

## Smoke Signals

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### New Editorial Policy

#### Letters From Our Readers

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## TRIBAL NEWS BRIEFS...

### Miss Indian World Contest

Current and past princesses are welcome and encouraged to apply for the Miss Indian World contest to be held at the Gathering of Nations Pow-wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 20, 21, 22, and 23, 1994.

To qualify as a contestant applicant must be: young Native woman age 17-24, at least one-fourth Indian blood, single and never married, and have knowledge of tribal tradition.

The selection of Miss Indian World is based upon a point system. Points will be given for: a traditional talent presentation, representing your tribe, public speaking, and a private interview with the judges. Points will also be given for a dance competition and raffle ticket sales. Special awards will be given for the number of the most raffle tickets sold. For 1,000 tickets, an AM/FM cassette recorder, 2,000 tickets a color portable television, and 3,000 tickets sold wins a three-day cruise on the Caribbean. Ten percent of the ticket sales is returned to the contestant.

Miss Indian World represents all Indian people of North America, and serves as a goodwill ambassador to all people of all cultures throughout the world.

Miss Indian World 1994 will be crowned April 23, 1994 at the Gathering of Nations Pow-wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

To receive an application and more information please write: Gathering of Nations, c/o Miss Indian World contest, P.O. Box 75102, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87194. The application deadline in April 1, 1994. It is recommended that interested parties apply early.

### A Holiday Miracle For Native Teens

A combination of smarts and determination kept three teens alive after being stranded on a small lake island in Canada for 24 days without food or shelter.

The youths, two girls and a boy, survived on wild berries and water, keeping warm by the heat of a camp fire they kept lit day and night. By the time the Royal Canadian Mounted Police search team reached the island, the girls were so weak they couldn't walk.

Their three-week nightmare ended less than two hours after the RCMP boat and helicopter team started searching the remote area of Alberta, Canada they were in.

Danny Tokohopie, 14, Brandy Gregg, 13, and Roxanne Nickholm, 16 were found on the tiny island of Frog Lake, Alberta, over 100 miles north of Edmonton. They were rushed to the hospital suffering from exposure and released three days later. The young women were also treated for burns to their hands and feet from sleeping too close to the fire.

The teens' ordeal began after venturing out on a small paddle boat during a local celebration by the lake shore. They wanted to cross the lake to the opposite beach, but got too cold and decided to stop on the island to warm up.

When they reached the island they forgot to secure their boat and it became lost in the waters. In an interview from his hospital bed, Tokohopie said they kept the fire burning in the hopes that the smoke would attract people to their whereabouts. They even tried sending smoke signals.

"We prayed every day, all day long that we would be found. When you pray, your prayers are answered," he said.

Although they were only 300 meters from shore, the frigid lake waters kept them from attempting to swim across. The trio attempted to build several rafts, but each sank. They built and maintained a bonfire, and when their only lighter ran out of fuel, they took turns watching the fire to make sure it didn't go out.

The teenagers' absence went unnoticed for several days. Their families thought each was at the others' home until one adult called and realized the teens were missing. The RCMP were alerted and started searching in Alberta and British Columbia.

Their search was fruitless until a notice was posted at the lake about the teens' disappearance, two weeks after the event. As residents became aware of the missing youths, they contacted the RCMP with tips. Someone told the police about noticing smoke coming from one of the islands. When the boat was reported missing, they began to search the area.

The teens lost 40 percent of their body weight and probably would not have lasted another week on the island, their doctor said. Only hours after their rescue, the first snowfall of the season fell.

—reprinted from *WindSpeaker*

### Co-signment Opportunity

Are you interested in making some Christmas money or getting exposure for your crafts or artwork? If you make quality Native crafts and artwork contact Shawn Hostler or Linda Olson at (503) 879-5608 or leave a message at 879-2476. We will be opening a Native American craft co-signment shop in the Manor building, also known as the Grand Ronde Hotel.