

## Clowning Around at Head Start



by Derrick Paul/Staff.

On Tuesday May 26 the Head Start Kids and teachers were entertained by "Bonnie Nuit, a French Clown with Class".

She opened up the program at Billys Bingo Hall with a song in French and she asked the audience a series of questions, which the kids were happy to answer.

The students enjoyed the show as shown by their responses to the questions.

The kids all got to participate in a song which turned into a procession in the Hall.

It was called the River Song and after she sang, the students and teachers got in a line and followed her around the tables.

"Bonnie Nuit", whose real name is Sister Connie Caron, has been doing this type of entertainment for six years. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and two certificates from the Montessori Method of teaching. Her program has been seen internationally in Hospitals, homes for the Elderly and other institutions for kids.



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sticks and house fires with hand-held extinguishers because of insufficient finances. Its two water trucks and fire engine aren't working.

Off-reserve fire halls have largely stopped pitching in to help with reserve grass fires because the band council has not paid for the services, in some cases for three years.

"They don't give a reason. They just tell us they're unable to pay," said Vera Quinton, administrator for the Municipal District of Carleton Place. He wouldn't divulge the amount owed.

If the "crisis" isn't soon addressed, fire station responsibilities will be handed to the band's chief and council. "If somebody dies, I don't want my name identified with it," Porter said.

Chief and council are held a news conference to discuss the reserve's fire protection services. They would not comment.

The fire station, which serves the 1,440 square kilometer reserve and its 7,200 residents, is fighting fires on a budget intended for volunteer staff.

But attempts to find volunteers have failed, forcing the department to use much of its \$60,000 allocated for equipment replacement on four full-time salaries. About \$200,000 is needed to update the station.

"There's some interest in being volunteers, but not in meeting the qualifications, like first aid, CPR, and a driver's licence," Porter said.

Source: The Calgary Herald, April 1992

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development, U.S. citizenship and American Indian sovereignty; cultural pluralism; the historical significance and maintenance of American Indian treaties; indigenous peoples and international law; traditional religions and healing practices, and the implications of Indian mythologies for new

ecological practices. He was also a consultant on several film productions.

He was a member of the negotiating team sent by the Iroquois Confederacy that helped end the violent land dispute at Oka, Quebec in 1990, and serves on the Seneca Nation Salamanca Lease Committee. He is a member of the board of directors of the Indian Law Resource Center in Washington, D.C., and an advisor to the Gannagaro Historic Site Restoration Committee in Waterford, N.Y.; the Radioactive Waste Campaign in New York City, and The Other Economic Summit/North America. Mohawk holds a bachelor's degree in history from Hartwick and a master's degree in American Studies from the university at Buffalo. He lives on the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation in Gowanda, New York.

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## Site Chosen for Supervised Access Services

The Board of Directors of Center York Center in partnership with the Attorney General, Howard Hampton wish to announce that Center York Center has been chosen to provide supervised access services in Cornwall, Akwesasne and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

Supervised access offers separated families a safe, neutral and child-focused setting in which visits between a child and a parent can take place.

The government and the Center will be working together to serve a great number of children and their separated families at a low cost to the taxpayer.

As part of a 13 two-year pilot projects, the Center will assist separated families in carrying out access arrangements ordered by the Court, or agreed to by the parents. At the same time, the government will evaluate different methods of delivering supervised access services for the rest of Ontario.

Supervised access visits could be appropriate in a number of situations, including:

- \* situations involving a parent's alcoholism, drug abuse, physical abuse, emotional difficulties or psychiatric disorders;

- \* situations where there is risk of violence to the mother;

- \* situations where there are concerns about parenting skills;

- \* situations where a parent has been absent from a child's life for a long period of time; and

- \* situations involving a threat of possible abduction.

The Center may be also be used for drop-off and pick up of a child, particularly in situations where the child's psychological well-being may be threatened by the degree of conflict and animosity between the parents.

The Center York Center will be located at 12 York Street, corner of Water Street. A building which houses numerous community programs.

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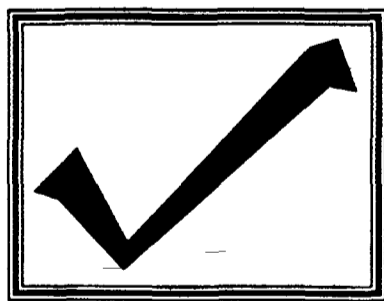
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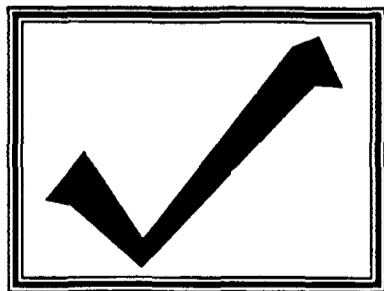
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