



# Wabanaki Alliance

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## New school seen by 1984

**INDIAN ISLAND** — An expansive new school for Penobscot pupils could open its doors as early as Sept. 1, 1984, the tribal council has been told.

The proposed \$3.5 million school complex would extend the present kindergarten (levels one and two) through sixth grade, to include all of junior high school. In most cases, students leave the reservation to attend nearby Old Town schools, and this practice would continue, following graduation from the K-9 school.

Probably the most important aspect of the proposed school is space. Currently, some 100 pupils are crowded into a building originally designed for about half that number of students. Gov. Timothy Wain told the council and school board that the situation "impacts on the education of the children," have quoted a U.S.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) official as stating the Island school has the "worst conditions I've seen anywhere."

The design and construction of a 32,000 square foot school — twice the size of the tribal Community Building — hinges on funding by the BIA.

In a recent dramatic turnaround, the possibility of a new school rose from "almost nil to very high priority with the BIA. Two BIA officials from Albuquerque, N.M., visited the Island for a first meeting: Frank Latta, in charge of school facilities and architect Jerry Gasparich. They viewed the site, and met with school committee chairman Kenneth Paul and members, school principal St. Helen McKeough and Maine Indian Education superintendent Edward DiCenso.

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PUPILS at old Indian Island Elementary School — at right — board school bus at end of day. Note fence and cramped yard.

## Priest recalled from reservation

**INDIAN TOWNSHIP** — The Rev. Joseph Laughlin, a Jesuit priest at the Passamaquoddy reservation the past five years, has been ordered to leave by his Jesuit superiors in Boston.

According to reliable sources, Father Laughlin, or "Father Joe" as he preferred to be called, was recalled after considerable pressure was brought by persons objecting to his presence on the reservation. Father Joe was wholly identified with the Charismatic movement, and his Passamaquoddy following consisted of people drawn to that radical version of Catholicism.

Other parishioners at Indian Township were less than enthusiastic about Father Joe's unconventional ways. Objections included numerous reports that the priest was seldom at the rectory. He reportedly made many trips to Boston and elsewhere, and had connections with Charismatics in Brockton, Mass.

Father Joe left Indian Township in December 1981, but not before he had complained bitterly to some people about his treatment by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland. The Jesuits, or Society of Jesus, is under contract to the Diocese to provide priests to the reservation. A spokesman for the Diocese said Father Joe's complaints were groundless. The spokesman noted that respect for the Church's presence on the reservation had deteriorated in recent years, and the convent, housing the Sisters of Mercy, had been broken into.

Filling in on a part time basis at Indian Township is the Rev. Normand Carpentier of Woodland. He will continue as temporary administrator for St. Ann's Parish at Indian Township for an indefinite period. The Diocese of Portland is responsible for a successor to Father Laughlin, but plans were uncertain at press time. Father Laughlin succeeded the Rev. Raymond Pierod, also a Jesuit.

## Penobscots air complaints

**INDIAN ISLAND** — An unofficial group of residents here, calling themselves "concerned citizens," has held several meetings to discuss problems they are having with current tribal administration.

Last month, the group aired their complaints to Thomas Howard, a representative for U.S. Sen. William S. Cohen. Howard said all he would do is listen; he would not get involved in internal tribal matters, he said.

In general, group members say they are not getting a fair shake in terms of services and benefits, from tribal government. Also, some residents have said they

do not trust the government to handle the proceeds of the land claims settlement, and that tribal officials have been secretive about it.

Peter Hamilton, an organizer but not a spokesman for the group, said one of his objections to the administration is that, "they were supposed to have an audit every two years here, but they've never had one."

Further, he stated, "I get social security. All I get from them up there is \$65 per month. I can use that for oil or food. Before I got oil and food, I've run out of oil twice this winter. These people got no oil."

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## Feelings mixed on land claims

**ORONO** — A recent Wabanaki Alliance survey reveals Indians have differing views on the \$81.5 million settlement of Penobscot-Passamaquoddy land claims. Opinions weren't wishy-washy, however.

"It's a start; use it wisely," said one reader. Another reader wrote that "the people's opinions and questions were ignored and totally tossed out. . . we gave up more than what money can ever buy."

In 1980, President Carter signed a Congressional-approved negotiated accord ending a decade of litigation and struggle by the sister tribes to assert a sovereign right to the return of aboriginal lands. The settlement provided a permanent \$27 million trust, plus \$54.5

million to buy land — up to 300,000 acres — for the Penobscots and Passamaquoddy.

Thus far, Penobscots have purchased some 140,000 acres; Passamaquoddy have bought closer to 30,000 acres, including some blueberry barrens. In general, Penobscots have bought more non-trust, taxable acreage, while the Passamaquoddy Tribe has acquired designated "trust land," that is tax-exempt.

Individual members of the tribes will probably net about \$1,000 per person, per year, in interest earned on the trust fund.

Unfortunately for the survey, less than a dozen readers responded.

The first question asked if the reader was "personally satisfied with the Maine Indian land claims settlement act."

A New Haven, Ct., reader checked "no," and added, "I think the tribe accepted under pressure, and advice of legal advisors." The reader said "yes" to a question of whether the settlement changed his/her life, and the reader said the newspaper itself is satisfactory, although it should publish more letters to the editor, a pen pal column, and "more news of social life on the reservation."

**Settlement saves home**

A reader who identified herself, Jean Watson of Milford, Mich., said the settlement "gives a good economic base to our

tribe. We didn't have one before." Further, she wrote, "it provides jobs and extra income."

Watson said the settlement is changing her life; moreover, "it provided needed income to supplement social security (and) enabled us to stay in our home and pay the high taxes."

Watson praised the paper, saying it "provides news of the family and a beloved picture of my grandfather, Peter Ranco."

Noel Tomer, Jr., of Fitchburg, Mass., said he is happy with the settlement, and that it has changed his life, explaining, "The payments helped me catch up on my

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# editorials

## Too far

For a newspaper to win the confidence of its community is a long, slow process. It's hard work. In many ways, the effort pays off.

People come to trust the newspaper. They rely on it for certain information. Why then do tribal officials, and other boards and committees, persist in believing that "no news is good news." Is the community really served by such thinking?

What is there to fear if the goings-on of these boards and committees are exposed to the light of day? If members of the community, and readers of this newspaper, truly don't want to know what goes on in smoke-filled rooms, behind closed doors, then fine: things are as they should be.

But if tribal members think they should know — perhaps have a right to know what's going on — then officials should ease up a little on the policy of secrecy.

## Not far enough

The Penobscot Health and Human Services Department is to be commended for banning smoking from the clinic wing of its building.

Recently, the ban was reportedly extended to the front hall, which used to be a literal smokescreen for anyone entering the building, for whatever purpose.

However, smoking cigarettes or cigars at all is contradictory to good health. An institution devoted to the health and well-being of tribal members has no business permitting cancer-causing activities in its headquarters.

The surgeon general has determined that cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health. Freely translated, this means, it can kill you.

Smoking should be banned throughout the building. The non-clinic wing of the building hosts senior citizens and young children in day care.

Ironically, health center staff participated in a public service in January, a TV "spot" for the American Cancer Society.

## Sound advice

In promulgating your esoteric cognitions, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical or psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, coalescent consistency and a concatenated cogency.

Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affections. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodonotade or thrasonical bombast.

Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittacous vacuity, ventriloquist verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double-entendres, prurient jocosity, and pestiferous profanity, obscurant or apparent.

In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep away from slang, don't put on airs, say what you mean, mean what you say, and most of all don't use big words.

## Guest column

## Island fortunate to have its own firefighters

On Jan. 20, I had the occasion to call the Penobscot Nation Fire Department. My car was smoking badly beneath the hood. The response time was 5 minutes. Three men responded but one man was not a volunteer fireman. One man was a policeman, Dale Lolar.

There has been a little controversy lately about the amount of men who respond to a fire, also their response time. It is for their benefit that I am attempting a reply.

In this exact situation, that is, smoke coming from beneath the hood of a car, Old Town firemen would have sent one fire engine and only two firefighters aboard. On some occasions I have seen six men respond on Indian Island.

I would like to point out that Indian Island is very fortunate to have as many volunteers as they do. They are "green" but not untrained. They attend meetings for firefighting techniques and how to maintain their equipment.

I want to see them in action! At a structure fire on Oak Hill, I was really pleased that they had a "save." I have a lot of confidence in them. I am sincerely proud of this little band of men. I certainly know how it feels to see these familiar faces responding in such a short time when I wanted at my house!

These men have to make sacrifices to be away from families by attending firefighting sessions, just to prepare to fight a stinking fire. Please do not envy these fellows paychecks, for these men risk their lives for a meager \$3.00 per week! That is what it averages out to. My husband gets paid more, naturally, he has more responsibility.

Fire prevention has been encouraged here. If we've had few fires, praise God. Some people are listening and making improvements. Prevention is far less costly than trying to save a home that's fully engulfed, or trying to rebuild it. And loss of life can't be fixed!

I know what it is like to lose someone in a fire. One of my best friends died, his apartment was just around the corner from a fire station... yet a 17 apartment house went up! Also, another friend I'll remember all my life. Patty and her unborn baby and three little children were all killed by a fire. If you have never witnessed a yard full of bodies, you are lucky. Thank God you have your own fire

dept. and other Indians and friends that care for you!

I did not select my husband's vocation. But I did not discourage it either. I wouldn't take that job for \$30,000 a year. You've gotta be a little nutty to expose yourself to smoke as often as they do. That is not great for your lungs, you know. Neither is the stress related with it.

There are many Indians putting down Indians, on this island. I pray that my husband does not lose his life just because he's crazy enough to try and save yours. The very people you criticize... you expect to jump into flames to save you or your family or even your goods... when your turn comes.

People, you're fortunate to have a nice piece of fire apparatus. I understand it cost approximately \$35,000, you made one good decision by accomplishing this. It would seem you would follow through and give the firefighters your support! Don't wait until there is a tragedy before you realize just how fortunate you are to have your own fire dept. Count your blessings.

When Old Town responded to the recent fire at LaBree's Bakery, what if there had been a fire on the island at the same time? And no firemen available to respond? Old Town also has a large territory to cover. Also it has been brought to the attention of many that, there were fire hazards in their homes. Tell me... up till now... who the hell cared? It was not Old Town that made recommendations, or inspected your homes on Indian Island.

Instead of figuring out how you can't, why don't you figure out how you can? You know, that truck would look kinda ridiculous as a flower planter, while you twiddled your thumbs waiting for Old Town to put out your fires. I say, you can have a better fire dept. than Old Town. What do you say?

To the Penobscot firefighters I say — thank you for a job well done.

Helen Becker



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# letters

## Be a friend

West Union, Ohio

To the editor:

I'm writing to you as I am very much interested in corresponding with people of different Indian tribes.

Name is Shirley Anne Halsinger Wishteyah, 34 years old, 5 foot 2 inches, 116 pounds, Have shoulder length black hair and turquoise eyes. I am of Cherokee, Shawnee, Sioux and Irish decent. I have three boys ranging from sixteen years of age down to eight.

My hobbies are car and motorcycle racing, reading, any type of music and making new friends. Also love traveling to many different states.

If anyone is interested I will be happy to write to them. Will do as soon as they would write. Want friends of any age, men or women.

Shirley Wishteyah  
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## Meet the pharmacist

Indian Island

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Tom Dorworth, the inter-tribal pharmacist. I use the term inter-tribal because I will be providing pharmacy services to Indian Township and Indian Island, as well as Pleasant Point.

I graduated from St. Louis College of Pharmacy, May 7th, 1974, and went to work for the United States Public Health Service. My first tour was in Baltimore, Maryland at the USPHS hospital. From there, I moved to Boston to work at the USPHS hospital located in Brighton, Mass. I spent six years there before coming to "Downeast" Maine. While in Boston, I earned a masters degree in pharmacology (study of drug actions) from Northeastern University.

On Thursdays and Fridays I will be at the Penobscot Health Center to provide services. I am filling some prescriptions now (no controlled substances) and am available to answer questions about drugs you are taking and their side effects. I am looking forward to working in the Indian communities and providing top-notch pharmacy services.

Tom Dorworth

## Indian affairs

Freedom

To the editor:

We here at the Farmstead Press have recently taken over full editorial responsibility for Maine Life Magazine.

We hope to expand the editorial focus, and plan to keep abreast of the issues that affect the people as well as the recreational aspects of the state. I would appreciate seeing any news or information you have available about Indian affairs.

Terrence Day

## Only source

Thomaston

To the editor:

I'm a Passamaquoddy presently serving some time at the Maine State Prison. I'm aware that you send a copy to the prison. However, it takes a month some times before I get to read it. I read your October and November issues. But to this time I am still waiting for your December and January issues. This is the reason why I would like to subscribe, so I may receive a copy for my own personal use.

Since I've settled into my temporary home, your newspaper is my only source of information concerning the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes.

I'm also disappointed to hear that the Passamaquoddy tribe refused to help this very informative newspaper.

Ryan Newell

## Wants grammar

Hanau, Germany

To the editor:

Thank you very much for your newspaper. Please send me a grammar of the Penobscot language and a book about the different nations and their languages.

I would be very happy if we stay in touch. Please write back and I'll send you the money for the books later.

Kurt Gernhard

(This letter translated from German to English by Richard Tozier of Brewer.)

## Can't afford it

Portland

To the editor:

I will not be able to continue the subscription to the newspaper. I am not able to afford it. I will continue to pray for the success of your wonderful work you are doing. Keep up the good work. With a happy and prosperous year.

Sister M. Jeannette S.

# Day care kids study self-hood



Mike LeCasse

INDIAN ISLAND — "All About Me" is the name of a recent activity that took place at Penobscot Indian day care center.

The idea is just what it sounds like — children explore their own identity, at the same time polishing verbal and written skills. "It involves children with positive self-concept activities," explained Matthew O'Donnell, day care director.



Keona Love

"They're not only getting excited about the visual, they're getting excited about what it means."

All children in the program elected to have their picture taken, and then write — sometimes with assistance — about themselves. The results were proudly displayed on a wall at the Penobscot Health



Mali Dana

& Human Services building. Ages range from two-and-one-half to six years, and everybody seemed to enjoy doing their "autobiography," O'Donnell reports.

Keona Love, for example, notes that she is four years old, her favorite food is "spaghetti" (well, you know what she means), and furthermore, she wrote, "I like fishes." Not to be forgotten, she also noted that her parents are "Timmy and Eva."

Mike LeCasse, three, said his parents are Christine and Ronald, his favorite food is meat, and he likes dogs, and deer. Mali Dana, only three years old, writes that she is the daughter of "C" (for Carol) and "Stanly." She too loves "spaghtti," meat, and her favorite animal is a "CAT."

Lisa Fugate is four, and she's the daughter of Mary Lee and Jeff; her favorite food is chicken, although she likes juice and milk. She comes to day care "all day," whereas some children attend for a half day. She also prefers "cats."

Along with the exhibit, children have written and made drawings in their workbooks, and they have made hand prints (of their hands) to record themselves, and show their parents they are "little people."

What next? O'Donnell said that "from this unit, we introduce the upper and lower case letters of the alphabet," in a format for coloring. Most kids can't resist coloring, but there is no pressure involved. "A few children just don't want to; we don't force them," O'Donnell said.



Lisa Fugate

O'Donnell said he is pleased with the progress the children are making, because of their own desire to master language skills.

"For us, it's the process, not the product."

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BIA officials, Frank Latta, left, and Terry Gasparich, meet with Maine Indian Education Supt. Edward DiCenso.

## Obituary

### PATRICIA SOCKABASIN

PETER DANA POINT — Patricia M. Sockabasin, 65, died Jan. 29, 1982 at a Bangor hospital. She was born in Maliseet, N.B., March 17, 1916, the daughter of Simon and Elizabeth (Saulies) Paul. She survived by her husband, Simon of Peter Dana Point, five sons, Robert James Tomah of Wingdale, N.Y., Stuart Morris Tomah of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Alexander Paul of Maliseet, N.B., Jamie Sockabasin of Peter Dana Point, Dennis Tomah of Princeton; four daughters, Joyce Bear and Caroline Sappier, both of Maliseet, N.B., Geraldine Oliver of Danforth, Martina Stevens of Princeton; three brothers, Abner and James Paul of Maliseet, N.B., Charles Paul of Fredericton, N.B.; three sisters, Edna Perley, Susie Bear, Rita Perley, all of Maliseet, N.B.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday, February 1 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Mission, Peter Dana Point, with the Rev. Normand Carpentier and Rev. Joseph Laughlin officiating. Burial was in the Tribal Cemetery.

## Penobscot lands job in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Teresa A. Sappier of Indian Island is currently employed as a physician's assistant, treating Native Alaskan people.

Sappier completed a one-year training program in Gallup, New Mexico, through a grant from the federal Indian Health Service (IHS). She is a former lab technician at the Penobscot tribal health department. She is a graduate of the University of Maine at Orono, and Seaton Hospital in Waterville.



Mary Lee Fugate

## Fugate new dental aide

INDIAN ISLAND — Mary Lee Fugate has been hired as dental assistant to Dr. Stuart Corso, at the Penobscot Department of Health & Human Services.

Fugate, 24, began her duties Dec. 7, 1981, as temporary replacement for Gail Graves, who is on maternity leave. She hopes to continue at the health clinic part time, when Graves returns to her post.

"I really like the job," said Fugate, adding that it is "on the job training" for her, since she had no particular background in the work.

Although born in Bangor, Fugate grew up in California, where she attended high school. She moved home to Indian Island a couple of years ago, and comments, "I always wanted to come back here... it's my roots, really."

She lived her first five years in Maine, then moved to Massachusetts, then California. She has three children, Deann, six, Lisa, four, and Jeffrey, two.

# Island optimistic about new school

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Latta told Wabanaki Alliance "it's up to Congress whether they wish to" tack the estimated \$3.5 million costs onto the already approved fiscal year 1983 BIA budget. But Latta said he's optimistic Indian Island is officially number six on the BIA school construction priority list.

Latta said the five schools ahead of the Penobscot project are already funded for design and construction, effectively moving Indian Island up to the number one slot.

Tribal councilors, hearing an update on the proposed school from DiCenso, expressed their surprise and enthusiasm that the new building is so nearly a reality. "At least, it's more encouraging," declared councilor Gerry Francis.

The preliminary plans call for a school equipped to handle 250 students, complete with gymnasium, and possibly even a hockey rink — something Love would like to see included. The most likely site is either on the present ball field beside the Community Building, or adjacent to that in the vicinity of the tribal garden.

Love said the ball field area is above flood plain, while the garden site is lower, and less desirable. However, foundations could be set on ledge in either case, according to Watie Akins, a tribal councilor who is an engineer. (Love suggested Akins could officially monitor the construction of the school for the council.) A new ball field will be constructed if the old site is used for building.

The only apparent major obstacle to getting the design and construction underway is Congressional support, and the "add-on" needed to the 1983 BIA budget. The council and school committee hope to enlist the support of Maine's Congressional delegation, and others, to win what Love and DiCenso described as the only "political" part of the process. Sen. William S. Cohen of Maine may offer key support, as he is a member of reigning Republican party, and is chairman of Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

Love said both Congressional and BIA support is essential to the success of the "add-on." If it fails, the school could be delayed pending an appropriation in the fiscal 1984 BIA budget. Both Cohen and BIA director Kenneth Smith are expected to visit Indian Island in the next few months, Love told the council.

James Sappier, of the tribe's real estate and demography department, has carefully researched property lines and related matters at the proposed site of the new school.

One snag in the acquisition of property is a stipulation by Mildred Akins of Indian Island, holder of about one-third of the land in question, that she will sell her share on condition that the Catholic Sisters of Mercy continue their teaching relationship with the school, and that religion be offered to students.

Watie Akins, her son, said he believes a compromise arrangement can be worked out. He also owns a share of the land, and is willing to swap his claim for a parcel near his mobile home across the road.

Councilor Gerry Francis asked principal, Sister Helen, about the status of religious teaching in the school. He asked if catechism and Bible study are taught during the school day, or separately.

Sister Helen said that prior to a lawsuit several years ago, religion was offered before the school day began, and attendance was not required. However, Martin A. Neptune and other Indian Island parents filed suit to block the teaching of religion at the school, and since that time — although the suit has not

been fully resolved — religion classes have been held at the St. Ann's parish hall on the island. "When it doesn't leak," said Sister Helen. She said children are offered one hour per week, per class, and attendance is not mandatory.

Sappier pointed out that to comply with the law, the tribe cannot guarantee the teaching of religion by the school, but there is no reason that Sisters of Mercy, if certified teachers, cannot continue to teach the usual subjects. The sisters have been involved with the reservation and its school for more than 100 years, and are considered an integral part of the Indian community by a majority of tribal members.

An optional school officials and the council virtually ruled out is to apply for construction funds through the state. Sappier said the state would want matching funds, a 20-acre site that would be nearly impossible to find on the island, and the earliest project review would be July.

DiCenso's suggested federal timetable for construction calls for gathering engineering data and sending it to Latta (this month), selecting an architect by the end of April, and final approval of a design by February of next year.

By the following month, construction bids would be let, and actual work would begin by October 1983. All this depends on the success of the BIA budgetary "add-on" of \$3.5 million.

The optimism of the recent meeting between council, school committee and others contrasts sharply with comments last year by committee chairman Paul, who noted the old school has no library, no gym, and no auditorium. Pupils experience "a loss of motivation," he said, and are ill-prepared for the transition to Old Town schools upon graduation from Indian Island elementary school. "We must provide circumstances that nurture pride, motivation and a sense of worthiness and accomplishment. I can't paint too rosy a picture," Paul said last year.

The picture has brightened considerably.

## Ranco, Francis capture elections

INDIAN ISLAND — Harry A. Francis and Michael Ranco emerged the victors in recent elections to fill two vacant seats on the Penobscot tribal council.

In a related matter, no votes were cast for a member of the tribal census committee, apparently because nobody wanted to serve, and there were no candidates.

Francis polled 78 votes, and Ranco, 75 votes. Other candidates were Richard Hamilton, 63 votes, and Nicholas H. Sapiel, 40 ballots. The vacancies were the result of councilor Joseph Francis being elected lieutenant governor, and councilor Nicholas Dow taking a tribal government job, which precludes serving on the council. The special election for lieutenant governor followed the death of Lt. Gov. Edwin Mitchell.

There were ten write-in ballots cast in the council election, including several votes for Norman Lohr.

## Clarification

INDIAN ISLAND — Wabanaki Alliance regrets the omission of S. Glenn Starbird Jr., tribal genealogist, in a list of persons deserving credit for the recently published Penobscot Nation calendar, to benefit the island historical society. Starbird did a good deal of work on the project, and the newspaper apologizes for overlooking the fact in earlier articles.

## Poetry

### Ta-Kog-quaw

They will stand firm until the mark of time  
breaks their bodies away  
Like trees  
They will become the earth again  
What will remain...

The spirit that is the People

It is a gift given the young  
who grew up in its shadow  
They will in turn come to wear  
this thorny crown  
of a drowning heritage

Solid — never wavering — but sinking still

Their eyes are deep  
from within them can be felt  
solid, honest pride —  
and the pain,

For within these peoples' heart  
beats the lifeblood of the Native  
American

Like song — so sweet to hear  
I am honored to be their friend.

JHG

From a friend in Seattle, accepted with  
deep thanks and appreciation — L.D.



Children are cramped by limited space at existing Indian Island school.

## Penobscots face illegal moose hunt charges

INDIAN ISLAND — The following cases were heard at Penobscot tribal court recently, the Honorable Andrew M. Mead presiding:

### Arraignments

Penobscot Nation vs. Gary Atlean, possession of moose killed in closed season, plea of not guilty, continued for trial.

Penobscot Nation vs. Michael Paul, illegal possession of moose parts, plea of guilty, paid \$50 fine.

Penobscot Nation vs. David R. Almonas, illegal possession of moose parts, plea of guilty, paid \$50 fine.

Penobscot Nation vs. Carl Mitchell, speeding, 28/20, radar; filed at request of Officer Dale Lohar.

Penobscot Nation vs. Walter Meader, operating under the influence, dismissed (blood count too low).

Penobscot Nation vs. Steven J. Paul, operating after suspension, plea of not guilty, continued for trial.

Penobscot Nation vs. Donald Nelson, Jr., keeper of unlicensed dog, plea of guilty; waiver signed, found guilty. Paid \$15 fine.

Penobscot Nation vs. Carl Mitchell, keeper of unlicensed dog, plea of nolo contendere; found guilty, paid \$15 fine.

Penobscot Nation vs. Kevin Mitchell, keeper of unlicensed dog, plea of nolo contendere; found guilty, paid \$15 fine.

Penobscot Nation vs. James Sappier, keeper of unlicensed dog, plea of guilty; waiver signed, found guilty. Paid \$15 fine.

Penobscot Nation vs. Richard Hamilton, permitting a dog to roam at large; plea of not guilty, continued for trial.

### Trials

Penobscot Nation vs. Louis K. Paul, keeper of vicious dog; filed upon request of Nation; dog roaming at large, two counts, dismissed at request of Nation.

Penobscot Nation vs. Ernest Goslin, wrong way on one-way street; dismissed by agreement of the Nation (summonsing officer not in uniform).

Everett J. Sapieal vs. John Davis, small claims action hearing on motion to show cause for contempt; by agreement, will pay a portion of his per capita payment to the plaintiff toward outstanding balance due. Ordered to continue to make payments to the plaintiff in the amount of \$5 per week until bill paid in full.

### Continued

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. James Sappier, motion for attachment and trustee process, continued for hearing at request of defendant, and upon agreement of plaintiff.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Gerardo Pardilla, motion for attachment and trustee process, continued for hearing.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Joseph Sapieal, motion for attachment and trustee process, continued for hearing.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Roger Ranco, motion for attachment and trustee process, continued for hearing.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Doreen Bartlett, continued.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Christine LaCasse, motion for attachment and trustee process, continued.

### Dismissed

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Brenda Fields, motion for attachment and trustee process, dismissed by the plaintiff.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Kenneth W. Paul, motion for attachment and trustee process, dismissed by plaintiff.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Dennis Pehrson, motion for attachment and trustee process, dismissed by the plaintiff.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Theresa Snell, motion for attachment and trustee process, forcible entry and detainer, dismissed by plaintiff.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Louis K. Paul, motion for attachment and trustee process, dismissed by plaintiff.

### Hearings

Probate action: request for name changes, Renee Marie Knapp, James Eric Knapp, Joseph Donald Knapp, Jr. Petition for name changes by mother, Cheryl Knapp. Petitions granted, names changed to Renee Marie Francis, James Eric Francis and Joseph Donald Francis.

### Appeals court

Appellate decision on the following matters entered: Denise Mitchell, et al vs. Wilfred Pehrson, et al; appellate court upheld decision of Judge Mead, appeal denied.

Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority vs. Shirley Francis, forcible entry and detainer; appellate court upheld decision of Judge Mead, appeal denied, original order in effect.

Penobscot Nation vs. Marcia Goslin, operating under the influence, appellate court upheld decision of Judge Mead, original sentence ordered imposed, stayed for five days.

## Survey shows mixed views on settlement

(Continued from page 1)

ills, and keep ahead of them. It helped me and my children to have a higher standard of living. It's helping with winter fuel bills."

Tomer said he is satisfied with the newspaper, and he commented, "before the land claims settlement, my paper used to be mailed to me a full month late, every time. Now the paper arrives the first of each month. Good."

A Dover-Foxcroft reader, Ben Walking Hawk, identified as a Cheyenne, said the land claims "is a start, use it wisely. In the beginning," he wrote, "all the land belonged to us. It can give people employment; it's our home."

Although Walking Hawk does not receive any direct benefits of the claims accord, he said "it helps me hold my head high, and gives us roots." He said the newspaper should show "long lost ways" to our children. He said he wished the tribal council would "grow," although he did not say how.

A certified public accountant who has worked with the tribes, George Chebba of Bangor, said he thinks the land claims settlement is okay, but not this newspaper. Writes Chebba: "Since you received funding by the Penobscot Nation, you have published more articles concerning Indian Island than the other two reservations, who didn't give you any financial help."

"As a consequence, in my opinion, you lost your former balanced perspective. Wabanaki Alliance used to be the common denominator that united Maine Indians as an ethnic whole. Now it seems it has degenerated to prostituting its reporting function."

Evelyn St. Pierre of Lewiston said the settlement has not changed her life, but she is content with it, as she is with the

paper. Her comment: "Indian women should have the same rights as the men, and marry who they want."

A reader identifying herself as "Ne-qu-lar-lar-wet" declared that Indians "were sold out of our rights for who we are (by the settlement). It is a shame, I feel."

"A lot of white people stop me and ask if I'm Indian. Many people talk to me and ask me how rich I am. Before, hardly any people would just walk up and talk with me," the reader writes.

Discussing the newspaper, Ne-qu-lar-lar-wet said it "gives people a real look at how we are, what we live like." The paper should promote talent, people celebrating graduations, etc. "Nation" sports events should be included, along with "comics, or have a section for people to send in drawings or designs. Have a page (where) people could share ideas. Maybe write on how to do bead work, tan hides, leather, etc." The reader would also like to see recipes.

Charles E. Colcord, a Penobscot with less than the quarter-blood minimum requirement for tribal membership, writes from New York City that he is dissatisfied with the claims settlement. "The tribe has traded sovereignty for cash," he said. How does it change his life? "In addition to all the other fights I have on my hands, I now have to fight to restore tribal sovereignty," he said.

Colcord also complained about the newspaper. "Since receiving tribal funding, the paper has tended to become a house organ. The paper owes its first loyalty to the tribe, not the tribal council."

Linda Nicholas, a Passamaquoddy living in Medford, Mass., sent in a questionnaire from a survey conducted by Wabanaki Alliance several years ago, with a different set of questions. She said the newspaper is fair to Indian people.



Jord Thomas visits with great aunt, Jean Thomas, in Gardiner.

## Accepted at Indian school

NEW YORK CITY — Jord Errol Thomas, 16, a Penobscot and the son of William E. Thomas, has been accepted to Haskell Indian Junior College of Lawrence, Kansas for the Spring semester of 1982.

Jord has been living in Missouri for the past few years attending high school in Eldon. Jord quit school in the 10th grade, studied for his GED diploma and passed it with a high score enabling him to qualify for college.

Jord also belongs to Mensa, an international society, whose only qualification for membership is a score on an intelligence test higher than that of 98 percent of the general population. Only students 15 years old and older are allowed to take the test, but they made an exception in Jord's case and allowed him to take the test at 13. He passed.

His current interests are in tinkering with cars, and chess, which he learned to play when he was three.

# book nook

## Role of the Indian press

CARBONDALE, Illinois — James and Sharon Murphy of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale's School of Journalism have written a 150-year history of Indian print and broadcast media.

Their book, "Let My People Know: American Indian Journalism, 1828-1978," documents the history and current status of the Indian press and describes a race stereotyped and often misrepresented in the nation's "establishment" media.

American Indian journalism began with Sequoyah's development of the Cherokee alphabet and with Elias Boudinot's publication of the first Indian newspaper, the "Cherokee Phoenix," in 1828. Much of its recorded history was lost in the resettlement of a race in bondage within the land of its heritage.

The spirit of the earliest contributors to Indian journalism is reflected in excerpts from newspaper philosophies and policies and in historical anecdotes. That spirit was rekindled in the 1970s as regional Indian print and broadcast media groups worked to strengthen the press editorially and financially while continuing to put Indian news in perspective.

Obstacles in researching the book challenged the authors. Records of many short-lived newspapers were never kept

or had been lost. Because of the unstable nature of the Indian press, existing directories were outdated. To gather accurate data, the couple turned to interviews with persons who edited individual newspapers, visited state historical societies and examined Indian holdings in the archives of Princeton University's library, the Gilcrease Institute in Tulsa, Okla., and other collections.

Research on the book became a family project for the Murphys. For five summers they and their two daughters, Shannon and Erin, traveled in vans to Indian reservations and urban centers throughout the country. Often, to find existing newspapers or to learn of earlier publications, the family would drive into a town and "just ask directions to the newspaper office or the editor's home."

The Murphys said they found Indian journalists "hungry to know about other tribal newspapers in the country." To assist in establishing communication between journalists, they compiled and edited a print and broadcast media directory in 1978 as part of their continuing research.

The Murphys hold doctorates from the University of Iowa and have some years of teaching and newspaper experience. Sharon Murphy is associate professor and head of graduate studies in journalism at SIUC. James Murphy is an assistant professor in SIUC's School of Journalism and is doing research on Alaska native publications.

"Journalism history texts give little or no mention to prominent minority publications, particularly the American Indian press," Sharon Murphy said. The couple's interest in adding Indian contributions to America's press history stemmed from research for her book, "Other Voices," an overview of the black, Chicano and American Indian press written for summer recruitment programs for high school minority journalists.

Jeannette Henry, an Indian journalist, wrote a foreword to "Let My People Know."

"Let My People Know" is available through the University of Oklahoma Press in Norman, Okla. The Murphys have earmarked proceeds from the book for Indian journalism scholarships.

## FBI delays report on Micmac hit-run death

AUGUSTA — The Maine Attorney General's Office is apparently waiting on the FBI's Washington laboratory to report results of tests, in the case of the hit-and-run death last summer of a Micmac Indian.

According to the Ellsworth American, attorney general staffer William Pearson said delays in the review of the case are due to the FBI's work, in which material such as paint chips are being analyzed.

On Aug. 17, 1981, Joseph Peters, 20, a Micmac blueberry raker from Canada, was apparently lying in the road, on Rt. 193 in DeBlois, when he was struck by a vehicle operated by Cherrifield police officer and part-time deputy sheriff Murray B. Seavey.

Seavey, 50, was charged with leaving the scene of a "personal injury accident." Peters was dead at the scene, and Seavey later claimed the man was already dead when his car ran over him, although it was dark, foggy, and Seavey apparently did

not get out of his vehicle. He reportedly claimed he looked in his rear view mirror.

On Sept. 21, 1981, Seavey pleaded *nolo contendere*, or no contest, and was fined \$100 by Judge Millard Emanuelson in District Court in Machias. Seavey was reportedly driving a blue police car at the time his vehicle struck Peters.

Following the outcome of the case in District Court, Povich, district attorney for Washington and Hancock counties, explained he did not present the case to the Grand Jury because there were "no elements of manslaughter."

Peters was killed between 2-2:30 a.m., according to official reports, and was under the influence of alcohol at the time.

The re-investigation of the case began after snow-balling of public reaction. Some downstate residents said they were outraged that an officer of the law — who also worked security at the blueberry farm where Peters raked — was fined "only" \$100 for a fatality.

## Island trounces others in hoop

INDIAN ISLAND — The men's basketball team here, sponsored by the PNF Snack Bar, emerged the winner in recent playoffs with Pleasant Point, and Township, and teams from Boston Indian Council and Mashpee, Mass.

The Township was runner-up, and the Point took third place, according to Red Bartlett, Penobscot tribal recreation director. In all, seven teams competed.

The most valuable player award went to

Henry Sockabasin of Indian Township; the sportsmanship trophy was presented to Ronny Pond of Pleasant Point.

Members of the Penobscot team, besides Bartlett, are Pat Francis, Mike Francis, Dennis Pehrson, Jim Clarkson, Junior Pehrson and Kevin Mitchell.

The tournament was organized by Indian Island Recreation Department, and the winner's trophy was accepted by Howard Wilson, snack bar manager.

## Two Islanders indicted for burglary

BANGOR — A Penobscot superior court grand jury has indicted two Penobscot tribal members for burglary and theft.

Named in the indictments are Alice Fowler, 43, of Indian Island, and Barry McGrane, 25, of Old Town. The jury announced the indictments after Deputy District Atty. Margaret Kravchuk presented evidence.

According to superior court records, Fowler and McGrane were allegedly involved in the Jan. 17, burglary and theft of personal property at the residence of Edgar S. Day, Main Road, Milford. Bail was set at \$5,000, plus two securities, for each of the accused, or 50 percent cash.

## Woodstoves aid Island families

INDIAN ISLAND — At least a dozen wood burning stoves have been delivered to the Penobscot Nation, and some of them are already helping to heat Island homes.

Philip Guimond, tribal official, told Wabanaki Alliance that he was able to obtain the steel plate stoves from a Winterport firm at almost half price — about \$150 each. The stoves have thus far been distributed mostly to families in what's known as the "new housing."

## McManus takes family care job

INDIAN ISLAND — A former tribal clerk has been hired as tribal family care coordinator, for the Penobscot Department of Health & Human Services.

Rhonda McManus, a tribal member who most recently was contract medical care clerk for the department, takes over the job from Freeman Morey, a Passamaquoddy. Morey resigned the position to attend school full time, according to Carolyn Styrrad, human services director,

## Young CMIA prexy

ORONO — Owen (Sonny) Young of Brewer has been voted president of Central Maine Indian Association, in a recent election here. Bridget Woodward of Bangor was voted vice president, leaving open her former position, that of secretary-treasurer. At press time that slot had not been filled.

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# Sister Maureen beloved school leader

PLEASANT POINT — Her face hot with indignation, little Rachel Paul, a Passamaquoddy second-grader, dashed into the reservation school principal's office.

A basketball game between Pleasant Point and neighboring Pembroke was in progress, and Rachel demanded, "How come the whites have the cheerleaders and the Indians don't?"

Sister Maureen Wallace, new principal at the school, turned her attention to Rachel and said gently, "That's a good question. Why don't you ask them (the Indians)?" Rachel learned an Indian cheerleading team is in the works, and she declared she'd be the first to sign up.

The interruption didn't bother Sister Maureen in the least. It's part of being a principal, a job she took over from Sister Rose Marie Rush. Sister Maureen has spent 14 of her 16 years in education teaching at the Pleasant Point school, save for a brief stint at Peter Dana Point, the sister Passamaquoddy reservation.

She is the longest tenure teacher in the Maine Indian Education system, and is completing certain requirements for her principalship. As she noted, "this is my first shot at it. I like working with the kids in any capacity."

Sister Maureen has seen the reservation school go from state funding to U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs sponsorship, but Catholics have remained in charge. She remembers when "we were in a four-room schoolhouse with double grades. The staff has grown in two decades from four to 35, including 'para-counselor' Christopher Altwater, a Passamaquoddy who deals with truancy, among other things.

Enrollment is at 123, but has been as high as 140-150 pupils. Graduates of the reservation's junior high program usually go on to Shead High School in Eastport, or Lee Academy, the latter a boarding school.

Why has Sister Maureen devoted so many years to one school?

"I would say for the sake of the kids," she said. "They're very open, warm, unsophisticated... and very accepting of people they feel are sincerely interested in them."

Sister Maureen, a Portland native who is now 38 years old, thinks the sisters have a special role in reservation life. "I think because we live here in the community, there is a built-in trust level."

She said children "respond to me because they know me." The Catholic sisters offer "a kind of security, almost a motherliness."

The other sisters teaching at the school are Sylvia Pelletier, first grade, and Patricia Para, third grade. Remaining positions are held by lay teachers.

Is there any special qualification a teacher should have on the reservation? "You've got to be flexible, understanding and able to let go of your ways for another way of reaching the children," Sister Maureen said.

She is proud of her staff. "It's a very lively school in that teachers are interested in the school." A graduate of Fordham, Sister Maureen holds a master's degree in learning disabilities.

Volunteers help with events of the month and various extra-curricular activities, such as record hops and movies, beano games, a recent Christmas party. "It helps the children to see the teachers — I should say staff probably — in a different light. I think they really care about the kids," Sister Maureen said.

There is no doubt kids care about their principal. Warm, smiling, firm but kind, Sister Maureen is like a magnet. Children flock to her for a friendly word or just a hug. They don't go away disappointed.

It's not all rosy at Beatrice Rafferty School, named after a sister who was tough as nails. Plexiglass has replaced many of the glass windowpanes after

vandalism breakage. An alarm system has been installed.

But Sister Maureen says, "I'm an optimistic person. You have to have

constant energy to function here."

A wall poster at the school quotes Virgil: "They can because they think they can."



## Cheese, please

Sally Mitchell, of Central Maine Indian Association in Orono, presents Al Socoby of Bangor with some surplus cheese, obtained through President Reagan's distribution program. CMIA received 900 pounds, or 30 cases, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Calvin B. Conant, donated commodity director. Indian Island also was scheduled to receive cheese.

## New rooms may ease crowded schools

INDIAN TOWNSHIP and PLEASANT POINT — Elementary schools at the sister Passamaquoddy reservations may soon benefit from U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) school facility renovation funds.

The two kindergarten-eighth grade schools, although housed in modern buildings, are burdened by overcrowding. At Pleasant Point, it has meant the use of other buildings not designed as classroom space.

Maine Indian Education superintendent Edward DiCenso told Wabanaki Alliance several new classroom additions will likely be constructed at the schools, using an estimated \$1 million available from BIA.

DiCenso said the projects will not compete with new school funding sought from BIA by Indian Island (see separate story this issue).

DiCenso has shepherded Indian schools from state support, to full funding by BIA, under terms of federal recognition of the Passamaquoddy Tribe (1975), and the Maine Indian land claims act of 1980.

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## Flashback



INDIAN ISLAND delegation promotes a new Pontiac, at least a generation ago, on Main Street, Old Town. The YMCA building, now demolished, is in background. [Photo courtesy of F. C. Sapie]

## Citizens group airs gripes

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"They're either starving or freezing."

Hamilton said the tribe has, on the other hand, assisted a "21-year-old" who they "put up in a motel where his lights are paid. As long as they put him up, he's not going to get a job."

Hamilton said a goal of the group is that, "we're entitled to guidelines, that's all we're asking." He objected to five recent, lengthy executive sessions by the

tribal council, stating that "unless it's personal, I don't think any meetings should be closed to the tribe."

Hamilton said income guidelines for human services assistance have been dropped from \$3,000 to \$2,200, and senior citizens meals cut from \$2.35 to \$1.35 per person.

Officers of the concerned citizens group include Irene Pardilla, chairman; Alice Fowler, co-chairman.



## Exhibit at Na'swahegan

The photography of C.B. Mitchell of Indian Island is currently on display at Na'swahegan-Howland Printing, 76 North Main St., Old Town. Mitchell, a land use specialist for the Penobscot Nation, holds a BS in biology from University of Maine at Orono, and has worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. He studied photography in school, and had a small business called The Silver Image. He photographs weddings, portraits and scenics, and his photos are for sale. For information call 827-2428, evenings.

## news notes

### CMIA meets with 50

PORTLAND — Some 50 persons attended a special staff panel meeting sponsored here by Central Maine Indian Association (CMIA).

James Sanborn, CMIA director, said the meeting was successful, and served to reassure Indians in Southern Maine that they will not be forgotten by the Orono-based agency. Employment, health and social services, business development and education were among topics covered at the meeting, which took place at Portland's Holiday Inn. CMIA's services were explained.

In the past, CMIA maintained a Portland office, but the cost, plus staffing problems, has made that impossible to continue, Sanborn said.

### Corbett returns

INDIAN ISLAND — Howard (Bud) Corbett of Indian Island has returned to his position as head of public safety for the Penobscot Nation. Wabanaki Alliance reported in November 1981 that Corbett had resigned, a fact that was confirmed by tribal Gov. Timothy Love.

### He counsels The County

PRESQUE ISLE — Pious Perley is an alcoholism counselor working out of Wabanaki Corporation and assigned to Presque Isle and northern Aroostook County. He is offering his services and assists clients on a 24 hour basis. Perley may be contacted at 762-3751.

### Corrections

In last month's Wabanaki Alliance, a front page story on the Houlton Band of Maliseets incorrectly stated that Fred Tomah served on the Micmac Recognition Committee.

The story should have said Maliseet Recognition Committee, as Tomah is a Maliseet, and the band consists of members of that tribe.

A Micmac Recognition Committee was formed Sept. 9, 1981, and currently has 14 members, according to Marlene Morey of the Association of Aroostook Indians (AAI) office in Presque Isle.

A photo in last month's paper, showing five generations of an Indian Island family, called them the "Ranco family," when in fact the family could be called the "Dana family," with Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy ancestry.

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PATRICIA LYNNE PHILLIPS, the daughter of Paul and Yvonne Nott of Perry, has enlisted in the U.S. Navy. An honor student, she graduated from Shead High School, Eastport, in June 1981. She received basic training in Orlando, Florida, then spent two weeks' leave at home, in November 1981, and is now stationed in Makahilo, Hawaii.

### Grants aid engineers

NEW YORK — Westinghouse Educational Foundation recently announced a \$30,000 grant to the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME), the organization to help increase the number of black, Hispanic and American Indian engineering students.

### Pharmacy services offered at clinic

INDIAN ISLAND — On-site pharmacy services are now available at the Indian Health Center Monday through Friday.

The pharmacist, Thomas Dorworth will be there Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Please bring all prescriptions to the health center for filling. If it cannot be filled here, you will be sent to a near-by pharmacy," says Patricia Knox, director. "Thank you for your cooperation."

### Sioux leader dies

WANDLER, S.D. — Elijah Whirlwind Horse, former Oglala Sioux tribal chairman, died recently after a short battle with cancer. He was 46. Funeral services were scheduled. Whirlwind Horse was elected chairman of the Oglala Sioux in 1978. He served two terms.

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