



Rene Linderman, an Anchorage preschooler, shows off the yoyo which she made herself and which won her a first place ribbon. See Pages 8 and 9.

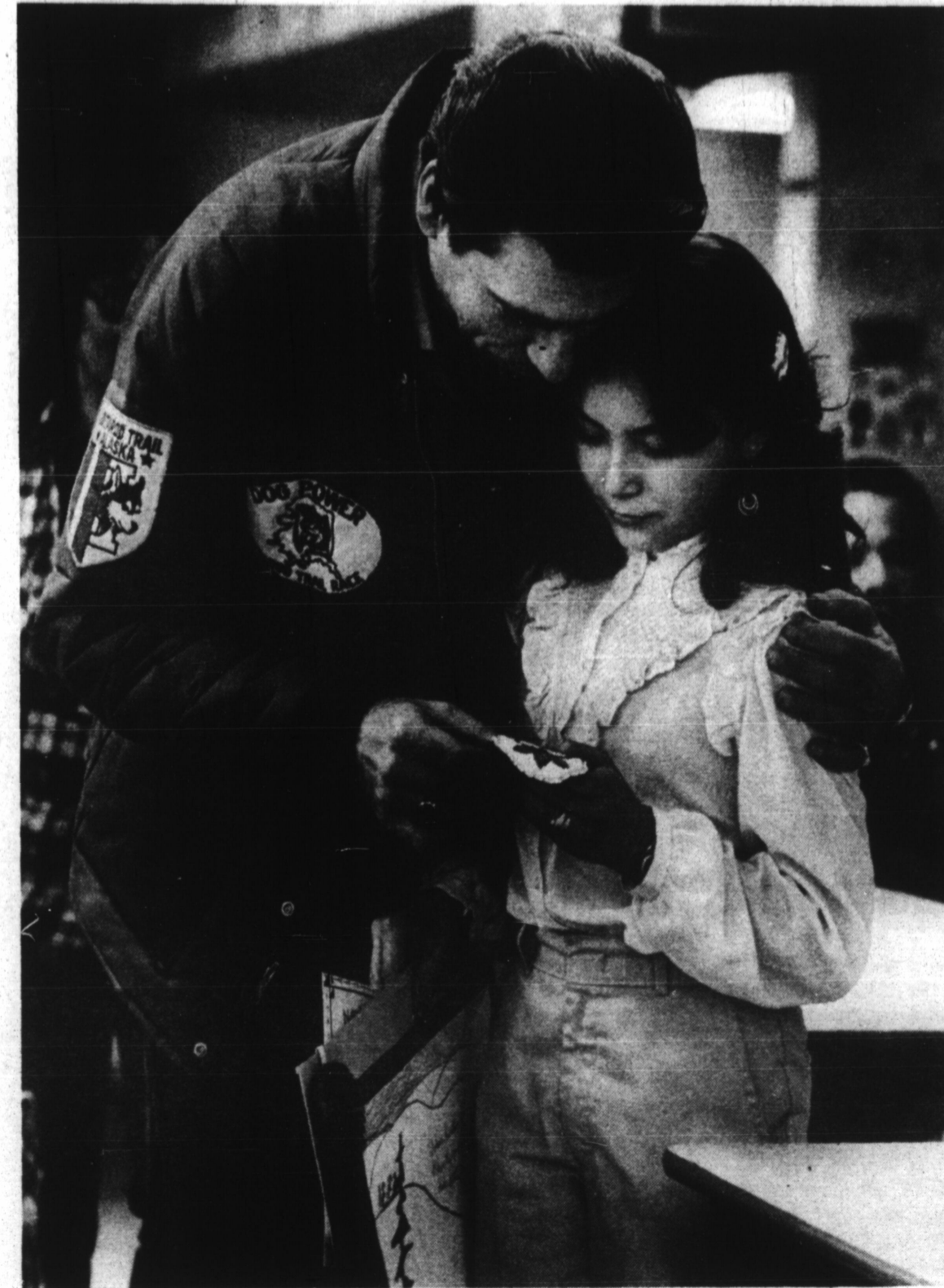
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CINA art competition brings greater contestants, finer quality of entries

Photos by Bill Hess



Rene Linderman manages a shy smile as she is bombarded with what is probably her first major round of applause since she entered this life. Also pictured, left to right, is Lee Wallace and Paul Little Chief, artists who contributed to the awards on the table; Paulette Moreno, Paula Curley and Luanne Pelagio.



Judy Schmidt receives a congratulatory hug from her father after winning first place in creative writing and poetry.

Over 200 entries were received in this year's Cook Inlet Native Association's annual Native Youth Art contest. Paulette Moreno, the art coordinator, noted that not only did the paintings, sculptures, poems, baskets, skin sewing, beadwork and other works come in in greater numbers than ever before, but the quality was much better also.

First place winners in the different categories included Rene Linderman and Ricky Nelson, Preschool; Alicia Armstrong, April Hollman, Steve Olson, David Katchatag and Selma Henry, kindergarten through third grade; Karen Harrison, Florence Mattice, Becky Morgan, Kathleen Schneider and Judy Schmidt, fourth through sixth grades; Monica Gillet, Victor Appoloni, and Brent Foly, junior high; Patty Thompson, Jerry Lee, Henry Iverson, Mavis Torrico, Arthur Bolton, and Jeff Bolton, high school.

Second and third place winners included Daniel Koso, Margaret Snigarof, Stephanie Urban, Monte Barger, Stephanie Moreno, Edna Henry, Ernest Aguchak, Selma Henry, Leah Paulsen, Shelley Romer, Antonio Browning, Melissa Carlson, Mam Smith, Lawrence Witfield, Mark Boskoffsky, Anita Anderson, Bobby Mela, Mark David, Michelle Goodwin, Noel Gould, Sharon Greene, Marlene Ondola, Laberta Bifelt, Mavis Torrico, Soraya Taylor, Lita Crossman, Annet Kalerak, and Clarence Snyder.



Monica Gillet displays the beaded moccasins which won her a first place ribbon and a jurors' choice award.



Lawrence Witfield shows off his second-place drawing.



Ricky Nelson and his first place totem pole.



Alicia Armstrong and the beaded artwork which won her first place and a public's choice award.



Brent Foly and his first place winning float plane.



Soraya Taylor and her second place bronc-busting cowboy.