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Issue and Closing

The last day of every month.

Message from Minister of Communications

1995 has been an eventful and rebuilding year for the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

I have served as Area Director of Western Region III of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan and Minister in charge of Communications since my election in February of 1995, which also saw the election of a brand new executive for the nation. All of us have worked hard together to re-establish the Nation as a credible political institution and locus for the delivery of vital services to our Metis people. It has been a process of coming to know one another ... and rebuilding.

The Executive was not able to get a full grip on the national levers of power until late March and early April, and not until most of us had dealt with a rear guard action in the courts and the Metis Appeals Commission.

Drawing to the close of our first year in office we have the infrastructure of the nation nearly at the point where it is running smoothly. Many of us have had to build our infrastructure from the ground up. 1996

promises to be an exciting year of positive challenges and growth for the Metis Nation.

NewBreed, too, has struggled somewhat to get back to its feet, publishing the first issue in our new tabloid format in November.

We hope our readers will like the new ideas we intend to bring on line over the coming year. We hope to restore and surpass the historic profile of *NewBreed* giving to our Metis people a publication that will be leading edge in the communications industry. I would particularly like to thank the *NewBreed*

staff who have performed above and beyond the call of duty to get us back in the water paddling upstream.

As 1995 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to wish to all our readers the best of the holiday season and may success and prosperity be yours in 1996!

Maurice Aubichon

Director of Communications



Message from NewBreed Staff

NewBreed has been very busy during this Christmas season.

We have attended a variety of functions on behalf of the magazine and our Nation.

NewBreed staff and management our proud to bring you updated news from our Aboriginal communities and we will continue to serve our patrons as best as possible.



A *NewBreed* update: we have moved to our permanent location at #102 - 2050 Cornwall Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.

NewBreed staff and management wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Sincerely,
Wendy Gervais

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State of the Nation

RIEL COMMEMORATIVE

On October 16, Riel Day was celebrated by many people across the province. I had the opportunity to attend a special function at the Legislative Building in Regina.

In attendance were many officials from different levels of government. The Honourable Ralph Goodale (M.P. Wascana/Plains), Honourable Keith Goulet (Minister of Northern Affairs), Jim Durocher (MNS President), Maurice Aubichon (Western Region III/MNS


Area Director), Honourable Doug Archer (Mayor of Regina) and many others.

Honourable Ralph Goodale spoke about Louis Riel cast as a traitor according to the Federal Government at the time. Now, our Government is beginning to see that Riel was actually a hero. Goodale stated that it is time history is set straight.

Our leader, Jim Durocher, President of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, pro-

claimed that this was a glorious day in our Metis history, when one of the true leaders of Canada was finally being recognized.

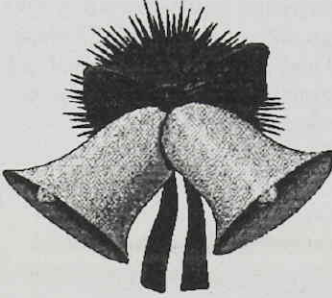
As a Metis woman, I watched with great pride as our people and the different levels of Government came together on this special day to honour a true forefather of this great country, Canada. I am proud to say I am Metis!



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Brady, Breanna & Julia
Doucette*

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HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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who have made our progress possible.*



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METIS SENTENCING CIRCLE DENIED

The decision handed down by Canada's first urban Metis sentencing circle has been rejected by the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. The Saskatchewan Court of Appeals split decision reached on August 28, has been condemned by the Metis National Council and the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

A sentencing circle composed of 22 people met in April 1993, to decide Ivan Morin's fate after he admitted robbing a gas station in May, 1992. After more than eight hours of discussion the members of the sentencing circle, which included Metis community leaders, concluded that Morin should serve 18 months in prison, with one year probation and 6 months on an electronic monitor. The trial judge, Mr. Justice J.D. Milliken, imposed a sentence of 18 months in prison, 18 months probation, and 6 months on an electronic monitor. Morin was released from prison in July 1994 after serving his 18 month sentence. At the time of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal decision, Morin had completed all but 4 months of his probationary period. He had completed 100 community service hours, on behalf of the victim Deanna Bryson, and 40 hours for gas station owner Clifford Arthurs. Morin had also completed two alcohol and drug treatment programs as part of the sentencing circle decision.

The decision by the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, in the view of one Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Executive member, insults the integrity of the Metis community who were in the sentencing circle to support Morin. Lorna Docken, Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Provincial Secretary, states that the decision by the Court of Appeal is not a good decision. It is an insult to those whom participated and gave their day to reach the decision they did.

In reaching their decision, the majority of the Court of Appeal stated that they felt Morin did not deserve a sentencing circle. Contrary to the views of the community who knew Morin. The majority decision also said that the sentencing circle participants and trial judge did not give enough consideration to the issue of public safety and regard for the administration of justice when they decided on the sentence. In its final analysis the majority decision written by Justice Nicholas Sherstibetoff states that all though sentencing circles are a good thing, they nevertheless have to follow Sentencing guidelines set down by the regular court system.

The minority decision written by Chief Justice, Edward Bayda is a decision which can be embraced by the Aboriginal community. Bayda states that although he would no

have given Morin a sentencing circle he could not disregard the decision of the community and trial judge. He stated that the sentencing circle process was one that he liked. He also states that the decisions which arrives from sentencing circles were decisions which need to be seriously considered before being changed. It would be unreasonable to compare sentencing decisions reached by sentencing circles and those reached by ordinary courts, Bayda said. He correctly states that the two processes are not compatible therefore they are without comparison. Madame Justice, Georgina Jackson concurred with Bayda, while Justices Tallis and Cameron concurred with Sherstibetoff.

Ivan Morin has applied to the Supreme Court of Canada for leave to appeal the decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. A hearing on the case could be held as early as the first week in December, 1995. The Metis National Council has hired lawyer, Ron Piche to help Ivan Morin with an application for bail. MNC President Gerald Morin is keeping a close eye on the decision. He stated that this is an important decision for Metis people. *NewBreed* will provide a more updated report in its next issue.

METIS STUDENT AWARDED \$3,000 XEROX SCHOLARSHIP

NEWS RELEASE

NORTH YORK, Ontario - November 13, 1995 - A young Metis who consistently maintained an excellent academic standing at her high school while helping with school and community groups and working part-time has been awarded a \$3,000 scholarship by Xerox Canada to help her pursue an education in information technology.

Katherine Martin of Ponteix, Saskatchewan, is studying computer engineering at the Palliser Institute in Moose Jaw, Sask. She is among two Metis and five Status Indians to receive Xerox Aboriginal Scholarships this year.

The scholarships are part of an Aboriginal Education Support Program launched by Xerox Canada in 1994. They are the only information technology scholarships for aboriginal students in Canada. Recipients may re-apply annually for up to four years for university programs, and up to three years for college programs.

Candidates must be Status or Non-Status Indians, Metis or Inuit living in Canada. They must also be enrolled full time in information technology courses such as computer sciences, math, engineering, and business administration at an approved Canadian post-secondary institution.

Successful applicants are selected by a panel of aboriginal and Xerox Canada representatives. "Scholastic performance is only one of the factors taken into consideration," says Diane Pascoe, Xerox Canada's Corporate Affairs Manager. "The selection committee is also looking for well-rounded individuals with community leadership skills who participate in extracurricular activities."

Besides working part-time at a gas station and local restaurants, Katherine served on the school-parent liaison committee, edited the school newspaper, and helped with the school year book. She's also a keen track and field athlete.

She is confident her future lies in information technology "I'm interested in how things work and I'm always asking questions," she says. "This is one reason why I'm taking computer engineering. Computers fascinate me."

Under its Aboriginal Education Support Program, Xerox Canada also offers summer internships. Young aboriginals spend four months at Xerox locations across Canada developing information technology skills learned in the classroom.

Xerox Canada hopes to increase the number of aboriginals working in the information technology industry, in turn producing role models and community leaders who can inspire young aboriginals to follow in their footsteps.



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GRADUATION EXERCISES FOR ARCHERWILL STUDENTS

Graduation Exercises were held at the new hall in McKague for students who had completed the Palliser Campus extension course in Business Administration. The two-year course was offered by the Metis Society at Archerwill. A blue and white colour scheme was used in the stage backdrop, white mortarboards each inscribed with the student's name, and flanked by blue silhouettes of eagles in flight. Ryan Calder said the Opening Prayer, and a delicious banquet followed. Graduates and guests were introduced by Dr. Ehikhamen from the Palliser Campus, and each of the graduates said a few words, expressing gratitude for support and encouragement, and the opportunity to take part in the educational process. Many showed deep emotion as they expressed their thanks for the support given by family members.

Greetings were brought from the following: Clarence Campeau, Eastern Region II, encouraged his listeners to set their goals, to establish where they came from and where they are going. From the Metis Nation, Allan Morin placed

emphasis on the need to educate and inform. Human resources are the future of the Metis Nation, he said. Glen Smith, spoke on behalf of Human Resources, Canada Employment Centre, Melfort, which combined support with New

that this was a starting point toward more advanced training, and that learning is a life-long process. It was noted that credits for the course are transferable to both the U of S and the U of R. The students were commended for achiev-



ing the goals they had set out two years ago. Dr. Ehikhamen presented each of the graduates with a diploma, and to the theme music "The River" by Garth Brooks, the following accepted congratulations: Albert Belhumeur, Brenda Campeau, Colby Johnson, Ethel Flannigan, Elsie Piche, Pauline Schiltroth, Kendra Snyder and Valene Stoney. Absent was Roberta Gauley. Honourable Mentions went to Peter Doyle, William Young (not in attendance) and Dianne Homstol. Colby

Careers toward this learning project. Bob Walker, Social Services, noted the linkage of the community, its integration and partnership. Greetings were extended on behalf of the Dean of Business Administration, and the Extension Department. The staff was commended for their work and effort and the students were reminded

Johnson presented Clarence Campeau with a gift in appreciation for his help and effort toward making the class possible. Expressions of gratitude were extended to all staff members. The highest achievement award was presented to Pauline Schiltroth. It was given for academic achievement, attendance, assistance to fellow classmates and support of the staff. In closing it was brought to our attention that this project had made history, being the first one of this kind.

Peggy Looby



A Christmas Message from the Premier of Saskatchewan

Once again, the Christmas season is upon us and my wife, Eleanore, and I are delighted to extend our warmest best wishes to all for much peace and goodwill during this festive time.

It is important at Christmas to pause for reflection on our many blessings - our valuable freedoms, our loving families, our sense of community, and our spirit of co-operation.

Indeed, this special co-operative spirit overflows beyond our borders and extends to helping people around the world. I am particularly proud to live in a province where people truly possess that wonderful caring quality that lead them to give of themselves so selflessly and to remember with compassion those less fortunate wherever they may be.

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I take great pleasure in wishing you and yours all the harmony and joy that are so much a part of the Christmas holiday season.

Roy Romanow

Roy Romanow
Premier

An Indian Prayer

Oh Thou Greatest Great and Highest High
We thank You for all the good things

You send us

We thank You for all the forests
where the deer can hide

We thank You for giving them
to us for food

We thank You for the streams
where the salmon swim

We thank You for giving them
to us for food

We thank You for the birds
which give us songs

We thank You for the sun
which gives us light and warmth

Oh Thou Greatest Great and Highest High

When You pass by this way
stop and pity us

Not because we are worthy
for we are most unworthy

Not because we are good
because our hearts are bad

And lead us to Your life everlasting

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Recipes of the Month

BANNOCK

- 6 cups Flour
- 2 Tbsp. Baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. Salt (optional)
- 1/2 cup Olive oil
- 1/2 cup Honey
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 cups Lukewarm water

Pre-heat oven to 400°. Mix all ingredients. Add all wet ingredients. Mix thoroughly. Knead dough until soft. Shape into a circle, about 1 inch thick. Poke the dough with a fork. Grease and flour large pizza pan. Cook in oven until brown. Serves 10.

SHORTBREAD

- 1 pound Flour
- 3/4 cup White sugar
- 1/2 lb Butter

Work all together with your hands until well blended. Press firmly in bottom of pan. Prick all over with fork. Cook for 30 to 40 minutes. Cut while warm.

SUGAR COOKIES

- 1 cup White sugar
- 1 cup Butter
- 1/2 cup Sweet cream
- 2 tsp. Cream of tartar
- 1 tsp. Soda
- Vanilla
- Salt
- Flour (enough to roll out)

Cream butter and sugar. Add beaten egg, beat until light, then add cream. Sift flour, salt, cream of tartar and soda three times, add to first mixture, then add vanilla.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE

- 2 cups Sugar
- 2 squares Chocolate
- 1/2 tsp. Cream of tartar
- 2 Tbsp. Corn syrup
- 2/3 cup Milk
- Vanilla
- 1 Tbsp. Butter
- 1 cup Walnuts, chopped

Cook until soft ball stage. Remove from stove, add butter. Do not stir until cold. Add vanilla and walnuts. Beat until thick. Pour in pans, cut in squares.



Letters to the Editor



Congratulations on your new look *NewBreed*.

I believe this publication can play a useful and vital role in carrying out the constitutional mandate of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

As goes our Aboriginal population economically, so goes Saskatchewan. The Metis face a peculiarly daunting challenge and will require a medium through which to speak to one another and to develop solidarity.

NewBreed can do this, but it can also provide a bridge into our larger Saskatchewan community - a community that includes the First Nations.

Good Luck.

Yours truly,
Cam McCannell

NewBreed Magazine welcomes your letters to the editor. We reserve the right to edit these letters for brevity and clarity as well as libelous statements and profanity. Letters should be brief, and to the point. Typewritten letters are preferred although handwritten letters are acceptable. Letters should also be signed by the writer and include a telephone number where the writer may be reached to clarify any points in the letter or to check for authenticity. The writer's name will generally appear with the letter, but name may be withheld in exceptional circumstances.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

Kistenimitotan
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The Honourable Keith Goulet, his family and staff extend warmest wishes for the best this season has to offer.

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Just for today -

I will be agreeable. I will look my best, speak in a well-modulated voice, be courteous and considerate.

Just for today -

I will not find fault with friend, relative, or colleague. I will not try to change or improve anyone but myself.

Just for today -

I will do a good turn and keep it a secret. If anyone finds out, it won't count.

Just for today -

I will do two things I don't want to do, just because I need the discipline.

Just for today -

I will believe in myself. I will give my best to the world and feel confident that the world will give its best to me.

Minister of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development



Ministre des Affaires
Indiennes et du Nord canadien



Season's Greetings From Minister Ronald A. Irwin

With the holiday season just around the corner, I would like to wish you all season's greetings. I consider this a very special time of year as it gives everyone the opportunity to pause and reflect on the past year and look forward to the coming year.

As we head into 1996, I anticipate a very exciting and successful year. The continuing development of a partnership between Aboriginal peoples and the federal, provincial and territorial governments will ensure future successes like the ones we have achieved this year.

There are many examples of what we have already accomplished together. For instance, as negotiations continue on implementing the inherent right of self-government, Aboriginal peoples across Canada will exercise greater control and responsibility over their own communities.

Among some of our key successes is the dismantling of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's regional office in Manitoba. This means that Manitoba First Nations are regaining control over all facets of their lives. To gain insight into how the federal government works, 10 First Nations representatives from Manitoba are now working in various federal departments for two years.

Through innovative pilot projects, Aboriginal peoples in several communities are building their own homes using local labour and resources. In the area of education, First Nations directly control over 90 percent of the post-secondary education program and the number of Aboriginal students attending university or college has increased from 800 in 1969 to 26,800 in 1994-1995.

In building trust and open dialogue at the negotiating table, Aboriginal peoples and governments have settled 45 specific and five comprehensive land claims over the past two years. By nurturing this spirit of partnership, we are working together to build a future that is to the benefit of all.

The holidays can also be a very difficult time, especially for those who have lost loved ones during the year, or face deep problems such as poverty, unemployment or homelessness. I believe we must redouble our efforts together to build a better, more prosperous country for all.

It has been an honour to meet with so many Aboriginal communities and individuals over the past year. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season with your families and friends and I look forward to working with you in the new year.

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NTCL WINS EMPLOYMENT EQUITY AWARD

Award is first ever by an Aboriginal-owned company

HayRiver, NWT...Northern Transportation company Limited (NTCL) today received a "1995 Merit Award" for achievements in employment equity. NTCL, a private company wholly owned by Inuit people across the Northwest Territories, is the first Aboriginal-owned company ever to receive the prestigious award. The presentation was made to NTCL at a ceremony in Toronto hosted by the Conference Board of Canada.

NTCL is one of the largest private employers of Aboriginal people in Canada. Chosen as the Northwest Territories Business of the Year in 1994, the company is the main marine transportation link for more than 50 Canadian and Alaskan communities, defence sites, the exploration industry and businesses spread along the Arctic coast from Hudson Bay to the Bering Strait.

NTCL is one of more than 20 companies owned by all Inuit and Inuvialuit people as beneficial shareholders. It received the award in recognition of its demonstrated interest in and commitment to equity issues and their innovative approaches to employment and human resource professional development among Aboriginal people across the North.

In receiving the award, Eddie Dillon, Vice Chairman of NTCL, summed it up: "This award is particularly humbling to us because of the larger size and high quality of the organizations that have won in the past. We're justifiably proud of the fact that our small company has been able to play a role in the economic well-being of Canada." According to Dillon, NTCL has returned more than a

4100 million in taxes, purchases and payroll to Canada since the Inuit people purchased the company in 1985. "We think that's a good example of how Aboriginal peoples can put federal land claims settlements to very impressive use. And, if you spread that kind of re-

munities along Alaska's northern coast, stretching from the Yukon border to the Russian coast on the Bering Strait.

BACKGROUND FACT SHEET

- NTCL is 100% privately owned by aboriginal peoples through Norterra Inc., a joint holding company. NTCL, which had been in business for 61 years, was bought by Aboriginals in 1985.
- Norterra Inc. is owned 50-50 by the Inuvialuit Development corporation (the Inuvialuit people of the western Arctic) and the Nunasi Corporation of the Eastern Arctic (the Nunavut people)
- 5,000 Inuvialuit (Land Claims beneficial shareholders) own 100% of the Inuvialuit Development Corporation. They each hold one share.
- The Nunasi Corporation is owned by all of the Inuit of Nunavut.
- NTCL is headquartered in Hay River, NWT and is the largest private sector employer of Aboriginals. 40(+) per cent of the company's 320 employees are Aboriginal people. That's up from 3 per cent at the time the company was purchased by Norterra Inc. in 1985.
- NTCL had revenues of \$32 million and assets of \$36 million as at year-end 1994.
- NTCL has injected more than \$100 million into the Canadian economy in the form of taxes, purchases and payroll since Aboriginal peoples purchased it.
- NTCL is the first northern company to re-establish traditional export ties with Alaska.

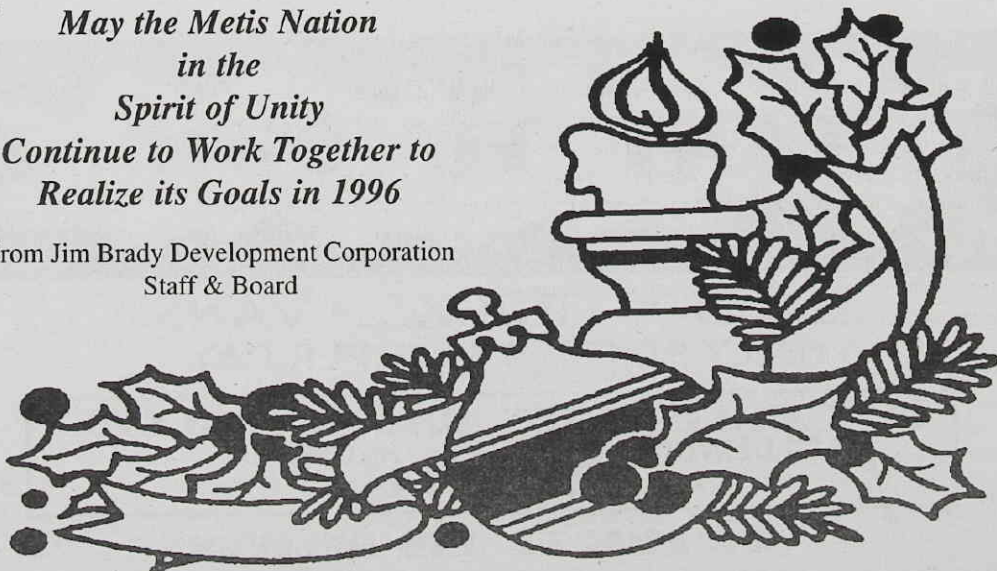


turn out across all of our sister companies," he said, "you can see that the potential in these land claims will produce an advantageous return for the people of Canada. It already has resulted in Aboriginal employment gains and meaningful improvements to the well-being of a great many of our northern communities."

Part of the NTCL success story, which places it in a solid competitive position in building for the future, is in exports. It is the first northern company to re-establish traditional exporting ties with Alaska by exporting and delivering petroleum products to com-

*May the Metis Nation
in the
Spirit of Unity
Continue to Work Together to
Realize its Goals in 1996*

From Jim Brady Development Corporation
Staff & Board



QUEBEC 'TRAITORS' DESERVE RIELS'S NOOSE: METIS LEADER

Winnipeg Free Press

Louis Riel was hanged for treason 110 years ago this week, and separatist "traitors" like Jacques Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard should get the same treatment, says the leader of Canada's Metis people.

The two Quebec separatist leaders have used public money and institutions to try to preserve their distinct society by ripping the country apart, Gerald Morin, president of the Metis National Council, said yesterday during the Manitoba Metis Federation's annual general assembly in Winnipeg.

"As far as I'm concerned, they're guilty of high treason under the Criminal Code of Canada, and they should be tried for those crimes."

But he said Quebec's distinctiveness will have to be recognized and guaranteed in the Constitution, and he said he thinks Canadians are now ready to give that guarantee. Morin said it is ironic that Riel - a Manitoba Metis leader recognized as founder of this province - was hanged for treason for trying to preserve the rights of his own distinct peoples.

"Riel and Metis people are nation builders and we've contributed immensely toward the development of our country, and to a strong and united Canada," he said.

Canada's Metis, who number approximately 350,000, lobbied in support of constitutional change during the Meech Lake and Charlottetown accords, Morin added. "We need to renew the federation and we need to, I suppose, renew our vision of Canada," said Morin, who grew up in a small Metis community in northwestern Saskatchewan.

"There has to be recognition of the distinct character of Quebec and (we must) be able to protect their culture and way of life," he said, adding another national referendum should be called into whether to entrench that recognition in the Constitution.

And this time, he said, Canadians will likely vote yes.

"I think Canadians have to accept the new realities in our country, and support that renewed vision of Canada," he said. "That's the only way we're going to survive and prosper as a united federation. Otherwise, we're go-

ing to fall apart."

Morin acknowledged the irony, however, that while Metis see themselves as nation builders, strife within their organizations has threatened to tear them apart.

But, he said, groups like the MMF are political bodies and there are bound to be differences. Still, he said, tremendous progress has been made to turn the organizations around and promote unity within their memberships.

MMF president Billyjo Delaronde agrees. "I believe there is unity here," said Delaronde, who acknowledged the controversies which have plagued the organization in the past, including charges of fiscal misconduct earlier this year.

While there are bound to be disagreements between members, he said: "I think the vision and where we want to go as Metis people will not change.

"I think that's now entrenched and on track."

Message from Gordon Kirkby, M.P.
Prince Albert-Churchill River

*May your Christmas
be full of happiness
and kindness
to your fellow man.
Have a wonderful, joyous holiday
and I wish you, your family
and friends a very
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*



W.A.V.E.

Women Against Violence Everywhere, held a ceremonial feast and vigil at the Legislative Building in Regina on the eve of December 6, 1995 to mark the anniversary of the 14 women slaughtered in Montreal six years ago.

In attendance were many representatives of the various organizations that hosted this vigil. At the feast, guest speakers were called upon to speak on behalf of all slain women in our communities as well to speak out against the violence that many of our people have had to deal with. At the Legislative Building a ceremony was held to mourn the passing of our sisters. Jennette Fiddler expressed her feeling in a poem that she wrote of her own experience with violence. It was during this poem that my own experience had flashed before me. At this point I could feel the loss

of my sisters, my identity, and the loss of part of my life that is experienced by so many of our sisters at the hands of abuse and violence.

With this has come a feeling of anger and resentment, why had he done this to me, to my son and why had I allowed this abuse to go on for so long. These are questions that I may never receive an answer for. The answers that I do have, have come from within. Once the shame and guilt no longer exist, once the hatred and resentment are replaced with understanding and forgiveness, then we as sisters will begin our journey to healing.

Sisters, we must forgive those who have abused us and committed violent acts against us and through this forgiveness, understanding will come. An understanding that these people need help, as well our families need help in order to heal. Only through the heal-

ing of ourselves and family will this violence stop. So my sisters, now is the time to stand up and take action. Take action by understanding and leading our little ones, they are our future, and only they can create a society that does not allow this unjustified violence against our sisters.

The following organizations are some of the contributors to this vigil:

- Metis Nation of Saskatchewan
- Regina Education and Action on Child Hunger (REACH)
- Women of the Dawn
- Status of Women
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QUOTES . . .

"And a little child shall lead them."
Isaiah 11:6

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sible and the possible lies in a per-
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BY CAM MCCANNELL

Although you'd be hard pressed to find anyone who knows it, the prosecution - the Crown in Canada - never loses a criminal case. If the Crown Prosecutor apparently "loses" a case, in the sense that the accused person being prosecuted is acquitted, according to the theory of the law, the prosecutor still "wins". The role of a prosecutor in both Canada and the United States is not to convict everyone who is tried for an offence, but rather to see justice done. The acquittal of an innocent party is doing justice, too. Justice is too often used as a synonym for conviction... and punishment. But western justice includes the idea that it is better that nine guilty persons go free than that one innocent person be wrongly punished.

Corollary to this is the prosecutor's obligation to lead all of the evidence in its possession, including evidence that might tend to favour acquittal rather than conviction. It is not a prosecutor or a policeman's job to make a final determination of guilt, or truth, but to marshal all the facts. This obligation is a historical reflection in part, of the vast imbalance of resources favouring the prosecution over the citizen. An imbalance that grows greater all the time.

Having just spent a year watching the trial of O.J. Simpson, it is apparent that the role of the prosecution is misapprehended in the United States, too. In my opinion O.J. Simpson raised a reasonable doubt as to his guilt. A doubt premised largely on the role played by Mark Fuhrman in the initial investigation and, not so much Fuhrman's racist attitudes, as his flaunted disregard for the integrity of court and criminal investigation processes. You can be a truthful racist. Mark Fuhrman, was not truthful. The technical bloodstain evidence favouring guilt (none of the other evidence pointed exclusively towards O.J.'s guilt) was cast into doubt, reasonable doubt, by the fact that Fuhrman had his hands on it. It was not so much the "race card" that trumped the trial, as the honesty card. Remember Mark Fuhrman, choir-boy like as professional witness (which all police officers are), earnestly denying that he had uttered the word "nigger" in the proceeding 10 years? The race "card" is raised as somehow casting shadow on the integrity of the verdict, but no-one ever attributes to the prosecution in its leading a "gender" card, playing to the shibboleths of feminist propaganda (at least equal to the so-called race factor in terms of

irrelevancy to the commission of the offence), the same motives. If you were satisfied that Mark Fuhrman was capable of blithely lying to a court, it would have to cast into doubt any evidence with which he was involved. The fact that what he lied about was his racism is really not that relevant.

Two things arise from Fuhrman's evidence in terms of the role of the prosecution. One, does anyone seriously consider that the evidence of Mark Fuhrman's integrity or lack thereof could have come to the attention of a defendant who did not have ten million dollars to spend on a defence? Two, what does it say about prosecutorial ethics in the context of its obligation to see justice done that the prosecution not only knew who Mark Fuhrman was, and chose to lead his evidence in the most cosmetically favourable fashion possible, but, also did not take their knowledge of his character into account in their initial investigations. Rather, it attempted to rehabilitate him once the truth of who he was, was out. Failure to find O.J. guilty was not seen by the prosecution as justice. Just as clearly the prosecution did not lead the evidence in its possession because of that view. Nor did it marshal all of the evidence that it could have. One question frequently asked by those who felt O.J. Simpson was guilty was, "Who else would have done it?" The fact of the matter is, the prosecution never even looked for anyone else, and ignored any evidence which suggested an alternative.

The prosecution played its role improperly.

Here in Saskatchewan, we have some evidence that the same misapprehension of the role and nature of prosecution of a criminal case is deeply embedded in our provincial justice department, and has been for a long time. Start with Milgaard. The Supreme Court review of Milgaard reveals that the police never looked for anyone else there either. It reveals that the prosecution was in possession of evidence pertaining to the possibility of someone else being guilty and did not reveal it to the accused or his counsel at the investigation stage, and certainly not at trial. The prosecution was out to win, i.e. convict David Milgaard of the killing of Gail Miller, and discarded any evidence that didn't fit with that outcome.

Then we have the Martinsville case. Clearly the idea of winning - obtaining convictions - permeated the investigation stage

of that case. The first person to come to trial in that case was convicted, you'll recall, and it was only overturned by the Court of Appeal after a divisive drama was played out before a jury in Saskatoon in which the inadequacy of evidence of guilt was plain to eyes unencumbered by prosecutorial spectacles.

Most recently we have the Latimer case and the revelation that a prosecutor instructed police officers to make secret inquiries of jurors on the jury list respecting their views of mercy killing. The accused and his counsel was not made privy to this information. The explanation given by the justice department is over zealous prosecution, but as a practising lawyer in Saskatchewan, one wonders if the only test of over zealousness is getting caught. Prosecutors are no longer governed by the Law Society for example. Robert Latimer doesn't have \$10,000.00 for a defence.

Practising lawyers experience the "win at all costs" school of prosecution in Saskatchewan courts every day. This manner of prosecution starts with police investigation. The police themselves are aware of the dangerous trap they can fall into an investigation, when they develop a theory early in the course of a case, and consciously or unconsciously discard evidence they obtain that does not fit that theory. RCMP officers are even warned of this in training. One gets the impression though, especially in dealing with the RCMP, probably the best trained of Saskatchewan police officers, that somehow their individual worth as police officers is determined, not by the objective quality of the investigation they perform, but upon whether or not they get a conviction. Police officers seem to invest a lot of personal commitment into the obtaining of a conviction. Mark Fuhrman's demeanour on the witness stand and the ingenious and dispassionate persona he displayed, concerning his involvement in the investigation, was not a new professional witness persona to most lawyers. Nor is the reality that there is a different person behind that witness stand facade.

The ideals upon which our criminal justice system is premised have to be restated. If a person is not guilty, they are not guilty. Justice has been done. This is probably especially true if the defence had led no evidence, for then the prosecution has done its job justly.

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NATIVE HERBS USED TO TREAT AILMENTS

By Jim Herriot - Freelance writer

Racism led Yvonne Morin-Fehr to abandon her Cree upbringing when she went south to attend high school in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, but ill health brought her back to traditional healing.

She grew up in Sandy Bay, a community of about 300 located 196 kilometres north of Flin Flon, Manitoba. Since people there had little access to medical doctors, they used medicines their ancestors had discovered in the surrounding forests.

Morin-Fehr has suffered arthritis since she was 22. Until five years ago, she sought comfort only through medication prescribed by doctors. Then, on advice of her older sister, Tina, and with the encouragement of her mother, she agreed to try traditional remedies.

She was so pleased with the results, that she now treats her arthritis with traditional herbs and the occasional acetaminophen tablet.

She uses woodland herbs and studies medicines available on the prairie under the guidance of Claire Kemp, a friend from southern Saskatchewan.

But she was not an easy convert to the practices of traditional native healing and until three years ago, she remained a sceptic.

In 1992, her mother, Agnes Morin, suffered a massive heart attack. Doctors told her 80 percent of her heart's arteries were blocked and if she did not have a triple bypass operation, she would soon have another serious heart attack. The event polarized the family. Tina advised her mother to treat herself with native herbs, but most voiced opinions like Morin-Fehr's.

"I got really scared and I was really for

Yvonne Morin-Fehr



Jim Herriot photo

the operation," Morin-Fehr said.

Strict diet, herbal medicine

Her mother deliberated for several weeks, then chose to use traditional medicine. She put herself on a strict diet and began a regimen of herbal remedies.

Morin, 72, is now healthy and maintains an active lifestyle for her age. Her doctor is convinced she made the right decision.

Since then, Morin-Fehr said she has gained more respect for her culture and traditional healing has become an important part of her life. She now lives in Dalmeny, about 20 kilometres north of Saskatoon.

"Around here, the farmers are really nice," she said. Adding most are happy to let her pick the plants they consider to be weeds.

Morin-Fehr cautions people that some

herbal remedies are unsafe when used without proper guidance. She said parts of some medicinal plants are toxic.

Two wild rose hips per day can fill the daily requirement for vitamin C, but a person must not eat the seeds.

"They'll give you an upset stomach and an itchy bum," said Morin-Fehr.

The medical establishment has contrasting opinions, but it shows respect for native healers.

"The college has no problem with native people using their herbal remedies," said Dr. Lowell Loewen, deputy registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan. "They were doing this before we arrived here. Why should we be stopping them? They've been at it longer than we have."

"It may not be scientifically proven. The proof, as they say with pudding, is in the eating. A native person has used a particular plant over the last how many centuries and they have consistently had results with it. That's usually pretty good proof that it's doing what they want it to do."

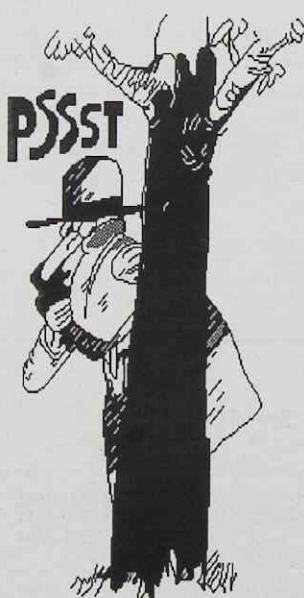
However, the college is concerned about the sales of herbs.

"You first of all don't know what's in the container for sure and you have no idea to the strength of it," said Loewen.

"If a physician tried to sell prescriptions, which varied in strength and didn't show exactly what they had in them, that would not be allowed. Federal regulations prevent that."

"We believe that same sort of regulation should apply to those commercially sold products."

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**TEN COMMANDMENTS OF
HUMAN RELATIONS**

- 1) **SPEAK TO PEOPLE** - there is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- 2) **SMILE AT PEOPLE** - it takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
- 3) **CALL PEOPLE** - the sweetest music to anyone's is the sound of his own music.
- 4) **BE FRIENDLY** and helpful, if you would have friends, be a friend.
- 5) **BE CORDIAL** - speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
- 6) **BE GENUINELY** interested in people - you can like almost everybody if you try.
- 7) **BE GENEROUS** - with praise - cautious with criticism.
- 8) **BE CONSIDERATE** with the feelings of others - there are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right side.
- 9) **BE ALERT** to give service - what counts most in life is what we do for others.
- 10) **ADD TO THIS** a good sense of humour, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded many-fold.

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!**

The Federal Government recognizes the unique and historic role the Metis people have played in developing Western Canada. I salute you for keeping Metis culture alive and strong in Saskatchewan.

I would like to offer the members of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan my very best wishes for the Christmas season and for the New Year.



Ralph Goodale, M.P.

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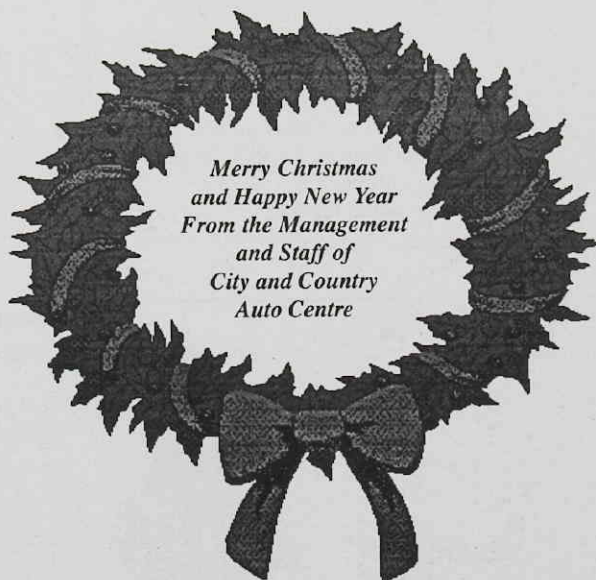
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Rejoice
*in the glory that is
Christmas, and
the promise of peace,
hope and brotherhood
for all mankind!*

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and
Happy New Year**

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*Merry Christmas
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From the Management
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QUOTES . . .

"Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal." - E. Joseph Cossman

"An eye for an eye leads only to more blindness." - Margaret Atwood

POEMS

Peace means joyful things
happening on the earth!
Peace means LOVE!
Peace means Care and
Care means Hope to me
and to all!

By Cora-Lee Fehr
Age 8



When I look at the snow it
makes me think of spar-
kling diamonds
under a light,
Just like the stars at night,
When I jump in the snow
it feels like a big fluffy
pillow.
It is a wonderful thing that
just no one will know,
It is so nice and beautiful
because it is one of God's
works of art.

By Tyler Gervais
Age 10



If a child lives with criticism
He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame
He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate.

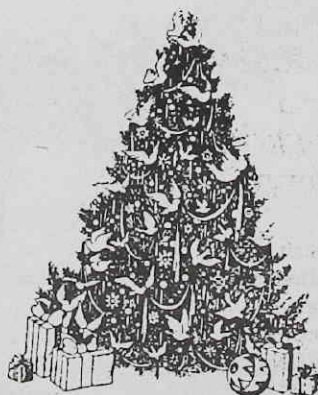
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**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**

On behalf of
Southwest Human Resource Centre
Reina Sinclair, Manager
and Staff



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BE WREATHED
WITH GOOD TIMES,
GOOD FORTUNE
AND GOOD CHEER**

Eastern Region IIA/
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of Saskatchewan
Area Director,
Garry Martin



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place, a loving
face, within
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