



Magic Happens in Prince Albert



by Thelma Smith

Rays of sunshine on a dreary Friday morning, gave new light symbolizing the whole meaning of Children's Haven.

Children's Haven Child Crisis Centre opened its doors on Friday September 14, 1990 to Prince Albert and surrounding area. The project which started three years ago as a dream became a reality.

Over the past two and a half years an ad hoc committee of people from all walks of life have worked together to raise community dollars for Children's Haven.

The fundraising committee has sold two special "Spirit of Christmas" cas-

ettes which feature local talent from prince Albert and surrounding areas. This project was organized by Power 99FM radio station.

The major fundraising has been two marathon Radiothons, hosted by Power

99FM and the Native Co-ordinating Council. The Radiothons were held in the Gateway Mall where telephone lines were set up for

pledges. Entertainment, all night dances, auctions and pancake breakfast were all part of these radiothons. Both were very successful and raised \$96,000.00 in community dollars for the centre. In addition, more traditional fundraisers such as raffles, bingos, fashion shows and a dinner dance were also held.

We received donations

from \$1 - \$10,000. We appreciated them all and are pleased and very proud that the people of our community have been so generous. We had terrific support from all sectors of the community - from the corporate sector, businesses, service clubs, agencies and many individuals. Many people donated hundreds of hours as volunteers and we certainly are optimistic and confident that we can continue to fundraise significant dollars for this much needed resource for families in our community.

Jim Scarrow, Radio Manager of CKBI was Master of Ceremonies for the Grand Opening. Officials from the Federal and Provincial and City Governments, along with around 100 volunteers gathered for the official opening of Prince Albert's home for children in crisis located at 2206 1st Avenue East. Speakers in-

cluded Mayor Gordon Kirkby; Marie McCue of Health and Welfare Canada; Bill Neudorf, Minister of Social Services; Thelma Smith, Vice President of the Native Co-ordinating Council (NCC); Lawrence Joseph, Chairperson of the Children's Haven Management Committee; Nella Hegeman, Director of the Children's Haven and Greg McCullagh, President of Kiwanis Club.

Thelma Smith welcomed all officials and public to the grand opening. "We would like to publically acknowledge and thank a number of people and organizations who made this day possible. First of all we are very grateful to the Federal Government, in particular the Department of National Health and Welfare Child Care Initiative Fund for their generous

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Desmeules Doubles Nearest Challenger In Re-election as Metis President

EDMONTON - Larry Desmeules doubled the votes received by his nearest challenger as he swept to victory over seven other candidates to win re-election as president of the Metis Association of Alberta.

The victory was confirmed in official results of the September 4 election released today by MAA Chief Electoral Officer Josephine M. Hamelin.

Desmeules will be joined by a number of new faces on the MAA board of directors as a result of elections for vice-presidents and board members for each six MAA zones.

In Calgary, Ephrain Bouvier narrowly defeated incumbent veteran Peter Pelletier as Zone 3 vice-president. Stan (Butch) Plante moves from the staff role of MAA framework coordinator to Zone 4 (Edmonton) vice-president, defeating Lyle Donald in a close contest. Plante succeeds Joe Blyan, who unsuccessfully sought the Presidency.

In Zone 6, Gary Gaudet of High Level, previously board member for the zone, convincingly defeated incumbent Ron Chalifoux and three other candidates for the zone vice-presidency.

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Chairman's Message



This past month has seen tension mounting at Kahnésatake and across the country as the Oka Standoff, as the Canadian media refers to it, carried on and triggered supportive action in other regions. The standoff

was not over on September 26, when the warriors walked out of the treatment center at Kahnésatake. The issue and struggle is still there between not only the Mohawk Nation and the governments of Canada and Quebec, but also between all Aboriginal peoples and the government of Canada and their respective regional governments. The issue is self-government and the struggle for self-determination.

The struggle has brought out in sharp relief the deteriorating relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country. The army at Oka and

the events at the Mercier Bridge sent a chill down my spine. I was recently encouraged, however, by a forum I attended on intercultural relations sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Council of Saskatchewan in partnership with Saskatchewan Culture and Multi-Culturalism and Citizenship Canada. It seems the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan is moving from an artsy, culturally-focused organization to one which is going to face the gritty issue of racism head on. It is encouraging that they are starting to see things the way they really are, instead of just hiding the issues behind

beads and feathers. Real cross-cultural understanding must come about through respectful interaction.

I would like to close by saluting the Saskatchewan Indian on the occasion of the publication of their final issue.

Sincerely,
Gary LaPlante

P.A. Childrens' Haven...

continued

three year demonstrative project funding. In addition we appreciate the support and interest of the Provincial Government in particular the Department of Social Services. We are also especially pleased and proud of the support Prince Albert has given the centre. This is indeed a historic moment for the Native Co-ordinating Council and we are pleased to offer this resource to ALL families of our community".

Major contributors for the fundraising project has rooms within the centre named in their honour. One of these organizations is the Metis Society Local #7, who has donated \$20,000.00 to the project to date. Local #7 should be proud of the support given

to Children's Haven.

On Monday September 17, the Children's Haven had 7 children, so there is a demand for this service within our community and the City of Prince Albert, Native Co-ordinating Council are proud and pleased that they have played a major role to make this dream happen.

Thank you to all the volunteers who never gave up when the process took so long to happen. As a committee member I would like to thank one special person who made this happen - ALMA NEWAN. I thank you, the community thanks you and the Native Co-ordinating Council thanks you. GOOD LUCK CHILDREN'S HAVEN!

Desmeules Doubles Nearest Challenger ... Continued

August Collins of Bonnyville in Zone 2 and Peter Campion of Faust in Zone 5 had little difficulty winning re-election as vice-president, and Gerald Thom of Lac La Biche successfully edged Emil Cardinal in his bid for re-election as vice-president in Zone 1.

Returning board members include Roy Dumais of Bonnyville, who won handily in Zone 2; Freda Martell of Calgary, who won by a comfortable margin in Zone 3, and Elmer Gullion of Trout Lake, who staved off a strong challenge from Wayne Cunningham in Zone 5.

Newcomers George Quintal and Mike Heron

of Lac La Biche waged a tough battle won by Quintal, and foiled the re-election bid of Alvena Strassbourg in the contest for Zone 1 board member.

In Zone 4, newcomers Tim Collins and Lucille McLeod contested the board seat vacated by Thelma Chalifoux, with Collins winning comfortably.

Both candidates for board member in Zone 6 were also newcomers, with Louis Bellerose defeating Christine Parenteau.

With eight candidates, the contest for president was lively, highlighted by the presence in the race of Sam Sinclair, a former president (1979-1987); frequent

presidential aspirant Joe Blyan; Dorothy Daniels, daughter of former president Stan Daniels and sister of former vice-president and unsuccessful president candidate (in 1987) JoAnn Daniels; as well as several new candidates.

Desmeules doubled Sinclair's second-place results and easily outdistanced the other candidates.

All successful candidates were elected to a three-year term.

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Letter to the Editor

by Joanne Crofford

I take great exception to Kevin Avram's article on Taxation on the August issue of New Breed. I was overwhelmed by the amount of misinformation in this article. Mr. Avram talks about all the people leaving Saskatchewan and blames it on public investment in Crown Corporations. If he has lived in Saskatchewan for any time he will remember that during the time that we had more Crown Corporations they were putting revenue into the public purse. This money was used to finance important educational, social and economic developments. During that time, provincial budgets were balanced, the popula-

tion of the province was growing, and we had 11 straight years of balanced budgets without deficits. We have since entered the era of publicly financed, private sector, mega-project development. As a direct result, we have experienced increasing debt, decreasing revenue for programs and excessive taxation at both the provincial and federal levels.

The article quoted from Business Week in which Avram claims that Crown Corporations and publicly owned enterprises are costing us money is inaccurate. What the article said was that the publicly owned businesses in Saskatchewan were the most profitable. This does not suggest that

they increase the debt, this proves that they increase the public revenue and are returning profit on public investment. He next goes on to argue that big privately owned corporations finance themselves. This argument overlooks the fact that all of Weyerhaeuser to Cargill has been heavily financed with tax money to the detriment of more locally-based community economic development projects. The kind of projects that would be welcomed in most Indian and Metis communities. I don't believe he can demonstrate how large corporate development has benefited Aboriginal communities except when the companies have had to "buy off" local people to get their hands on resources.

As far as his belief that

investors should put their money where it can get the greatest return this has meant they invest their money in third world countries and places like Mexico where they can get cheap labour and live off the poverty of Aboriginal people in those areas. An investor looking for the greatest returns on their money will not be looking to Saskatchewan but to the high population centres of the East.

I agree with Mr. Avram that we have a debt and tax problem but I disagree completely on the solutions. The solution is to tax the large corporations who have been receiving tax and royalty holidays; to make them responsible for environmental protection and clean up in their projects and to remove tax loopholes for

those who already make over \$100,000 a year in untaxed income.

Mr. Avram believes that people are moving to Alberta because of the private enterprise in that province. I think it is common knowledge that Alberta has always been an oil rich province which naturally inclines it towards a strong economy with considerable employment. In Saskatchewan we have to work a little harder on developing a mixed economy that will recognize the benefits of a mixed economy that includes strong community based public and private sector development.

I would like Mr. Avram to remove his ideological glasses and look at the history of the province a little more clearly.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney



An Opinion by Gordon Sayers

Do you realize what you have done? You have set a precedent that has to be upheld in the future! Your reaction to the Mohawks at Oka will have to be carried on the same with the French in Quebec.

What ever happens in the future at Oka, no matter how many of us die in this battle, you must send in the

armies full force to any meeting and restrain anyone who even mentions separation from Canada! You must send in tanks and military men complete with guns and hunt those criminals down as well!

OR ARE THE NATIVES (THE FIRST NATIONS) THE ONLY ONES WHO MUST HAVE THIS HAPPEN TO THEM????

No! You started this here and the same treatment must

be applied to the French who are talking more serious blockage in the country than just a few roads like in Oka. I will be interested in when you will call in the NATO forces to take Quebec. After all that would be comparable to the forces sent into Oka.

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AND JUSTICE TO NONE.....

by Stanley J. Klyne

Have poverty, racism and undereducation done what they were supposed to? Because the Native problem as it exists in 1990 is a government product. The stand at Oka, isn't just about a golf course expansion, but focuses on all the dastardly deeds committed against the Native, by numerous caucasian tyrants. The Natives have come a long way since being taught Greed and Irresponsibility by countries, governments, businessmen. The classic example of Irresponsibility - The Mestizo (a new race) was born nine months after whitey saw just how beautiful Indian ladies were.

The stand in Quebec will show Canadians just how barbarious a distinct society can be. Our Prime Minister has never hesitated to express anger and displeasure at all the Human Rights violations around the world, yet he seems to show scorn and complete disregard for Canadians Natives (Meech Lake Accord).

The original intent was

good Mr. Mulroney, but it didn't work (making Canadian Natives "non entities", thereby erasing all past atrocities, also getting rid of any guilty feeling forever) but it wasn't to be, so what comes around, goes around.

The Natives have been hornswoggled, lied to, cheated, tricked (Hudson Bay Company long gun) were victims of Germ Warfare, (small pox infected blankets theft by trickery to name a few atrocities. I read about the Noble British Aristocracy (Hudson Bay Company governors) using 125,000 gallons of whiskey per year, to trade with 120,000 Natives. Is this Cultural Genocide or not? And the truly amazing part of this scenario, is, this mentality still exists. As shabby and cruel treatment are synonymous with the NAtive Canadian. Who, when I went to school, were referred to as Savages. All because they barbecued, dressed skimpily in summer and used the forerunner to the Recreation Vehicle The Travois. On any

weekend you can witness savagery being practiced at all the campsites. So...Savagery is in Vogue.

Also keep in mind, the Natives don't have to frequent the fashionable tanning salons, as we have year round Rose coloured complexions. And Rose is beautiful, otherwise why the tanning salons?

The Oka stand could be the Native's last chance to gain first class status, or its back to third and fourth class citizens and being designated the Captive Society.

In Canada's Huge, useless, ineffective Crime and Punishment industry the (Just Us System) with its vast network of Human warehouses where four (4%) of Canadians represent seventy-eight (78%) of the incarcerated which is around 27,000 (Canadian Bar Association, "locking up Natives in Canada"). Go to any Young offenders courtroom, what you see "would shock the Prince of Darkness"...(George Bernard Shaw from "The Crime of Imprisonment"). Eight (8) of ten (10) who are arraigned

before overworked. Young Offenders Judge Linton Smith, are of Native extraction. For starters, we could cut our horrendous deficit by four billion dollars a year by having three institutions, east-central-west instead of 300? Incarceration costs Canadian taxpayers six (6) billion unrecoverable dollars a year, in what has become a no win situation! One might conclude that a new approach to the problem should now be considered". S.J.K. intention of explaining what responsibility means along with Clair Culhanes formula for dismantling Canada's Archaic prison system. After a couple of years I'm certain we would show some dramatic results, by changing attitudes while making Canada's Justice System more just. By reducing the number if Natives in our Justice System. Ask any person who has managed to make the

transition (self included), they will tell you "Rehabilitation comes from within" with lots of help from friends". So help save our children from becoming prison stuffers, as this is a costly, hopeless, future! So everyone can smile while looking at the world through rose coloured glasses...Rose is beautiful.

Why do Canadians have a Governor General? I always thought, it was a safety device for preventing chaos. Wouldn't the Oka stand parallel the Riel Rebellion? And who will be the Mohawk-Louis Riel? Because every conflict needs a martyr or scapegoat. If our present number one man, in Ottawa is unwilling and unable to settle the Oka stand peaceably, then perhaps our Queen's representative should call an election, so Canadians can get on with their lives.

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Oka Crisis

Metis Society Reaffirms Support for Mohawk Struggle

The Executive of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan remains steadfast in the organizations support for the legitimate rights of the Mohawk Nation.

This support by those members of the Metis Nation represented by the Metis Society of Saskatchewan has been expressed in different ways at different times, including a unanimous resolution at the Metis Society Annual Assembly in July.

Currently, some of our members are participating in demonstrations of support, such as the Grandmothers March and the Northern Road Blockade.

The Executive are particularly concerned with, and condemn the use of the

military in addressing the legitimate political and legal rights of the Mohawk people. "We cannot endorse or accept the use of the military against any Aboriginal peoples. They may have been able to get away with this 105 years ago when they attacked our Metis people at Batoche, however Canadian and World opinion should not allow such actions in the 1990's", said Jim Durocher, Metis Society of Saskatchewan President.

According to Gerald Morin, Metis of Saskatchewan Secretary, "Like the Metis, the Mohawk have never relinquished their rights to their land and self-government. Our right of

self-determination as the Indigenous peoples of this land must be recognized and honored."

The Metis Society is particularly critical of Premier Bourassa's sinister manipulation of the negotiation process, and his apparent eagerness to use brute military solutions to avoid or sabotage a peaceful and political solution to the current crisis. According to

Metis Society of Saskatchewan Treasurer, Philip Charrier, "Mr. Bourassa is taking a very dangerous approach to resolving this Mohawk - Canada crisis. One can only believe that Mr. Bourassa has no intention of respecting the rights of the Aboriginal peoples within Quebec and is using brute military force and terror to suppress future Aboriginal political initia-

tives." The Organization is also highly critical of the federal government's involvement in resolving this issue at an early stage. "The Prime Minister must immediately take over the negotiations, redirect the military's role to that of peace keeper solely and not allow Mr. Bourassa to drag Canada's international reputation through the mud," said Mr. Durocher.



Grandmothers Receive Tremendous Support on Walk to Oka



Leona Tootoosis, and Peggy Vermette Photo Credit: Marg Cloak

By Lorna LaPlante

sion about the Grandmothers who were walking to Oka, I sat back and smiled.

When I heard the discus-

You see, some people very erroneously felt that the women were not up to it, and if I have learned one thing in 30 years on this earth it is to never underestimate a grandma. Not only are they the very wisest people around, grandmothers are also the strongest! Also, when I heard who was involved, I knew that nobody was going to quit.

The six grandmothers who walked were: Maria Campbell, Peggy Vermette, Leona Tootoosis, Dolly

Pratt, Hazel Siddall, and Marg Cloak, a non-Native. Curtis Ahenakew ran along with the Grannies. The walk really took its toll. Peggy twisted her ankle the first day out and some of the women suffered from heat exhaustion and dehydration. The ladies really made a valiant effort.

The purpose of the walk was to show solidarity with the Mohawk people at Oka, but more importantly to show support for young Native people in their decisions and encourage them to assume the leadership role. Furthermore, young people will make very careful decisions when they realize the grandmothers involved.

Most positive about the walk was the pulling together of Native people. A grassroots coalition has emerged and a lot of new politically aware people are coming forward. Minority groups can join together without losing their own unique identities.

The coalition operates on consensus decisions. This gives the leaders confidence in their actions. The grandmothers wish to develop and nurture leadership at the community level. They will

give recognition to heroes like Elijah Harper and strengthen our sense of pride as Natives.

Levels of support for the grandmother's walk were phenomenal. Every community welcomed them. They were fed, housed, given medical aid, waved at, honked at, and generally commended everywhere. They had their feet washed at a church in Yorkton. Letters of support and donations poured in. People joined them in their walk for various portions of the trip. Special religious ceremonies were held for the walkers.

Grandmother Maria Campbell calls it "Exciting, Empowering" and states that "a very positive thing is happening". She met some very wonderful people on the walk including very old grannies, young respectful men and many others. She stressed the importance of grandmothers supporting our young leaders.

The grandmothers walk did much for the Native cause and I commend them for their efforts. Mostly, I thank all of the grandmothers for my life on earth, my culture and my future.

PRESS RELEASE - PINEHOUSE IN SUPPORT OF MOHAWKS IN QUEBEC

moved by Albert Hansen, seconded by Alice Ratt

"The community of Pinehouse Lake and all it's residents wish to vote unanimously on the issue of support for the Mohawk people in their reserve, and in doing so, we wish to send a clear message to the Government of Canada and the Premier of this Province (Sask.) that the recent move of bringing the Canadian Army to

settle the situation at Oka, Quebec is unacceptable because we do not support violence.

Canada, has now turned against it's Aboriginal people in Canada - Our own Native people now have their own country turning against them and what this boils down to is that the Government of Canada is determined to use violence and force against our Native people.

We further wish to state

that we will be prepared to hold additional blockades in our Northern Highways with the intention of inviting other Northern communities to support us in our position against Ottawa, in their enforcement of Justice in Canada.

We, the local people explore our local leaders to support this initiative and this resolution and we ask them to lobby for UNITY amongst our Native communities."

Local

Harper Packs Law Library

reprinted from the SHEAF, by Sheila Korol, September 20, 1990

Elijah Harper, a key player in the recent Meech Lake issue, declared himself as nobody's "yes" man during a speech in the University Law Library.

At 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 17, the recently elected Manitoba MLA arrived on campus to voice his concerns over the current tension in Canada relating to Aboriginal issues. Harper's talk drew a large crowd of curious and supportive spectators. Many of his remarks drew eager applause, and he was rewarded with a final standing ovation.

Appealing for greater Aboriginal unity in the face of such difficult situations as Oka, Harper encouraged Native peoples to become more involved in society. "We have to know how the system works...how it ar-

rives at decisions." Harper himself was after the election of two more Aboriginals to the Manitoba legislature, saying "our voice will be greater".

Describing a visit to Oka and the treatment centre where a group of Mohawks and Native civilians are presently surrounded by army forces, Harper called the situation "totally cruel and inhumane".

Pointing out that Aboriginals had never had a positive relationship with the rest of Canada, Harper went on to explain that his opposition to the Meech Lake Accord was his way of preventing further injustice to Native peoples. Stating that "Our (Aboriginal) issues need to be addressed", Harper stressed that Canada's present Constitution must be changed in order to recognize Aboriginal rights. Meech Lake has resulted in a "sense of unity...togetherness...among

Aboriginal peoples".

Unity he said, is needed more than ever to solve the Oka crisis in Quebec. It has brought to national attention the issues of Aboriginal land claims, sovereignty, and self-government. Feeling "really ashamed" and having a "sense of anger" at the federal government's handling of the situation, Harper denounced the use of violence, saying violence has never played a part in Aboriginal culture. The federal government was at fault, he claimed, for not having recalled Parliament to democratically discuss the issue of sending in the army.

Harper called for a public inquiry into the dilemma at Oka, in order to examine factors such as the army and Quebec Provincial Police presence, and the roles of the provincial and federal governments. He



Elijah Harper

Photo Credit: Ralph Schneider

also stated that two important issues need to be immediately addressed in order to avoid violence in the future. First is the urgent matter of settling outstanding land claims. Second is the federal government's refusal to implement recent supreme court decisions that uphold Aboriginal rights and treaties.

GDI Holds Sod Turning for Women's Community Training Residence

by Patti Penny

Monday, September 14, 1990 was a special day for the staff and residents at the Saskatoon Gabriel Dumont Community Training Residence. A lot had been purchased in River Heights for a new CTR to be opened in early 1991. On this cold and windy afternoon the staff and residents decided to participate in a special sod turning event. The feelings that went through each individual woman that day varied from happy to right out ecstatic. Everyone out there had a turn at "turning the sod" and then scaled the hill that is situated behind the location of the new building. The ladies were just generally celebrating the fact that there would soon be a brand new CTR. Not only the fact that there would be a new building, a year ago there was no CTR for

women. Progress was the reason for celebration on this day. A lot of dedicated individuals and Organizations worked long and hard to see the day this would happen. The celebration ended with the women burning Sweetgrass and saying a special prayer to give their thanks to the creator.

Being a resident at the GDI Community Training Residence, I would just like to thank all those people who worked so hard to ensure that we, as women who had been in conflict with the law, are now given equal opportunity and access to such a program as this.

Speaking on behalf of the women still on the "inside", this gradual release program was a definite need. Now that it is available, many women now have the opportunity to remain in close contact with their spouses. We can seek employment



Back Row (l-r): Linda Cross, Roxanne Nelson, Patti Penny, Alphonsine Koehler, Patrice Kelly
Front (l-r): Liz Troyer, Debbie Paul, Margaret Thompson, Virginia Guiboche

or further our education. The opportunity to participate in a program that is beneficial to those of us who chose to use it.

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Public Announcement: CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING



Left to Right: Genevieve Siba, Janice Charlton, Max Hansen, Elaine Cousineau, Shaun Cunningham and son, Bruce Sinclair, Skip Kutz, John Ritchards.
Missing: Bertha Georges

One of the first university credit courses in CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING was offered at the University of Saskatchewan summer school. Sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, the College of Education and the Department of Education Foundations in the College,

the program explored the rationale, theory and methodology of co-operative learning. Instructed by Skip Kutz and Janice Charlton, the class attracted four senior students from the College of Education and three teachers from the Saskatoon district. The course had an interesting cross-cultural

component, as well. Three persons attending the program come from the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teachers Education Program. SUNTEP student Bruce Sinclair reviewed the class by stating "co-operative learning is invaluable in teaching children the real values of living, learning to

interact with others in a meaningful, positive way". Genevieve Siba, a teacher with the Saskatoon Separate School Board of Education reflected on the value of co-operative learning for children suggesting that "students become excited about learning, they achieve higher academically and they acquire many of the social skills needed in life". She went on to say, "This class should be mandatory for anyone within the teaching profession".

LEARNING course will be offered next summer at the University of Saskatchewan. Dan Ish, Director of the Centre for the Study of Co-operative said that "the centre is committed to the ongoing support of credit course in co-operative themes in various colleges on campus". Ish added that the "co-operation and encouragement of institutions such as the College of Education has assisted greatly in the establishment of innovative and relevant programming on campus".

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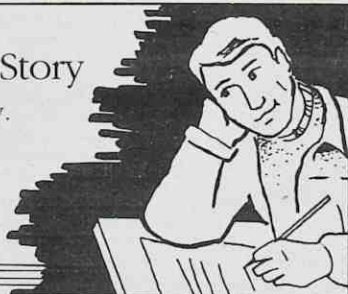
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SASKATCHEWAN ARTS BOARD

Local

Teen Mother's Daycare Centre - Maggie's - Opens in Saskatoon

by Cindy Perrault

Through community awareness, concern and action, Maggie's Child Care Centre was organized. Executive Director, Irma Fuentealba, stated that the project has been in the developmental stage for over two years. The Board hopes to open the doors by October 15th. It will continue to operate for the next three years.

The present daycare system does not meet the needs of teenage parents. As a result the centre will be trying to serve young parents who have had school problems and need a bridge to full time school attendance.

Daycare centres do not usually take infants and private sitters cost approximately four hundred dollars per month. To a teenage mother receiving approximately seven hundred dollars per month that leaves three hundred dollars for food, shelter, clothing and utilities.

It is not difficult to understand why these teen parents opt for dropping out of school; it is too costly to continue with an education and up until now there were no other resources available. Maggie's Child Care Centre has become a third alternative because of a community's concern and action for teen parents.

A proposal was written and

sent to Health and Welfare, Federal Child Care Initiative Fund. Maggie's Centre will consist of two full-time and one part-time child care worker, an administrative assistant working half-time and a half-time volunteer coordinator.

The Centre will provide full-time and flexible spaces for emergency care. There will be nine spaces for infants and five for toddlers. In exchange for this service it is hoped that the parents will contribute their time to help keep the centre alive; whether it is through volunteer work or using a skill such as making curtains or a table cloth, etc. Any and all contributions from the parents and their extended

families will be welcomed.

Maggie's Child Care Centre provides care for those teen parents nineteen years of age and younger who are attending upgrading, BSD, and tutorial sessions. The centre will also offer group sessions in parenting, daycare systems, health, nutrition, etc. The parents who use the Child Care Centre will be expected to participate in the sessions of their choice.

Transportation will be provided in the form of bus tickets to and from home. The parents will not be obligated to return to the centre once they have used the service, the decision is their own.

Irma Fuentealba hopes to open Maggie's Child Care Centre one evening a week to give those parents who regularly use the centre some free time to be teenagers. The hours of operation will be 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Maggie's Child Care Centre will continue with the help of volunteers and their extended families of those who use the service. The programs offered through the centre will become more extensive as time goes on. The centre, it is hoped, will bridge the gap between teen parents and teenagers who are not parents.

NEW BREED VISITS MINISTER



The New Breed's Wanda McCaslin recently had occasion to visit Hon. Beatty Martin, Minister of Recreation and Culture and Minister of the Family. "Getting an appointment to meet Mr. Martin was no problem at all" observed McCaslin who was in Regina on an expedition to increase advertisements for

the New Breed. "Since the Secretary of State cutbacks to all Native publications in Canada, the New Breed, like others has had to rely more on advertising and my visit to Regina was to let advertisers know what a large and diverse readership the New Breed has" commented McCaslin. Beatty Martin was most helpful and prom-

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Metis Society of Saskatchewan
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GUADALUPE HOUSE

by Bruce Sinclair

The Early Learning Centre was created five and a half years ago specifically for Native kids who were having problems adjusting to kindergarten and grade 1. According to June Nunan, these problems were largely due to the fact that Native skills were unrecognized and mounting social pressures were too much for these children. The centre I visited was located at St. Mary's School, 337 Avenue O South. Ms. Nunan went on to explain the philosophy of Guadalupe House was to create a loving, learning environment with qualified teachers of Aboriginal descent as role models. The importance of retaining one's sense of identity and self-esteem is emphasized throughout the curriculum. Another essential aspect of Guadalupe House was parental involvement. The staff felt that education was a reciprocal process, not only for the child, but also for the parent in a sharing type

atmosphere of knowledge and trust. Guadalupe House provides a non-threatening atmosphere where parents are comfortable and can physically see what their children are capable of. This also results as a positive motivator for the parents, some of whom have taken steps to upgrade their own education and improve their relationship with their child and the school. Another service offered by Guadalupe House is home visits in a classroom. This promotes a spirit of co-responsibility, a trait practiced by traditional Indian societies.

In addition to these services, Guadalupe House provides a cheap nutrition program, clothing and transportation for those who require these services.

The classroom, at present, has an enrollment of 30 kids although a pilot project will begin October 1st boosting the number to 50. Volunteers assist the classroom teacher and St. Mary's offers use of its gymnasium

and library. Fortunately, St. Mary's, a community school, has a high percentage of Native students enabling Guadalupe House student to be involved in sweetgrass ceremonies and other related activities.

In the spiritual sense, Guadalupe House has a crucifix, a bust of our Lady of Guadalupe, and messages from the traditional Indian circle of life displayed in the classroom. The centre is non-denominational although funded by the Catholic Native Ministries, Native language is not taught in the curriculum as a subject but Cree and other Native languages are applied in teaching numbers and other fundamental areas. The children pray to start the day and when receiving food.

June Nunan is an administrative capacity and takes responsibility for funding, hiring and interrelationships between the teacher, parents and the community. Ms. Nunan is a TAKITUMV, a member of the POLYNE-

Local

SIAN tribes. She speaks PARATONGAIN, a dialect of MAORI who are the original peoples of New Zealand.

Jeanne Auramenko is a Chipwyan from La Loche Saskatchewan. She has been teaching at Guadalupe House for 4 years and has spent the last six years in Saskatoon.

Guadalupe House provides an essential service for Native children in this city. Positive feedback from parents and teachers prove that this type of progressive

education for our children is necessary and extremely rewarding. Volunteers are always welcomed and Guadalupe House would appreciate resource personnel, such as artists, musicians and people that can teach skills such as basket weaving. Our children are our future and our most precious investment. People like June Nunan and Jeanne Auramenko are doing their best to ensure that our children are treated and educated according.



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NATIVE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CITY OF SASKATOON LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In 1984 representatives from the Saskatoon Metis Society and SaskNative Housing approached the Mayor of Saskatoon and Dr. Howard Nixon, former Alderman for the City, requesting funds for recreation programs to celebrate the Centennial of Louis Riel Resistance (1985).

The Metis representatives felt that Native people were not getting involved in recreation programs offered by the City nor were they using City-owned recreation facilities. The representatives wanted to work cooperatively with the city to ensure Native children and families got involved in recreation programs.

Because of this, former Mayor Cliff Wright established the Mayor's Core Committee on Native Programs to act as a "guiding light" in providing advice and direction in the implementation of a Native program. Appointed to the committee were the late Mr. Clarence Trochie, Ex-director, Saskatoon Metis Society; the late Mr. Tony Camponi, Native Alcohol Centre; Mr. Ron Camponi, SaskNative Housing; Ms. Sandi Schultz and Mr. Rene Marleau, both from the Leisure Services Department (formerly Parks & Recreation Department), City of Saskatoon.

In June of 1985 the Leisure Services Department hired the first full-time Native staff member, Mr. Kim Beaudin.

Mr. Beaudin was a graduate of the Recreation Technology program at Gabriel Dumont Institute in Regina. His present position, Native Program Consultant, was created due to a need for more Native people to get involved in recreation programs in the City of Saskatoon facilities. This was a two year pilot project which was to be reviewed and evaluated. The program's overall goal is to: **increase the number of Natives**

participating in Leisure Services programs without hinderance due to economic, geographic and racial barriers.

In June of 1987 a Native Recreation Services Report and Study, commissioned by the Native Core Committee, went to Leisure Services addressing overall involvement as well as a "needs" assessment concerning Native people in recreation programs offered by the Department.

Some of the highlights in the report's recommendations include:

- . three more Native District Programmers
- . work with the school boards to ensure participation of Native people in programs
- . the establishment of the Native Recreation Advisory Committee
- . the development of staff training programs to further understanding within Senior Administration and other staff of the specialized programming requirements of N/A native and low income populations
- . the hiring and training of Native leaders for Leisure Services programs
- . free swimming and skating sessions at all municipal facilities
- . promotion of Native culture in the City of Saskatoon

Because of this report and its recommendations the Native Program Consultant position was made permanent. Also in October 1987 the First Native District Programmer position was created as a two-year pilot project. As of today, the position is now permanent.

Mary Johnson is the Department's second full-time staff member hired by the City of Saskatoon. Mary's office is located at the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre.

Both Kim and Mary have developed programs geared toward Native children. These programs include: Me-Ta-We-Tan Youth

Centre, Fall/Winter, Equipment Drive/Bank, Me-Ta-We-Tan Newsletter, Native Leadership Program, Five-year Development Plan, Native Toastmasters Youth Program, Daycamp Program (Summer), Free Skating Cosmo, Free swimming Outdoor/Indoor Pools, Native Alcohol Centre Recreation Program, and Native Learn-to-Swim Program.

The Native Learn-to-Swim Program enables Native and low income children from Grades 7 & 8 who cannot afford to take swimming lessons an opportunity to participate. "It's a three-year plan. We're hoping that we can develop some Native lifeguards by 1992 for our outdoor and indoor pools. As of today, we have 157 children enrolled," says Beaudin.

The Me-Ta-We-Tan Summer Youth Centres are located at St. Mary's and Bedford Road Schools. "The program itself offers Native culture and crafts, it gives Native kids a safe place to go, it offers programs that enhance Native culture, something unique to the other Leisure Services summer youth centres," says Johnson.

Another achievement that Beaudin speaks proudly about is the Native Leadership Program. "This program deals with Native Culture and Recreation Planning as well as what it takes to be a Native leader. It concentrates on the Grade 10 to 12 students. It's important to realize that Native children are looking up to young Native students, these students will have a large impact on our children. In a nutshell we want Native youth workers for our Department playgrounds and youth centres. Over the past couple of years, we have had Alwyn Morris from Kahnawake Reserve in Quebec, Olympic Gold Medalist and Margo Kane, Native Actress from British



Photo Credit: Keith Chilton

Kim Beaudin and Mary Johnson

Columbia, as our workshop leaders and keynote speakers, both were the highlights of our Native Leadership Program."

"We start looking for these leaders in January of each year. Also, we do a lot of other programs that require Native leaders during fall and winter," says Beaudin.

Overall the Native Program is only five years old. The tremendous amount of work of Mr. Beaudin and Ms. Johnson has shown a cooperative team effort.

According to Mr. Ron Camponi, "I'm quite happy with the type of programs offered by the Leisure Services Department (Native

Program Development)."

"Only with cooperation from the Leisure Services Department, Mayor Henry Dayday, and City Council, will we then have the opportunity to make great strides in Native recreation and community involvement. We still have a long way to go. Native people were left completely out of recreation programs and community development planning before 1985," says Camponi.

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Business

CANADIAN ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR METIS ENTREPRENEURS

by Lorna LaPlante

Industry, Science and Technology Canada (ISTC) Aboriginal Business Development Program (ABDP) to assist Native people with business ventures. Commonly referred to as the CAED strategy, the program offers a variety of components which are applicable to Native business development.

In order to eliminate confusion I wish to set the record straight. CAEDS is a strategy which involves 3 government departments including: DIAND, CEIC, and ISTC. The business development component is handled by ISTC.

The most important message that Duane Auramenko, Acting Manager at the Saskatoon office, wishes to get across is that the staff are approachable. They want to personally talk to people who have a sincere desire to start or expand a business. Project officer, Brian Mahoney, adds that they want to see serious business proposals. This means that people must be willing to make investments. They should be prepared to invest some money and their personal involvement into the business.

This strikes me as a reasonable request. Success in business requires commitment. We all want to see Native people succeed in business, therefore it makes sense to see anyone who is not serious is weeded out at the onset. In this way our success rate will be higher. Duane stresses that "the program is here for the clients." The staff have a genuine interest in seeing Native businesses thrive. ISTC staff will meet with clients at their office or go out into the communities.

The CAEDS Business Development Program (ABDP) is flexible and has been changing to accommodate Native Entrepreneurs. The largest criticism

I have heard personally of the plan was that the Equity requirements were too difficult to meet. An equity paper has recently been drafted which addresses that issue and various revisions have been made in accordance.

ABDP combines the best of previous initiatives in a single program. It provides financial assistance to reliable business projects. By following projects from the pre-business planning stage through to follow up service, long term client/program working relationships are established.

Some improvements which have taken place are:

- 1) the inclusion of business planning, training and aftercare
- 2) the establishment of 5 regional offices and 4 sub-offices
- 3) increased involvement of board members
- 4) new contribution agree-

ments and improved payment process

5) clearer terms and conditions

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- . managerial, technical and entrepreneurial training
- . economic studies, seminars and promotional activities

The application process is relatively simple although often less than hasty. 1) Initially applicants contact the ISTC office and acquire a statement of intent form

which is filled out and submitted. 2) A business plan is submitted after staff has the opportunity to review the statement of intent and determine eligibility. 3) The business plan is assessed and either rejected or recommended to the board. 4) The board reviews and recommends projects to the ISTC ministers office in Ottawa where they are again reviewed. 5) A letter of offer is sent to projects which will be funded. 6) Payment is made and monitoring of project begins.

Areas which ISTC staff and the ABDP board look at, and should be considered by applicants are: project profitability, management competence, market identification, financial adequacy, and benefits to Aboriginal people.

An important role of ABDP is the focus on joint ventures. The idea of a joint venture is to make Aborigi-

nal people partners with corporations or government so that they may get involved with larger projects. In this way the Native people as investors obtain technical experience and share in the profit while the other partners receive infusions of capital and often employees.

To date ABDP has funded 25 projects in Saskatchewan totalling \$3.5 million. Types of projects vary from retail outlets, the service industry, and agriculture to marketing studies. As well ABDP still monitors the old Special Area and NEDP projects. The staff are very involved in the Aboriginal business community and would like to hear from potential entrepreneurs. You may contact them at (306) 975-4400. 6th Floor, 105-21st Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7K 0B3.

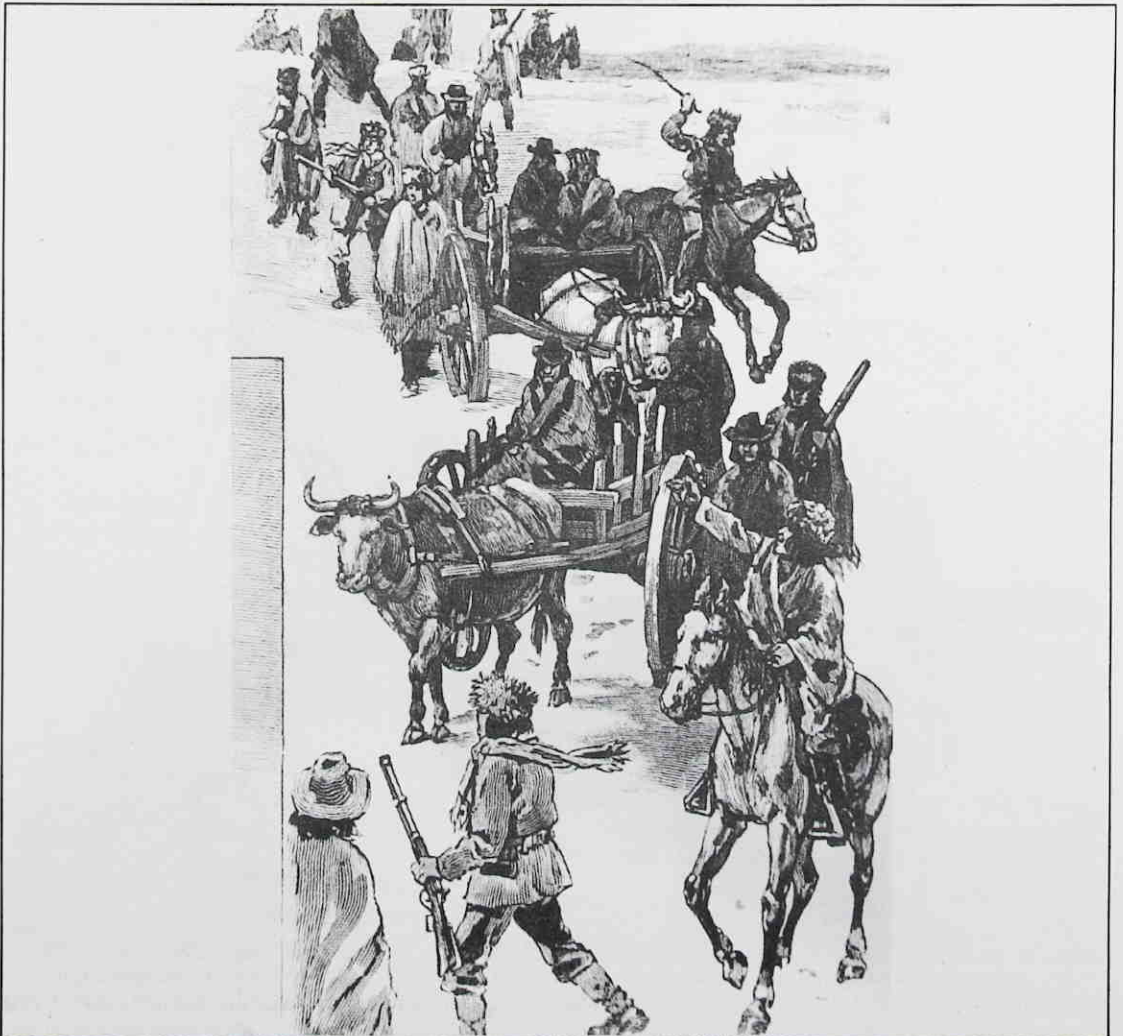


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Willowbunch. Main street showing Bennett's store, Monpetit hotel, J. Beaulne's store and R.C. Church, 1914.



Natives (and others) attending Guide School, La Ronge, May 1953



Batoche Elder



Victoria Bouvier, near Cole Bay, on the land she and her ancestors have lived on for centuries. This was taken in early September.

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Plains Bison were hunted and processed by Metis families providing sustenance for themselves and the fur traders.



Modern Metis hunter Brian D'Amour by Marcelin, Sask.



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New P.A. Firm Finds Niche in Eaves

Reprinted from the P.A. Daily Herald, September 4, 1990

The site of a long-defunct manufacturing business has become the home of a new manufacturer just north of Prince Albert.

Mel Parenteau has started a business at the former box factory in the north industrial area of the city, forming down spouts and elbows for eavestroughing and sof-

fit and fascia, the under surface and face, for the eaves of buildings.

Prior to the start of Mel's Aluminum this summer, eavestroughing installers had to buy their products from Regina, Calgary or Winnipeg, said Parenteau. The idea of using a locally manufactured product seems to be catching on, he said.

Parenteau is supplying products to two local instal-

lers, including his father, with whom he worked for 12 years. He's hoping to expand his market, not only into retail stores in Prince Albert but throughout northern Saskatchewan and even beyond the province.

For the moment, however, his first concern is establishing a reliable source of the coils of aluminum from which the products are made. He's hopeful a Regina firm will be what he's looking

for. Without the coils, a sizeable investment in forming machines is sitting quiet in the former box factory building.

Parenteau said he has received some help in financing the operations from a Native business fund, but has put a lot of his own money into it as well.

So far, enough orders have been coming in to keep Parenteau and two employ-

ees busy. "We're hoping to expand beyond Prince Albert, but right now we're just getting established," he said.

"There'll be installation work through to Christmas and then I'll be on the road during the winter, trying to sell our product."

The aluminum products are pre-painted and can't rust, making them a good choice for today's householder, said Parenteau.

Business

Federal Business Development Bank Sponsors Small Business Week

by Lorna LaPlante

Small Business Week recognizes the contributions made by small business to the Canadian way of life. Along with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce FBDB has hosted this special event for 11 years. The purpose of this event is to make people more aware of the values of small business in Canadian society. This year, Small Business Week

runs from October 21st to 27th. The 1990 focuses are starting, maintaining, and growth of a business.

In Saskatoon, FBDB has organized a series of workshops for October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th which will aid small businesses with their operations. To take advantage of these very useful workshops, all you have to do is fill out and send in the registration form along with \$40.00 per house-

hold or business. Some of the areas to be covered are: Business Basics, Marketing, Identifying Opportunities, Financing, Staffing, Franchising, Accounting and the GST. FBDB is happy to be able to provide this service to the Small Business Community.

Ongoing services of FBDB help people develop, upgrade and improve their business skills. Business loans and loan guarantees


are an important function of FBDB. Their financing provides a variety of flexible terms and conditions. A very important role of FBDB is the assistance with financial packaging institutions to assess funding applications.

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the inception of your business, onwards. Small businesses can benefit greatly from FBDB's wide range of Management Services including the courses, clinics and publications. The CASE Counselling Program offers specialized advice tailored to the businesses needs in all areas of business management and draws upon the expertise of successful retired business persons who work individually with the business.

Native entrepreneurs would do well to utilize the services of FBDB. The program aspires to build on the potential of the entrepreneur to create a successful business. It goes back to the good old saying "Give a

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Profile: Winona Stephenson, Professor, University of Saskatchewan Native Studies Department

Profile

by Bruce Sinclair

Winona Stevenson, Plains Cree, is now in her third year of teaching for the Native Studies Department at the University of Saskatchewan. Born outside of Port Alberni on Vancouver Island, Winona lived on this beautiful island until she turned fourteen, then moved to Manitoba, Winnipeg specifically. Not surprisingly, Winona calls Western Canada home not unlike many Aboriginal people who still display nomadic tendencies. Winona's mother, Bernelda Wheeler, originates from George Gordon's Band in Saskatchewan. Bernelda has made an impact in her own right, winning an Actra Award for Native women in Radio for her performance in "Our Native Land". Currently, Bernelda is starring in the "Rez Sisters" now playing in Edmonton until October 20th.

Winona began her academic career on a dubious note, dropping out of high school but completed her education at that level, passing an Adult Basic Upgrading Course. From there, her career accelerated rapidly, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from the University of Manitoba in 1986. Next was a Masters of History degree from the University of British Columbia obtained July 1988. The very same day she graduated from UBC, Winona was hired by the Native Studies Department.

Winona, on her success, recognizes the need for appreciative Native students in graduate studies which eventually leads to professional colleges and university teaching positions. Her employment with the Native Studies Department has been a learning experience in terms of her awareness of the tremendous need for Native content in post-secondary education. The Native Studies Department,

Winona feels, provides students with an alternative perspective in terms of history of Indigenous people. Although the department is of high quality, Winona recognizes the understaffing and time constraints within the program. Currently, the department has four full-time staff, two term appointees and four or five seasonal lecturers. Winona feels that the department needs more specific focus in some areas but is fully appreciative of the research methods component which she believes will lead to Native scholarship opportunities.

Winona has played an active role in Native issues such as the E-12 funding cap on Native post-secondary education, the Mohawk situation at Oka, Quebec and the grandmother's walk for peace.

Winona, along with 25 others, was arrested in Saskatoon for protesting the funding cuts and found



guilty on a point of law. She received an absolute discharge but found the judge open minded and sensitive to the Native situation. Winona believes that education is, indeed, a treaty right and that any charges to these principles without the consent or involvement of Native people, in unacceptable. Winona points out that changes in the guidelines did occur, due largely to student protests. As for the grandmothers' march to Oka Winona comments on the mood of the country, "every Canadian is feeling shame for the actions of the government, especially Quebec whose actions reek of racism".

Winona feels that the Mohawk warriors image has been unfairly distorted by the media, "The Mohawk is portrayed as uncontrollable, violent and ignorant whereas the army displays none of these characteristics. The Mohawk are subjected to psychological torture, physical beatings resulting in a traumatic situation".

Winona's future plans are

exciting, to say the least. In July of 1991 she begins a new chapter in her life, studying for her PHD in Berkely California. Through Winona's work in Oakland California in 1987 at the American Ethno-History conference, she attracted the eye of the Native American Studies Department, thus resulting in her invitation to move to California.

Saskatchewanians should not fear losing Winona though, for she intends to return to pursue her original vocation, as a Land Claims Researcher. Winona reminds her people that there are only four Indians in Saskatchewan who have their PHD. "In order to do my people justice, I should have credibility according to society's standards". Winona has shown through her actions her credibility with the original peoples of this country is on a high level and with her determination, the best is yet to come. Winona lives outside of Saskatoon with her daughter, Theresa 12 and her dog, Ogemaw.

Metis Wild Rice Growers Embark on New Marketing Strategy



by Lorna LaPlante

The Metis Produce Company will commence its operations by marketing Northern Saskatchewan wild rice and will diversify to other products in the future. Packages of wild

rice bearing the company's stamp are presently being sold to corporations as Christmas gifts for their employees. Buyers receive a real bargain. The gift includes a 1/2 pound package of the finest quality wild rice with a special message

from the Corporation to their employees. This very unique gift is both practical and personal. Any group wishing to purchase the product should contact Lorna LaPlante at 955-1094.

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man a fish and feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime". Native people have the ability and resources at hand to de-

velop, maintain and expand more Native businesses. This will be a step further towards Native equality.

Provincial

Community Schools Breakfast Program Receives Funding

Eighteen community schools in Prince Albert, Regina, and Saskatoon will receive \$350,981 annually for breakfast programs under a three-year pilot project, Family Minister Beattie Martin announced today.

The funding will enable all for the province's designated community schools to provide a breakfast program five days per week through-

out the school year. Martin said the program was designed as an interdepartmental initiative involving consultations with Education Minister Ray Meiklejohn and Social Services Minister Bill Neudorf as well as school boards in the major urban centres.

This program reflects their common view that community schools are naturally suited for the breakfast

program because they have done a good job of linking together the community and the school to improve the education process and to strengthen the community, Martin said.

"It is vitally important that these schools are involved in developing strategies tailored to their community and their own needs."

The Minister stresses that the partnership between

families, the school and the community can bring about positive local changes and improve the quality of life of the students. Family support and education as well as feeding is required to address the root causes of hunger, he said. "The breakfast program will serve those children most in need. Studies indicate school breakfast programs pay back benefits in the form of in-

creased school attendance, improved behaviour and better performance from students. We will be monitoring and evaluating the program to look for these kinds of results."

Targeted at school children and based on regional, community and educational needs, the \$350,981 in funding is part of a \$740,000 hunger initiative announced in the budget speech.

Fisheries Strategies for the 1990s Studied

Parks and Renewable Resources Minister Lorne Kopelchuk today released a public discussion paper for future fisheries management in Saskatchewan designed to reconcile a large demand and shrinking resource.

Proposed Goals, Policies and Strategies for Fisheries Management in Saskatchewan for the 1990s identifies three major issues:

- * Conflict among users;
- * Loss of fish and fish habi-

tat; * Poor financial performance of fisheries, particularly in the central and northern parts of the province.

Kopelchuk said a number of strategies are proposed to deal with the issues.

Conflict among users will be addressed through a co-management process which will involve those with a stake in fisheries decision-making. Loss of fish and fish habitat will be addressed

through a process of conservation involving sustainable development. Poor financial performance will be met by creating opportunities allowing commercial users to improve their economic viability.

"The three issues facing us in fisheries management today are complex," Kopelchuk said. "However, I believe they can be resolved by the proposed strategies. To secure the future of our

fisheries we must build bridges between the stakeholders and the resource and create opportunities for community, cultural and economic growth and stability."

The paper is available to all interested persons, groups and organizations for review and comment.

"Public input into this process is essential and I sincerely hope the public will accept my invitation to review and comment on this document," Kopelchuk said.


Copies are available from any Saskatchewan Parks and Renewable Resources (SPRR) office. SPRR staff are available to meet with groups and organizations to discuss the proposed strategy. Participation at meetings can be requests by writing or phoning: Bruce Smith, Superintendent of Fisheries, Saskatchewan Parks and Renewable Resources, 3211 Albert Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S 5W6; phone 787-1304.

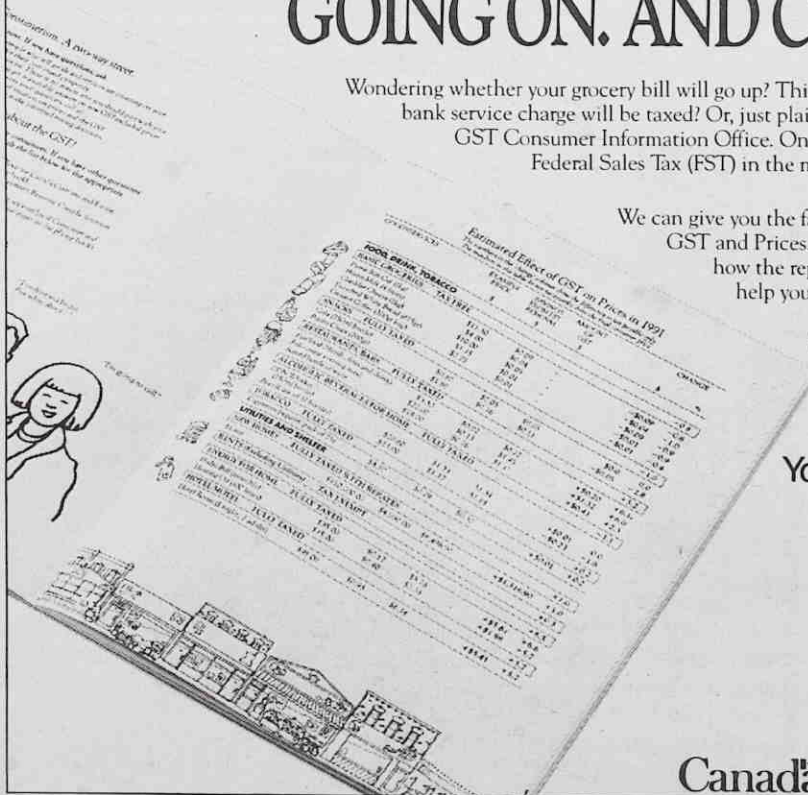
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CONSERVATION LOANS FOR SASKATCHEWAN RINKS

George McLeod, minister responsible for SaskPower, has announced that loans up to \$3,000 are available to encourage use of energy-efficient lighting and equipment in Saskatchewan rinks. "Most skating and curling rinks can save energy and reduce operating costs in a number of areas," McLeod said. "The Rink Loan Program will encourage operators to consider more effective energy management systems for controlling

lights, motors, hot-water heating, space heating and the ice plant itself".

More energy-efficient lighting could include security lighting outside the rink, high pressure sodium lighting in parking lots, converting lobby and dressing-room lighting from incandescent to fluorescent and, and upgrading ice-surface lighting.

Beginning immediately, SaskPower will provide loans of up to \$3,000 repay-

able on the monthly electric bills at an annual interest rate of 12.5 per cent. The program will last one year.

SaskPower and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association will make available an energy conservation-management manual. In addition, energy management seminars are being conducted in rinks throughout the province. The corporation will carry out an energy audit to assist rinks on an individual ba-

sis.

McLeod also announced cash rebates are available to rink operators to assist them in remaining open longer during the months of October and April.

Rinks will be billed as usual for electrical use but all or a portion of the demand charge will be refunded, to a maximum of \$577 per month. The incentive applies only to the months of October, 1990 and April, 1991.

"Rinks in communities throughout Saskatchewan face high operating costs," McLeod said. "And we know how important they are for social and recreational activities. We hope this incentive will mean even more activity in the fall and spring."

All rinks currently paying a demand charge will qualify for the incentive.

SASKPOWER Signs First "Non-Utility" Power Contract

George McLeod, minister responsible for SaskPower, has announced the signing of a contract with NCB Holdings, a Saskatchewan company which will build a 15 megawatt generating station near Jans Bay, Saskatchewan.

The plant will use peat resources as the primary fuel and will also be capable of burning unused logging

waste. Startup is scheduled for January 1992. The term of the contract is 25 years.

"This is the first substantial, non-utility purchase contract in SaskPower's history," said Mr. McLeod. "The Jans Bay pilot project shows a commitment to seek alternative and economic methods of electrical generation, where it's feasible to do so."

The use of harvested peat as a fuel for electrical generation has been proven in other countries. The Soviet Union, Finland, Sweden and Ireland are using peat-fired generating stations.

The contract calls for SaskPower to purchase electrical power, enough to meet the needs of a community of 3,000 homes. NCB Holdings will be reimbursed for

the cost of building the transmission interconnection with SaskPower's grid system.

SaskPower's Non-Utility Generation Policy allows for the purchase of electricity from independent producers. Approval depends on several factors, including the size of the project, the length of the contract, and whether the purchase price is eco-

nomically viable, compared to the cost of production by SaskPower's generating facilities.

NCB Holdings is responsible for meeting all environmental and operating requirements which exist in Saskatchewan. The project must also comply with SaskPower's operating and technical standards.

Government Must Hold Public Inquiry into Uranium Mining

Energy Minister Jake Epp's response to the call for a public inquiry into Uranium mining shows how blind he is to the mood of the Canadian public.

Epp rejected calls for a public inquiry into uranium mining. He has been under intense pressure to call an inquiry after the spill of radioactive water in Collins Bay last November from the Rabbit Lake Mine. The failure of federal regulators to force Cameco, the mine's owner, to hook up a monitoring system was partly responsible for the spill.

"Who is regulating the regulators?" Funk asked. "This is just one of the serious questions which must be addressed in the nuclear industry and that is why we have been pressing Epp so hard for an inquiry."

An internal Atomic Energy Control Board report leaked last year argued that the Board needed more funding and staff because it was not able to perform its job adequately. However, Epp

has said repeatedly that the AECB is doing a good job of regulating the uranium industry.

"It's these kinds of discrepancies that illustrate the need for an inquiry. With the government stonewalling like this, we have to wonder what it has to hide," Funk said.

There are a number of issues which need to be examined in a larger context than approvals of specific mines:

* Monitoring of federal and provincial regulators.

* Inclusion of communities near mines in the monitoring process.

* Effect of long-term radiation exposure on the environment.

* Health and safety issues, such as radiation exposure for uranium mine workers.

"The federal government has committed itself to the nuclear industry, why doesn't it show the same commitment to Canadians who are concerned about the effect of uranium min-

ing on their communities and the environment?" Funk asked.

"Let's get the facts on the

table so we can make intelligent decisions. Jake Epp and the Conservatives should stop hiding behind

the coattails of the AECB and call a public inquiry into uranium mining in Canada."

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LET'S TALK TAXES

by Kevin Avram

I grew up in a small prairie community, close to the dirt. In our town, we had a rink, a chinese cafe, a hardware and general store, a barber shop, pool hall, bank, and a handful of grain elevators.

On Main Street, several oldtimers used their backsides to polish a long wooden bench that sat out front of Percy's Barbershop. Old Art Gerald would always be at the end of the bench, a rollie stuck to his bottom lip as he'd squint through the cigarette smoke to talk to you. Roger Douglas would be there whittling on a piece of 2 by 4, or a tree branch, and Barney would be there too. All Barney ever did was tell lies about things he used to do way back when, but despite the fact that everybody knew they were lies, people took real delight from Barney's tales and would listen to him for hours.

At our town school, we had lessons about the Dominion, the Common-

wealth, Canada's proud role in the war, and how our wheat filled millions of empty bellies. We were taught respect, how to spell, how not to treat the girls, and got a strapping when we got too far out of line.

There were fowl suppers at the Town Hall or Elks Hall, my sister went to the CGIT Girls Club, and my brother and I played hockey and baseball. Our lives were rich. Not necessarily in possessions, but certainly in friendship, community, and patriotism. We felt good about ourselves, our province and our nation.

Today, Canada is sick and in peril; In peril for a lot of reasons. Matthew Barnett, chairperson of the Bank of Montreal last week indicated that the policies of our federal government and the huge federal debt, mean we've headed down the road to economic disaster. The failure to grapple with the country's \$350 billion debt could reverse "everything we have achieved this cen-

tury" he said.

Our politicians have become so enamoured with winning elections, that they no longer care about the damage their policies are doing. Don Getty got thrown out of his Edmonton riding by voters, only to seek a "safe seat" elsewhere. For many, it was with a deep sense of satisfaction and justice that they saw Captain Canada, David Peterson go down in flames, and I've talked to not just a few, who can hardly wait for the next federal election because they desperately want to hand Brian Mulroney his walking papers.

The federal policies of multiculturalism, bilingualism and distinct society rhetoric is turning various groups in our nation against each other. I'm not an Indian, but if I had been one sitting on the Meech Lake sidelines as Mulroney, Devine, Getty, Peterson and that bunch were bestowing a distinct society crown on Quebec's fair head, I'd have

been reaching for the war paint too.

Arrogant men; politicians who think they know what's better for us and the country than we do ourselves. Opportunists who view power, not as a sacred trust or an opportunity to give decent people relief from government debt, unrestrained political spending and bureaucratic B.S., instead, they line their pockets, give themselves fat pensions, provide jobs for their buddies, and spout political promises of

which people have grown weary.

Canadians have been a patient people, and have endured much at the hands of politicians. But, Canadians are not a stupid people. Discontent is flourishing. The patience is wearing thin. Someone said that "hell hath no fury like a woman's anger". I would suggest that a more accurate statement might be "hell hath no fury like that of a patient people pushed too far".

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American Natives Intensify Contacts to respond to Columbus Day Celebrations

by Felix Atencio-Gonzales

The euphoric cry of "land, land" uttered by Rodrigo de Triana at dawn that historical morning of October 12, 1492, woke up Christopher Columbus and his crew. Seventy days after their departure from Spain they arrived in three caravels at the island called Guanani by the Natives, later changed to San Salvador by Columbus (in the actual Bahamas). Triana's cry portended the end of their anxiety, the beginning of exploration and unsuspecting the wide opening of the ancient continent's door.

Today, 497 years after, the cry of "land, land" is heard in the Andes, Amazon, prairies, forests, tundra, cities, thundering from Native people's throats.

In fact, the Innu of Quebec-Labrador, the Cree of Lubicon Lake the Kaiapo of Brazil, the Miskitu of

Nicaragua, the Mayas of Guatemala, the Quechua of Peru-Bolivia-Ecuador, the Mapuche of Chile and other Indigenous peoples continue to echo the historical cry in an urgent tone, since their spiritual, economical and cultural survival is deeply attached to the land.

Struggling to protect their territories from deforestation, hydroelectric dams, militarisation, over exploitation, invasion, mining and striving for territorial integrity and for recovery of their land, native people's movements are making waves across the Americas.

But the same cry that entered Rodrigo de Triana's name in history books has cost the lives of millions of Natives since the discovery of America. According to Spanish anthropologist, Gines Serran, "The Indigenous population was 110 million before Columbus' landing". At present the

Indigenous population is estimated at 50 million of which half a million live in Canada.

Spain has started preparations for the 500 anniversary of Columbus' landing, coinciding celebration plans with outstanding activities such as the Olympic Games in Barcelona and the World Exposition in Sevilla who's theme will be the "Era of Discoveries". Latin American states are rolling up their sleeves to be in tune with the Spanish initiative.

"1492 started a great and deep process of human relations" said Mr. Roberto Carpio Nicolle, Vice-President of Guatemala, to delegates of 31 countries gathered in Guatemala City last July at the VII Reunion of the Iberoamerican Commissions for the Commemoration of the Fifth Centennial of America's Discovery. Exalting Guatemala's enthusiasm he added, "America

offered to the European world its conscience, past, history, culture and several agricultural products...the celebration of the Fifth Centennial or Encounter of Two Worlds, has to be seen with optimism".

Mr. Carpio's optimism for celebrating fades away in Native communities. Guatemala, inhabited by six million Indians (75% of the population) is one of the countries along with Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador where Natives are the majority. "For ladinos (name given to the creole population) the invasion inspires optimism but for us it is the contrary because we still live the consequences," declared Ms. Maria, a Maya teacher (she requested anonymity). Ms. Maria teaches fifth grade students, math, social sciences, language and history. The official history of Guatemala. "Sometimes I don't follow the school curricu-

lum in order to teach my people the true history, but I wouldn't teach that way in a ladino because it might give me problems," she said.

Ms. Maria and her people historically live in a very tense relationship with the ladino population. Deprived of political power, their culture scorned, victims of subtle or violent racism, Guatemalan Indians are rocked by the waves provoked by the clash of cultures. Shoved into the shadows, many Indians in search of respect deny their family and their people and traumatized roam the cities seeking a more esteemed identity.

Mayas and ladinos have different attitudes toward the land. Their version of history and Columbus' role in America also clash.

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International

American Natives Intensify Contacts to respond to Columbus Day Celebrations... continued

known Indigenous initiatives for the America's Discovery celebrations have simultaneously appeared in different parts of the Americas to respond to the celebratory characteristic of the activities organized by Spain and Latin America states. Marked by a reflective mood, Natives have launched national and international campaigns for 1992.

In South America, the national Indigenous Organization of Colombia, ONIC, has launched its "Campaign of Self Discovery of America" and in Ecuador the National Indigenous Confederation of Ecuador, CONAIE continues its campaign "500 years of Indian Resistance" and on the 5th and 6th of June organized an uprising and the recovery of some communities' ancestral land.

"Colonization hasn't ended for us and to celebrate the 5th Centennial anniversary is nothing more than a distortion of history," said Vice-President of CONAIE Luis Macas in Montreal during his month long Northamerican tour which finished last February 26. Mr. Macas a Quechua Indian who was in Canada inviting Native organizations, support groups, and NGO's to the

First Continental Meeting of Indigenous Peoples held in Quito, Ecuador from July 17 to 25, was told before starting his journey that "North America didn't have any more Natives". "I am glad to confirm the contrary," he said. After the meeting, Mr. Macas declared, "we firmly believe that we are walking on the same path and struggling for the same goals". The 1st Continental Meeting was attended by 300 delegates of 120 Indian nations of the Americas.

The Spanish initiative has provoked an intensification

of the contact of Indigenous people who are geographically widespread. An Innu leader from Quebec, Mr. Gilbert Pilot, a militant for demilitarization of Nitassinan (Quebec-Labrador) said, "In the spirit of international Indigenous cooperation, let's bring our voices and efforts together and in 1992 demand the UN to declare our territories as protected zones". He also proposes to, "simultaneously thunder the drums in the Americas in 12th of October 1992 from Alaska to the Tierra del Fuego so the world can hear we are

alive".

Mr. Pilot, member of the Indios-Innu Corporation, is dedicated to building the campaign. "1992: Towards the True Discovery of the Americas". This Native conceived project brings together Natives and non-Natives to organize an International Gathering of Native people on Peace and Environment which will unite prominent pacifists, ecologists and Natives to combine efforts in search of peace with humankind itself and with the environment. This campaign also anticipates an unprecedented Gathering of Spiritual Leaders from Central, South and North America, the keepers of Native tradi-

tions, to realize ceremonies, to enhance views about Native spirituality in contemporary society, and to meet Natives and non-Natives in a sacred place. "We want to celebrate the arrival of Columbus in our way and we hope in 1992 to sign a true peace treaty with Canadian society and be finally recognized as a people. They are our brothers and sisters and we have to co-exist and work together to search for peace and to protect the environment and thus together get off the road of self-destruction," added Mr. Pilot. The 2nd Continental Meeting of Indian people is going to be held in Guatemala in February 1991.



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"Native Women's workshop during 1st Continental Encounter of Indian People, held in Quito, Ecuador"

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Education

NATIONAL NATIVE ACCESS PROGRAM TO NURSING

by Carol Brown

East - West - North - South. From Cape Breton, Nova Scotia to Edmonton, Alberta. From Tuktoyaktuk, NWT to the Muskowekwan Reserve in Saskatchewan. The students attending this year's class of the National Native Access Program to Nursing came from all across Canada.

There were 20 in attendance as classes began on Monday April 30th. They had come from throughout Canada and all were eager to begin working toward a nursing career.

Lillian Burns was one such student. Originally from James Smith Reserve, Saskatchewan, Lillian had begun her health care training as a Registered Nurse Assistant and was now anxious to move on to her registration in nursing and her degree.

Lillian speaks of being

greatly influenced in her career choice, by her grandmother, who was herself a midwife within their Native community. In fact, she assisted Lillian's birth at home with great care. Lillian's grandmother always insisted that she be looked upon as a role model and, for this granddaughter at least, she certainly remains one. Lillian's ultimate goal is "to help out a community to attain the highest level of health."

The goals and ambitions of the other students would prove to be quite similar in nature. Most report being influenced by some caregiver in their past and all carry the desire to improve things for their people. With this in mind they arrived in Saskatoon.

They did not all arrive without incident. For many, final acceptance to the program was difficult to secure and their confirmation was

only given in the last days before classes began. It was a great leap of faith to board a plane, bus, or car and venture to Saskatoon without confirmed accommodation, daycare, or funding. But come

they did. Throughout the weekend prior to classes, program staff were shuttling back and forth from the airport to the bus depot to the YWCA and so on, assisting students to find their way and settle in.

Lillian was one of twenty. It was a real celebration to have so many students. This was the fifth year the program had been in operation and class sizes to date were

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Lillian Burns, 3rd row, far right side



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Saskpower's Shand Greenhouse

by Lorna LaPlante

SaskPower has embarked on a very interesting project. They plan to have a greenhouse completed by spring 1991 which will utilize byproducts of energy generation to produce millions of tree seedlings of every variety that grow wild in Saskatchewan. Seedlings will be available for conservation purposes to be transplanted in order to create new habitat for wildlife and preserve and reclaim the land.

The complex will consist of a main greenhouse, shade houses, a nursery and a display area open to the public. A highly efficient climate control will ensure year round optimum growing conditions. The interior growing area will be 1/3 of an acre, divided into

3 bays each with their own separately controlled environment. Future expansion will double the complex size.

Carbon Dioxide, the substance that helps plants grow will be channelled from the coal fired plant, accelerating the normal 75 day growth to 60 days. In turn the plants will produce air purifying oxygen. Heat from cooling towers will provide warmth in winter months. A closed loop, zero discharge watering system, the first of its kind in Canada, will provide water to the greenhouses. All water coming in contact with the plants will be filtered through a reverse osmosis system that will ensure it is contaminant free. A microscopic water mist system will help keep temperatures cool in summer. The greenhouse construction materials are ultra-strong poly carbonates

and tempered glass.

The \$2 million project will boost the economy and put Saskatchewan a step closer towards a healthy environment for tomorrow. This is certainly a step in the right direction. It is becoming a well known fact that deforestation is causing drastic results worldwide. In Saskatchewan the largest areas of concern are: loss of wildlife, habitat, soil erosion, the lack of oxygen created by deforestation and loss of aesthetic and recreational values. Forestry can be viewed as sustainable development if properly managed.

Saskatchewan residents must ensure that reforestation is occurring if we are to enjoy our present lifestyle. The SHAND greenhouse project is one way to do so.

Environment

Hodgins to Promote Personal Action on the Environment

Environment and Public Safety Minister Grant Hodgins has launched a program to help Saskatchewan people create a cleaner environment in their homes and workplaces.

"People are saying: 'We know each of us had to do our share for a healthier environment and we expect the government to give us the tools,'" Hodgins said.

"Over the next few months I'll be announcing a number of activities under the theme: A Healthier Environment is Everyone's Responsibility. Whenever you hear that phrase you'll know you will find practical ideas for yourself and your family; it's empowering people to take personal action on their environment."

The Minister said future activities will include:
 . an advertising program to promote methods of applying the "four Rs" of waste

management: reduce, reuse, recover and recycle;
 . expansion of the returnable beverage container program;
 . a provincial resource centre for free information on the environment;
 . education programs for schools, organizations and businesses;
 . launching a limited number of blue box recycling pilot projects which a number of communities applied for earlier in the summer;
 . expansion of the Clean Cat school cleanup program;
 . a speakers bureau of environmental experts available for public events; and
 . a wide range of new publications, including a major environmental guide for consumers.

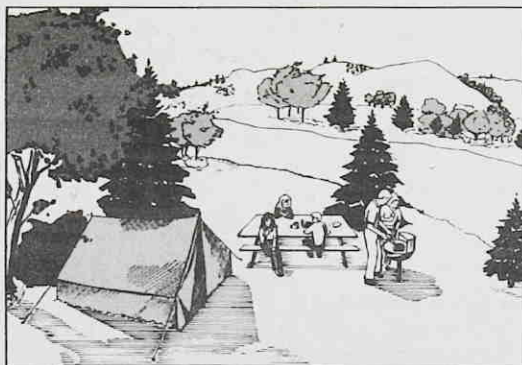
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The Shand plant has been designed to use sewage effluent from Estevan and water from the Rafferty reservoir for cooling. This water is contained and recycled in a closed loop system in the plant and, other than evaporation, none is discharged into the environment. SaskPower is also the first in Canada to establish a secure facility for the safe storage of PCB materials.

Waste not.

Recycling is another valuable form of environmental protection. SaskPower has been successful in marketing

flyash - a powder produced after coal is burned - to concrete companies in Western Canada and the United States because of its ability to reduce the time required for concrete to achieve maximum strength. It is presently being tested at the Shand site for use on secondary roads in place of asphalt.

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A natural state.

SaskPower is also working to return mined out land to its original state.

Land, which has been a source of coal for thermal generating stations, is now being reclaimed for use for agriculture, recreation and wildlife habitat. In the Estevan region, over 300,000 trees have been planted since 1971.

The Rural Underground Distribution program is also improving the rural environment, making land more suitable for wildlife and agriculture. The program will result in the removal of all single-wire overhead power lines and eliminate the need for herbicides for weed control in areas surrounding power poles.

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requirements for nursing. The greatest barrier to entry is the lack of science and math preparation at a Grade 12 level. They are counselled according to the availability of high school completion classes and are encouraged to stay in contact. For some, it may mean one or two years of general upgrading before they are at university entrance level. This may seem a bit overwhelming, especially when coupled with a four or five year

nursing program, but for those with a strong commitment to their nursing goal it seems within reach and they begin, taking one step at a time.

Lillian Burns clearly demonstrates this degree of commitment. She remarks that "as a child my parents had great expectations for all their children and, being in the middle, my middle name is determination". This determination will serve her well.

Lillian was not unique in her degree of interest, ability or determination. Any one of the twenty students' profiles would tell a tale of incredible commitment and hard work and an overwhelming desire to improve themselves and their communities.

The National Native Access Program to Nursing assists such students to gain entrance to established nursing schools. The overall goal is to contribute to the im-

proved health status of Native communities by increasing the number of Native health care professionals. This year's program will go some distance toward this goal.

1990 also marked the first graduation of Native nurses who had gained admission to their nursing programs through the Native Access Program. Graduates were from Laurentian University and the University of Saskatchewan and are now fully

qualified and employed nurses. Even though the process seems long, many will get there.

Program information can be requested by writing to the National Native Access Program to Nursing at Room A102, Health Sciences Building, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7N 0W0, or calling (306) 966-6224.

Congratulations

Native Educational Awards Recipients

Essso Resources Canada Limited is pleased to introduce the winners of our annual native educational awards. The program was developed to encourage status and non-status Indians, Inuit and Metis students of Western Canada to pursue career paths related to the petroleum industry.

Winners are selected based upon academic performance, financial need, area of study, and residency or acceptance at a university or technical institute. They receive grants of either \$3,500 (college or technical school students) or \$4,500 (university students) per school year.



Wanda Generoux, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, will attend the University of Saskatchewan, studying financial management.



Paul Nyland, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, will attend the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, studying instrumentation.



Lorraine Bonnetrouge Whiteman, Norman Wells, NWT, will attend Thebacha College to complete a management studies program.



Jacqueline Lukey, Regina, Saskatchewan, attends the University of Saskatchewan, studying engineering.



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For information regarding how to apply for Esso Native Education Awards, write to: Co-ordinator, Native Educational Awards Program, Human Resources Department, Esso Resources Canada Limited, Room 1522, 425 First Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3L8. Phone: (403) 247-2223

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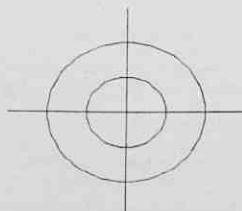
I
like
the green
spruce tree, in the
early morning light.
Soft, before sunrise.
With Night's dew still glistening,
The Northern Lights danced,
all night long, and a joyous time,
they must have had, to leave some of their glow,
on that
young
spruce
tree.

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Duck Lake - Sask Native Sports and Recreation



The Duck Lake - Sask Native First Annual Slowpitch Tournament and Dance was held in Duck Lake on September 1st and 2nd. The tournament turned out to be a success with teams entering from the surrounding area of Duck Lake.

The winners were Shellbrook Ball Busters with Tippi-Canoe from the same area coming in second. These teams took home \$500 and meals and trophies.

The Duck Lake - Sask Native Committee would like to thank the people who helped and participants in the tournament.



Runner up team at the Sask Native First Annual Slowpitch Tournament and Dance.

SPORTSMAN CHAMPIONS



Shown in the photo are members of the championship squad, front Row from left: Wayne LaFond, Elliot Wolfe, Mel Parenteau, Jackson Wolfe, and Brad Wolfe. In the back row, from the left: Pat Wolfe, Barry Longneck, Joey Longneck, Leon Tawpimis, Mark Arcand, and Cliff Tawpimis Jr. Missing are: Cliff Tawpimis Sr., Dion Tawpimis, and Bob Woods.

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Leask Cliff's Lumber capped a successful debut season in the Sportsman Softball League on Monday when they defeated the

St. Louis Cardinals 6 - 2 in the fifth and deciding game of the championship series. The league title was the second major championship

for the Leask squad this year as they topped the Senior D men's provincial tournament earlier this summer.

"ARE YOU SURE WE'RE IN CANADA???"

by Ayme Bigge

Last night I had a little dream
A terrifying little dream
I dreamt I was living in South Africa
I sat and hung my head in shame
Hoping no one there knew my name.
So lucky to be white in South Africa
So privileged to be white in South Africa.

I gazed up into the sky above,
Oh where is such a sad place would I find any love?
Only 'mongst the blacks of South Africa.
Only there 'mongst the blacks of South Africa

Soon I found a man who cared very much for me.
With dark satin skin, and eyes as black and deep as the sea
And for a while we forgot about the terror of South Africa.
For a while we forgot about the hell on earth that is South Africa.
Suddenly, though, I felt very afraid.
I thought I heard someone digging graves.
But it was just the wind through the trees of South Africa
And I decided I had to run away.
But my tearful journey lasted many days.
So I fell asleep upon the ground of South Africa,
I fell asleep beneath the trees of South Africa.
And I awoke to find it was a dream

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- Sandi Morin - Housing Development Officer
- Bill Cardinal - RRAP Program Contract Employee

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