



Letters to the Editor

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Phil, meet Calvin

Re: *Fend for yourselves, aboriginals told*, May 16; *YouTube video hints of long, hot summer*, May 16.

Page A5 of Wednesday's *Free Press* is a stroke of editing genius! At the top of the page, there is a report on aboriginal author/entrepreneur Calvin Helin, who tells natives to stop depending on government handouts. Immediately below that we get Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine giving the Canadian Club in Ottawa the same old stuff about government inaction on aboriginal issues making it harder for native leaders to keep a lid on First Nations anger. Basically just the same old extortionistic, "Give us lots of money and free houses and we won't tie up your railways."

I guess Phil hasn't heard of Calvin yet.

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