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Doris Isham, RTC

On January 24-26, 1995, Dave Danz, Donna Hoffer and myself attended a Housing and Urban Development conference in Chicago.

At this meeting we learned of major restructuring plans within HUD that will have a definite impact on tribes throughout the country. Very little has been discussed with the tribes for their input, however, housing authorities were made aware of possible changes.

From this conference we learned that what HUD will be proposing during the 104th Congressional session is a Block Grant system for all HUD programs. They would combine all resources such as Housing, Community Development block grants, etc., and allocate them directly to tribes, (the same concept as self-governance). The big question and concern tribe representatives who were present raised was, what formula would HUD use to distribute these funds to tribes and, just as important, stressed the need for tribal involvement and consultation. HUD did assure that consultation sessions with the tribes were being planned as this restructuring develops. We'll keep you informed as this thing progresses. My guess is that Bois Forte representatives will be including this issue along with other congressional agenda items in Washington D.C.

The annual Arrowhead Emergency Medical Services Symposium was held on the week-end of February 4th and 5th. EMTs from Bois Forte attending were: Dave & Teresa Morrison, Julie Whiteman, Marcella Connor, Billie Mason and myself. A total of 12 CEU's were available for attendees which is very good as each EMT needs 48 CEU's within a two year period to retain licensure.

The annual MCT Legislative Dinner was held in St. Paul on February 9, 1995 and had a better than the usual turnout of legislators attending this year. This dinner provides State and Tribal government lawmakers the opportunity to meet on an informal basis, which improves government to government relations, as well as providing time to discuss issues in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Dave Morrison, Sec./Treas., Tadd Johnson, Legal counsel, and myself were in

Washington, D.C. during February 14th through 17th. We attended various meetings on self-governance regarding BIA and IHS agencies, and had individual meetings with staff from these agencies. Additional tribes requesting self-governance status haven't been selected as yet but will be possibly notified as early as April.

Self-governance is a major change in tribal government and is very complicated to try and address in this short article. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend one of the public meetings being held regarding self-governance. These meetings are being planned for community input and to answer any questions you may have regarding this issue.

Very briefly, a little background on self-governance:

In 1988, the U.S. Congress amended the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L.93-638, to include an experimental program called the "Self-Governance demonstration Project". Ten tribes nationwide were selected to participate in the project, for the purpose of demonstrating whether or not Indian tribes could better administer federal programs meant to benefit Indian tribes and people than could the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). these tribes were granted extraordinary flexibility with regard to how the tribes wanted to allocate federal program funding on their reservations, relaxed reporting requirements, and access to more federal funding as the tribes assumed functions previously performed by the federal government. the project was ultimately proven to be a success, and expanded to include 30 tribes in 1991. In 1994, President Clinton signed into law legislation adopted by the Congress which makes the Self-Governance Project permanent, and expands the number of additional tribes eligible to participate in the program to 20 per year. Self-Governance is an optional program which each tribe must make their own determination about exploring. Currently, Bois Forte is one of many tribes requesting self-governance status, including the remaining MCT reservations. Mille Lacs and Leech Lake have already obtained that status. Fond du Lac has obtained self-governance status for IHS programs only (to date).

Other business meetings held while in Washington, D.C., were regarding the 403b Tax deferred Pension Plan. Support for tribes to be included in this law was gained from the Congressional Representatives and staff.

We managed to briefly meet with Minnesota Congressman Jim Ramstad to make him aware of this pension concern and to request his support.

This trip to Washington, d.c. was packed with business meetings, with our day beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending about 5 and 6 o'clock p.m. It was very hectic, and I'm glad I don't have to do that day after day. It rained or snowed everyday except on the last day. We did have a 1-1/2 hour time span between meetings the last day we were there and since we were near the Ford



Nett Laker Wins Car!

On Feb. 28, Nancy Morrison won the Expansion Celebration Giveaway at Fortune Bay Casino on Lake Vermillion. Nancy, a resident of Nett Lake, won the keys to a Classic 1967 Austin Healy that has an estimated value of \$19,000. Fortune Bay Casino would like to extend our congratulations to Nancy and to all those who participated in our recent Expansion and Remodeling Celebration.

Fortune Bay wins 7 awards

Fortune Bay Casino's 1994 advertising program won seven regional awards in the areas of print, radio and television advertising at the 19th annual Lake Superior Ad Club ADDY competition on Sat., Feb. 4 in Duluth. Fortune Bay's newspaper advertisement campaign, "Take a Walk on the Wild Side" earned a prestigious Judge's Row award.

More than 400 entries from regional advertising, marketing and public relations firms were entered in the competition. Entries were judged and winners were selected by a panel of outside experts.

The casino's advertising programs won more awards than any other single advertiser in the region. Fortune Bay's print,

radio and television advertisements were created and produced by JPG Communications Inc., of Virginia, Minn.

"We will continue to challenge ourselves and, along with our agency, JPG Communications, to present the regional marketplace with innovative, creative and exciting advertising and promotions for our customers," said Rick Anderson, general manager at Fortune Bay.

The Lake Superior Ad Club ADDY Awards Competition is the first tier in a three-tiered national competition conducted annually by the American Advertising Federation. Fortune Bay's ADDY-winning entries will go on to the district competition.

Classes begin in the new Education Center at Nett Lake

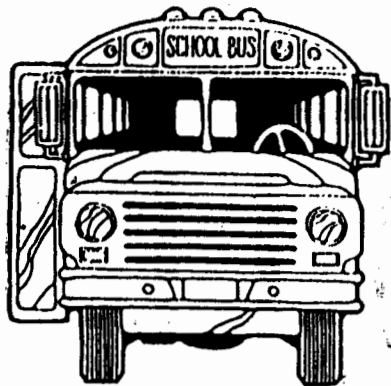
On moving day, Friday, March 10th, the troops began moving into their new classrooms as remodeling and reconstruction of the old building was scheduled to begin. Piles and piles of books, papers, furniture, computers, typewriters, pens, pencils, crayons, and possibly old copies of the Bois Forte NEWS had to be hand carried into the new section which was declared ready for occupancy. However, Holiday was declared for Monday, the 13th because order had to be restored from the disorderly heaps and piles of boxes, and etc., but on Tuesday, when classes began, large, spacious classrooms were in readiness for the troops, large offices for the administrators, and other agencies who will take up residence in the new edifice. Everyone seemed a bit lost and bewildered by the amount of space and room, and it takes a little time to figure out which way to go to get wherever but by the following day all was business as usual.

Workmen immediately began demolition of certain walls, and the remodeling began. Completion is scheduled for summer and everything should be ship-shape by the time the new school year begins in September.

Theater, Dave and I stopped by there which was very interesting. You can go right up to the small booth where President Lincoln was shot, everything was preserved with original furniture, wall paper, etc

Clothing he had worn at the time of his death were on display along with other mementos and testimony of witnesses, etc.

This is all for now.



School News

Judy A. & HeadStart news...



Judy Anderson, HeadStart Director

The children and staff are definitely getting Spring Fever! We're all waiting to spend more time outside, to start planting our plants and flowers, and to go out for walks.

All staff are attending the 14th Indian Child and Family conferences in Mesa, Arizona from February 28th to March 3rd. This is a Head Start Early Childhood Training conference with many workshops in all areas of Head Start and Early Childhood. We are going with one staff in a full leg cast (Lori Hawk from a car accident) and will intersect with Jerome Whiteman who will attend sessions for Tribal Leaders.

Many dads will have the children while we're gone, so see below from some tips for

these dads or grandpas (or uncles and brothers).

These past two months have spend a lot of time on nutrition projects because we were a "test pilot" site for the "Chef Combo" program revision. Thanks to Karen we were part of field testing and got many ideas and nutrition helps.

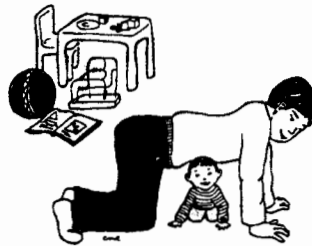
Many changes are in the future for Head Start. There are possible reductions in areas that impact Head Start (such as AFDC, WIC, Health Care) on a national level, although the disastrous idea of "block granting" Head Start to the states seems temporarily derailed. On the state level, Head Start could suffer if we go into Governor Carlson's Dept. of Education and Family Services because we would have to fight with K-12, welfare programs, etc., for the money. If Head Start has had a positive effect in your child or family, if you wrote to Head Start on your child's teacher, we would forward these to the state and national policy makers. Otherwise, there could be lots of changes coming for Head Start.

Enclosed is a picture of me and Lee Fields, who retired in January as Branch Chief, American Indian Programs Branch of the Head Start Bureau. He had served in that capacity eight years and twenty one in Head Start. He was an advocate for Indian programs and helped Bois Forte's program in many ways.

Here's to a busy and warm spring!



Tips for Home Alone Dads



- Have minimal expectations for the day — don't expect to get too much done.
- Take a break from each other with a nap or movie.
- Be sensitive to children's pace and give them some sense of control.
- Spend some time doing what the kids want to do.
- Get over playing neatly. Messes are okay.

- Spend some time cleaning up together.
- Share some care with a neighbor.
- Remind yourself that childhood is brief and won't last forever.
- When children are demanding time, be clear with them about when and what you will do with them. (e.g., In ten minutes we can go out and play.)



- Help children clean up instead of getting into a battle.
- Make a plan for the day with your child so that you can both decide what will be fun.
- Have a positive outlook.
- Pace yourself to get through the day.
- Find a support system...someone to do things with or call if you need to talk to someone.
- Have realistic expectations about what you can accomplish and how children might help.



Source: Glen Palm, Ph.D., St. Cloud State University, January, 1995.
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You've parked in a 'NO PARKING ZONE,' Melissa.

Chapter I...

As the school year begins to wind down we find ourselves anticipating the move to the NEW BIG school....what an exciting event that is going to be for the students and staff! What a marvelous addition to the community this will be and I certainly hope this edifice will have a very positive effect on all of Nett Lake.

The Chapter I program has gone well during this school year and we have had some positive growth in our students despite the noise and disruption of the construction operation. There has been good progress displayed over the past few years and the community and staff should be commended for this growth in learning. There is still much to be done in the area of reading and some suggestions from me, to you, are below.

Reading is a life skill, or life sport if you may, and can bring joy throughout a person's lifetime--the more you do it the better you become at it--just like basket-

ball. Reading practice is essential and can be done most anywhere we find ourselves...if you as parents encourage your children to read at home it can be done in the living room, the bedroom or even the bathroom...anywhere!!! We are pleasure oriented creatures and enjoy things that make us happy and refrain from activity that leaves us sad--make reading enjoyable for your children, read to them and encourage reading in areas they enjoy...if they like sports, encourage reading in that area--no matter what, try to make reading an enjoyable activity in your home.

Read to your child(ren), they all enjoy hearing stories and the earlier in life they associate books with enjoyable times, the better and richer their lives will be!!!!

... by Bruce Roberts

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Teresa Strong

Hi! I wanted to share something real special that took place on February 10th. Five students and myself went down to Duluth to participate in the Minnesota Students Inventors Congress. Over 650 students participated in this annual event. This event is a year long activity where students create, solve problems and invent their own creation. Students then participate in an Inventor's Fair, where they have a chance to explain and display their own inventions. Students are judged and the winners have a chance to advance to the State Events.

The five (5) students who participated this year were Jeanna Day, Andrea Day, Lyle Connor, Samantha Thompson and Andrew Day. Each student had wonderful inventions. I will explain a little about each, but I think the students would like to explain their inventions themselves, if you asked.



Jeanna Day made "**No Bite**". This was an invention to help people break the habit of chewing their nails. It was made out of all natural ingredients that she experimented with to get just the right formula. Jeanna tested it out, and it worked.



Andrea Day made a game called "**Bungi-Ball**". It is a softball game one or two players can play. She decided to invent this because she was tired of having to chase after her ball after it was hit. For this invention, Andrea won the "Kids Choice" Award!! Congratulations, Andrea!!



Samantha Thompson created the "**Phone Holder**". Sam decided that something needed to be invented so people could talk on the phone without using one of your hands to hold onto the phone. Sam can now do her homework, wash dishes or do almost anything, while still talking on the phone!



Lyle Connor made "**The No Hands On Flashlight**". Lyle thought it would be great if he could invent a flashlight where you didn't have to use a hand to hold the flashlight. So this is what he did. With Lyle's flashlight both hands are free to work!

Andrew Day made "**No Tie Shoelaces**". By using a fastener you find on jackets, Andrew created a shoelace so simple that kids who don't know how to tie their shoes or handicapped people can use. With one movement your shoes are ready to go!

I think the students had a lot of fun creating their inventions and displaying them at the fair. We are proud of everyone who participated!

Activity Fund minutes..

On January 31, 1995, the Activity Fund had its first meeting for the new year. Members present were: Ray Villebrun, Victoria Holmes, Beverly Steel, John Villebrun, Kim Greiner, Sherry Erickson, Edith Villebrun, Shirley Bixby, Sandy Roberts, Donna Hoffer, Judy Anderson, and Kelly Rutar.

Many topics were discussed. First on the agenda was the Activity Fund Budget. As of January 31, 1995, there was \$405.24 in the account. Also there is presently 42 members. Next, elections were held. Ray Villebrun was elected President, John Villebrun was elected Vice President, Kim Greiner was elected Secretary, and Sandy Roberts was elected Treasurer.

Many possible activities and issues were discussed. It was decided that the Birthday's would be celebrated every other month for those who belong to the Activity Fund. Also a questionnaire would be sent out to members asking for their birthday and any suggestions.

It was suggested that we contact the MCT about their guidelines for their Activity Fund so we could set up our own guidelines.

It was decided that any new employees can elected to join the Activity Fund when they are hired and be eligible for all the remaining activities. Current employees must be members of the fund to participate in any Activity Fund activities. No current employee will be allowed to join after March 31, 1995.

Regular monthly meetings will be held to keep members informed. These meetings will be held at different sites as to allow all members an opportunity to attend. The next meeting is tentatively planned for February 15, 1995 at 2:30 p.m. at the Health Office.

The Valentine's Day Party was planned for February 14, 1995, at 12:00 p.m. It will be a potluck with cake from the Activity Fund. There will be a King & Queen Contest. Votes can be purchased from the Treasurer, sandy Roberts, for 10 cents a vote. Candidates are limited to any member as of February 8, 1995.

Voting will close on February 13, 1995. A Pie Throwing Contest will also be held as well as a 50/50 raffle. There will also be a Snow Softball game. Remember, you must be a member by February 8, 1995, to be eligible to participate. We are currently seeking victims for the pie throwing contest. Please contact Ray Villebrun for more information.

The 50/50 raffle will be held every other week again. The drawings will be held on the weeks in between paydays. We will purchase theater tickets for the drawing instead of making our own.

Also discussed as recruitment. We need more members to participate. To get more participants, meetings and activities will be held at different sites to allow people to attend more events.

I call it politeness if he who could command, persuades.
—Friedrich Nietzsche



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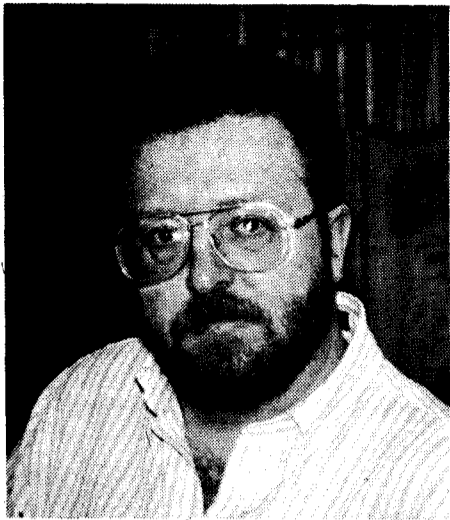
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Chris & Matt expound on various and sundry items...



Chris Holm, Biologist

Greetings and salutations from the Bois Forte Conservation Dept. Chris and I decided to write a combined article this week, so bear with us. Since we are currently involved in many activities, we decided to take up a little space in the legendary Bois Forte News to tell you about them.

First, we have completed collecting the data for depth studies we plan to do for Nett and Lightfeather Lakes. Troy and John are now in the process of inputting the information on computers and developing contour maps for both lakes. The lake contour maps will be used in the new computer mapping system we are developing.

Chris, Ray, Andy Datko, and I spent a week in Minneapolis learning how to make computer generated maps using a Geographic Information System or GIS. We bet you are now asking yourself "what the heck is GIS?" There are existing data sets for Bois Forte that show the different attributes of the Reservation, such as boundaries, rivers, lakes, forest cover types, etc. A GIS system takes these different data sets, combines them, and produces a new

map. The real power of the GIS is that we can take information about the information about the Reservation, manipulate it, and show how changes in one attribute will affect the others. For example: suppose we want to know how much and what type of timber will be taken out of production if we establish buffer (no cutting) zones around Nett Lake and all major rivers and roads on the Reservation. GIS will allow us to see the implications of this activity before we carry out the activity. We expect to have our system assembled and operating in the next three months.

We are progressing with our indoor air program as expected. Kevin Zweifel of the IHS and Cathy Chavers will be assisting us in doing assessments on houses that are suspected of having indoor air quality problems. We plan to begin the household assessments in the next two weeks.

IHS has partially funded a new solid waste system for Vermilion. We are in the process of setting up meetings with Utility Board and representatives from Vermilion to determine how and where the badly needed new system will be built. The new solid waste system at Vermilion will be completed this summer.

Activities for the next few months will include: water sampling on Nett and Lightfeather Lakes, indoor air quality assessments, completing a well survey, we are developing a project with USGS to identify groundwater resources on the Reservation, and we are applying for funding to build a hiking and cross-country skiing trail on the Reservation.

If you have any questions or are interested in what we are working on, feel free to stop in at the RTC building and talk to us. We look forward to talking to you soon.

Until next time...Matt, Chris.

The STEER committee report...

WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

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- Strengthening communities by bringing together people to solve problems at the local level.

- Encouraging responsibility through service and civil education.

- Expanding opportunity by helping to make postsecondary education more affordable.

HOW DOES AMERICORPS BENEFIT COMMUNITIES?

Americorps service produces direct and demonstrable results in American communities. Americorps members tutor and mentor at-risk youth, prevent crime through conflict resolution training. They help seniors live independently, and assist in immunizing children against preventable diseases. They clean up community streets, restore recreational areas and parks, assist conservation and forestry agencies with environmental projects.

Beyond the tangible benefits, Americorps helps strengthen communities by bringing

together a wide range of community members in both planning and implementing programs; city, state and federal leaders; local businesses and non-profit organizations; and citizens of all ages and backgrounds

HOW DO MEMBERS AFFORD TO DO FULL-TIME SERVICE FOR A FULL YEAR?

Full-time Americorps members earn a modest living allowance roughly equal to minimum wage and a post-service award of \$4,725.00 to help pay for higher education or vocational training. Some receive child care and health benefits.

The Bois Forte and Red Lake Reservations and the city of Crookston are currently proposing a grant that, if approved, would provide employment to seventeen (17) members and one (1) coordinator to the Bois Forte community aloe.

The starting date for the coordinator (Bois Forte) would be August 1, 1995, and members would start September 1, 1995.

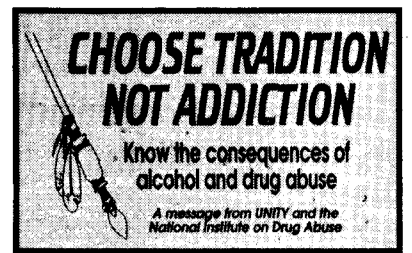
So..., members of the Bois Forte community, please watch for meetings to format the structure of the Americorps program.

Meetings will also be held in regard to the summer youth employment program '95. These meetings will be headlined "STEER COMMITTEE" meetings.

Mii-gwetch for your time.

E. Curt Goodsky, Member, Bois Forte STEER Committee

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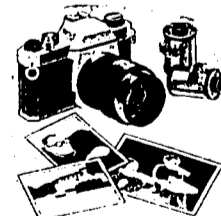
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NETT LAKER NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED



Lester E. Drift, Jr., 30, of L'Anse, Michigan, has his photo circulating nation-wide. Six of which are presently displayed in the classrooms of the new Nett Lake Education Center. Lester, a Bois Forte enrollee, is the son of Lester, Sr., and Clara Drift of Nett Lake. He and his wife, Frances, have 4 children: Tara 5, Taylor 3, and twins Trinity & Tionna 1 year. Lester works in the construction industry in the upper peninsula of Michigan. He attends all the pow-wows in the region and participates in traditional dances and ceremonies. Terry King of Green Bay, WI, is the photographer who took Lester's picture at a pow-wow. His first picture was for a Pepsi Cola advertisement which shows Lester holding a Pepsi, one of which was posted in the former Post Office in the RTC building but which disappeared before very many people could get to see it. The above photo was taken at a later date.

* Health News

Community Health report.



Barb Richards, Community Health Nurse
As usual those of us in Community Health have been very busy. We are trying to establish a better system for transportation. We have met with St. Louis County Volunteer Transportation people and are currently attempting to set up our own volunteer drivers. Anyone interested must have a current drivers license, car insurance, a dependable car and be in good health. If you fit this description and would like to

help drive people to medical appointments contact someone from Community Health and we will give you an application. These applications will be evaluated by St. Louis County.

We are upgrading our Dreamcatcher Prenatal Program. We have been meeting with representatives from Headstart, Day Care, Early Childhood, Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, Battered Women, Sexual Assault, ICW, (Young Families, Family Based), Community Injury Prevention, EMS, Minnesota Extension Service and First Steps to Parenting. By combining resources and working together we hope to improve services to families from pregnancy through birth, and children up to 18 months of age. We would like to expand in the future to include children to age 5 or beginning kindergarten.

We are trying to avoid duplicating things we do and materials we hand out. This would give us a chance to get new up-to-date resources that cover more topics.

The Bloodmobile was here again in January and we would like to thank all of you who participated in some way.

SAFETY tips for Children

Submitted by: **Jesse Bearheart, Mental Health Advocate**, and is taken from an article from the Jacob Wetterling Foundation, St. Joseph, MN 56374

CHILDREN SHOULD:

- + Know their birthdate; including day, month and year.
- + Know their complete address; including street name and number, city and state.
- + Know their phone number; including area code.
- + Know that in an emergency they should call 911 immediately--and know that they don't need a coin to call 911 or an "800" number from any phone.
- + Know how to place a collect phone call.
- + Talk to their parents about where they are going, who they are going with and how long they will be gone. Parents should know the phone numbers and parent's names of their children's friends.
- + Go places with other children. They should not be wandering around the neighborhood after dark or alone.
- + Know that police officers can be trusted and that they can help if a child is in a dangerous situation.
- + Run and tell if they find themselves in a situation where they might think they are in danger. They should scream loudly, something like: "leave me alone, I don't know you", or "you're not my Dad, I won't go with you." They should find an adult and tell them as much information as they know and call 911.
- + Never go into a stranger's car or house. Never accept candy, money or treats from anyone they do not know or trust. If they have a question about accepting a treat, teach them to say "let me check with my (mom, dad, babysitter or teacher)".
- + Report strangers who are repeatedly hanging around a play area. They should tell their parents or teacher about the person--what they look like, what kind of car they drive, what the license num-

ber is of the car.

- + Keep their house key in a hidden place on their body. If they keep it on a chain around their neck, everyone will know that they are probably going home to an empty house.
- + Not tell people that they are home alone when answering the telephone. Teach them to say something like "my mom (or dad; caretaker) cannot come to the phone right now, can (she, he) call you back in a while?"
- + Know that if an adult tells them that something is a secret forever and they should never talk about it with their parents, they should talk to another adult about it right away. "Forever secrets" are often harmful to someone. Even if the person threatens to hurt you, a loved one, or a pet, it is important to talk to another adult.
- + Know not to answer the door if they are home alone and they don't know who it is.
- + Know that if something happens to their parents, they should check with other adult relatives to make sure that the story they have been told is true and they are going with the correct people. Call home and find out.
- + Know that adults rarely ask children for directions. If anyone stops to ask directions, you should move out of reach of the car, take two steps backward, and be ready to run.
- + Know that there are people who love them and care for them. If they have a problem--any kind of problem--they can talk to their parents, a teacher, a counselor, their principal, a police officer or a friend of the family.
- + Know that they are special.
- + Know to run to a friend's house or nearest store if they think that someone is following them on foot or in a car.

Sidra writes about Stress...



Sidra Boutto, Family-based Worker
Boo-Shoo!! from Family-based Sidra Boutto.

This article I will be focusing on stress. We are coming to an end (Thank God) of a very stressful time of year. It all starts in about mid-November, when you're preparing for Thanksgiving - for most of us, just starting Christmas shopping, continues through December - getting closer to the "dreaded by most" holiday, following through to January while struggling to get back into the swing of things after vaca-

tions and into February, when the Mastercard & Visa bills start coming in and are slowly piling up. For myself, I find little signs like tight-back, sore shoulders, and dull headaches consuming most of my day, these are all symptoms of my own physical stress. Signs of emotional stress are sometimes more detrimental to the entire family structure. Most of us let the "little things" build up on top of each other until it becomes one "great BIG thing". We don't deal with them one at a time, like we should. That is something that is easier said than done. Example = home stress would be easier dealt with if there was no stress at work and vice versa.

We need to remember that when the stress is getting to us, to take the time to count to ten. Or take that nice hot bath and don't think about the things that are stressing us out (and don't sit in the bath thinking - "yeah, right, my problems are still going to be there when I get out." Sit in an easy chair and close your eyes and start w/your toes and relax every part of your body, concentrating on each part separately. Develop your own ways of stress relief-and relieve at least the physical symptoms of stress and avoid a blow-up at your child or spouse.....

Indian Child Welfare....



Susan Strand, ICWA Director

I have been asked to write an article regarding mandated reporting. All people who work in the human services divisions are required by law to report all suspected child abuse/neglect, and criminal sexual misconduct against a minor child. Agencies included but not limited to the following: Indian Child Welfare (ICW), Chemical Dependency, Mental Health, Community Health, Clinic personnel, school personnel, court personnel, headstart and the police department. Employees of these agencies are required by law to make these reports and could lose their jobs if they do not report suspected abuse/neglect. A lot of the agencies and community people think that the ICW Department is the appropriate department to report to. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** If there is a need to report you must contact either the local police department or St. Louis County Social Services.

The ICW Department receives a lot of calls reporting child abuse from community people. I strongly encourage these people to contact St. Louis County Social Services or the local police department, whether it is Nett Lake, Orr, Cook, etc.

However, our agency will take the information if you feel uncomfortable doing this. However, when our agency calls these reports to St. Louis

County, it is regarded as second hand information and they will not investigate, as our department did not witness the suspected abuse/neglect first hand.

Our agency will advise reporting agencies that their name will be given to St. Louis County Social Services and that either St. Louis County or the police department will be contacting them for further information. However, community people who report suspected child abuse/neglect have the option of giving their names. If they so choose, they can remain anonymous but the call **MUST BE MADE TO** St. Louis County in order for an investigation to take place.

The Indian Child Welfare Department is not trained nor do we have the personnel to conduct investigations of child abuse/neglect. The only thing that our agency can do is to contact the family and offer our services - as the ICW Department was designed to assist people prior to St. Louis County involvement.

Again calling the Indian Child Welfare Department is not reporting child abuse/neglect or sexual misconduct. The reports must be made either to St. Louis County Social Services or the local police department.

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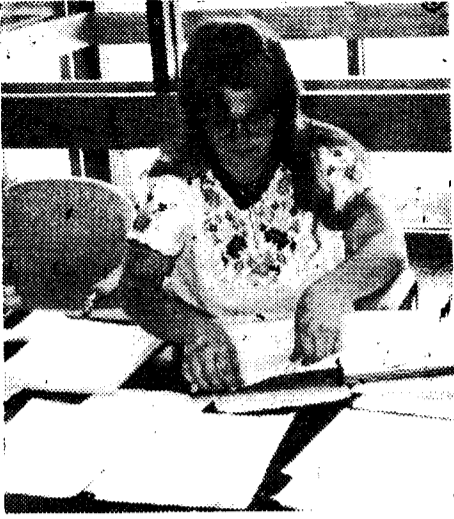
Please do not send children to the clinic to pick up medications as the medical staff **WILL NOT** dispense medications to them for delivery to adults.

If you have any questions or problems, call Ray Hawk at 757-3650.

NOTICE!

If you are interested in purchasing a Bois Forte Reservation Jacket, stop in at the RTC office or call Kelly at 218 757-3261. There is a limited amount of jackets available. If you ordered a jacket with your name on and you do not come to pick it up, it will be sold. All sizes available.

Joni writes on Child Abuse.



Joni Whiteman, ICWA Advocate

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Parents are often asking "What is the difference between discipline and punishment?"

Discipline is not the same as punishment. Instead of punishment, children need to be taught what behavior is allowed or not allowed and why.

You, as parents, are your child's first teachers. The task of teaching, or disciplining, children may seem overwhelming, but understanding the reasons for it may provide as basis for understanding.

Parents must discipline children to protect them from danger. Parents must discipline children so they can learn to get along with others and to understand that there are limits in acceptable behavior.

Discipline helps children learn to think in an orderly fashion and to understand the logical consequences of their actions.

Through discipline children learn that society has certain common rules that everyone must live by - for example, respecting others property. Children will also learn individual values that their family, school, and community holds.

The purpose of discipline, then, should be to GUIDE you child toward acceptable behavior and to TEACH them to make wise decisions when dealing with life's prob-

lems.

Discipline is NOT punishment! Studies have shown that physical punishment such as hitting, slapping and verbal abuse are NOT effective discipline. While such punishment may seem to get immediate results in specific instances, the long term effect is usually more harmful than helpful. Physical punishment demoralizes and humiliates children and causes them to develop low self-esteem. Some experts argue that it also promotes physical aggression in children by showing them that violence is acceptable.

Joanne Koch, co-author of "Good Parents for Hard Times" explains in "Healthy Families" that discipline is most effective when it comes from love. Children can learn clear rules for right and wrong actions when they feel they are loved and respected.

Parents need to show acceptance of their children through everyday words and gestures. Sometimes these feelings should be expressed openly. A child needs to hear and feel love with kisses and hugs. This warmth and support builds self-esteem.

On the other hand, parents who show by word or gesture that "You can't do anything right" are chipping away at the child's self-esteem. Parents who continually give a message that "you're not good enough" are abusing their child. Such attacks are called verbal or psychological abuse.

Victims of both physical and psychological abuse or battering say that mental abuse is worse. Loving limits don't involve verbal abuse. And loving limits is what discipline is all about.

For a list of books available on this topic, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Discipline, PO Box 828, Detroit, MI 48231... or for a recorded message regarding 'Tips for Disciplining Children' call 1-800 421-9769, then press numbers 903..... or contact the Bois Forte Indian Child Welfare program for information.

UofM March Starwatch...

The sun comes back with a vengeance in March, when days lengthen most noticeably. Meanwhile, Mars, which was opposite the sun last month, dwindles rapidly in the night sky. Spring arrives on the 20th, and the knot of winter constellations begins to move away from center stage.

Mars leads Leo, the lion, from east to west across the night sky. The red planet is well up in the southeast in early evening, between the stars Regulus, in Leo, and Pollux, in Gemini, shining with a brilliance unmatched by any star except Sirius. As the month progresses, Mars fades more than half a magnitude but still outshines Pollux and Regulus. Mars has been moving westward against the background of stars--a movement called retrograding--but near the end of the month it reverses direction and begins moving eastward, toward Leo.

All the other bright planets belong to the morning sky. Jupiter rises in the middle of the night; by dawn it is high up in the south near the red star Antares, in Scorpius. Venus follows at about 4 a.m. The brightest of planets, Venus remains a fixture in the morning sky until summer, when it will disappear behind the sun. Mercury, too, pays a brief call in the wee hours during the first week of the month. Look for it about 15 degrees to the lower left of Venus at dawn. The best view will be on the 3rd.

Saturn, still behind the sun, will appear in the morning sky in April.

This year March gets two new moons, on the 1st and the 30th. The full moon, called the sap moon or crow moon, rises below the

tail of Leo on the 16th. During the waning part of its cycle, it sweeps close to Jupiter on the 22nd and Venus on the 27th and 28th. On the 31st, the razor-thin sliver of the next young moon appears barely above the horizon just north of due west after sunset.

Spring comes with the vernal equinox at 8:14 p.m. CST on the 20th. At that moment, the sun will cross over the equator and return to the northern sky. Two manifestations of the sun's northward movement are the noticeably earlier sunrises and later sunsets we experience every March. That's because although the sun moves constantly against the background of stars, it moves most rapidly north or south around the time of the equinoxes. Consequently, the changes in daylight from day to day are most noticeable.

In the evening sky, to the north, the Big Dipper "spills its water" into the Little Dipper. To the east, kite-shaped Bootes, the herdsman, lies along the horizon. To the south, brilliant Sirius anchors the clump of familiar winter constellations. And to the west, the Pleiades star cluster leads those constellations toward the horizon.

Below and a little west of Mars, you might look for the head of Hydra, the water serpent, if skies are dark and moonless. Hydra, a very dim constellation, snakes around to the east below Leo and Virgo. Its brightest star, Alphard ("the lonely") appears southeast of the head. Lonely it is, too. Alphard, like Cancer, just west of Mars, occupies a swath of sky notable for its lack of bright stars.

March Birthdays.....

01 - Venus L Connor, Carlene A Duncan, Louis D Jordan, Joseph L Stanaway
 02 - Gina M Anderson, Janet L Autio, John V Day, Mia F Day, Bobby J Drift, Mary J Goodman, Nancy L Grauman, Brianna L Norcia, Jessica R Smith
 03 - Gordon Adams III, Loretta L Emery, Laura J Geshick, Curtis D LaRoque, Philamay E Lightfeather, Teresa L Sam, William E Tolrud
 04 - Rhiannon J Connor, Mary B Henderson, Barbarina Hursh
 05 - Marjorie L Cripe, Herbert King Sr, Jonas J King, Jacqueline R McKeon, Teresa M Morrison, Darlene F Nelson, Anthony W Sam, E Lois Siiro, Robert Strong Jr
 06 - Daniel L Amtrano, Eugenia M Boshey, Mary A Coonts, Jeanette Deegan, Milton E Geshick, Rachele R Isham, Charles A McDougall, Steven M Mihelich, Timothy L Rowlette, Roger L Wakemup
 07 - Sharon M Day-Garcia, Loretta E Holmes, Walter King Sr., Sandra K Van Vickie
 08 - Frederick G Brown, Tamara R Chicag, Franklin A Chosa, Jonathan H Connor Jr, Patrick J Connor, Ada M Johnson, Jacqueline K Koski, Lila Miller, John C Negley, Lorraine L Villebrun
 09 - Brianne A Brodeen, Thomas A Chosa, William W Deegan, Aylssa R Dickenson, Garrick J Konczak, Tamara C Lehti
 10 - Wilma M Andrews, Brittany R Connor, Annette K Geyer, Randall L Hawkinson, Cleveland Roubideaux
 11 - John Boney, Raven M Boshey, Diane M Monetti, Davetta M Sam, Judith L Udovich
 12 - Philip M Brodeen, Craig A Gilbert, Nyla J Grummons, Amanda D Haugen, David L King, Marvin Knott, Bryon J Lumbar, Vivian Proulx, Duane E Roy, Nora E Setterquist
 13 - Duane A Huisentrui, Allen J Isham, Brian W Lumbar, Donald M Villebrun
 14 - Mark A Anderson, Ashlee A Isham, Doris V Isham, Kimberly L Leecy, Terrance F Lightfeather, Richard A Lumbar, Amy R Miller, Keith W Porter
 15 - Joel A Boshey, Donald L Chosa Jr, Matthew G Connor, Rocky E King, Darryl

L Smith

16 - Simon W Fisher Jr, Laura I Isham, Patricia L Weikleenget
 17 - David P Farmer, Patricia M Gowboy, Bertha J Graue, Nicole M Johnson, Christopher J Lehti
 18 - Christopher P Franzen, Mahengun Goodsky, John P Hackey Jr, Tessa L Jones, Emily E Rummell, Sylvia M Shaugobay
 19 - Sharon M Allan, Ida M Connor, Damon E Day, Jeffery L Geshick, Axel J Holmes Sr, Kenneth W Konczak, Micheala J Leecy, Lisa H Lyons, Doris M Newman, Scoot A Reetz, Anthony L Rettke, Hazel Strong, George W Toivonen, Irene M Weiss
 20 - Terrence L Boshey, Terry E Goodsky, Lilian S Harding, Rachel A Morrison, Aaron R Ruwersma, Stanley Schuster Jr, Jason L Sherman
 21 - Robert P Adams, Jean L King, Roger D Skinway, Earl W Villebrun, Marjorie J Villebrun
 22 - Raymond C Blocher, Diana L McDougall, Ryan W Shock, Ronald L Skinner
 23 - Noreen A Berlien, Jared W Boshey, Mary E Fiset, Rodney B King, Tanya E Maynard, Daniel J Morrison, Lorraine D Peterson, Marvin S Rich Jr
 24 - Joshua J Fiset, Roxanne G Hicks, Kathleen J King, Raeanne L Madison, Roni R McMillen
 25 - James D Johnson Jr, Harry W Lightfeather Jr, Patrick M O'Leary, Danelle M Wilde
 26 - Twyla J Day, Karen M Fineday, Debra A Mihelich, Marjorie Morrison
 27 - Vernon W Adams Jr, Roger D Brashears, Bobbett R Cripe, Joyce M Day, Shane G Drift, James W Holman, Donna J Norton, Raymond E Villebrun Sr, Debra K Whiteman
 28 - Jeffery A Anderson, Tiffany Z Brooks, Duane S Samm, James E Wilde
 29 - Lavern D Cameron, Christina J Connor, Jeanna M Day, Thomas J Drift, Denise G Lumbar, Anna M Mayotte, Anita L Porter
 30 - Charles A Day, Benjamin D Drift, Susan C Jenkins, Rose M Lien, Lila Pete
 31 - Rose Jensen, Lorna L Landgren, Brian D Reetz, Mary E Smith

Burning is not for garbage

Why is home burning of waste illegal?

Home burning of household waste can cause severe health problems and pollute air, soils and water. Burners (burn barrels) release toxic chemicals into the air which can travel many miles before settling out of the air and contaminating soils and water. Two independent studies have shown that, due to low burn temperatures and lack of pollution control equipment, the smoke from just one backyard burner produces levels of dangerous dioxins up to a thousand times higher per unit of garbage than a municipal incinerator. The real problems shown by these studies is that there is little dilution or dispersion of these toxins in neighborhood yards, thus increasing health risk factors. Even the smoke from the burning of legal materials can be dangerous to persons with respiratory problems.

Can I burn waste in an approved burner?

No. Certain burners were approved by the DNR for the safe burning of brush and other vegetative material to help prevent uncontrolled fires. These burners are not intended for use in the burning of household waste. Regardless of the design of the burners; burners, fireplaces, or outdoor furnaces are not an approved or legal dis-

posal method for any type of household wastes. In addition, burners can only be used for vegetative materials during the legal burning hours from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. without a permit.

What materials cannot be burned?

State law does not permit the open burning of oils, rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials or other materials that produce excessive or noxious smoke. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as tires, railroad ties, treated or painted lumber, shingles, tarpaper, insulation, composition or particle board, sheetrock, wiring, paint or paint filters. Only vegetative materials can be burned.

What are my waste disposal options?

Call a local waste hauler to arrange for waste pickup or haul your own waste to an approved facility. Since waste disposal rates are based on how much you throw away, reducing your waste will decrease your disposal costs. Wise buying practices, yard waste composting and recycling can reduce your amount of household waste. More and more communities are developing yard waste composting sites. Check with your community officials for locations near you.

Reservation Tribal Council minutes.....

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held December 8, 1994, council chambers, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.
Members Present: Gary W. Donald; David Morrison Sr.; Doris Isham

Members Absent: Jerome Whiteman (will be in shortly); Phyllis Boshey

Others: Ken Badboy; Donna Hoffer; Vicki Holmes; Andy Datko; Margaret King; George Rasmussen; Margaret Warren; Jackie Villebrun; Rick Anderson; Matt Anders

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held on November 3, 1994, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of an executive session held on November 3, 1994, Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 2-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the minutes of a special meeting held on November 15, 1994, Denver, Colorado. Carried 2-0-0.

Chairman Donald explains that the Denver meeting was necessary because of the timeline that resolution #92-95, directing opposition to the BIA Central Office effort to streamline BIA and Area Office, had to be filed at the NCAI.

Phyllis Boshey arrives at 9:10 a.m. Margaret King, STIPP Director, gives a presentation on the STIPP program.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by Doris Isham; to adopt resolution #93-95, FMHA. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #94-95, Fortune Bay water and sewer. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #95-95, Fortune Bay site improvements. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #96-95, transportation improvements projects. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #97-95, application for funding for the Food Distribution building. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #98-95, application for funding for the Food Distribution building. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #99-95, application for funding for the Food Distribution building. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #100-95, lease termination - Victoria Holmes. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #101-95, new lease - Victoria Holmes. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to table resolution #102-95, Dion Porter lease. Jackie Villebrun directed to find out what Dion wants to use the lot for. Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion was held on resolution #91-95, Harvey Rabbitt lease. Jackie Villebrun informs the council that the wrong land description was on the lease. Council concurs that she should replace it with the correct land description which is Lot 8, Block 2, Nett Lake Village.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #103-95, amending George Mihelich lease. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to rescind resolution #72-95, NECA right-of-way. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to rescind resolution #75-95, NECA right-of-way. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by Phyllis Boshey; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to adopt resolution #104-95, NECA right-of-way. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to adopt resolution #105-95, amending NECA right-of-way (#75-95). Carried 3-0-0.

Discussion was held on the property that Laverne Klug has asked the council if they were interested in purchasing from her. The Council directs Jackie Villebrun to inform her that the Council is interested but they want Laverne to appraise it first.

Jerome Whiteman enters meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Lucille Morrison, Court Administrator, and Ken Badboy, Tribal Manager, to attend the Bureau of Indian Affairs Funding for Tribal Courts workshop on December 12-13, 1994 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve out of state travel for Brent Soday, DDS, to attend the Chicago Dental Society 130th Midwinter meeting to be held in Chicago, Illinois on February 23-26, 1994. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to approve out of state travel for Ray Villebrun, Troy King and Matt Anders to a BIA - Circle of Flight and Noxious Weed Program meeting in Cable, Wisconsin on December 7 & 8, 1994. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to approve out of state travel for Judy Anderson, Denise Morrison and 3 Head Start parents to attend the 11th Parent Annual Training Conference on December 17-20, 1994 in New York, New York. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Phyllis Boshey; to table the trust document until the Council can review it more closely. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to approve the FLEX plan proposal from Corporate Benefit Services of America. Carried 4-0-0.

Gordon Warrick informs the Council of the following:

1) There is a slight cash flow problem. He would like Fortune Bay to make one quarterly payment right now instead of the monthly payments. And he also suggests that when money is given to special projects, that these are paid monthly instead of a lump sum.

2) The 403 (b) Pension Plan distribution will not be completed this week. He needs a memo to the employees informing them that they will be receiving this.

3) Should Sawmill employees be included on the Cost of Living Adjustment? Council concurs that they should be included.

4) The auditors recommended that the Health cash accounts be moved to the RTC office. No action is taken on this request. Council inquires if he has taken care of the problem of late financial reports. Gordon informs the Council that it hasn't been done, that another person is needed in the accounting department. Council directs Gordon to get estimates of what it would cost to hire another person in accounting. Doris Isham will coordinate a meeting between the sawmill manager, the Council,

the enterprise accounting staff and a Fortune Bay representative to discuss the sawmill.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by Doris Isham; to appoint Adeline Anderson as full time member to the Post Secondary Education committee. Carried 4-0-0.

Matt Anders informs the Council that there will be a meeting with EPA to discuss funding. He asks if a council member would be able to attend. It is decided that Jerome and possibly Gary will attend the meeting.

A courtesy copy of the Elderly Activities Committee report is given to the Council for their information.

Ken Badboy is authorized to establish a Miscellaneous account for expenses such as RTC awards, dinners, recognition/traditions, sponsorships, etc., in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Ken Badboy introduces Dr. Sampson to the Council. Dr. Sampson asks the Council to continue negotiations with Saint Louis County Social Services for a better working relationship.

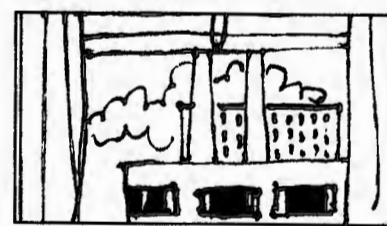
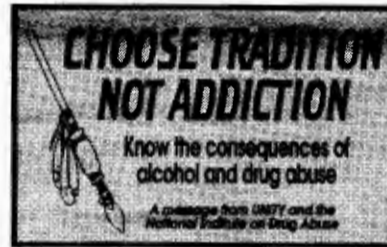
Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to adopt the Procedures and By-Laws of the Bois Forte Enterprises Board of Directors. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Jerome Whiteman; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the request from the Elderly Needs Program to revise their budget so they can use \$3,000.00 for repairs to the homes of the elderly. Carried 4-0-0.

Recess at 12:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 12:50 p.m.

Moved by Doris Isham; seconded by Jerome Whiteman; to adjourn meeting at 12:50 p.m.



The four largest manufacturing regions in the U.S. are Chicago, Los Angeles-Long Beach, New York City and Detroit.

NOTICE!!

TO ALL CONTRACT HEALTH PARTICIPANTS

The Bois Forte Contract Health Program will be recertifying all eligible participants during the months of March and April. For those individuals whose cards expire on March 31, 1995, you will need to submit current income verification and update your CHS eligibility file. Any questions can be directed to Cathy Chavers, CHS Administrator at (218) 757-3295.

Also the Bois Forte Contract Health Program is covering adult eye care only until September 30, 1995. Prior authorization must be given before you go to your exam. There are only certain optometrists that we use so please contact the Contract Health office for prior authorization.

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SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT!

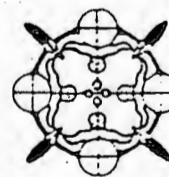
Submitted by: Ray E. Villebrun, Sr., Chief Conservation Officer

The Bois Forte Conservation Department is hereby giving notice to the residents of Nett Lake, Palmquist, Indian Point and Vermilion. Due to the high number of stray dog complaints, the Bois Forte Conservation Officers will be collecting and disposing of any stray dogs found roaming around loose.

This is being done because of health and safety reasons. We will begin collection two (2) weeks from the date the Bois Forte NEWS hits the news stands.

If there is any questions or comments contact the Bois Forte Conservation Department at (218) 757-3261.

(So let's keep them mutts tied up.....Ed.)



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LOW INCOME ELIGIBILITY BASED ON USDA FOOD STAMP GUIDELINES



Tadd M. Johnson, RTC Attorney

Tadd M. Johnson, 37, is the new tribal attorney for the Bois Forte Reservation. Mr. Johnson, previously worked in Washington, D.C. His distinguished career includes: 1985-86, attorney, Leventhal and Associates of Minneapolis, MN; 1987, VISTA volunteer and attorney, Mille Lacs Reservation; 1988-90, tribal attorney, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and prosecuting attorney, Bois Forte Reservation; 1990-91, deputy counsel on Indian affairs, Committee on Interior and Insular affairs; 1991-93, counsel on Indian affairs, Committee on Interior and Insular affairs; 1993-, Staff Director and Counsel, Subcommittee on Native American Affairs.

Mr. Johnson attended St. Michael's Grade School and Duluth Cathedral High School, in Duluth MN. He graduated from the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN., with a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) degree, and in 1985 received his Juris Doctor degree from the Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN.

From 1987 to 1990 he was an Instructor in Federal Indian Law and American Indian History, Brainerd Community College and on the Mille Lacs Reservation. In 1992 he was a member of the Presidential Transition Team, Health and Human Services Cluster which assessed the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation.

He and his wife, Emily, are making their home in Britt, MN.



Sherry Erickson, Procurement Officer

Sherry Erickson has been hired as the new procurement officer for the RTC.

Born in Chisholm, Mn to Floyd and Mardell Kielczewski, she spent her first five years in Crilly, Ontario, Canada where her father was a Canadian guide. The family moved to Orr, MN and she attended Orr High School and then went on to graduate from Rainy River Community College in International Falls, Mn with a certificate of accounting.

She has worked the past twelve years as a temp in accounting/clerical for various businesses both locally and on the Iron Range while raising a family. She is married to Glenn Erickson, who is an independent logger. The couple have three children, Andrew 13, Megan 8, and Meredith 3.

The live on what is known as Anderson's Farm, a short distance from the reservation, where they are raising beef cattle.



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Allan Morrisseau, CD Counselor

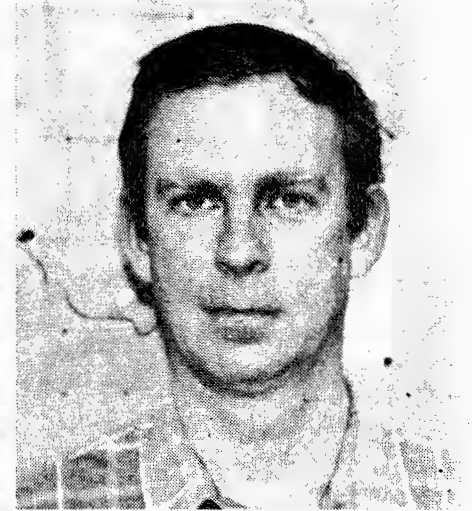
As the newly hired CD Outpatient Counselor for the Bois forte CD program, I feel honored to introduce myself to the Community.

My name is Allan Morrisseau, I am a Ojibway Indian from the Couchiching Reserve near Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada. I am married, with five children, two still living at home. All family members are lovers of nature.

I am a graduate of Bemidji State University with a Bachelor's degree in Indian Studies. Minors in Psychology and Social Work. I received an Associate degree at Rainy River Community College. I am a product of the Indian Boarding school system where I received a good elementary and high school education. I am certified as a Practitioner by the Institute of Chemical Dependency Professions.

I will be in charge of the new Outpatient CD Treatment Program recently developed by the Bois Forte Chemical Dependency Program. The program will run four days a week, Monday through Thursday, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Included in the program will be; Assessment, CD Education, Group Therapy, Individual Counseling, and Aftercare Planning.

I say, Hello, I look forward to having a wonderful experience here in Bois Forte. I welcome you all to drop by the Health Services building to get to know what my position as outpatient counselor is about.



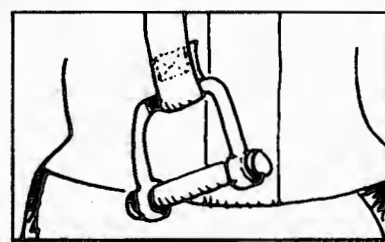
Chuck Whitmore, Forester

It's that time of year again when the "fire eaters" start talking fire training (wildland fire, that is). If you are interested in taking this course this spring, give me a call out at forestry. It is a 32 hour course and you must pass a physical fitness test before being assigned to the training. The training is usually in Bemidji, Virginia or Duluth and you do get paid while attending. This course is required before you could get a fire assignment out West as some did last summer.

Any firewood left in your wood pile yet? You probably do since it has been a relatively warm winter. For those of you who try and get your own wood, you probably noticed fewer areas where loggers left the birch aster the sale was done. That is because birch now has a pulp/chip market at Potlatch and several places in Wisconsin so birch fuelwood will be harder to come by and will also be more expensive. See me this spring or summer if you want to get a woodlot to cut your own for next year.

There has been quite a bit of activity around the reservation this winter, but mostly in the aspen areas. With the warm weather, the spruce swamps have again not frozen sufficiently to allow safe logging - seems like it's either too much snow too early or it's too warm to freeze solid.

Looks like the "bad bugs" may be invading the reservation this year - and not the army worms either! The spruce budworm which has been devouring balsam and spruce in the BWCA and the Grand Portage area has decided to try this neck of the woods out. We have already been noticing some defoliation, especially in the balsam fir in some areas. The trees usually are not killed unless several severe defoliations occur. So if you see some ragged tops in the balsam or spruce along some of the roads, that's probably what is causing it. So long for now!



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"The rest of the STORY"...

Did you ever hear Paul Harvey's radio program called "The Rest of the Story"? He tells interesting stories about how people's lives end up. How about an interesting story about the future world and how it ends up?

What does the future mean to you? What do you think it consists of? People have different ideas, but the Bible tells us something about it. Part of the future is written the Book of Revelation, Chapter 22:

1. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

2. down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

3. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

4. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

5. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

6. The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

There's a river mentioned, called the "River of Life", that flows from the very throne of God, and a tree with important fruit and leaves. There'll be no more darkness, for where God is there can only be light.

Then Jesus, the Son of God, goes on to say some more about Himself and the future:

12. "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

13. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14. "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

15. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

Then the next verse says:

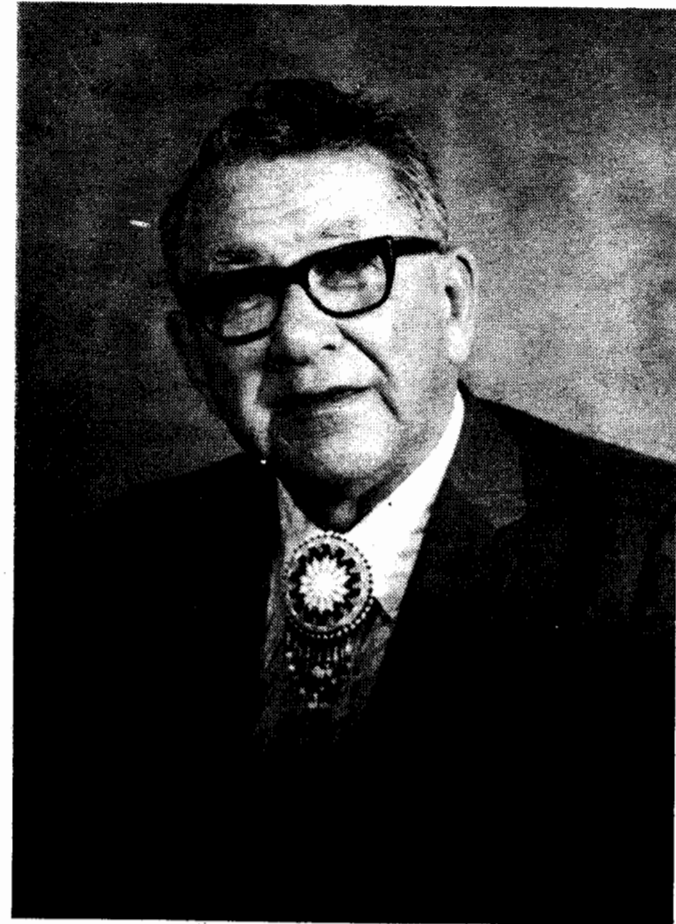
17. "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

That tells all of us who are "thirsty" for God we need to take the free gift of eternal life God has for us.

How do we get in on it all? Easy, if you're willing to change your life. Just pray, "Lord Jesus, I give you my life. Forgive me of all my sins against you." And God will give you His free gift of eternal life. Than you become part of the great future God has for you! You'll really know how "The Rest of the Story" ends up, because you'll be in on it.

Pastors Bob & Harvey and the people of Nett Lake Assembly of God church invite you to attend church with us on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Every welcome!

Evangelist Frank H. Holmes



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Brandon & Energy, etc.



Brandon Benner, Energy Director

We'll start this month's article going right for the 'ol editor's throat. I had an article all set to go for last month's article and the man said he misplaced it. He knows how the paper ain't the same without my article. But, anyhow.....

The Home Improvement Program has kind of settled down a bit, go figure, just as the building season is coming around. The only project we have going at the time is the Rose Barto Project. North Star Contracting is doing the work out there. The house is looking pretty good and Terry Michaud, our housing inspector, says everything is going smooth.

We are also winding down our Affordable Housing Program. If you remember, this is the program in which we replace and install windows. North Star Contracting also did most of this work for us. If you have had windows installed you can see that the work is done pretty good. If you don't agree, give me a buzz.

I am also getting ready to weatherize 5 homes. I have contacted Don Stauty at the AEOA office in Virginia, and we will be setting up the dates. I will notify the households that I have chosen to weatherize.

The Energy Assistance Program is almost depleted. Many of you are probably wondering about your NECA bills. All of the money has already been sent to NECA. The shut-off date is April 15th, please don't rely on the Crisis portion of the program this year as I am pretty sure it is all depleted.

If any of you haven't been keeping up with the news, a bill has been passed in the House of Representatives that cuts the Federal Budget by 17 BILLION dollars, among the programs being cut is the Energy Assistance Program, by 1.3 billion dollars, which would ELIMINATE the Program next year. Of course, it has to pass the Senate and the President, but you never know. Who voted REPUBLICAN!!!!

But, on the brighter side, it is warming up as we speak, and you lasted another winter with 'ol Benner controlling the fate of your heating costs, was it so bad? Don't Answer that one..... See you all around town or next month.

BENNER AND BASKETBALL

The first year of our basketball program was a huge success. If you had a chance to catch any of our games you would have gotten to see how much fun each of our players had. It was a great experience for them and us as well.

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How things went in Tribal Court

6 Oct '94:

Luann Drift, 39, Disorderly Conduct, Probation Violation; in plea agreement defendant admits to probation violation and will enter and complete 30 day inpatient treatment, prosecution deferred six months on disorderly conduct on condition there are no further similar violations within that period.

Marvin Stanley Rich, 59, Careless Driving, fined \$150, sentenced to time served. Daniel Lawrence Connor, 50, Coercion, bench warrant issued, bail set at \$200.

20 Oct '94:

John Vernon Day, 30, Speeding, fined \$50. Knute Graue, 39, Speeding, fined \$50. Francis David Connor, 34, Speeding, fined \$60.

David Henry Villebrun Jr., 22, Speeding, fined \$60.

Edward Charles Villebrun, 31, Speeding, fined \$60.

Ruth Marie Connor, 24, Speeding, fined \$50.

16 Nov '94:

Marc Lindsay Lyons, 43, Driving without Required Equipment (headlamp and tail light out); dismissed, equipment has been repaired.

Miranda Jane Villebrun, 18, Speeding, fined \$60, or community service work.

Stanley Allen Brown, 24, No Drivers License, fined \$100.

Allen Wayne Chosa, 31, Disorderly Conduct, dismissed.

Terrance James King, 18, Public Intoxication, dismissed with prejudice.

Bonita Lynn Gonier, 32, Driving under the Influence, Speeding; sentenced to 30 days, \$400 fine, time suspended, fined \$75 on speeding, bail posted applied to fine.

Christina Marie Deegan, 25, Child Neglect, dismissed without prejudice.

Marjorie Alice Holmes, 58, Speeding, fined \$50.

Melvin Lawrence Hunt, 49, Speeding, bench warrant issued, bail set at \$50.

Roger Allan Whiteman, Jr., 18, Speeding, fined \$60; No Current Registration, dismissed.

Jonathan William Morrison, 35, Disorderly Conduct, fined \$75, two days in jail, time suspended on payment of fine.

Jeffrey William Isham, 31, Public Intoxication, 10 days, fined \$75, time suspended for six months.

Kevin Troy Brown, 30, Driving under the Influence, No Drivers License, bench warrant issued, bail set at \$400.

30 Nov '94:

Miranda Jane Villebrun 19, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Shelly Villebrun, 32, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Brian Lee Whiteman, 19, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

30 Nov '94:

William Day Sr., 61, careless driving and driving under the influence dismissed in plea bargain.

Leslie Connor Jr., 34, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Barry Merle Day, 22, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Bertha J. Graue, 34, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Lance A. Hill, 19, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Sandra R. Hill, 20, Contributing to the

Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Travis W. Morrison, 22, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Wendy L. Morrison, 40, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Erik Strong, 22, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Wilbert Strong Jr., 32, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Leonard Thompson, 35, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

David M. Villebrun, 29, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Frank Villebrun Jr., 27, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

Lynette Jean Villebrun, 19, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, dismissed for lack of probable cause.

21 Dec '94:

Yvonne Fay Paetznick, 40, Driving without Required Equipment (tail light); dismissed, equipment repaired.

Louis Raynaldo Drift, 20, Motor Vehicle Insurance; Motor Vehicle Registration; fined \$50, suspended on providing proof of motor vehicle registration; fined \$50 on no motor vehicle insurance, stayed 30 days.

11 Jan '95:

Bruce Allen Isham, 46, Disorderly Conduct, pleaded guilty, sentenced to two days, suspended on payment of \$75 fine.

William Day Sr., 61, Driving after Revocation; Refusal to Allow Breath Test, sentenced to \$400 fine and 10 days on Driving after Revocation; sentenced to five days and \$200 fine on Refusal to Allow Breath Test, defendant to serve two days, 13 days suspended on payment of fine, or performance of community service, time suspended for nine months.

Dawn Rae Sam, 36, Reckless Driving and Resisting Lawful Arrest, dismissed in plea bargain.

Dale Raymond Boshey, 34, Disorderly Conduct, Disorderly Conduct, Malicious Mischief, sentenced to 30 days.

David Henry Villebrun Jr., 22, Driving without Required Equipment (headlamp); dismissed, equipment repaired.

18 Jan '95:

Paulette Elaine Salavec, 49, Driving under the Influence, Speeding, defendant failed to appear, bench warrant issued, bail set at \$500.

Stanley Allen Brown 25, Refusal to Allow Breath Test, dismissed in plea bargain.

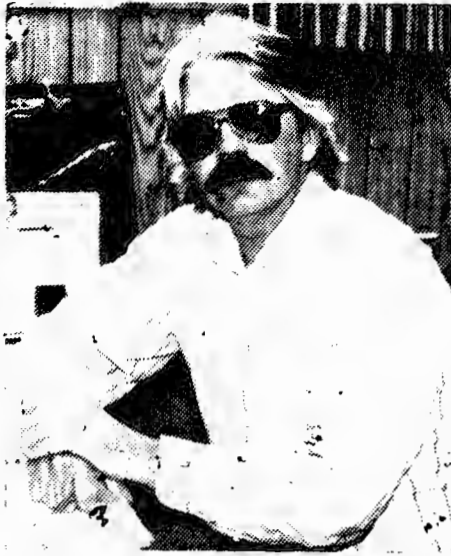
31 Jan '95:

Louis Raynaldo Drift, 20, Theft by Receiving, matter deferred six months.

Lawrence A Connor Jr., 39, Malicious Mischief, pleaded guilty, defendant to make restitution for damages.

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NEWS from the Planners....



David Danz, Reservation Planner

I attended a Tribal Council meeting on this day. Among the many items on their agenda was an update on the scragg mill project. I figure readers of the Daily Holmes Journal might also like to hear what this is about.

As reported earlier, Bois Forte has received \$300,000 in HUD Community Development Block Grant funding to purchase and install a new scragg mill. This equipment will be added to the existing Sawmill Enterprise. The scragg is a type of sawmill system specifically designed to cut small (5" to 10") diameter logs efficiently. Currently the existing mill cannot efficiently cut these logs so they are leaving the Reservation to be used by other mills or as pulp. By adding the scragg mill, Bois Forte can make use of these logs and significantly increase production out at the Sawmill. This is critical to the long term viability of the business.

Over the past couple of months Ira (Pete) Isham, Gordon Adams, So., a local independent mechanical engineer, Dennis Peterson and myself have been reviewing literature, hosting manufacturers' representatives and visiting scragg mills on line to select a system for Bois Forte. One system we visited in Wisconsin appears to meet the needs of the sawmill from the perspective of cost, production ability, maintenance factors, and integration into the existing chipper, edger, trim saw and green

chain. At this time we are seeking HUD approval to purchase this product.

We anticipate that it will take about three months for delivery of this equipment once ordered. We are also planning to begin site work and building construction to house the new scragg mill shortly after spring thaw. If all goes as planned (ok, Mr. Planner), the mill will be operational in July, (sure, go ahead and made predictions!)

I attended a HUD conference in Chicago this month with Doris I, and Donna H. There is a great deal of talk by this agency of "block granting" their programs to Tribes. This would mean somehow consolidating many of their programs, e.g. housing development, CIAP, CDBG, (don't ya love acronyms), drug elimination, youth sports, resident initiatives, etc. and then distributing funds in the form of block grants to Tribes. Much is unknown about if, and how this program would work. It has potential pros and cons. If this occurs, on one hand the Tribes would have a great deal of flexibility to determine locally what is important to use this money for. On the other hand the formula for determining who gets how much is undetermined and has the potential of providing next to nothing for small Tribes and literally millions for large Tribes.

All of this discussion by HUD officials came as news

to Tribal officials attending the Chicago meeting. It appears these discussions have been limited largely to the suits in D.C. Bois Forte RTC members have discussed this issue and will be keeping tabs on things with HUD as they develop.

And on other fronts, I am working on an abbreviated version of an environmental assessment for the HOME program. A Coordinator for this program has yet to be hired. Also on my desk is an application for BIA technical assistance funding for the sawmill. I'll be moving this from the list of things to do pile to the did it, been there, don't file soon.

Of course, for more on news from the Bois Forte Planning Division, read the column from my colleague Andy.

Andy Datko's news column.....



Andy Datko, Assistant Planner

This past month I have been involved in preparing several funding requests to various agencies and foundations. We submitted a request to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board for \$500,000 in financing towards the Fortune Bay expansion project. This money would be used for infrastructure improvements at the site, such as grading and drainage, parking, walkways and trails, lighting, etc. We are expecting a IRRRB decision in early March. I am also continuing to work with the Rural Development Agency (Farmers Home Administration) to finalize the endless documentation and paperwork required for the water land sewer financing.

I submitted an application for a \$50,000 Historic Preservation Fund Grant through the Department of Interior. This project, if

funded, would entail the compiling of the written and oral history of the Bois Forte Band. The project would intensively involve Band elders and youth in the recording of the customs, traditions, and stories of the Band, so that they may be preserved for future generations. The project would produce a written summary of the Band's history in a booklet form, suitable for use in area schools and cultural programs. These grants are very competitive.

We should know in a few months whether we were successful.

In my last column I mentioned that we had applied for private Foundation funding to build a new food commodities distribution warehouse in Nett Lake. We recently were awarded \$2500 from the Land O' Lakes Foundation for this project. This is far short of what we requested, but it is a start. We are still awaiting a decision by the Otto Bremer Foundation and I will be submitting a more detailed request to the McKnight Foundation by March 15. I will keep you posted on this.

I have been talking with Judy Anderson, Bois Forte Head Start Director, about submitting an application through the Minnesota Department of Economic Security to fund a new Head Start and child care facility on the Vermilion sector. As this column is being written there is still some question as to our eligibility for funding under this program. We are hopeful that we can find the resources for this project as there is a major need for it. I will have more to report on this next time.

NOTICE!!

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