and said talks would not resume until he got a "satisfactory response" from Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon. Peltier said Landry should never have excluded a piece of land from negotiations or reported the details of the talks to the media.

Tribal council cleared of fraud accusation

MEADOW LAKE, SASK: Ottawa cleared the Meadow Lake Tribal Council of accusations of fraud brought forward by its partner in a failed business venture. Fortunato Pascois-Rivera, who fasted for more than 80 days to get a review of his case, said the band deliberately drove him out of business, forcing him to declare bankruptcy. Pascois-Rivera and the tribal council jointly owned a forestry consulting business. A government sponsored review by two accountants found no evidence of wrong-doing.

Sask. council learn about rights

A group from the Yorkton Tribal Council is studying new ways of handling treaty rights and self-government from the Maori First Nations in New Zealand. Chief Leonard Ketchemonia said the Maori's successes in education, economic development and treaty rights protection prompted the trip. "The New Zealand Maoris have come out with a better deal than we have in Canada," he said. Ketchemonia said the Maoris are 25 years ahead of Canadian Indians in areas like the development of treaty rights.

Inuit owed apology—human rights report

OTTAWA: A federal Human Rights Commission report says Ottawa should apologize for sending Inuit families from northern Quebec to the high arctic in the 1950s. But while the study's author said the government breached its "fiduciary duties," the report stopped short of recommending financial compensation. Daniel Soberman, a law professor, said the government should instead provide air fare for Inuit remaining in the North who want to visit family members that have returned to Quebec.

Old residential school torn down

SIKSIKA NATION, ALTA: The Siksika Nation tore down the St. Joseph's Residential School on its reserve after band members said the building reminded them of the abuse they endured there. "Call it mental abuse or severe discipline, but there are a lot of people who are happy it has been taken down," said Ron Many Hands, a former student who now works for the band. "Some wanted to keep it as part of our history, as a monument. But the majority didn't. It reminded them too much of what happened there."

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### News

# Native majority government must have equal say

By Jeff Morrow Windspeaker Contributor

The Native-majority government in the Northwest Territories should have an equal say in the development of the country, the director of the Arctic Institute of North America said during a recent federal constitutional hearing in Edmonton.

"The North is no longer to be considered just a bread basket of the South," Cynthia Hill said. "Simply put, all northerners want inclusion in all national decisions that affect them."

During her brief to the Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada, Hill said Canada's vast northern regions, population more than 60,000, are continually changing to reflect the growing population and the international interests it has attracted.

She said recent elections in

**EDMONTON** 

violence.

tives a leading role in the fed- of Canada to glean response to eral governing process. Aboriginals were elected to 18 of the 24 seats in the legislative assembly. Before then, Hill said, "Responsible government was a concept, not a reality."

The Calgary-based Arctic Institute of North America was founded in 1945 to assist in the development of Canada's northern regions in all areas including language, culture, traditional justice, science and land claim issues. Hill said the Arctic is now a thriving, contemporary community.

"When constitutional change is considered by the South, it must be done with full consideration of the North...We must not succumb to a process of constitutional change that does not take into account our northern history, northern aspirations and the need for northern involvement," she said.

The Senate-Commons Com-Yellowknife have given Na- mittee is on a whirlwind tour

Shake-up needed

to end violence

Ending violence against women in the Native community

requires a shake-up of the social system. But the first step is

having women come forward to speak about the violence,

says a Native adviser to a national panel on women and

"We have to re-educate the whole society, including aborigi-

nal leaders," said Winnie Giesbrecht, who advises Canadian

"But women have to come forward and break their silence.

It's like the old saying: The first woman to come forward and

Giesbrecht added that the problems faced by women in the

Native community are similar to problems elsewhere. They

are, however, magnified by the lack of services, legal help

According to an Ontario-based study, up to 80 per cent of

women on reserves in that province have been abused or

assaulted. An Alberta study last year showed the dire state of

on-reserve women's services and voiced the complaints of

women having trouble getting band councils and local schools

"One of the big things we have to do is create awareness.

The Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women is cur-

rently holding consultations with women and men in com-

munities across Canada. Next year they will hold public

hearings on recommendations they will submit to the federal

And there has to be a lot of education to reach our goal of zero-

Panel on Violence Against Women on Native issues.

and poverty levels on reserves and in remote areas.

to do community education on family violence.

tell the truth makes it easier for everyone."

the government's latest constitutional proposals.

During its one-day stop in Edmonton, the 31-member panel heard oral briefs by representatives of organizations and special interest groups concerned with Canada's future.

The following day, the federal panel met with leaders of

the government in the N.W.T. who announced they were already setting the foundation for Native self-government which would include the non-Native residents of the area.

"That's what we envisage," Stephen Kakfwi, minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs told the unity panel.

Hill, who lived in the Arctic region for 28 years and is a past Mayor of Inuvik, told Windspeaker that the government is beginning to recognize that Natives are a contributing factor in the development of Canada's north.

"They can't forget that this is a key part of the country,"she said.

# Private schools not the affair of Indian Affairs

- hopes diminish to keep school open

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEMA, ALTA.

A debt-ridden private school for Native dropouts won a twoweek reprieve from creditors demanding back rent who hope emergency funding from Ottawa can be arranged.

But with the new rent deadline approaching and hopes for a federal rescue fading, it appears the 54 students at the Usona Learning Centre near Hobbema will lose their school.

Negotiations between school head Jody Janzen and Indian Affairs have reached an apparent deadlock, each side accusing the other of making unreasonable demands.

"We can't be bailing out private schools. That is not our business," said Fred Joben, education director at Indian Affairs regional office in Edmonton. "The key issue for us is there are other facilities for these kids. They will not be out on the street (if the school closes.)"

Janzen returned fire saying Indian Affairs has an obligation to fund Native education under the treaties. She said the Learning Centre is succeeding with students who failed in the government-sponsored schools that would be their alternative.

"The reason I took this spot is because these kids are the result of the federal system," she said. "Indian Affairs is saying move the school back to the reserve and we'll give you what you need."



File Photo

If school closes its doors—where do students go?

in back rent and more than said. It would also force the band \$100,000 in salaries for its nine employees and other operating

Despite the desperate situation, Janzen rejected a compromise offer from Indian Affairs. It suggested moving the school 11 miles into a four-room facility on the Louis Bull reserve and putting it under band control. Indian Affairs would provide its normal funding for band schools if it was moved, Joben said.

But the reserve's facilities don't match the current sevenroom school house, which has a The school now owes \$25,000 gym and a play yard, Janzen the support of local parents.

to take on a responsibility it does not want at this time.

"The department is saying we're going to dictate where you can put up a facility...Stay on that hunk of land and we'll give you your rights."

Meanwhile, the Louis Bull band has thrown its support behind Janzen and the Learning Centre and asked Indian Affairs to keep the school open at least until the end of the school year. In a press statement band leaders said the school takes an "innovative" approach to the drop out problem and has

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government on ending violence against women.

Lakeland Inn **Grand Centre** 

tolerance," Giesbrecht said.

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 18, 1992

The Northern Alberta Development Council holds regular public meetings throughout Northern Alberta, giving everyone the opportunity to present briefs on matters of concern and general information.

The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, MLA for Grande Prairie.

Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at this meeting may contact Council member Saran Ahluwalia in Cold Lake at 639-3183 or 594-3183 or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274 for assistance.



# Prisoners upset with woman spiritual organizer

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

SASKATOON, SASK.

The woman who organizes a Native spirituality program at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre insults traditional religion and should be fired, some Native inmates say.

Petitions calling for the removal of Shirley Downs have been circulated in the 40-member spiritual circle. One of their leading concerns is whether Downs, a white woman, can attend to the spiritual needs of men under Cree tradition.

"We as inmates feel our way of life is being tampered with," said one inmate who asked not to be identified. "Women always respected our circles and never came near them...(Downs) has

brought confusion to our circle. I think the creator is trying to tell us something."

The inmate also said Downs has walked through their circle and "sells" sweetgrass to in-

But Downs and prison officials said the dispute is more of a power struggle for control of circle's activities. Downs said some members want to bring political problems, like relationships with guards, into spiritual meetings.

"In my visit with other inmates, they say they are pleased with the spiritual program," Downs said.

Downs also denied selling sweetgrass. She said the prison exchanges sweetgrass for tobacco money, in accordance with a traditional exchange explained to them by an elder.

"Our elder said sweetgrass is

worth something. We shouldn't just throw it at anyone who demands it."

Despite explanations, some inmates demand a Native person replace Downs, who has been working at the centre since September.

Peter Guenther, the correctional centre's director, said he hopes to appoint a panel of elders to direct spiritual programming and keep it as close to Native tradition as possible.

"I would like to have the broad parameters of the program defined through them," he said. "It's not easy to say this is the Indian way. There are many Indian ways."

Guenther have also suggested attitudes may be at the root of

the problem.

"There's a fairly strong chauvinism showing through," he said.

# Court ruling will likely turn up the heat on politicians

The Supreme Court of Canada confirmed Ottawa's right and duty to conduct wide-ranging reviews of environmentally sensitive provincial projects if they intrude on federal responsibilities.

The review of the \$350-million Oldman dam project, which sparked the decision, will test the federal government's metal now that its role has been clearly defined.

And it is likely the court's ruling turned up the heat a few degrees on the politicians and bureaucrats who will oversee the study.

In the past, Ottawa has been reluctant to wade into environmental scraps between provinces and the people who raise concerns over development issues.

The Cree and Inuit of northern Quebec only recently won their lengthy battle to ensure a comprehensive review of Quebec's Great Whale hydro-electric project. And that took a hard-fought court case.

Many will remember the hoop-jumping festival here in Alberta that finally led to joint federal-provincial review of the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill. That panel recommended a two-year delay on the project to allow more study.

Even then, the provincial government side-stepped those recommendations and let the mill proceed based on a quickie technical review — with the federal government's quiet approval.

Now that Ottawa has a clear role in environmental reviews, it has the power to block or modify the controversial Oldman dam.

Will Ottawa have a reason to stop the dam? That question must wait until the panel studying the project completes its work.

If the panel recommends major changes, will the federal government enforce them? Who knows. That's one for the politicians who will act on the recommendations to decide.

One way or another Ottawa's decision will tell us something. We'll get a clear picture of where the Conservative government stands on the environment.



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# Wagamese loved 75 cent toy truck with wheel missing

When I was five I got a truck for Christmas. It wasn't any special kind of truck, not like the huge replica trucks around today; it was just a tiny red truck with a blue cab and one wheel missing.

In 1960 such a truck might have cost 75 cents. My brothers and sister somehow had scraped together the money, wrapped up the truck in brown paper and laid it under the tree ("hristmas morning. It was the only present the four of us shared that year. As the baby of the family, they wanted me to have something at least.

We were foster kids by then. Separated from our natural family by the Ontario Children's Aid Society, we were together in a group with about six other kids. Christmas was a tree and a meal shared at one long table apart from the foster family, who ate in another room. That year it was also a small red truck with one wheel missing.

I loved that truck. In the deep freeze of a northern Ontario winter I'd be plowing roads, building towns or exploring countries in the snowbanks for hours at a time. And many a morning I'd awaken with the imprint of the fender or the cab of that truck creased into my face. As my siblings headed off to school in the bus I'd be standing at the road with that little red truck cradled under my arm, waving, waving and waving.

It was a great Christmas present. My sister Jane often recalls how inseparable that little truck and I were. I never seemed to mind that there was a wheel missing. In that special world of children such things are irrelevant and the fact that only one present was handed out that year, or that there were not greater celebrations than that one crowded dinner table, be-

came irrelevant as well. I don't remember the worlds that truck and I entered together. I don't recall the mysteries we unravelled, the wonderful strangers we encountered, the adventures we rumbled our way through or the shadowy childhood secrets I shared with it. But as I knelt beside our Christmas tree last week replacing a tumbled ornament, the memory of that little red truck was right there with me.

It came to mean a lot more than Christmas very soon after.

The following spring I was removed from that home and sent away, alone, to live in another foster home, I would not see my family for almost 20 years.

My sister Jane still talks about that last morning. You see, my siblings had been told I was leaving and thought it better to just let it happen than inform me beforehand. As she left for school that day I was sitting in the sandbox with my little red truck, building castles. She came, threw her arms around me and silently hugged me for a long, long time.

For 20 years two images stuck with her: The first, the view from the back window of the school bus, of me hunched over in the sandbox busy building something. The second, when the bus returned, of a sandbox deserted except for one little red truck with one wheel missing and the wind already busy burying it in the sand.

When we met again two decades later she came, threw her arms around me and silently hugged me for a long, long time.

I think about that little red truck almost every Christmas now. My family has been reunited and despite the death of my father and one brother, we're as together as any family can be.

There are nephews and nieces,

cousins, aunts, uncles and

grandmothers. There are hopes

and dreams and mysteries and a

future that beckons us toward it

RICHARD

with the promise of more of the That little truck was the best Christmas present I ever received. Some small, little-boy part of me still sleeps with the love and compassion that went into its purchase and when my siblings and I get together, infrequently as it is sometimes, we come together in the light of that same love and compassion.

It never mattered that this gift was simple, small, perhaps insignificant in comparison to the glitter that's available, or that it came wrapped in a brown paper bag. Scotch-taped and without ribbon. The reason the memory lingers throughout the years is because of the genuine way in which it was offered.

And that, for me, is the magic of Christmas. Genuineness and simplicity. I forget that sometimes as I join the hustle and bustle and endure the lengthy lineups. But in the quieter moments it all comes tumbling back.

I believe that if we could all connect to that genuineness and simplicity and make it last the whole year through, we'd all be one step closer to heaven. Just as I believe, that for me and my family, that same heaven consists of a great, big sandbox where we gather to laugh and play, building castles, adventures and futures with a little red truck with a blue cab and one wheel miss-

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### Your Opinion

# Winnipeg students benefit from Windspeaker

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank you for your support for the education of at-risk students living in the core area of one of Canada's major cities. Your publications

seen by our students without your generosity.

situated in the downtown area of Winnipeg and has a population of 850 students. Native stu-rooms as well as students in

are well used and would not be dents from northern Manitoba, regular high school programs indexed in CPI. immigrants who are learning English for the first time, physi-Gordon Bell High School is cally and mentally handicapped students, reluctant learners who cannot adapt to regular class-

are part of our student body.

At Gordon Bell, we are attempting to meet literacy and other education needs in a variety of ways. One focus in the past year has been to build a strong library program with resources at appropriate levels for our students. Since the library impacts all school programs and areas of the curriculum, it is crucial that we have materials which cover a broad spectrum of subjects and levels, for both teachers and students. We are on a stringent budget and have made the decision to purchase the Canadian Periodical Index. Your publication WINDSPEAKER is

We would be very grateful if you could supply us with a one year complimentary subscription. For many of our students the school library is the only place they can become acquainted with your publication.

We would also appreciate receiving any indexes to your magazine. Your support for the education of Canadian studentsat-risk is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Judith Dueck, Teacher/Librarian

Editor's note: Gordon Bell School has been on our subscription listsince August 1991.

# Article lacked facts says Daishowa general manager

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reference to an article entitled "Wood Buffalo Park Timber Must Be Protected," which appeared in Windspeaker on Friday, December 20, 1991.

The article stated that the logging lease in Wood Buffalo National Park was sold last year to Daishowa Canada. This is not correct. Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. purchased the assets of the High Level division of Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) in 1990, but the rights to harvest timber in the park were not in-

cluded in that transaction. Canfor remains the owner of Timber Birth #408 in the Park and has a log supply agreement with High Level Forest Products Ltd., a Daishowa subsidiary, to supply logs to the High Level sawmill operation.

Canfor's rights to log in the Park are currently the subject of negotiations with Parks Canada, with the objective of terminating logging in the park in return for fair compensation. In the article, Mr. John McInnis, NDP MLA for Edmonton Jasper Place, is reported to have said that Daishowa Canada has turned down a \$15

million offer by the federal governmentforthelogginglease. This is untrue as well as logistically impossible, as Daishowa does not own the lease. In addition, the Federal Minister of the Environment, Hon. Jean Charest, is apparently in error if he implied that logging by Daishowa Canada would continue this winter since Daishowa does not maintain a logging operation in the Park.

Yours Truly, James P. Morrison General Manager Edmonton Office Daishowa Canada

# Hamoaka clears up Daishowa statement

Dear Editor:

This letter is to clarify a statement I made to Windspeaker in an article entitled "The West Side Story," published on Friday, December 20, 1991.

When I responded to your question concerning logging on Lubicon land by stating "yes, we are logging in the confines of the traditional areas," I may have inadvertently left the impression that Daishowa Canada is presently logging in the area of concern to the Lubicons. My comment was meant to refer to the scope of the logging rights granted to us by the Alberta government by virtue of our Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd.

forest management agreement and other harvesting authorities, and not our current logging operations.

This winter, Daishowa Canada has promised not to log or purchase timber in the Lubicon area of concern. Our promise also applies to our subsidiaries and contractors working under our logging authorities.

I apologize for any misunderstanding.

Yours truly, Tom Hamaoka Vice President/General Manager

### Englander interested in Native people

Dear Editor:

My name is Stephen Akam and I am attending the Colchester Institute for furthering education in England. Part of my studies is covering American studies. A section of my work involves choosing a project on some aspect of North America. I've chosen to do my project on Native American Indians as I have always been interested in this area.

Reading books such as 'Hanta Yo' by Ruth Beebe Hill, and 'Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee' by Dee Brown, made me realize how wrong the European has been, and still is toward the tribes in North America. These books made me sad and then angry in the way the whites, for roughly the last 400 years, have treated the Indians. It made me ashamed to be white.

After college, I'll be going to university to study United States studies and specialize in Native Indians, as I wish to help in some way. I hope to work with tribes to make the powers that be take notice and make atonement for what the whites did and are still doing to Indian people — just like they did to my ancestors, trying to force a different way of life on them.

The reason for my letter is, I am wondering if you could send me any information on what is happening with Indian people

today, and their situations on reservations. If it's not possible I hope someone can tell me who could help me?

The problem in England is the lack of information on Native Indians. For any information I would be grateful. Thank you for taking the time to read the letter. I know your paper is probably very busy.

Yours faithfully, Stephen Akam. 9 Barbel Rd off Salary Close Colchester Essex, England C04 3EI

Glib apologies no help for the sexually abused

Dear Editor:

Obviously, the only way the Catholic Church in North America is willing to admit its wrongs and help the victims of their perverted priests, is when the victims hire expensive lawyers to take them to court.

American victims of pedophile (a disorder in which adults crave sex with children) priests get \$300 million to help them pick up the pieces of their shattered personalities. Canadian victims, especially Indians and those of aboriginal heritage, get glib apologies and receive

Clearly, if this is to change, more victims must be allowed to speak out. This helps the healing of the victim. It also alerts

others who have been sexually abused by priests when they were children, that they are not alone in their suffering, and it encourages them to speak out, to begin healing themselves. Finally, it provides the impetus (force) for the Catholic Church to actually do something for its victims.

I commend Windspeaker for allowing people the chance to share their painful experiences. Without this opportunity, I definitely would have continued to suffer in silence until I ended up as just another statistic in a mental institution, prison, or graveyard. Thank you.

Gordon Robert Dumont Prince Albert, Sask.

## Appeal made for funds to help Peltier

Dear Editor:

Action in support of Leonard Peltier remains strong. As many people know there are numerous support groups in the United States that are contributing in meaningful ways.

The Leonard Peltier Defence Committee (Canada) works unrelentingly in defence of Leonard. My function at present is to assist the committee by redistributing information pertaining to Peltier to the media and support groups.

I've been informed that the Canadian defence committee working out of Scarborough, Ontario, has a great need for funds to continue their lobbying

efforts and public relations work. Telephone expenses, FAX charges, postage and stationery, all amount to a great deal of overhead. Any contributions that you can make will be greatly appreciated.

Make any cheques payable to: the Leonard Peltier Defence Committee (Canada). Mail to 43 Chandler Drive, Scarborough, Ontario M1G 1Z1.

Your continued interest and support in Leonard's case will always be greatly appreciated. We do this in the spirit of Crazy

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# CBC wants to update Native artist file

Dear Editor:

I am working on this important project and would be grateful if you would run this letter.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation CBC Talent Resource Centre in Toronto is a library of talent maintaining thousands of files on Canada's performing artists, in additors. CBC personnel are the most frequent ing your work to: users of this service; it is also regularly accessed by independent casting directors, film-makers and theatre companies across Canada.

We have extensive files on Native performers and at this time wish to add to and update

those files to be as comprehensive as possible. If you are a performer (dramatic, musical or comedic), writer, director or producer with some training and or background in your field, we want to hear from you. Many of you will already be on file but we welcome new resumes and information.

Please send photo (for performers), resumes tion to those of writers, producers and direc- and any relevant background material regard-

> Clair Hewitt, C/O CBC TV. Drama Box 500, Station A Toronto, Ontario M5W 1E6

### What's Happening?

# Play has you laughing and 'biting your fingernails'



Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward

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Rocky Woodward



Ralph Leckie

#### Lloyd Sutton with little friend

Hi! If you're in the mood for a good laugh and some tremendous acting, consider taking in the live performance of writer Jean Giraudoux's satirical comment on war, Tiger at the Gates, now playing at the Walterdale Theatre, 10322-83 Avenue.

The play runs until February

If you consider my offer you won't be disappointed. Especially with the parts played by Victor Haineault (Ajax) and

Coralie Cairns (Demekos) who are outstanding in the roles they play. Cairns has you laughing and sometimes "biting your fingernails" as she attempts to get the Trojans to make war on the Greeks. And Haineault creates a real ruckus when he faces the tough Demekos and Hector (Robert M. Lamount).

The story focuses around Helen of Troy. Set in a modern day atmosphere, Helen, played by talented actor Corinne Stevens has been stolen away by the son of the ruling Trojan family, Paris (actor Alex Riabov). Ajax, and Trojan leader Odysseus, played by actor Peter McNab, arrive at the city of Troy to take back their Queen.

In earlier scenes, many heated yet humorous confrontations between family members themselves, and their council, keep the show lively. Of course Helen is nonchalant about the whole affair and would rather spend her time trying to get a kiss from youthful Troilus, played by actor Corv upcoming Woodward.

The cast of 15 actors shine in each scene they're involved in and directors Donna Call and Naazima Ali must be given a standing ovation for making Tiger at the Gates "a modern comedy re-dressing an ancient wound" come alive on stage.

However, some of the dialogue between actors was somewhat long, and unless you're an avid fan who understands and loves the theatrical world, you might find your mind wandering from time to time—but only from time to time. Still, the play is tremendous and on a scale from one to five, I give it a four. HOBBEMA: On February 7-9 the Assembly of First Nations constitutional panel will be at the Ermineskin Agriplex in Hobbema. Rick Lightning invites people to come and voice their concerns about constitutional reform. For more information call Rick at 585-3038.

EDMONTON: Did you know my friend, Henry Bedard will be celebrating his 65th birthday on April 11. You do now, and Henry has invited me to his birthday party, Na na, na na na!

Henry said he doesn't have a date vet, but he will let us know when and where he books a hall for the birthday party. Henry adds that an old time dance will also be held.

DROPPIN' IN: Congratulations to Lloyd Sutton, the new executive director of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. Lloyd, it's people like you that help, in a tremendous way, to keep the Native community together.

Now if we could only get some of our Native politicians to do the same thing.

And what's this I hear about the Brown Bomber Banquet?

Yes, tickets are going fast at \$25 a head to see a video show of boxer Joe Louis (Greatest moments of the Champ).

Special guest speaker will be none other than, Joe Louis Jr., founder of the Joe Louis Youth Fund.

We can thank Gordon Russell for the upcoming event. And all proceeds from the banquet go towards the Adrian Hope Youth Centre.

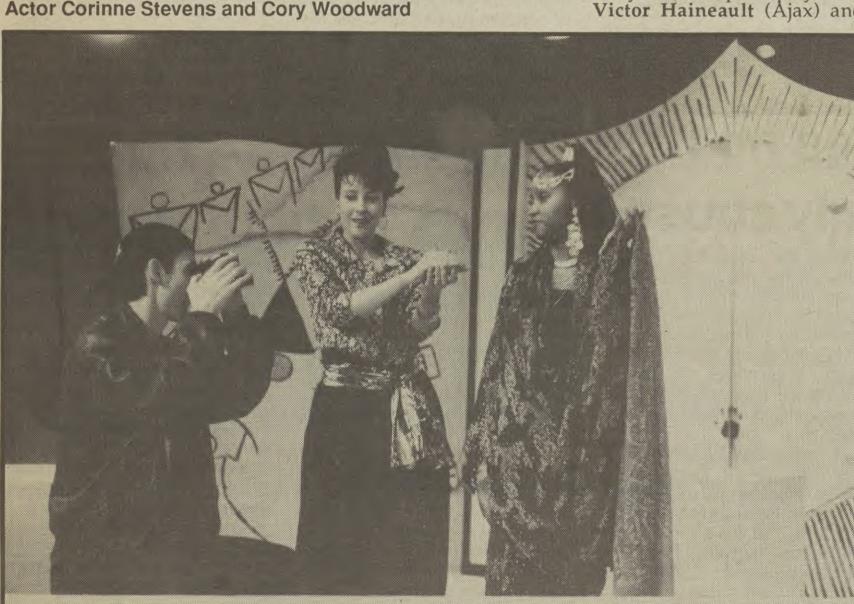
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### **Elders**

# Metis historian and teacher retires at 85

By Judy Shuttleworth Windspeaker Contributor

Metis historian and teacher Dr. Anne Anderson has retired after 23 years of teaching Cree at her Edmonton school. But she doesn't plan to slow down.

"Doctor Anne" as she is known, has plans to publish the story of her life, a Cree dictionary and help the federal government with a project to put Naprogram.

Anderson was born in St. Albert 85 years ago. She was one or 10 children. Their mother was fill-blooded Cree and their father a mix of Indian, French and Scottish blood.

Anderson's mother insisted the children speak her language at home.

"She spoke to us and we had to answer in Cree. She said 'the whitelady at the school can teach you English but this Indian home must always have the Cree language'."

The family worked a river lot farm in St. Albert until her father died of acute appendicitis when Anne was a teenager.

When her mother was dying, Anderson promised her she would write down and teach were Native. her language.

volved with the language it was very bad to be a Native around 1968, I was teaching in the public schools but they would only allow a half an hour a day. The little Native kids wanted to stay longer in the classroom but they (the schools) wouldn't allow them to. I used to say, some day I'm going to have my own school and my own classroom and it's evolved into what you see today."

Anderson started with a newspaper advertisement offering to tutor Cree. She expected 10 replies but got around 50.

know what I was going to do." The private classes evolved into the Native Heritage and Culture Centre in Edmonton.

Anderson wrote a simple textbook called Let's Learn Cree. At the time, the only books in Cree were religious stories written by missionaries. The stories were written in the English alphabet, not the syllabics used today. Anderson still has an old book given to her grandfather by Father Albert Lacombe, the Oblate tive languages into a computer missionary who founded St. Albert.

> In the 23 years since she started teaching Cree, Anderson says she has seen an increase in Native peoples' pride in their heritage. Schools are better today than when Anderson started teaching, she says.

> "The schools were terrible. I used to go to the Alberta Teachers' Association and a lot of them, you know, they didn't care. they were prejudiced and lots of things.

> "I used to say your schools are not doing our kids a whole lot of good. They didn't care if the children studied."

> Anderson didn't teach her own children Cree because of the discrimination she and her husband suffered because they

"My son and daughter un-"When I first became in- derstand (Cree) but at that time person, there was so much prejudice and the kids were hurt very much in life. My husband used to say 'don't teach the children. I suffered and you suffered because of being Native. Just let them grow up as white people,' and that's what we did."

> Her work has brought Anderson many awards and honors over the years including an honorary law degree from the University of Alberta and, last year, the Order of Canada.

Anderson says she plans to "I just about died. I didn't keep writing even though she's



Judy Shuttleworth

Dr. Anne Anderson

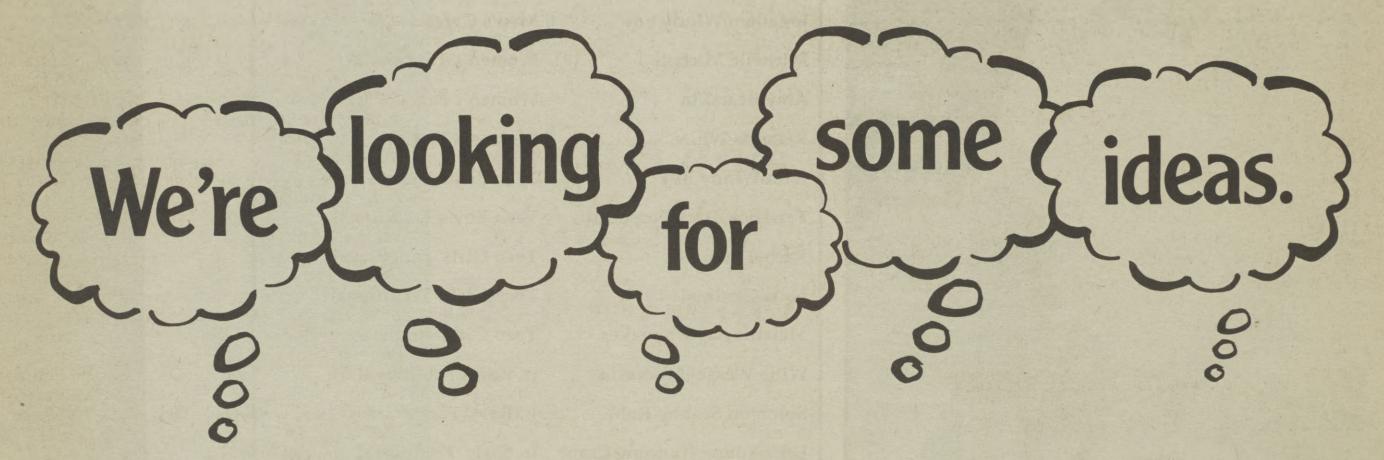
retired. She is working on her autobiography to be published by the Metis Nation of Alberta.

"I prefer to go somewhere quiet and write. My husband's a great bingo player but I don't like that. I like to be quiet."

Anderson has written 92 language and history books, including a Cree dictionary. She has written a second, larger dictionary which hasn't been published yet. New words have to be invented to describe inventions

like microwave ovens and com-

puters, she says. "it's all changing. They say it'll all be different in another decade. Nearly every decade something changes."



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While Canada 125 does not offer financial support for community events, we

encourage partnerships between local business and community organizations to help fund and organize those events. We are communicating with the corporate sector in order to facilitate partnerships that can be a positive legacy for the future.

We also want to learn about the events

and activities you plan for your community so that we can share your ideas and experience with other Canadians.

Perhaps you already have or are planning an activity that fits the Canada 125 objectives. We would like your activity to become part of the program of Canada 125 events and projects that will be taking place across the country in 1992.

As the year unfolds, you'll be hearing more about how you can participate.

The future begins with you.

# Panel agrees unemployment major problem

About a dozen people from the Peigan Nation and the town of Pincher Creek turned out for an evening workshop on "Changing Climates and Business Opportunities in Native Communities." The workshop was part of the second annual Cross Cultural Conference hosted by the Napi Friendship Centre, January 23.

Peter Yellow Horn, a rancher and managerial consultant urged members of the town's business community to look toward the Peigan reserve for new business opportunities in the next decade. Yellow Horn pointed out that the Native community is rapidly growing and he expects the population to more than double by the year 2000.

Yellowhorn was joined on the panel by Chamber of Commerce president Roy Davidson and local businessman Jim Short.

Yellow Horn said that economic development must be the driving force behind job training, and that it was time to stop programs that trained people, "merely for the sake of occupying their time."

He also noted that about 85 per cent of the reserve labour force is without jobs.

"Almost 60 per cent of our population is under the age of 25, but current employment and retraining programs are not really aimed at young people," Yellow Horn said.

He urged the community to look for real employment opportunities by developing new and viable businesses.



Earlene Healy of the Blood Reserve describes Native buckskin clothing during workshop

Eliza Potts busy making bannock while explaining the process to eager learners at cross cultural event

# Napi Pow-wow Champions!

Luke Whiteman	Men's Fancy
Kenny Shane	Men's Traditional
Art Scalplock	Senior Men's Traditional
Jonathan Windy boy	Men's Grass
Michelle Michell	Women's Traditional
Amy Bearskin	Women's Fancy
Rolanda White	Women's Jingle
John Windy Boy	Teen Boy's Fancy
Terrence Black Forehead	Teen Boy's Traditional
Rachel Francis	Teen Girls' Fancy
Janis Cardinal	Teen Girls' Traditional
Melanie Eagle Speaker	Teen Girls' Jingle
Wilie Weasel Moccasin	Jr. Boys' Traditional
Solomon Scabby Robe	Jr. Boys' Fancy/Grass
Lena Young Running Crane	Jr. Girls' Traditional
Kody Alexis	Jr. Girls' Fancy/Jingle

# Town of P Peigan Na cultu

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Almost 700 students from schools in Pincher Creek, Fort McLeod, Brocket and other southwest Alberta communities, gathered together for a two-day series of workshops on Native culture and overcoming prejudice.

The workshops were part of the second annual Cross Cultural Conference, sponsored by Napi Friendship Centre, January 22-25.

"I think this really breaks downsome of the barriers," said workshop participant Noreen Kilcommons, referring to the cross cultural events.

The students attended more than a dozen separate sessions on such wide ranging subjects as Blackfoot styles in dress, Peigan Nation beliefs in modern times, tipi designs and Native art. Each workshop session was led by a member of the Peigan band.

It's great," said St. Michael's School grade seven student Trevor Gingras. "I'd like to do this more often because it's interesting and I'm really learning a lot."

Assistant principal of Matthew Halton School, Ken Murray said he was especially pleased with the students' obvious enthusiasm for the sessions. He thought it important that non-Native students see members of the Peigan Nation in positions of leadership.

"I think this kind of thing will



St. Michael School's Ivy Scott from the Peigan Nation

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# f Pincher Creek & Nation host cross Itural events

help develop more positive attitudes and a better relationship between our communities," Murray said.

Grade 11 student Nikki Jones backed up Murray's comments. She said she enjoyed hearing about Peigan traditions.

"It's made me more comfortable being with Native people. I'm really glad I live in a multicultural setting," she smiled.

And Peigan student Shannon Crow Shoe said she didn't mind sharing her culture, "It's great to share with other people," said Crow Shoe, who became friends with Jones at the conference.

Students took part in other workshops as well. One of the sessions was on overcoming prejudices.

Led by Dr. Lenore Stiffarm, a professor at the University of Lethbridge, Stiffarm told the students that the real problem facing the world is human and not technological.

"The things that we have in common as people are more basic and more important than our differences," she explained. Stiffarm added that culture simply gives people different ways of expressing the same universal needs and feelings.

The weekend's activities began with a blessing ceremony at the Bahai Centre in Brocket. Welcoming speeches and invocations in both Blackfoot and English were given by members of both the Pincher Creek and Peigan communities.

This year's conference was

titled "Neighbors Getting To Know Each Other." Many of the activities surrounding the cross cultural conference focused on what the theme emphasized.

A children's party was held and hosted by the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre, and like all the events taking place, it was also a roaring success.

About 20 children from both communities enjoyed refreshments while listening to Peigan storyteller, Murray Small Legs, tell them about the adventures of Napi, a Blackfoot legend.

New to the events this year was the Peigan Nation Winter Festival. The festival attracted Native and non-Native athletes from all over Alberta. Games included hockey, volleyball, basketball, skiing, bowling and table pool.

Napi Friendship Centre staff said they received excellent feed-back from the public about the well run conference and activities spread out over four days. They're particularly pleased at the increase in non-Native involvement in all events held—both as visitors and as volunteers.

"We'd particularly like to thank all the people from both communities who helped," said Napi Friendship Centre Director, Carol Specht.

The centre also thanks Alberta Culture, Team Tourism, Pincher Creek Family and Community Support Services, "and the other sponsors who made it all possible," Specht said.



Two-year-old Ranya Tootoosis gets into the swing of things at Napi powwow

## Powwow helps to bridge the gap

Local dignitaries from Pincher Creek, MP Ken Hughes and MLA Fred Bradley, along with members of the RCMP walked side by side with Native leaders and dancers during the grand entry at the 16th annual Napi Friendship Centre's weekend powwow, January 24-26.

Following the procession, Peigan elder Joe Crow Shoe and winner of the Order of Canada, offered his blessing for unity and a good powwow.

The powwow, with prizes for contestants in almost 20 categories, was the featured attraction during a week-long cross cultural conference at Pincher Creek, in southern Alberta.

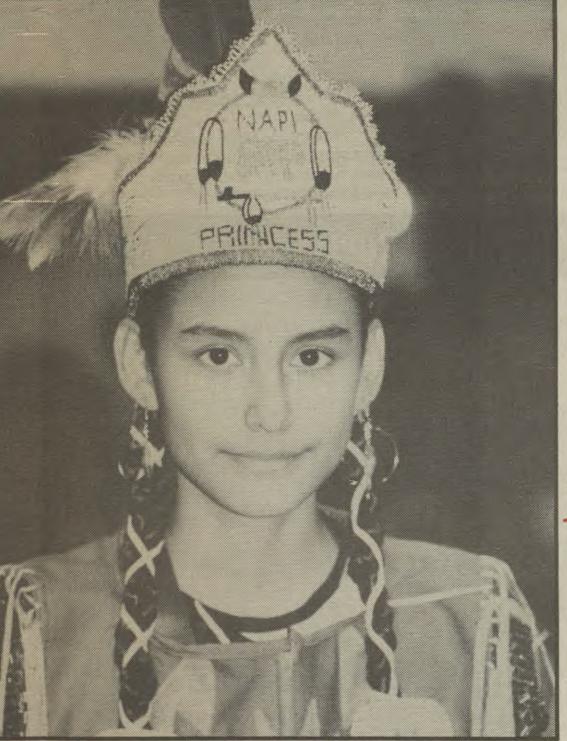
Dancers and drummers from as faraway as Manitoba and Washington state, competed against local entries for prizes worth over \$10,000. During the powwow, the crowning of the

1992 Napi Princess was held. This year's winner of the crown is 14-year-old Ivy Scott. Ivy said she hopes to become a lawyer someday. Presently, the saxophone player and sports enthusiast is a grade eight student at Pincher Creek's St. Michael School.

Representing Canada as the host group were the Assiniboine Juniors from Long Plain, Manitoba. The Blacklodge group from White Swan, Washington, served as the U.S. host group. And a northern Alberta drum group, The Northern Cree took top honors in the drum group competition.

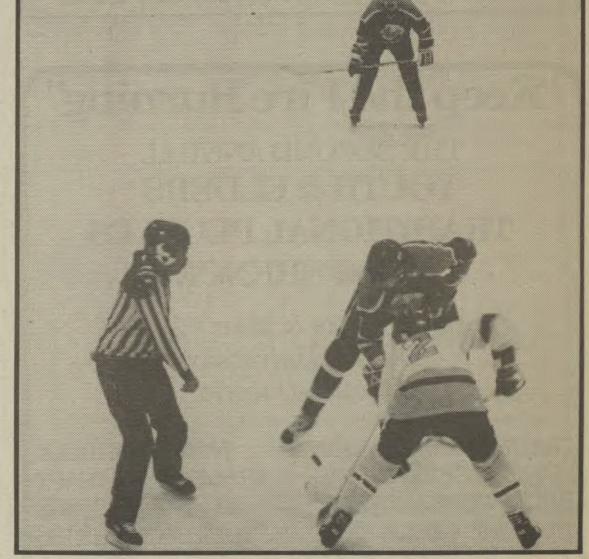
took top honors in the drum group competition.

Many people from Pincher Creek and the surrounding area got a lesson in Native culture during the huge powwow. And many felt the cross cultural event, which included the powwow, is a positive way in bridging the gap between the non-Native and Native community.



lvy Scott was crowned the 1992 Napi Centre Princess. Ivy is

photo's and stories by Barb Grinder



Saddle Lake takes on the Fort MacLeod Porkers during the first Peigan Nation Winter Festival

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### Youth

# Student wins 3 scholarships

By Judy Shuttleworth Windspeaker Contributor

Karen Wood is the kind of daughter any parent would be proud of. The 18-year-old was a top student at Bonnie Doone High School on Edmonton's south side last year. Now she is in her first year of a political science degree at the University of Alberta.

"She always was self-motivated and she always wanted to achieve high marks," her father, Jerry Wood says. Originally from Saddle Lake, Jerry says he's always encouraged his children to be proud of their Native heritage and work hard in school.

Karen kept her grades above 80 per cent all the way through high school, which meant she qualified for the provincial government's Alexander Rutherford scholarship. Her grades and participation in school clubs and activities won her two other scholarships from the Celanese Textile Company and from the of Troy.

Canadian Daughters League.

"She was a very good student. She was involved in everything from student government to the SCUBA diving club...she worked very hard."

Bonnie Doone principal Kenneth Brice says Karen's friendliness and warm smile are what come to mind first when he thinks of her. She was one of the few honor students in her graduating class last year and was chosen as class valedictorian.

Brice said Karen is an excellent example to other Native students, "She was an excellent role model."

At Bonnie Doone, Karen worked for the student union, student-parent advisory committee and graduation committee. She was a member of the drama club and the SCUBA diving club. The drama club appeared twice at the Grant MacEwan Community College student drama festival and won a trophy for the play The Women

The extra activities were hard work, Karen said. She is concentrating on her classes at the university this year.

"(Grade 12) was kind of difficult. I felt like maybe I'd taken on too much stuff."

"High school is a whole different thing from university. The workload and the facts and the courses I'm taking—there's a lot of reading."

Karen is presently studying political science with hopes of working for the federal government, maybe in the External Affairs department. She is also considering studying law after she finishes the political science degree.

Karen went on two student trips to Ottawa while she was in high school to learn more about the federal government. She says she found out a lot about government, particularly about how MPs have to toe the party line. During one trip, the students held a debate with some politicians. Karenasked one how he could support the government after a Member of Parliament was kicked out of the Conservative party for opposing the Goods and Services Tax.

"I asked him a question that made him kind of angry but he couldn't say much because of the party line. He was frustrated because here he had all these intellectuals, these students who were asking him hard questions and he couldn't really answer."

"In political science right now I'm finding out our government is not such a nice place to be. the MPs are elected to represent the people in their area but they are expected to follow the party

Jerry Wood says the family is proud of Karen's achievements and plans.

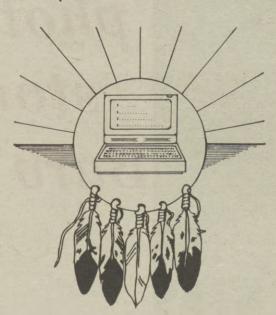
"Her grade four teacher told her she could achieve anything she wanted to and I guess she went with that advice.'



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### Youth

# CCNB interns represent new breed of entrepreneurs

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These young Aboriginal people represent a new breed of entrepreneurs who are blazing the trail for Native business. As part of Canadian Council for Native Business (CCNB) Native Business Internship Program, they are the Aboriginal role models of the future.

This February, on the request of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Tom Siddon, the eight interns will travel to Ottawa to meet with Siddon personally.

After meeting with CCNB

President Patrick Lavelle, the Minister is eager to learn more about the Internship Program.

Since its inception five years ago, the Program has provided opportunities for more than 350 Aboriginal people to develop managerial and entrepreneurial skills within the private sector.

Siddon has scheduled a private luncheon meeting with the interns to hear their individual stories and details about their internship placements. Arrangements have also been made by his office for passes for the interns to question period in the House of Commons and a meeting with the Aboriginal Caucus.

The promotional trip will also include meetings with Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief

Ovide Mercredi and Ontario Premier Bob Rae in Toronto. The young Native entrepreneurs are excited about the trip and it provides them the opportunity to shine.

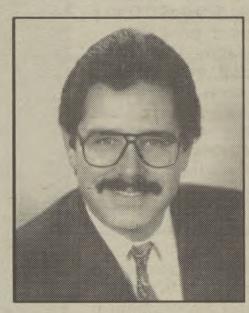
"It's exciting for them. The interns will have the chance to talk to Native and non-Native political leaders about what they think. They are professional business role models who are proving that Aboriginal people have a lot to contribute to business society," Brenda says Maracle O'Toole, **VicePresident of** CCNB Education and Internship.

O'Toole says the strength of the Intern Program has always been its flexibility and ability to meet the needs of the Aboriginal people

"Aboriginal people are gaining experiences through this program that no school can teach. Plus, they are accessing networks and support they never had before," O'Toole says.

# Canadian Council for Native Business

is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Smith as Vice President, Economic and Corporate Development, and Brenda Maracle-O'Toole as Vice President, Education and Internship.



Mr. Smith, a Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River reserve near Brantford, Ontario, came on board with CCNB December 1, 1991. He is president of Proshred Inc., the world's leading provider of high security mobile shredding services He built Proshred from scratch to a company with more than \$4.5 million in sales and a client list of 3,500 security- and environment-conscious companies. His company grew to international proportions, heavily involved in licensing Proshred knowledge in North America, Europe and South America. Mr. Smith was CCNB's first client in 1984 When he got the idea for a paper-shredding business, he sought assistance to reach the chief executives of major corporations. CCNB was instrumental in helping in that area which enabled him to build his client list. Mr. Smith's past work experience includes the life insurance and communications industries.

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Ms. Maracle-O'Toole, a Mohawk from the Tyendinaga reserve near Bellville, Ontario, has been involved in Aboriginal employment issues for the past 10 years, and has been managing CCNB's Native Business Internship Program since 1987. Prior to this, she worked for the Native Outreach Association of Alberta in Calgary. She started as an employment counsellor and was eventually promoted to regional manager. As the Chairperson for the Native Canadian Opportunities Committee, Ms. Maracle-O'Toole represented the Calgary Chamber of Commerce at the first Native Business Summit in Toronto in 1986. For contributions made to the Chamber in that year, she was presented with an "Achievement Award." Ms. Maracle-O'Toole graduated from Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario in 1981 with a BA in Native Studies/Sociology. Presently, she is a board member of the Native Canadian Friendship Centre of Toronto, the Greater Toronto Aboriginal Management Board, and the Toronto Advisory Committee on Employment Training.

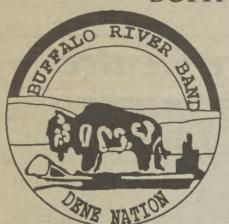
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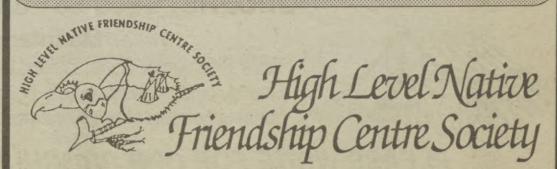


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### Youth

# Conflicting views on Native day-care centres

By Cooper Langford Windspeaker Staff Writer

#### EDMONTON

Native parents should take the lead in teaching their children cultural values instead of relying on government-funded day care centres, said the leader of national commission on Native child care.

"My grandma was perhaps my greatest teacher," said Debbie Jette, head of the Native Council of Canada's National Commission on Aboriginal Child Care.

"She once told me that culture is not something the government can give you. It comes from within. I'm Native through and through. That's the way I was brought up and that's what I am teaching my children."

Jette's statements—based on her experience and what she says is surfacing as the commission works it way across Canada on a three-year study—did not, however, square with opinions voiced at public commission hearings in Edmonton.

"We need Native day cares," Nora Houle told the panel, adding there is only one Native day care in Edmonton, a city with an estimated 30,000 Native resi-

Buddy Dumont, a 44-yearold student, said he'd like a daycare centre where his kids will learn the culture and traditions he lost during a difficult upbringing.

"I'm a firm believer in getting back to the family and Native culture is where it starts," he

"Now that I'm learning about my culture-powwows, sweetgrass and sweats—I'm getting a sense of what I am. It gives me a good feeling to know where I belong. Once I know these things, I can teach my kids."

While Jette agreed there is a need for cultural programming in child care services, she said other communities don't want their child care services separated. She cited two young mothers' hearings in northern Alberta who said they wanted their children in day cares where they would learn to respect other cul-

"The words they used were so true," Jette said. "We can 't fight racism and discrimination with racism and discrimination...

"The only thing that I can say with certainty is Indian parents want no less for their children than any parent wants."

The National Commission on Aboriginal Child Care was formed to examine the child care needs of off-reserve Indians. Offreserve needs surfaced after the federal government announced there would be special funding for on-reserve day cares in its ill-fated child care initiative that was country to find out what off-re-dies for services.

dropped during the last election. serve needs are. Jette said leading The child care commission is concerns include high costs of

The commission will present its final report in 1993.



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Buddy Dumont is all for a Native day-care centre so his kids have early access to their culture something he missed as a child

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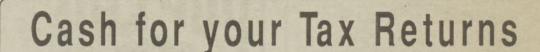
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# Alexander fashion auction starts at two dollars

By Rocky Woodward Windspeaker Staff Writer

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Hosted by the Alexander (Kipohtakaw) Education Centre, fashions supplied by Mystique Modeling Agency in Edmonton will be auctioned off — starting at \$2. And the centre's junior and senior high school students, in conjunction with the Stay in School Program students, will act as models for the fashion show.

Stay in School Program co-ordinator Jean Wood explains. "Basically it's the end result of our Mystique Modeling course at the centre. This particular course offers students insight into hairstyling, make-up, good modeling techniques, while helping to build their self-confidence.

"For the show, we'll have six students doing the modeling and others will help out back stage," Wood said, adding that money from the auction will go into the student union fund.

Wood said the centre takes a unique approach to enhance students from dropping out of school. She says the Stay in School Program is geared towards methods of preventing students from leaving school.

Some courses offered are aimed at cultural activities. For instance, elders from other communities are used as instructors, there's powwow and drum group lessons, and there's an industrial arts program that offers car care techniques, counsellors are available and tutoring for some students is offered.

"For students with specific problems, let's say in math, English or physics, the Stay in School program offers extra hours of tutoring to help them along," said Wood.

The Stay in School program began about a year ago after a past centre curriculum development instructor, Joanne Sabastin Morris, developed a proposal which outlined the need for something to be done to keep students interested in school.

"Funding for the program was obtained through Canada Employment and Immigration after our board agreed on the idea for the program," said Wood.

Wood added the fashion auction show plans to be a lot of fun. Alexander reserve is about 40 km north of Edmonton. For more information phone the centre at (403)939-3551.

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### Couple bases sell on Chinese theory

by Judy Shuttleworth Windspeaker Contributor

An Edmonton couple believe they have found a way to combine good health and financial gain with traditional Native val-

Adelard and Lise Jacko began selling Sunrider products last November. The California company's products are based

on ancient Chinese theory of elements without metal, which balance and regeneration. The Jackos say the chinese philosophy echoes North American Native values of respect for the body and the earth.

The Chinese theory of regeneration divides food in groups. or elements, which nourish different parts of the body. The Chinese have five elements: fire, water, earth, wood and metal. Native philosophy uses the same

LODGE "

the Chinese believe controls the respiratory system.

The different elements bring us the philosophy of regeneration and wholeness," Adelard Jacko says. "A lot of Native people prefer to eat whole foods."

"They (Natives) believe in harmony with Mother Earth," Lise adds. "They want traditional ways to change their lives."

The products the Jackos sell come from natural sources. Sunrider makes food supplements, cosmetics and skin care products.

The food supplements include a mixture of dried herbs and vegetables which helps digestion and herbal teas and Suncare—a natural sweetener which also heals cuts and wounds.

The couple started selling the products after Lise answered a newspaper advertisement.

"I felt I hadn't been eating properly and I'm always looking for good diets," she explains. Adelard says the natural food helped him kick a coffee habit.

"I used to drink one or two pots a day. Now, if I have more than two cups, I get sick."

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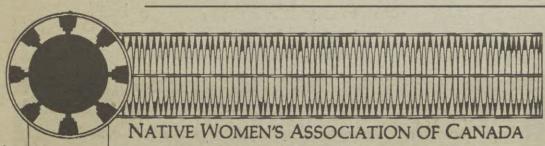
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Today, Aboriginal peoples are being asked to consider and present their ideas about the meaning of "existing aboriginal and treaty rights" as contained in the Constitution Act. 1982. One right is the right to govern ourselves without the intervention of the federal government. As women, we must consider what we think self-government and other aboriginal rights should mean and consider the role we want the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to play in any Aboriginal government.

Deciding what rights are included in "aboriginal and treaty rights" and the role of the <u>Charter</u> will involve many discussions and negotiations between the federal and provincial governments and Aboriginal organizations. Rather than relying on the male-run organizations, NWAC believes that we, as Aboriginal women, should represent ourselves in all future constitutional meetings. This will ensure the presence of a woman's perspective in the Constitutional debates. NWAC wants to represent you at these talks, and we need your support. In the past, NWAC fought to remove the

provisions of the Indian Act which sexually discriminated against women who married non-Indians. During this battle, we did not have the support of the chiefs, male organizations or men as a collective. Even so, because of the right of equality under the Charter, the Indian Act was finally changed and 70,000 women, men, girls and boys who had lost their Indian status got their status back.

Despite this, most of these people have not been welcomed back into their communities.

NWAC refuses to leave the future constitutional

NWAC refuses to leave the future constitutional negotiations to groups like the Assembly of First Nations because they did not support or represent us during that battle, and they still do not represent women's interests. For example, most male-run organizations want to make sure that the Charter,

which protects our rights and freedoms, does not apply to any Aboriginal government. Without the Charter we cannot be certain that our rights will be protected.

Under the Charter, Aboriginal women have the right to be treated equally before and under the law, and to receive the equal benefit and protection of the law, regardless of whether we live on reserves, or in the city. Aboriginal women also have the right to sexual equality under the Charter. NWAC wants to ensure that these and other rights, like the rights to life, liberty and security of the person, and freedom of association are protected for Aboriginal women. If the Charter did not apply to Aboriginal governments, these rights could be taken away from us. We never want this rights could be taken away from us. We never want this to happen, so we must demand that the <u>Charter</u> apply. But if the <u>Charter</u> does apply, we must make sure that Aboriginal governments do not have the rights in s. 33 of the <u>Charter</u> which allow a government to refuse to have the <u>Charter</u> apply to any law that it creates.

We want to stop the discrimination. We think Aboriginal women who have obtained their status have a right to live in their own communities. We want to

a right to live in their own communities. We want to stop family violence, gang rapes, and substance abuse in our communities. Your support will help us to make sure Aboriginal governments take responsibility for these problems.

To protect the rights and freedoms of aboriginal women, we put forward the following recommendations for your consideration and comment:

1. that Aboriginal women be given their own seat at the

constitutional table; 2. that the Constitution Act, 1982 be changed to

recognize the inherent right to self-government;
3. that negotiations about the definition of self-government begin immediately and any matter unsettled after 10 years should be enforceable by the

4. that Aboriginal women participate as equals in the definition of the forms, structures and powers of Aboriginal governments;

5. that the <u>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</u>, excluding section 33, should apply to all Aboriginal governments; and
6. that any proposed Aboriginal Charter of Rights be developed jointly with NWAC, and that any accepted version be entrenched in the Constitutional Act.

If you have any comments, please send them to:

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#### SUMMARY:

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#### DUTIES:

Ensures that Aboriginal people receive the full attention of the other service centres to whom they are referred. Holds formal and informal meetings and discussions with other citizen organizations that are concerned with the social well-being of Aboriginal people.

#### EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE:

The work requires a thorough knowledge of Aboriginal culture, lifestyles of people on and off the rural areas, and an understanding of the functions and the programs of other Aboriginal associations, band councils, and other government programs. The work also requires knowledge of community development concepts and a working knowledge of the role played by a catalyst agent within an urban setting. The ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language is preferred. The incumbent must have good judgement and maturity when recommending actions that affects the lives of other people. Post-secondary and/or extensive related experience is required.

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