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## Confederacy disagrees

### Eagles' Nest Power plant may be dead

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

It's been a year in the making, but proponents of a massive Eagles Nest power plant have all but been sent packing after Confederacy council could not agree to provide a letter of tentative support Saturday.

The plant, that has received a conditional letter of support from the Six Nations Elected Band Council, failed to pass through council Saturday after arguments erupted between chiefs.

The plant partners Brian Porter and Drew Hill of Guswhenta Developments, along with Brantford developer Steve Charest had partnered with an American firm Gen-Power to bring the massive power

project to Six Nations lands adjacent to the Mohawk Chapel.

The project was expected to fill in the window for the closing of the Nanticoke coal powered plant.

But when the partners appeared before Confederacy Council Saturday, questions posed by Cayuga and Seneca chiefs led to a verbal sparring match.

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### Band council reopening court case with own "legal war chest"

By Turtle Island News staff

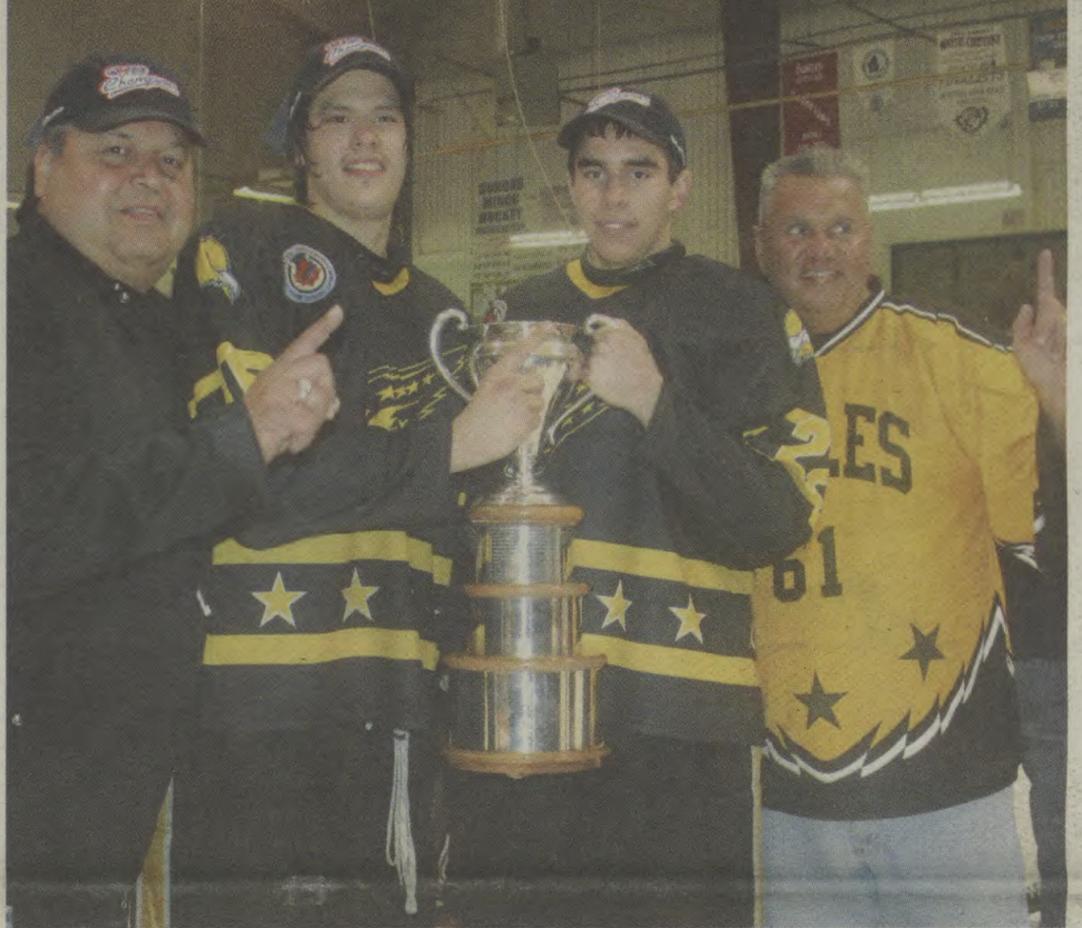
The Six Nations Band Council went behind closed doors to approve a motion to reopen its controversial court case asking Canada what happened to Six Nations lands and trust funds, and may launch their own "legal war chest" to pay for it with Rama funds.

Elected chief William Montour said in an interview Monday elected council is planning to draw on Rama funds to re-open the court case that has been placed in abeyance for almost seven years.

"We've decided to go back to court, but that's with out prejudice to negotiations.

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### A Golden Deja Vu, Eagles are tops!



Golden Eagles co-owner Kenny Hill, forward Brock Smith, forward Matt Hill, and co-owner Jerry Montour proudly pose with the franchise's first-ever Sutherland Cup as the top junior B team in Ontario after edging the Stoney Creek Warriors 3-2 on Saturday night at the J.L. Grightmire Arena in Dundas. The Golden Eagles won the series 4-1. See story on page 8. (Photo by Scott Hill)

### Harper policy aims to 'assimilate' aboriginals, says former PM Paul Martin

By James Keller

VANCOUVER-The Conservative government is returning to centuries-old failed policies that serve to "assimilate" Canada's aboriginals, former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin said Friday.

Martin, speaking at the Liberal convention in Vancouver, chastised Prime Minister Stephen Harper for scrapping his \$5-billion Kelowna Accord and instead leaving aboriginals with basics like health care and education that fall far below Canadian standards.

"The Conservatives, and you only have to read Tom Flanagan to understand this said, 'No, we're going back to a policy that has failed (for) over 500 years, we're going to try to assimilate,"

Martin said in a speech to young Liberals.

"We (Liberals) are not going to try to erase the cultural and the identity and the traditions of the aboriginal people of this country," Flanagan, a longtime adviser to Harper and his former campaign manager, infuriated native leaders in 2000 with his book "First Nations? Second Thoughts," which was critical of Canada's aboriginal policies and made a case for assimilation.

Martin said the Conservatives have failed to ensure aboriginals have adequate access to schooling, housing, child care and health care. He took credit for Harper's apology last year for Canada's infamous residential schools, saying

negotiations began under a Liberal government. He questioned Harper's commitment to aboriginals since.

"That was an important day," said Martin.

"And then what happened? How anybody can apologize for residential schools and then renege on the Kelowna Accord is beyond me, but that's what they did."

The Kelowna Accord, signed in 2005 between native leaders, the Martin's Liberal government and the premiers, called for \$5.1 billion to improve native health, education and housing.

Soon after Harper took office, he dismissed the deal as little more than a "press release" and

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## Aboriginal women, statistics show more are going missing or murdered

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

Tashina General's family marked a hurtful anniversary this past week...the anniversary of the day Tashina General's body was found buried in a local field.

The man charged in her murder is still awaiting trial.

Since her death, three more aboriginal women went missing and were found murdered.

Nine more alerts for missing women, have gone out including a new alert for Tiffany Morrison, from Kahnawake.

But, sadly these women cannot get the attention of the media, police and public safety officials who are all failing aboriginal women, says Bev Jacobs president of the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC).

In a new NWAC report released Thursday statistics showed 20 girls and women have disappeared or been killed since 1970. About half the cases in the group's Sisters in Spirit database have occurred in the last nine years.

Sixty-seven per cent of the total, 348 women, were murdered and almost one-quarter are still missing. No one has been charged in 150 confirmed homicides.

The other cases involve suspicious death or are still being researched. Association president Beverley Jacobs says native girls and women still don't get the same attention from police or the media when they disappear.

Time and again, families are told by police that their daughter likely ran away or just wants some time alone, she said Thursday.

Compare this to the blizzard of police and media attention given similarly tragic but non-native cases.

"We're still dealing with racism, stereotypes, discrimination," Jacobs told a sparsely attended news conference on Parliament Hill. She fought tears as she called on federal public safety officials to come up with national policing strategies to ensure every

disappearance is taken seriously. Young aboriginal women, particularly those under the age of 30, are especially targeted, she said. Pretty and smiling, they stare out from the pages of the report in which they're featured, often surrounded by the families who now grieve them.

Many vanished without a trace. Jacobs suspects human trafficking and the international sex slave trade could be a factor. But she stressed that the official research project has neither the means nor the scope to pursue such avenues.

But, Jacobs says INAC "has funds to send the AFN to Rome, but not for the Sisters in Spirit works. That just doesn't make sense."

The numbers are growing. The proportion of missing women has held steady at about 25 per cent in the last two years despite regular updates to the database, says the report.

Details from earlier decades are often sketchy and record-keeping is spotty.

The federal government committed \$5 million over five years for the Sisters in Spirit research project, half of what the association requested to build a database, reach out to native communities on working with police and the media, and to collect vital details from families across Canada.

Most of the 520 cases are based in the West where aboriginal populations are highest: 137 in British Columbia, 85 in Alberta, 71 in Manitoba, 59 in Saskatchewan, 59 in Ontario and 17 in Quebec. The rest are based in the Atlantic provinces and territories or are still being researched.

Funding for Sisters in Spirit is set to run out next year. Jacobs says talks are underway with federal officials to renew the project for a second phase.

Federal justice and public safety officials were not directly involved in the first phase, something she hopes will change.

"Slowly, I think we may be making headway. When we first talked about this to the Ministry of Public



Bev Jacobs

Safety and Justice they weren't on board, but for Sisters in Spirit, Part Two, we've had discussions with them and Status of Women and INAC to work together to come up with Part 2.

"I think we've finally caught their attention at least in government, with respect to society, I don't think we're there yet."

She said "the media still portrays a lot of these women negatively. There's a difference between how non aboriginal people are portrayed as missing or murdered that is different than aboriginal women."

She said NWAC will continue to update its data base, research bit are also looking at the perpetrators. "We are going to look at who are they and why they target our women."

She said NWAC is moving towards more preventative measures trying to provide more information at the community level.

"We are going to be working with young people, who are the targets, the majority of them are young women, 52% under the age of 30. 43% occurred since 2002, this is happening right now. 55% oc-

curred since 2000. These are horrible."

She said NWAC found some of First Nations brightest and best were becoming targets.

"Young women who are active in their communities and have high mobility rates, leave to attend school or social or cultural events are becoming targets. They are still developing their own social skills and establishing themselves as adults and with their limited work experience and lack of understanding of the violence that is out there, many are using public transportation, or walking or hitch hiking, without realizing the repercussions.

She said there are issues of poverty and a lack of resources that makes it difficult for them to find safe housing or secure housing so they might share accommodations or move a lot.

She said what NWAC is finding even more daunting is the numbers are growing.

"What we found too is, as we are finding those who have been murdered, and someone has been charged, and justice has been served in some way, what is interesting is as soon as they are off the data base, more are coming in so its not changing the research at all."

"This suggests a trend of ongoing disappearances: for every woman found alive and removed from the database (or found deceased and re-coded as a case of murder), the name of another missing woman or girl is added.

"This demonstrates the ongoing severity and urgency of the issue." Researchers stress they can't accurately say whether there has been a surge in recent decades because they don't have enough information on similar cases before 1970.

She said what the findings are telling them is, "We're still dealing with racism and sexism combined. Aboriginal women are still not even considered as human beings. The way some of these women have been murdered is as if they are nothing. It's pretty disgusting.

We are looking more at root causes, addressing creating policy change and development. NWAC is challenging government both at First Nations community level and federally to start making changes to make sure women and children are safe.

"Direct direct action is needed, action for change so we can see the change, and statistics are going down so there are no more missing no more murdered."

She said while NWAC is getting verbal support from male leaders, "my question to them is, you always say you support but what are you doing?"

"Are you a role model in your community for other men?" "Are you addressing this, it is a serious issue in your community, because I hear about it?"

"What are you doing to support the women in your community?" -With CP files-

## Miller pleads guilty to assault on U.S. government agent

-BUFFALO, N.Y. — A Mohawk man from Canada pleaded guilty today to an American charge of assaulting a U.S. government agent who was observing a native protest in Ontario. Trevor Miller, who has already served time in Canada for the incident, told a federal judge in Buffalo that he didn't know that the man he confronted was with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives when he approached the agent's vehicle at the outskirts of the Six Nations reservation in Caledonia.

"We had been getting threats from numerous hate groups," Miller told U.S. Magistrate Judge Hugh Scott while pleading guilty in U.S. District Court. "Not in a million years did we think they were U.S. agents, being in Canada." ATF special agent Steven Dickey was parked in an unmarked SUV with three other law enforcement officers on June 9, 2006, when Miller, with a sheath knife around his neck, and about 14 other native men blocked it and began slamming their hands on its hood, authorities said. None of the officers observing the protest, part of a

local land dispute, was armed or in uniform, they said. When Dickey, his badge on a chain around his neck, and U.S. Border Patrol agent Michael Powell got out of the SUV, they were confronted by Miller and a cousin. After a scuffle, the cousin jumped into the driver's seat and began driving away, court papers said.

Miller got into the moving SUV, and the two law enforcement officers who had remained inside it during the confrontation jumped out when their colleagues opened the doors for them.

One of the officers, Ontario Provincial Police Detective Constable Norman Ormerod, fell "violently to the pavement" and was injured as the vehicle drove off, a Border Patrol agent's affidavit said. The vehicle was found about three hours later with equipment missing and damaged.

Miller, 33, served about a year in a Canadian jail after taking a plea in that case. U.S. authorities brought additional charges in Buffalo because the incident involved U.S. agents. Miller was arrested April 1, 2008, at the U.S.-Canada border

crossing at International Falls, Minn. The U.S. plea agreement includes a possible sentence of 15 to 21 months, but Miller could avoid prison if the sentencing judge agrees to take into account his time served in Canada and his cooperation in the investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Hochul said the government would not object to the reductions. A four-count indictment initially charged Miller with three counts of assault on a federal agent and theft of government property and carried a potential prison term of 20 years.

Public defender John Humann said it was Miller's choice to plead guilty. Before the plea, defense attorneys had filed court papers asking that the charges be dismissed because Miller had already been prosecuted in Canada and questioning whether the U.S. officers were on duty when confronted. A sentencing date has not been set. Miller's cousin, who was indicted along with him, has not been arrested on the U.S. charges.

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Peter Marshall of Canadian Tire Caledonia presents Cole Squire with a new bike. Cole was the winner of the "How to Properly Recycle" essay contest, which was part of the Turtle Island News Earth Day Festival.

## How to Properly Recycle

With the threat of 'global warming', recycling is becoming more and more popular, meaning that recycling plants are becoming just as busy. To many people, conserving our planet for future generations is at the top priority. Although little do many people realize that recycling is more than just ordering a blue box.

Recycling is reusing products that are easily manufactured into new products instead of making new material that potentially end up in our fields, ditches, and water systems. Almost anything can be recycled, paper, bottles, boxes and more. But what many people do not realize is that a lot of other things can be recycled without going to a recycling plant.

Clothing articles are one of the most recycled material, although many people may not know it, when they buy clothes at places like value village and used clothing stores, they are buying reusable clothing.

Reusing is just one of the three ways to help keep our planet healthy. Reduce, reuse, recycle, those are the three key ingredients to a healthy planet, a healthy planet makes for a healthy lifestyle. For example, just imagine that how many water ways

have been polluted due to dumping in our lakes, rivers and oceans. When those waters are polluted, many children and adults are missing out on being safely to swim in our water. This one little pop can that you think won't bother anyone, messes up hundreds of people's chances to swim in our rivers, which takes away from their chance to get exercise. The only safe pools are inside, which is basically swimming in chemicals that do not have any positive effects on our health.

Instead of building a new house, buy a used house and fix it up, this action can save millions of trees that do their part by recycling our air. This may be costly, but when it comes to our planet it's worth it, or one day we might not have a planet to build on.

To me, there is much more the government can do to help. For example, at Christmas time, toys are almost as hard to get into as a bank with all the packaging they come in, cut down the amount of plastic used to keep your little pony standing up straight while it's on a store shelf in a box.

They can also crack down on companies that are dumping toxic waste into our waters.

At my school, we have recycling boxes in every room. The students are taught how to recycle, what to recycle, and what not to recycle. Are custodians give the students a chance to recycle their materials into the correct bins. And when the future generation learns to recycle, they will teach the generations to come. So maybe learning something like this is important for schools to teach their students. If they want to be a productive member of society, they can be by reusing and recycling products in order to stop the mass pollution on our lands and waters.

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## Martin says policy assimilation

(Continued from front) scrapped it.

Successive Conservative budgets included little new aboriginal spending, although the residential schools apology raised hopes among native leaders that the Conservatives would place renewed focus on native issues.

In the most recent budget, the Conservatives included money for aboriginals in stimulus spending targeting vulnerable Canadians, including \$600 million for on-reserve accommodations.

Native groups welcomed the spending, but by and large said it still wasn't enough. And it fell far



Paul Martin

short of the \$3 billion called for by Phil Fontaine, head of the Assembly of First Nations. -CP-

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Girl dies after fall off ATV, man held on drunk driving charges

MORAVIANTOWN, Ont. — A man is facing impaired driving charges after a nine-year-old girl fell off an all-terrain vehicle and died near Thamesville, Ont. The girl was riding with a man on the Moraviantown First Nation when the accident happened Saturday night.

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The girl, identified as Erika Wright of Wallaceburg, Ont., was taken to hospital but she died from her injuries. Provincial police say the driver of the ATV also suffered serious injuries however he was later released from hospital. Mark Huff, 37, was arrested and is being held in

custody on a pair of impaired driving charges until a bail hearing. Police allege the man's alcohol readings were more than double the legal limit of alcohol allowed to operate a vehicle. —The Canadian Press—

Ontario pushing band to take on quota system

By Turtle Island News Staff Elected chief William Montour says Ontario intends to press Six Nations about taking over the controversial tobacco quota system and he won't agree to it because it's unconstitutional. The Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs won't confirm that the almost 30 year old hot-button issue is on a May 22 meeting agenda. "It [Ontario] wants Six Nations to take over the quota system," said Montour after the council session. "We've always said it's unconstitutional," said the elected chief of the quota system. Ontario Deputy Minister Lori Sterling is coming to Six Nations for the May 22 meeting. The controversial provincially-administered cigarette quota system dates back to the early 80s. In October 1982, Ontario brought in a quota system that put a limit on the amount of tax-exempt tobacco status Indians could buy. The system was imposed to prevent

Status Indian from selling tobacco products to non-natives. Greg Flood, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs would only say "there's no formal agenda for this meeting prepared." "The deputy and ministry staff frequently meet with First Nation chiefs and Aboriginal leaders to discuss a variety of issues," said Flood. Flood refused to say whether or not Aboriginal Affairs is involved with or getting involved with discussions with the Ministry of Revenue about the quota system. "When it comes to provincial perspective on tobacco, [the Ministry of Revenue] is the lead on that." The Ministry of Revenue did not provide responses to basic questions by deadline about the tobacco quota system and whether or not Ontario wants Six Nations to administer it locally. At a 1982 all-Ontario chiefs Conference, some delegates voted to take on administering a quota system. But Six Nations rejected the quota system refusing to administer it.

In the 1989 case, Bomberly v. MNR, Six Nations members challenged the quota in the courts, and won before the decision was overturned.

A 1992 federal paper on Status Indians and taxation said evidence presented in the Six Nations 1989 quota case showed the quota "exceeded the constitutional authority of the province by intruding into an area of federal jurisdiction."

The court had said the quota treaded on an area of federal jurisdiction. But well before that, both Six Nations retailers and the elected council disagreed with the quota. In a May 31 1983 letter to 72 permit-holding Six Nations tobacco retailers,

the Ministry of Revenue said "long before [October 1, 1982] it was clear that far more cigarettes were being purchased tax-exempt than were required by individual Indians on the reserve" resulting in massive tax losses. The province warned Six Nations retailers in the May letter that the new quota regulations weren't being followed. The province said in a four-month period at the beginning of 1983, the elected chief issued 72 permits to retailers who bought more than 40 million tax-free cigarettes—more than 16 times the amount that the province said was allowed annually to serve Six Nations. The Ministry concluded the cigarettes were being sold to non-natives. "Clearly, non-Indians not entitled to tax exemption have improperly benefited from the purchases made under these permits, resulting in a very substantial loss of tax revenue to the Province of Ontario." The letter noted it had "advised" elected chief Wellington Staats of the

concern that the quota system wasn't being followed. In 1996 Staats told a community member, "It's not our quota. It's the province's...contact them." That year, Six Nations had almost 20,000 members and an allocation of 4.7 cigarettes a day. In 1988, Ontario refused to increase the quota at Six Nations when new businesses opened, but simply re-divided the number of tax-exempt cigarettes by the number of registered retailers. A 1992 federal paper on Status Indians and taxation said evidence presented in the Six Nations 1989 quota case showed the quota "exceeded the constitutional authority of the province by intruding into an area of federal jurisdiction." Montour agreed with that view. "The result, in my mind, is we proved Ontario has no business legislating against us. That was clearly proven," he said. "The quota system became part of the community by default."

No Rama funds yet, but Six Nations youth still searching for a centre

By Turtle Island News Staff Six Nations' new recreation centre task force will meet weekly to plan to build a centre by June 2010. Youth said the body may keep meeting until the centre is up and running. About 20 people, including youth, Six Nations council and police staff, community members, and Onondaga Chief Amie General set the weekly schedule at a May 1st meeting at the community hall. Tahnee Wilson and Melissa Elliot of

Young Ongwehonwe United (Y.O.U.) said the determined pace of the adults last Friday helps energize them in what feels like a struggle. Wilson said youth are aiming for the June 2010 completion. It was the first meeting since Wilson and Joelle Williams of Y.O.U. presented a six-page proposal detailing youth dreams for a new centre to a packed elected council chambers April 7. The proposal shared youth's desperation and vision for Six Nations to build

a recreation and cultural space for youth to nurture their dreams with the support of the wider community. Y.O.U. asked council to hand over existing plans for the centre, which they say have not integrated youth input, and for financial support for a new task force to launch the project with renewed energy. Council agreed to support the task force, but stopped short of allocating funds for the centre. A May 15 council Rama allocation



Joelle Williams and Tahnee Wilson

meeting could turn up funds. Elected chief Bill Montour made no promises for funding in an interview Monday, but said the youth centre is "top of [his] mind" in considering how to allocate the Rama dollars. "It is a strong possibility" because the youth have made their presentation very well, he said. At the May 1 meeting, youth said they were only expecting adults and staff to meet as often as they reasonably could, and first suggested once a month or every two weeks. Staff from Six Nations Community Planning, New Directions, and Six Nations Police attended. Other youth, including Dakota Brant, Jesse Brant, and Miss Six Nations 2008 (Alyssa General) were there. "If you're productive it's best to meet as many times as you can until you get it done," Deneen Montour told the youth. "If you wait too long you're going to lose ideas. You're going to lose momentum," said Montour, who works as an advisor to Aboriginal education with the Grand Erie District School Board. Montour said her aim is to get more youth involved because, "we need it so badly" "You need to get a plan in place to pull it together because 2010 isn't far away," another adult said. "Let's get on with it and create change," director of Parks and Recreation Cheryl Henhawk said.

Michelle Bomberly of the Six Nations Police Service said the police service will work with youth to see a new centre built. "It's really a good, overwhelming thing that people are willing to be so committed to it. It makes us want to push even harder," said Wilson of the push to meet weekly. Wilson said some have suggested to the youth that grassroots groups "just end up falling apart." But Wilson said Y.O.U. youth are undaunted. They intend to keep building support for the project and encourage youth and all community members to attend either the task force meetings or regular Y.O.U. meetings. "This is a community effort and we need to unify the community for our young people and for our future," said Elliot. The hoped-for recreation centre slated to be built next door to the community hall. Wilson said she was uplifted by a letter brought by Michelle Thomas from her sister Jan Burning. Thomas said the letter was a message from the ancestors received by her sister and she passed it to Wilson to read. "It will be the young people who bring [us] to this powerful place — let them learn from you, the elders," read Wilson.

Youth attacked by group

Charges are pending against three 15 year old boys and a 13 year old after a 16 year-old male was assaulted outside the Gaylord Powless Arena Friday night. Six Nations Police responded to a call at about 9 pm. May 1 when a 16 year old was allegedly knocked to the ground and assaulted by the group. The victim was transported to Brantford General Hospital by ambulance.

Police have identified the four teenaged boys involved in the assault. One of the boys involved is on probation with conditions that include to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. Charges are pending.

AFN Rome trip funded by Healing and Reconciliation budget

By Lynda Powless Editor OTTAWA-Assembly of First Nations leader Phil Fontaine may have gotten to meet the Pope but Indian and Northern Affairs Canada picked up the \$95,000 bill. An AFN delegation travelled to Vatican City last week to meet with Pope Benedict who expressed his sorrow for the abuse and "deplorable" conduct at church-run Canadian schools that aboriginals were forced to attend. The Vatican says the pontiff expressed his sorrow at a meeting with the AFN delegation, stopping just short of a formal apology. But it was the Healing and Reconciliation Fund's activity budget that picked up the tab.

Patricia Valladao, spokesperson and media relations for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada said the \$95,000 for the AFN delegation came from the healing fund. Valladao, said the federal government, "was happy former residents had a chance to meet with the Pope. It ties in directly with the healing and reconciliation that commenced with the apology from the Prime Minister last June." She said INAC provided the funding "in the spirit of good faith and reconciliation to the AFN to help offset the costs for those attending the meeting in Rome." She said providing the funds was the extent of the government's involvement. She said "Unfortunately some abo-

original leaders have disagreed on how the details in Rome were playing out, but that was soles an initiative of the Catholic Church and First Nations." She was exploring where the monies had originally been budgeted to go. During the Vatican meeting, Pope Benedict emphasized that "acts of abuse cannot be tolerated." From the 19th century until the 1970s, more than 150,000 native children in Canada were made to attend state-funded Christian schools as an effort to assimilate them into Canadian society. The Canadian government has admitted that physical and sexual abuse in the schools was rampant. The government has apologized and offered compensation.



Six Nations police are investigating a two car accident that occurred on Fourth Line last week that sent one person to hospital. A police report was not available by press time. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

Power plant may be dead unless questions answered

(Continued from front) That argument caused Mohawk chief Howard Thompson to remove the item from the floor. "This has caused too much discord among our chiefs here to day. So we are removing it from the floor," he told council and the partners. GenPower executive Robert Place had told council he has undertaken seven similar projects and has "a lot of capital available to us. We are in the business of trying to build and develop power plants and we joint venture and work closely with our local partners." He said while local architect Brian Porter and Drew Hill have been the face of the project to date, "if this goes ahead you will see our faces. But we need to see loads of support from the community."

He said the joint venture project would benefit both Six Nations and the partnership in jobs and investment and a savings in taxes paid to the province and federal governments. Brian Porter said the project would reduce air pollution help in clean up of the Grand River, see a reduction in costs for natural gas, include an onsite management program, and he said lower energy bills. He said the partnership would see the community holding 40% would develop a community trust. "We want to do business with you. We are doing business across North America if the council and community do not want us to do business here, we will not work in an environment where were are not welcome. We want to answer your questions an concerns."

Seneca benchmarker Butch Thomas asked council why the project was still on the floor. "This keeps coming back here. I thought we said no from this bench." Drew Hill told him, "Only one Mohawk said no." Brian Porter told him, "We haven't heard that from the community. Just one newspaper." Butch Thomas told him, "I'm not

going to discuss this anymore. It just keeps coming up every time." Cayuga Chief Warner questioned the partners on their permit system, taxes and said, "I have to look at people coming that I don't even know." He questioned the energy benefits to the community saying "they just don't seem possible." Cayuga Chief Sam General told the partners he would not accept the project. "I cannot accept this when we have another nation, the Mohawks, they are trying to protect land up there in Brantford and we've been saying no to development. Now we're going to say yes and go against the people. He wants a permit to build. Who is that coming from. My position is no. You said no one said no to you. I am saying no. Our people are fighting over the land in Brantford. They're being put in jail. The government is playing games with us and you're saying you want to get permits from the government." Chief General told him "I cannot go against the people. For so many years we have been fighting for that land."

Cayuga chief Steve Maracle retorted "we're saying we want the land back, but we don't want to develop it. If I build a house that's developing. What are you going to do with it if you get it back." Seneca benchmarker Butch Thomas told him Six Nations has its own trades to develop lands the community approves. "We got trades to develop our own utility if that's what the community wants, in our territory. This is just gonna benefit Brantford." Maracle quipped "What's the difference...I got five kids, they all need a house and I can't get land to build houses on." The argument led Mohawk Chief Howard Thomas to close the discussion. "We would like to apologize to you at this time and encourage you to work with the community on this issue but we are closing it now. This issue is creating an argument that we don't like in this house. Rather than get you guys involved in our internal politics and until we

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Lights out for power plant

Six Nations Confederacy Council has been faced with the daunting task of trying to decide whether or not to support the emergence of a power plant on the Eagle's Nest property.

The multi-million dollar plant was being sold in the community for the past year as a great energy saver that would see less pollution output, help clean up the Grand and provide \$2 million to Six Nations in a trust fund that could be used for language.

A local architectural firm owned by Brian Porter, has been selling the idea that Six Nations supports the project based on a survey and the fact that no one has to date told him no.

Confederacy council has been plagued by the plant since last summer when Porter first showed up at council and was referred to the Haudenosaunee Development Institute. The HDI looked at the project and recommended council not support it.

But the item kept reappearing and finally Saturday it sparked arguments among the chiefs. The Mohawk bench, concerned with the discord shut the topic down. And they should have.

There just wasn't enough information being presented to allow anyone to get on board. There have been no visits to similar project sites, no information from other communities living with one of these plants and the partners tell us it only has a lifespan of 30 years.

While they plan to set aside \$5 million to decommission the plant, in these trying economic times, that decommissioning could come before the plant is even built.

So it really shouldn't have come as a surprise to the partners that the reaction they were going to get was mixed and confusing.

After all the decision being made today on this plant, will become the burden of the next generation, not seven generations away.

With a community as volatile as Six Nations we can only hope these partners do not attempt to go ahead with the project waving a band council letter of approval but will work to answer the questions and then wave a letter of approval from the entire community.

Band Council charging ahead of Confederacy

Six Nations Band Council went behind closed doors to approve a band council resolution that will relaunch its court case asking Canada to explain what happened to Six Nations lands and trust funds.

A move that may not only shut down negotiations, but is being done without Confederacy being told.

And on top of that, this council may be setting up its own "Legal War Chest" of \$5 to \$6 million in Rama funds to do it.

Some of these councillors that approved this action are the same ones that were hotly outspoken against former band council chief Roberta Jamieson for doing the same thing and today we find them following in her footsteps.

And worse, thumbing their nose at the Confederacy Council who trying to negotiate a settlement to Six Nations land rights.

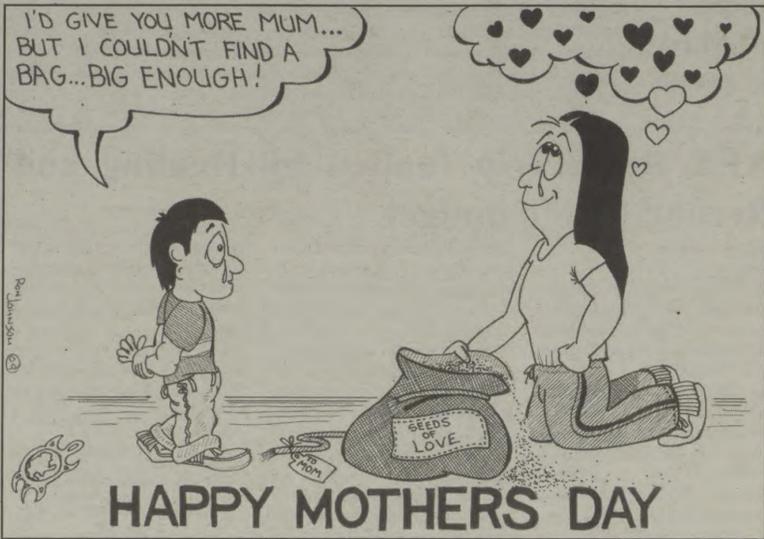
This move by band council is simply wrong and will do nothing but breed ill will and anger. It may end up splitting the community further and causing more internal violence and if that does occur, it will be on the heads of this current council.

Some of whom dared to complain about former chief Jamieson. At least Jamieson didn't enter into an agreement with the Confederacy to take a back seat in the negotiations and then go behind closed doors to sneak around them.

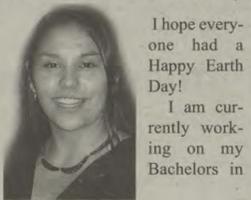
The move is unfit for any Six Nations political body and one this community certainly needs to remember at election time. Band council needs to explain itself on this one and fast.

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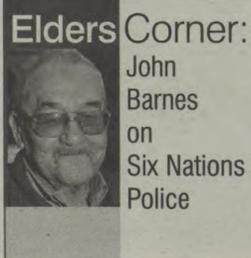


Turtle Talk with Dakota Brant



I hope everyone had a Happy Earth Day! I am currently working on my Bachelors in Environmental Studies at Trent University so you can imagine my excitement to write this week. The greatest task I have as an Environmentalist can often be mistaken for the simplest, helping the community identify where we could be doing better for the environment and how we can all pitch into the effort.

meant feeding them, keeping them healthy and to educate them. Now, our definition must expand to leaving them a world that is liveable. There are so many problems in this world right now but you'll be relieved to hear that there are just as many forms of intervention to those problems as well. We can start with what is quick and simple; the things that we can change in our own lives. Here are a few places to start: one, power down! A great deal of the resources we use and the waste we create is in the energy we consume. So drive less, fly less, turn off lights, wear a sweater instead of turning up the heat, use a clothesline instead of a dryer, vacation closer to home, buy used or borrow things before buying new.



Elders Corner: John Barnes on Six Nations Police. I lived in many places and lived a lot of years, and met a lot of policemen. I know I am wise enough, clever enough, and experienced enough to know the police do not cause any of your problems, you cause your own problems and screwups. The police do not have one iota of causing problems for you.

Man charged in assault

A 27-year-old Six Nations man is facing assault charges and two counts of failing to comply with the conditions of a recognizance after a woman called police Sunday morning saying she had been assaulted by her common law partner.

Police responded to the 911 call Sunday (May 3) at about 2 a.m. on Tuscarora Road. Police found a female victim who had been assaulted. During the assault the accused ripped the phone line out of the wall but the victim was able to make the 911 call on her cell phone.

The accused had left before police arrived. While police spoke with the victim the accused returned to the house and was arrested without incident for assault. The man was held for a bail hearing.

Band council relaunching court case, Mohawk chief isn't worried

(Continued from front) That can still go on," he said in a May 5 interview.

"We're not going to be talking about specific areas of land. It's a general question of Canada, 'account for the money you collected on behalf of Six Nations. Account for the distribution of land that belongs to Six Nations.'"

Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton said he viewed the strategy as taking another approach to the same ending. MacNaughton spoke on a cell phone from a meeting with Montour, he said.

"I don't have any concerns with it. I think we have a negotiation table set up and I think whatever we are able to solve at negotiations as a precedent, if we can solve something there then the proceedings will stop," he said.

"It's clear, even considering Canadian law right now that negotiations take precedence over court proceedings. They'd rather see things done through negotiations. It's pretty clear in case law," he said.

In the mid-90s Six Nations took the government to court over the Six Nations trust funds. Canada wouldn't hear the pre-Confederation claims in the federal specific claims process. Montour said all the research was done, but the case

was later put on hold. Montour said the decision is motivated by a sense that constituents are frustrated.

"In the minds of the elected council, there's no real progress being made. We're hearing that from constituents out there - 'What's going on? Why isn't some of this being solved? It seems like we're being led from here to here to here.'"

Montour said he advised elected council of the move after the last March 11 negotiations meeting. "That's when I came back and I advised the council, I says, 'we've got to give the negotiating table... a renewed impetus for Canada to come to the table in a meaningful way,' he said.

Some who study negotiations speak about the power of wielding a best alternative to negotiated agreement. B.C. lawyer David Robbins argues that some First Nations have upped the ante and closed the deal by bringing the possibility of litigation as a best alternative.

Montour said negotiations have led he and others to feel frustrated about a lack of movement from both Canada and Ontario.

"Now, [Ron] Doering says, 'well, if we can't get any agreement on Welland [Canal], let's go talk about ering a range of options for change. (See the GRPSEO web site for more information) INAC states it wants to increase student access to

Montour said he believed "former chiefs of this elected system were duped into thinking 'if we put it in abeyance, we're going to get our research money reinstated.' Well, that never happened," he said. "So we've been talking about exploratory discussions here for a number of years and when it was put in abeyance in 2003 I think we lost five or six years of court proceedings that probably could have solved this whole thing by now."

Letters: Post Secondary education funding at risk

The Future of the Post Secondary Student Support Program is at Risk - You Can Help To all Six Nations post secondary

students and families, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is reviewing the post secondary student support program and consid-

erent Support Program so that: 1) Every eligible Six Nations post secondary student will receive adequate funding. (NOTE: increased Six Nations participation in post secondary education comes from the growing Six Nations post secondary age population and increased high school completion rates.)

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to ensure the maximum number of students are benefitting from the resources that are currently available. INAC states the review will also look to ensure that funding reaches students who need it most. INAC has not made any commitment to lift the 2% annual funding cap that has resulted in over 200 unfunded eligible Six Nations post secondary students each year. The Six Nations Council will conduct a lobby in Ottawa in the coming weeks. Six Nations members and allies can help achieve the following outcomes by sending strong messages to INAC and the Government of Canada about the future of post secondary funding.

OUTCOMES: A. Six Nations is seeking a commitment from INAC and the Government of Canada to remove Loans and the Canada Student Loans system as options for changes to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program for Six Nations. B. Six Nations is seeking a commitment to long term post secondary student supports that will maintain Six Nations community-based post secondary education funding delivery and supports as these are critical to: 1) student success and 2) student enrolment in strategic studies where graduates can contribute to the community and to society in general in areas of need. C. Six Nations is seeking increased funding to the Post Secondary Stu-

dent Support Program so that: 1) Every eligible Six Nations post secondary student will receive adequate funding. (NOTE: increased Six Nations participation in post secondary education comes from the growing Six Nations post secondary age population and increased high school completion rates.) 2) Funding will cover the actual costs of being enrolled in post secondary education (tuition, books, cost of living and necessary technology supports). 3) Funding will support the needs of Six Nations learners (e.g. mature students with dependents).

Six Nations post secondary graduates can help meet the needs of the changing labour market while building a vibrant and sustainable Canadian economy. In the coming weeks the GRPSEO will be issuing an information kit to households. The kit will contain post cards to send to INAC Minister Stahl and Prime Minister Harper. You can mail these free of charge. The kit will also contain other information. We will continue to keep you informed. If you have ideas or questions feel free to contact me or your education counsellor.

Sincerely, Rebecca Jamieson Director of Student Services & Counselling Grand River Post Secondary Education Office



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Award winning sports



The Brantford Golden Eagles pose with their first-ever Sutherland Cup in franchise history following their 3-2 win over the Stoney Creek Warriors in game five of their best-of-seven championship series that they won 4-1 on Saturday night in Dundas. (Photo by Scott Hill)

## Golden Eagles crowned Sutherland Cup champions

By Scott Hill  
Sports Reporter

DUNDAS-The storybook season has ended in glory. For the first time in franchise history, the Brantford Golden Eagles won the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's Sutherland Cup by defeating the Stoney Creek Warriors 3-2 on Saturday night at J.L. Grighmire Arena in Dundas and winning the best-of-seven championship series 4-1.

"I'm so proud of the kids and I'm so proud of the organization," said Golden Eagles head coach Scott Rex, who now has a Sutherland Cup championship as a player (1985-86 Stratford Cullitons) and coach. "It was exciting right to the end and that's the way it should be because it's the final two teams left in hockey at this level. The whole run has been magical." The Golden Eagles became the second Brantford team to win the provincial junior B hockey title after the Brantford Lions won it back in 1941.

"It feels amazing," said Golden Eagles rookie forward and Ohsweken native Brock Smith, who was on the ice when the final buzzer went. "It was our main goal at the beginning of the season to come out here and win it and we did. I had a lot of my family here watching me win my first (big) championship and it's just awesome." Fellow native and rookie forward, Matt Hill was also a key part of the team's success. Though he didn't get as much ice time as Smith this season, he certainly produced whenever

he stepped on the ice. "Being number one in junior B is a big accomplishment and hopefully we can do it again next year. It feels good in my first year to be lucky to win it. I've never won anything in hockey this big," he said. "This is a good reward for everyone." A 38-minute delay prior to the game due to the lights could not stop the Golden Eagles from completing their mission. Mark Taylor scored the only goal of the opening period at 6:34 on a breakaway, beating Stoney Creek

netminder Dylan Ellis. Matt Hill and Bobby MacDonald assisted on the goal. The Golden Eagles were outshot 14-12 in the period. In the second period, Stoney Creek's Kevin Rebelo was able to jam a loose puck past Golden Eagles goalie Daryl Borden to tie the game. At 12:04, MacDonald fired a shot past Ellis to make it 2-1 for the Golden Eagles. Sam Milligan assisted on the goal. The Golden Eagles outshot Stoney Creek 18-10 in the period. Mike McNamara tied the game at 2-2 when his backhand shot beat Borden at 1:08 in the third period. Chris Dunham scored the winner at 5:48 when he jammed a rebound past Ellis during a huge scramble. MacDonald assisted on the marker. The Golden Eagles outshot Stoney Creek 9-6 in the final period. Borden finished the game with 28 saves to get the win.

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## Warriors drop season opener

The Ohsweken Warriors (formerly known as the Mohawk Stars) of the OLA senior B League opened their 2009 season with a 13-11 loss to the Ajax-Pickering Rock at

the Gaylord Powless Arena on Saturday night. Mark Craig led the way with three goals and an assist. Kim Squire had two goals and

four assists in the losing effort. Next action for the Warriors is this Friday night when they travel to Owen Sound to battle the Woodmen. After that, they host

the Wellington Dufferins. Game time at the Gaylord Powless Arena is at 7 p.m.

## Rebels hot start continues

By Scott Hill  
Sports Reporter

OHSWEKEN-The Six Nations Rebels remain undefeated on the still young season thanks to a pair of key victories on the weekend. On Friday night at the Gaylord Powless Arena, the Rebels hosted the Orangeville Northmen and picked up a 9-4 win. "We explained to the boys that it's a 60-minute game. You're not going to win a game in two periods. Sometimes you can but this was one of those games where it took the full 60 minutes win the game. The transition guys stepped up in the third when they had to. In between periods, we told the guys that are our best players got to be our best players," said Rebels head coach Stew Monture. "We were able to hold them at bay and score on our chances when it was crucial and that is what we have to do all year." The Rebels led 2-1 after the first



Rebels forward Jeremy Johns tries to evade Orangeville defenders during OLA junior B first period action of his team's 9-4 win over the Northmen on Friday night at the Gaylord Powless Arena. Johns was named game MVP for the Rebels. (Photo by Scott Hill)

period. Orangeville had a better second period as they scored three goals compared to only two by the Rebels. In the third period, the Rebels netted five goals and Orangeville was held off the

scoreboard. "They came out strong but they fell apart in the third and that's when we capitalized," said Rebels forward Jeremy Johns. Cody VanEvery stopped 32 of 36

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"I'm incredibly proud of the fans. I'm incredibly proud of the parents of these young guys. They took a lot of time to bring these guys out to all the practices and all the games and of course, all the athletes themselves. How can you not be proud of people that achieved what they achieved? Nobody ever thought Brantford would do it and they did," said Golden Eagles co-owner Jerry Montour. "I'm very proud of these young men." Kenny Hill, who is also co-owner of the Golden Eagles, was glad to see the team win because of everything they have been through this season. "It seemed like all through the years and especially this year because we were a much better team, we always took shafts from the refs or the league," he said. "We used to be the laughing stock of the league. We

used to get beat 10-0, 9-1, or 11-1. No more can they laugh at us. We will be around for a long time now. I wouldn't be surprised if we repeated next year. We love the boys like they're our sons." Last season, the Golden Eagles went 22-22-4 and then ended up being swept in the quarterfinals by Stratford. This season, general manager Brian Rizzetto brought in a lot of talented players as well as a new head coach in Rex in hopes of assembling a winner and he did. "I worked my butt off but it's all worth it because we got the best owners in the game and the best players. We had the best team this year and we kept proving it time and time again. I'm happy for everyone right from the stick boy up to the owners," he said. "I hope we have more native boys on the team (next

year) because they got all kinds of guts and heart." Alex Szczechura led the Sutherland Cup in scoring with eight goals and seven assists for 15 points. Dunham finished second with a goal and 11 assists for 12 points, and Matt Garbowsky tied for third with six goals and four assists. Jordan Ogilvie was the top scoring defenceman in the Sutherland Cup with two goals and six assists. Captain Mike McKinley, MacDonald, Luc Boissonneault, Kody Musselman, and T.J. Fergus played their final games of their junior careers, as they are now all over age for next season. Brantford plans to hold a rally at Harmony Square on Friday night to recognize the accomplishments of the Golden Eagles. All of the players and staff of the team will be present.

shots that he faced to pick up the win. Captain Marty Hill led the way with a five-point (1G,4A) night. Alex Kedoh Hill, Jeremy Johns, and Kraig Maracle all had two goals and an assist. Kyle Isaacs had a goal and an assist. Clark Robinson (1G), Vaughn Harris (1A), Jesse Johnson (1A), Jason Johns (1A), and Jesse Staats (1A) all had single points. Speed certainly seems to be the key to the Rebels success so far this season. They are not the biggest team but what they lack in size, they make up for in speed. "We're a small team but we're fast. It's something we've always had (going) for us. We have been training on it. All practice we run, run. It's all the coach ever does," said Jeremy Johns. "It's a 60-minute game so we have to run every second of it." It just goes to show that you don't need size to be successful. "I think every team in the league pretty much has a size advantage on us. I think our team is a lot more physically stronger than we look," Monture said. "We're one of the better-conditioned teams in the league and we try to use that to our advantage in the third period." On Sunday afternoon at the Sleeman Centre in Guelph, the Rebels defeated the Regals 9-6 in

a rematch of last year's Founders Cup championship game. VanEvery made 27 saves to get the win. Torrey VanEvery (3G,2A) and Marty Hill (2G,3A) led the attack with five points each. Alex Kedoh Hill had three assists. Isaacs (1G,1A) and Peter Hill (2A) had two points apiece. Ryley Johnson (1G), Jesse Johnson (1G), Kraig Maracle (1G), Jason Johns (1A), Robinson (1A), Jesse Sault (1A), and Cody VanEvery (1A) all had single points. The win extended the Rebels current regular season winning streak to 34 games. It also gave head coach Stew Monture the franchise record for most career wins at 42, surpassing Vince Hill, who had 41 wins in three years behind the bench from 1996 to 1998. Monture stated that the team is 85 to 90 per cent to being finalized. "We got a couple guys still at school that we got to consider but other than that, we're getting there," he said. Next action for the Rebels is this Friday night in a rematch of the 2008 OLA junior B Western Conference final against the Elora Mohawks at the Gaylord Powless Arena at 8 p.m. After that, they visit St. Catharines on Sunday night to battle the Spartan Warriors.

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### Arrows win exhibition game

The Six Nations Arrows of the OLA junior A League defeated the St. Catharines Athletics 13-10 in preseason action last Wednesday night at the Bill Burgoyne Arena.

St. Catharines was scheduled to come to the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena on Sunday night for the rematch but they didn't have enough players so the game was

cancelled. This Friday night, the Arrows open their 2009 season on the road against the Kitchener-Waterloo Braves.

They have another road game (in Akwesasne on May 16) before they have their home opener on May 18 against the Orangeville Northmen.

# Golden Eagles



The 2008-2009 Brantford Golden Eagles. (Photo by Rick Hill)



The line of Brock Smith, Luke Van Moerkerke pose following their win. (Photo by Scott Hill)

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Golden Eagles co-owners Jerry Montour and Kenny Hill lift the Sutherland Cup together following their team's victory. (Photo by Scott Hill)



Golden Eagles captain Mike McKinley proudly hoists the Sutherland Cup right after he received it. The game was McKinley's last as a junior player after a six-year tenure with the Golden Eagles. (Photo by Scott Hill)

### Syracuse end regular season with win

Cody Jamieson scored his first career goal in his second game as a member of the Syracuse Orange Men's Lacrosse on Saturday afternoon as his team defeated Colgate by a score of 13-7.

The Orange ended the regular season with a record of 12-2 for the second-straight year. It was also their fifth victory in a row and it gives them some momentum heading into the play-

offs. Their opponent in the first round of the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship will be the Siena Saints. The game goes this Sunday night at the Carrier

Dome in Syracuse and it will be the first-ever meeting between the two. The number two seeded Orange are making their 29th appearance in the NCAA playoffs.

# make history

Photos by Scott Hill



Golden Eagles forward Matt Garbowsky with the Sutherland Cup.



Golden Eagles forward Brock Smith holds the Sutherland Cup.

John Szasz, Darryl Paquette, Scott Rex, and Mike Down pose with the Sutherland Cup.



Both teams shake hands after a hard-fought game and series.



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### Knighthawks suffer tough defeat

The Rochester Knighthawks suffered a heart-breaking 11-10 loss to the New York Titans on Friday night at Madison Square Garden. Matt Vinc stopped 31 of 41 shots that

he faced to pick up the win. Casey Powell had four goals including the overtime winner and four assists to lead the way. He was named MVP of the game.

Pat O'Toole made 43 saves to take the loss. Shawn Williams had a goal and five assists and Craig Point and Shawn Evans had three goals and two assists apiece in the losing effort.

In the West, San Jose defeated Portland 20-16 on Friday night and Calgary cruised past Colorado 15-8 on Sunday night.

## Sting earn weekend split

By Scott Hill  
Sports Reporter

### SIX NATIONS

The Six Nations Sting had something happen to them on the weekend that isn't all common. They lost. On Saturday night in Newtown, the Sting suffered a tough 10-9 loss. "It was a great game all around," said Sting head coach Bryan Miller. "We didn't hang our heads." Cory Racette (2G,1A), Ben Henry (2G,1A), and Matt Myke (1G,2A) had three points each in the losing effort. The Sting rebounded with a big 15-0 win over the Tonawanda Braves on Sunday afternoon at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena.



First period action from the Sting's 15-0 win over Tonawanda on Sunday afternoon at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena. (Photo by Scott Hill)

well." Ryan "Gumby" McNaughton and Karl Miller shared the shutout. Ely Longboat had a goal and four assists. Cecil Hill had a goal and three assists and Mike Montour and Sandy Porter had two goals and an assist apiece to lead the offence. Conditioning seems to be one of the Sting's strengths again this season. "I practice the guys hard," said Miller. "We're a running team and we have been for the last four or five

years." In late August, the Sting will host the 2009 Presidents Cup (Canadian championship for senior B lacrosse) and Miller is excited but is more focused with the season right now. "We're just taking it one game at a time. We know our job and we know what lies ahead of us," he said. "The cup is on the line." Next action for the Sting is this Friday night when they host the Rochester Greywolves at 8:30 p.m.

## Bandits advance to East final

By Scott Hill  
Sports Reporter

The National Lacrosse League's second season is upon us and that means a fresh start for the Buffalo Bandits, who had a bit of a rough finish to the regular season. On Saturday night in front of a crowd of 13,343 at HSBC Arena, the Bandits defeated the Boston Blazers 11-8.

Ken Montour stopped 47 of 55 shots that he faced to pick up the win between the pipes.

John Tavares had two goals and four assists and Mark Steenhuis had four goals to lead the offence. Cory Bomberry (1G,3A) and Sean Greenhalgh (1G,3A) also had four points each.

Boston scored first but it was the

Bandits leading 5-4 after the first quarter. The Bandits led 7-6 at halftime. In the third quarter, Boston scored the only goal to even the game 7-7 heading into the fourth quarter, where the Bandits scored four times compared to only one goal scored by Boston to secure the victory.

Back on Apr. 18 at HSBC Arena, Boston won a 13-12 overtime thriller.

The Bandits will now hit the road this Saturday night when they battle the New York Titans in the East final. The winner will face either San Jose or Calgary in the Champions Cup next weekend.

In their two games against New York this season, the Bandits lost 11-9 at home back on Mar. 28 and 12-9 on the road back on Apr. 11.



The Six Nations Falcons Oldtimers pose in Scottsdale, Arizona following their tournament win over Mississauga. The two-day tournament ran from Apr. 3-5. Back row from left to right: Geoff Johns, Mike Montour, Don Dschatz, Ken Thibert, Mark Jablonski, Rob Schultz, and Steve Douglas. Front row from left to right: Larry Martin, Ellis Hill, Sandy Porter, Daryl General, Tim Peterson, and Matt Hoffarth. (Submitted Photo)



# Six Nations Minor Hockey Banquet



The 2008-2009 OMHA finalists, the Six Nations Novice All-Stars pose after being on stage.



Photos by  
Jim C. Powless

Left: Greg Longboat proudly displays the Dwayne Greene Memorial trophy that he received during the Six Nations Minor Hockey Banquet held at the Community Hall on Saturday afternoon.



Bantam All-Stars head coach Scott Hill says a few words about his 2008-2009 OMHA champions.



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Aboriginal women are 3 times more likely to experience violence in their life time than non-Aboriginal women. METRAC in

**It is estimated that one in every three girls and one in every seven boys are sexually abused before the age of eighteen (Bagley Report, 1984)**

2001 said that up to 75% of Aboriginal survivors of sexual assaults are under 18.

Sexual violence is a crime, it is a form of power and control and it is an act of violence. It is a human rights violation.

Sexual assault is any unwanted act of a sexual nature that is imposed on another person. This can mean anything from unwanted touching of a sexual nature to rape. Sexual harassment can include behaviors such as comments about a person's body, sexist or sexually explicit jokes, cartoons or posters, or telling homophobic jokes. Individuals some-

**Date rape has the lowest reporting rate of all forms of sexual assault. It is estimated that only 1% of all date rapes are reported to the police**

*(Ontario Women's Directorate)*

times argue that their behavior was not intended to offend or hurt. However, lack of intent is not a defense against sexual violence. The important issue is how the behavior affects the recipient.

Sexual violence is perpetrated

everywhere against anyone - in homes, in communities, at workplaces, on the streets and within societal institutions - schools, prisons, churches, health facilities, social organizations and government systems, throughout the world. Sexual violence does not discriminate. 80% of the time the perpetrator is well known to the victim.

Help and support is available. Many agencies in Brantford/Brant County and Six Nations are working together to address the issue of sexual violence in an effort to eradicate the violence but also to better support survivors. The

**1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted during her lifetime. Of these assaults, half will be against women under the age of 16**

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Sexual Assault Centre of Brant offers free counseling and support services to survivors of sexual violence.

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# NATIONAL

**BC aboriginal group gets \$21.5 million**

VANCOUVER - An aboriginal group in northwestern British Columbia has won a multimillion-dollar settlement from the federal government for the destruction of their fishery 50 years ago. Peter Grant represented the people

of Hagwilget Village, near Hazelton, in the case that was first launched in 1985. He said the \$21.5-million settlement came last week, three days before the case was to go to court on Tuesday.

"Canada fought on every procedural motion there was," Grant said. But the federal government eventually acknowledged "we had a very powerful case." The settlement received the overwhelming support of the community.

## National Briefs

### Boil water advisory issued in Gull Bay

THUNDER BAY, Ont. - About 400 people who live at Gull Bay First Nation are being advised to boil their water before drinking it until further notice.

The advisory, which went into effect on Thursday, was based on a recommendation by Health Canada.

The northwestern Ontario band draws drinking water from Lake Nipigon. No other details were available.

**Ontario legislation will update Mining Act for first time in years**

TORONTO - Ontario's Mining Act will be updated today for the first time in years. There have been many complaints about what critics say are outdated provisions in the Mining Act that allow prospectors to stake and explore on private lands, especially from cottagers. The Canadian Press has learned the changes will modernize the way companies stake their claims to be more respectful of private land owners and aboriginal communities.

## Excruciating deaths of 2 young men in First Nation jail can't be repeated: inquest

By Michael Oliveira  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO - The excruciating deaths of two aboriginal men arrested for public intoxication marked another dark chapter in Canada's shameful history of neglecting First Nations people and must never be repeated, a jury was told Thursday at the inquest into a jailhouse fire at an isolated northern Ontario reserve.

Final submissions were being heard at the probe into the deaths of Ricardo Wesley, 22, and Jamie Goodwin, 20, in Kashechewan, a community of some 1,700 people

linked to the outside world only by an ice road in the winter and by plane the rest of the year.

The jury previously heard the January 2006 fire quickly tore through the reserve's ramshackle police station, which lacked a working smoke detector, fire extinguisher and sprinkler. Police tried to free the two men before the building was engulfed in flames but could not unlock their cells and had to flee, leaving them to die.

For years, reports were written and correspondence was sent by the local police and leadership

asking that improvements be made to the jail, but the requests were never granted, court heard.

"Canada's shame is in its treatment of its First Nations people, and that shame is not just part of our history, it's part of our present," said Julian Roy, a lawyer for the Wesley family.

He said the jail's inadequate facilities reflect the "ugly truths" about how little the provincial and federal governments have done for the isolated community, despite repeated warnings that living conditions couldn't be much worse.

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- Maintains a high level of knowledge of Aboriginal culture, lifestyles of Aboriginal people, Aboriginal programs and services, and government programs dealing with Aboriginal people;
- Ensures that priority issues and concerns for the NGFC Aboriginal Community are designed to improve and enhance the social well-being of Urban Aboriginal people;
- Secures funds for the Centre buy fundraising, identifying new program funding, writing proposals, and partnering with other agencies, corporations and organizations.

**QUALIFICATIONS**  
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- Experience and knowledge of the functions of a Board of Directors.

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**HESS: Donald (Duck) Samson**  
Passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday April 30, 2009 at the age of 73 years. Husband of the late Verla Mae. Loving father of Kenny (Sugar), Donna and David, Wanda and Carl, Lynnann and Ronnie, and Nobbie and Marcia. Dear grandfather of 28 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and 6 great great grandchildren. Brother of Doris, and Keith. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by children, Dinnie, Brownie, and Louann; parents, Steward and Ida Hess; brother, Steward; and sisters, Maide, and Bella. Rested at his home 1741 1st Line Road after 7p.m. Friday where Funeral Service was held on Sunday May 3, 2009 at 1p.m. Interment Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery. www.rhbanderson.com

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# Happy Mother's Day Sunday May 10th

## Celebrating mothers through the ages

(NC)—Every day of the year, mothers are there to help us, nurture us, nudge us and care for us. Now, it's their turn. Mother's Day is the one day of the year when we can all put mom in the spotlight and express how much we appreciate her.

"Celebrating mothers is actually an ancient ritual that dates back centuries," says Jennifer Kinnon of Hallmark Canada. "Of course, our traditions for celebrating mom have changed over the years to reflect the way our culture and family relationships have evolved."

The original Mother's Day was about honouring certain goddesses, like the Greek goddess Rhea, the Mother of Gods. In Celtic Europe, when the first milk of the ewes arrived in spring, they celebrated the goddess Brigid.

In England in the 1600s, the fourth Sunday of Lent became Mothering Sunday, and servants received the

day off to spend with mom. Across the Atlantic in the 19th century, Julia Ward Howe proposed Mother's Day as a celebration of peace while her country was en-



*This Mother's Day card from the 1920s shows how greeting cards reflect the attitudes of the day.*

trenched in the Civil War. Mother's Day as we know it today began in 1907. Through her church, Anna M. Jarvis established the first Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's

death. It caught on, and by 1911, Mother's Day was official in the United States, followed by Canada in 1914.

The first Mother's Day card appeared in the 1920s. Over the years, they've been used as an affordable way to connect with mom on Mother's Day. Today, a wide variety of cards are available including cards that address the various relationships that make up today's families including stepfamilies and ex-in-laws. You can even record a personal message and regale mom with a card that features a song by her favourite celebrity, like Celine Dion.

You can find more Mother's Day ideas at [www.hallmark.ca](http://www.hallmark.ca).

- News Canada

## Make Mother's Day personal

(NC)—Any mom will tell you, it's the personal touches that make a difference, and that's especially true at Mother's Day.

"If you really want to make her day, give her something that reminds her of you," says Jennifer Kinnon of Hallmark Canada. "Put your individual touch on whatever you give her and she'll smile now and for years to come."

Here are a few easy ways to add the personal touch:

**Personalize a card**

You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a big impact. In these economic times, a card may be the best way to tell her you love her—but

remember to make it personal with a poem, a photo or a memory.

**Record your memories**

Give mom the joy of hearing how much you love her in a recorded message that she can replay whenever wishes. A recordable greeting card will do the trick nicely, but you can even get a recordable photo album. It's a great way to capture a moment in time when the kids are little.

**Let the kids get creative**

Preparing for the big day can be a fun family project. If you need inspiration, look for kits that include everything required for a personalized craft.

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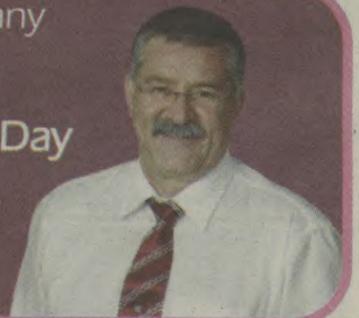
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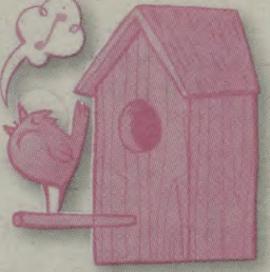


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