

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Tribal Meeting January 14

The monthly Tribal Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. Major Topics on the Agenda will be:

1. Environmental Division Update and proposed regulations on PCB contaminants.
2. Update on James Bay Cree Economic Development Project
3. Land Claims

All Akwesasne residents are encouraged to attend

## The Akwesasne Arena Committee

The Akwesasne Arena Committee would like to thank everyone who attended our 50 and 60's dance held at the Cedar View Golf Course on December 17th. We would also like to thank the Cedar View Management for donating the hall and John Herne for preparing and donating food for the dance.

The winners of the Arena 6 chance drawing were:

Peggy Mitchell — Trip for two to New York  
Bobbi Lee King — 15 Free movie rentals from Wild Bill's  
Dennis Chausse — Gift Certificate from distinctive designs  
Valerie Ferrance — Gift Certificate from Sandi and Char's Hair Design  
Shirley Phillips — Gift Certificate from Sandi and Char's Hair Design  
Debra Cook — Arena Sweatshirt

Thank you all for supporting the Arena Committee's fund-raising activities. We would also like to take this time to wish everyone a Very Happy New Year!!!!!!  
Arena Committee

## Child Health and Safety Children and Medications: Teaching Proper Use

Research shows that up to half of the 1.6 billion prescriptions dispensed each year are used incorrectly. Because many adults fail to use medicines safely and effectively, physicians are increasingly concerned that children are not being taught proper use.

The National Council on Patient Information and Education offers the following tips for parents:

1. Tell your doctor or pharmacist about other medicines your child is taking, including over-the-counter drugs. This can help prevent drug interactions.
2. Tell your doctor if your child has had an allergic reaction to or other problems with other medicines.
3. Ask your doctor these five key questions about your child's medicines:
  1. What is the name of the drug and what is it supposed to do?
  2. How often should the drug be given, how much should be given, and for how long?
  3. What foods, beverages, other medicines, or activities should the child avoid while taking this medicine?
  4. What side effects should be watched for, and what is the correct response if they occur?
  5. What written materials are available about this medicine?
4. Parents are urged to share as much of the above information with the child as he or she can be expected to understand.
5. Parents also are warned to keep all medications — prescription and over-the-counter — out of the reach of young children. Common household items like medicines and vitamins account for most home poisonings. Consumers should keep in mind that safety caps are child resistant, not child proof.

### Lawn Darts Banned

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) finally voted to ban lawn darts — one week after Congress passed a law October 21 banning lawn darts. Since 1972, at least three deaths and 67,000 injuries — often including brain damage or blinding have occurred as a result of lawn darts. The Commission's ban will go into effect in mid-December. In the meantime, parents are urged not to buy lawn darts and to dispose of any they already own.

### Safe Kids Campaign Gets Underway

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign was launched earlier this year in order to fight the number one killer of kids — preventable injury. A program of the Children's Hospital National Medical Center, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson and the National Safety Council, the campaign has produced injury prevention booklets, helped sponsor state and local child safety events, developed public policy priorities for reducing child accidents, and has formed the National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury. The campaign focuses on the five major areas in which children are at greatest risk: car passenger and pedestrian safety; drowning; burns; falling and choking/strangulation.

In 1989 the SAFE KIDS campaign will place special emphasis on the use of bicycle helmets to prevent head trauma. The week of May 15-21, 1989 has been designated as SAFE KIDS Week for state and local organizations, many educational activities and events are planned. As a member of the coalition, CPA encourages organizations interested in children's issues that are part of our CPSPN Network to join the SAFE KIDS coalition. To join the coalition and/or to obtain information about other persons in your area working on SAFE KIDS issues, contact Karen Hilder at 202-939-0993. Free copies of the SAFE KIDS publication "How to Protect Your Children from Injury" can also be ordered at that same number.

### Hazardous Imported Toys Seized

Hundreds of thousands of hazardous imported toys have been seized as a result of the joint CPSC Customs Service Operation Toyland 88 program. Toys that do not meet safety standards were seized or otherwise prevented from entering this country at a number of ports of entry. Among the items seized were toys with small parts that may present a choking hazard, banned darts, and toys containing toxic lead levels in paint. An estimated 151,000 toy-related injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms in 1987, many of them associated with imported toys. The Commission is therefore intensifying its efforts to prevent these toys from reaching the market during the holiday toy buying season.

### Playhouse Modification Kit Ordered

Fisher Price is offering a free modification kit for its Model 2506 Pop-Up Playhouse. The company has received approximately 100 reports that parts of the playhouse have suddenly come apart, and of parts being hurled across a room with enough force to break glass, stick in dry wall or cause other property damage. Owners are urged not to permit the use of this product until the modified parts have been installed. To order a free modification kit, call Fisher Price at 1-800-334-5439 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or write: Fisher Price Consumer Affairs, 630 Girard Avenue, East Aurora, N.Y. 14052.

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## Studies on Native Health Plight Rising

American Indians and native Alaskans have long grappled with mental health and alcoholism problems. Yet until recently, few scientific studies have examined the genetic and cultural differences that may come into play.

Without such studies, it is difficult to build effective prevention efforts or find cures. Eighteen months ago, with little fanfare, a national research center opened in Denver to inspire more scientific studies on these unique groups. Already, there have been results.

"There's been an explosion of studies to develop hard information about these kinds of issues," says associate professor Spero Manson, director of the National Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research.

"Previously, much of our data has been anecdotal clinical experience, with the rare exception of hard data to supplement and complement those observations," says Manson, who is of Chippewa descent. "Now we're into challenging stereotypes, including those we hold dear to our hearts and those that may not be in our best interests to challenge."

The national center is a program of the University of Colorado School of Medicine department of psychiatry and is supported by a five-year core grant of \$1.25 million from the National Institutes and more than 300 American Indian reservations and has links to 17 universities and 33 research associates.

The researchers are collecting information on a wide range of problems within the target population. These include:

- Stressful life transitions among those seeking higher education
- Panic disorders
- Illness and depression among the elderly
- Substance abuse and alcoholism
- Adolescent suicide
- Emotional disturbance among Indian children
- Stress in the urban environment

Not all studies look at the problems, however. Several are prevention-oriented.

"Many people are interested in health-promotion efforts that are strengths in its culture and tradition. We're looking at ways to build on and enhance those strengths to prevent the occurrence of mental health problems in future generations."

The research center works closely with the 48 urban Indian health-care programs in the United States, many of which have introduced innovative therapies. Some model programs are under way at the American Indian Family Development Center, 1749 Vine St. Last year, this center served about 1,800 of the estimated 17,000 American Indians in metropolitan Denver.

"A large percentage of the people served here are being affected somehow by substance abuse or alcohol," says Clint Stotts, associate director of the mental health and substance abuse programs.

"Either they've grown up in an alcoholic home, they're abusing substances themselves, or they're recovering from substance abuse and need more community camaraderie."

To help them, the center is taking a whole-family therapy approach where possible, both to offer a support system to the individual and to prevent the problem in younger children, who may be seeing substance abuse as a "norm" in their home.

"Family therapies seem to have a longer effect than the individualized treatments because they can make an impact on the entire family," says Stotts. "Often we're looking at a system of dysfunction rather than a person."

Stotts says the center also approaches problems experienced by the American Indian population through a cultural perspective, something rarely done in the past.

"There's a value here of community generosity versus the individuality seen in the white world," says Stotts, who is not of Indian descent. "I was raised to compete for grades, jobs, and with the idea that my pay is mine. Here, everything is community. If one person benefits, it benefits all. The sharing strengthens everyone."

Developing strengths is an important issue for American Indian women, who represent the heart of the family and may be the key to reaching other family members, says Della Bad Wound, coordinator of women's alcohol prevention programs at the center.

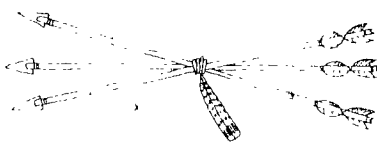
Bad Wound has instituted a program called Win'ya Was'aka (Strong Women) designed to help women deal with everyday struggles by building their self-esteem and coping skills. The program reintroduces a lot of culturally relevant material that has been lost over the years.

For example, says Bad Wound, "We explain Indian purification rites to help the women recognize that when we come together as a group it is a sacred circle to help build confidentiality and respect and cooperation among ourselves. The women are empowered to be their own resources with the circle."

Despite their many problems, says Manson, American Indians are a powerhouse of untapped mental strength.

"We're looking at how we can build on and enhance those strengths and how we can transfer them across the generations," he says. "It's a radically different approach to prevention."

By Verina Noel-Jones



## Domestic Violence Program

Presently, there is an established Safe-Home Network in Franklin County. A Safe-Home Network is a group of volunteers who have offered to provide temporary shelter in their homes to battered women and their children. Safe-Homes offer a relaxed setting, home cooked meals and a friendly family or individual to be with during this time of crises. Safe-Homes are always kept confidential. The maximum stay in a home is 3 days/nights and women are free to leave at any time. For further information call 358-2272 ext. 248 or Emergency number 483-1261.

The Domestic Violence Program is offering an 8 week Women's Support Program. If you're a woman who has been physically or emotionally abused by your partner this program is for you. A group enables women to reduce their isolation and feelings of being different, at fault or "crazy." If you feel this program may be for you, please call 358-2272 ext. 248. It will meet once a week for approximately 1 to 2 hours. A definite day and time will be established according to each participant's request.

## Request For Bid

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe invites all interested parties to submit their price for the removal of snow from the parking lot of the Tribal complex during the months January — April '89. The price must be a set fee and quoted without regard to the actual number of times removal must be done.

The successful bidder must be willing and able to:

1. Insure that the parking areas are cleared of snow prior to 7:45 a.m. on working days and monthly Tribal meeting dates;
2. Accept payment on a monthly basis, payable on the last working day of said month, in four (4) equal installments;
3. Assure that visibility from both entrances/exits to Route 37 is clear so that potential accidents are avoided;
4. Assure that snow piles are removed from the complex should the magnitude become great (as determined by the Grounds & Equipment Manager of the Tribe).

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal has approximately 14 vehicles, some of which are left in the parking lot overnight. Directors make every attempt to park them together so as to minimize snow removal difficulty, however, bidders should understand that there will be vehicles in the parking lot. Too, Tribal policy states that when the Salmon River Central School District closes for the day due to snow emergency, so too does Tribal offices. Therefore, in snowstorms, bidders should be aware that snow removal would occur when the storm ends.

Bids should be submitted to Saka Pemberton, Tribal Administrator. All questions should be directed to Mike Benedict, Grounds & Equipment Manager, at 358-2272 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Note: The Tribe retains the right to reject any and all bids. Decision will be based upon contractor's ability to perform and cost.

## Job Opening

POSITION: Fiscal Officer

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Experience should include a minimum 2 years Accounting or Business school
2. Applicants should have two to three years previous experience with contracts, bookkeeping (preferably in the construction field). Must be able to keep a complete set of accounting records.
3. Micro Computer experience an asset
4. DEGREE

1. Fiscal Officer reports to Executive Director

2. Shall supervise the daily activities of the accounting staff

3. Responsible to cover contracts, budgets, payroll reports, taxes, vouchers, and audits

4. Monitor internal-control and be able to maintain cost expenses

5. Perform other related duties as assigned

SALARY: \$12,000 to \$16,000 plus Fringe Benefits, depending upon experience. Resume and references required.

Apply at Mohawk Indian Housing Corporation, 162 McGe Road, Hogsburg, New York 13655 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Job Opening

The North American Travelling College has a job opening for a custodian to: clean three buildings, vacuum, dust, clean floors, bathrooms kept clean, some dishes (cups), windows, and other light cleaning.

Immediate opening. Applications can be picked up the NAITC and the reception area of the Tribal Council. The candidate will receive an hourly wage and work from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. five days a week and if necessary on Saturdays.

## Job Openings

The North American Indian Travelling College has the following positions open under two programs:

1. Section 38: you must be on unemployment and you must get a referral slip from Rosemary Bonaparte at Canada Manpower in Cornwall

1 certified carpenter

3 carpenter apprentices

1 laborer

The length of employment is twenty one weeks

2. Job Development: you must have a referral slip from Canada Manpower. See Rosemary Bonaparte for your referral for the following positions:

1 clerk typist

1 janitorial technician

1 public relations aide

1 cultural museum technician

1 group worker to work with youth and senior citizens

The candidates must have a minimum of grade 10 or a graduate of high school. Good communication and writing skills are an asset for the clerk typist, public relations aide, group worker, and cultural museum technician. You must have a valid driver's license and transportation as you will be required to take college courses at St. Lawrence College, Cornwall.

These are training positions for a period of 25 weeks.

Applications can be picked up at the NAITC, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 & 21, 1988 and at the Tribal Council reception area December 27 & 28. The deadline for applications is January 3, 1989 for the Job Development Project and January 11, 1989 for the Section 38 carpentry project.

Call (613) 942-9452 for more information

## Position Posting "Secretary/Receptionist-Admin. I"

Interested applicants may be able to obtain application forms at the Admin. I Building in St. Regis. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Friday, January 13, 1989 at 4:00 p.m. Please submit application and resume to the attention of the Office Manager.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

1) Greets and aids community members and public to appropriate department.

2) Answers, screens and directs all incoming telephone calls, records and disseminates messages.

3) Records incoming and outgoing correspondence on mail logs.

4) Types reports and correspondence for program staff, etc.

SALARY: Depending on Qualifications

QUALIFICATION: High School Graduate

PRIOR EXPERIENCE: Secretarial, reception or clerical work.

PERSONAL SUITABILITY: Mature, tactful and pleasant personality, Mohawk Language an asset.

## Job Opening

Applications are being accepted at CKON Radio for the position of Radio Announcer/Dee Jay to work under the direction of the program director with the following qualifications:

- Must be very dependable
- Willing to work flexible hours
- Must have excellent reading skills for voice application

— Knowledgeable of music categories

- Able to operate equipment, turntables, cassette decks and mixing console (or willing to train)
- Must have good telephone personality
- Is required to comply with CKON's on-air conduct policy

— Fluent Mohawk Language speakers knowledgeable in the culture and history of the Mohawk people are urged to apply

Salary — \$5 00 hr. (Min.) Negotiable depending on qualifications. Please apply at CKON Radio at the Akwesasne Communications Centre between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or call 575-2100 for information.

## Job Opening

Mater Dei College is seeking a Director of the Mater Dei Learning Skills Center at the Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center. A person with a Master's Degree in Reading and some teaching experience is preferred. Apply to Mr. H. Raymond Johnson, Academic Dean, Mater Dei College, Riverside Drive, Ogdensburg, New York 13669. Phone: 315-393-5930

SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS AT HOGANSBURG BRANCH CAMPUS OF MATER DEI COLLEGE ON JANUARY 9, 1989.

BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1989 in the new cellar classroom, Mohawk Community Building, near the Food Distribution Office from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only. All Mater Dei students should arrange to pick up their textbooks that day since it will be the only day when the campus bookstore representative will be on hand with the books before college begins.

## Positions Available

First Nations Financial Project is a national non-profit Indian organization working with Indian tribes and organizations in reservation economic development since 1980.

First Nations is looking for qualified persons for these positions:

**Southwest Field Specialist**  
Will work closely with tribes in the development of financially self-sufficient tribal projects. Starting salary range: \$24,000 to \$28,000

**Research/Technical Writer**  
Will establish reference library and database, conduct research, and contribute to newsletter and position papers. Starting salary range: \$22,000 to \$26,000

**Finance and Credit Program Manager**  
Will develop reservation-based loan funds and work with tribes on trust fund management. Starting salary range: \$28,000 to \$32,000

**Executive Assistant**  
Will serve as liaison to the President and will coordinate development office operations. Starting salary commensurate with experience and ability.

All positions are located in Washington, D.C. area. For full job descriptions, write to:

First Nations Financial Project  
69 Kelley Road  
Falmouth, VA 22405

Attn: Sherry A. Salway, Vice-President

## Position Posting "Truck Driver"

Applications are now being accepted for the above position. Please submit application and copy of driver's license to the attention of the Office Manager at Admin. I, St. Regis Village.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: Friday, January 13, 1989 — 4:00 p.m.

QUALIFICATIONS: High School Graduate  
On: Class "D" Drivers License or Equivalent

Prior Experience in operating heavy machinery and truck driving an asset.

Basic knowledge of surrounding areas.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES: This position is responsible for and not limited to hauling various materials from suppliers to Akwesasne, operating heavy equipment (ie grader, backhoe) when requested, manual labour when required, assisting the supervisor of Roads Maintenance when required.

SALARY: Dependent on Qualifications  
Any queries can be directed to the Office Manager of Admin. I, St. Regis (575-2250).

## Position Opening

Position: Secretary, Akwesasne Freedom School  
Time Period: Open

Salary: \$175 00/wk  
Hours: 8 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Duties: Be responsible & do what is requested by Director, i.e. filing, typing, mailing letters, organizing the office, ordering supplies, calling & answering phones, etc.)

Must be able to work with students & staff, must be competent, on time, & able to bill requests of Director when she's not around. Must have good social skills in order to meet guests. Must be willing to be trained on Apple Computers such as Macintosh II & Macintosh SE. Also able to operate Xerox 620 Memorywriter.

Fluency of Mohawk not necessary, but a plus. All interested persons please call Norma Tarbell at 358-9594 after 3:30.

