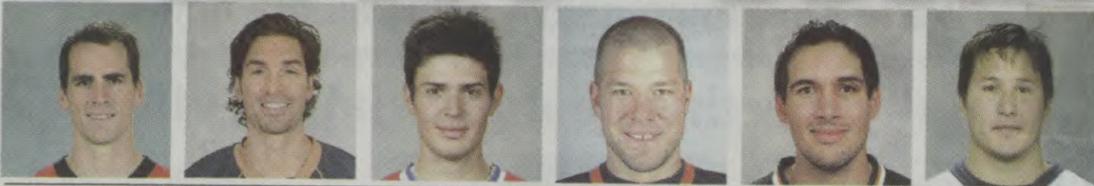


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Trucker drives at protester

Six Nations protesters shut down Brantford developments

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff writer

BRANTFORD - A construction employee working on the site of a future Hampton Inn could be facing charges after a truck came into contact with a Six Nations protester Tuesday morning.

Six Nations protesters Ruby and Floyd Montour with supporter John Hill were continuing their rolling protests Tuesday when a truck driver refused to stop for their picket line.

Ruby Montour said an employee,

driving a pick up truck sped down the street turned around and veered off the road barely missing Hill. She said the protesters had arrived at about 6:45 a.m. and found workers already on the site and working.

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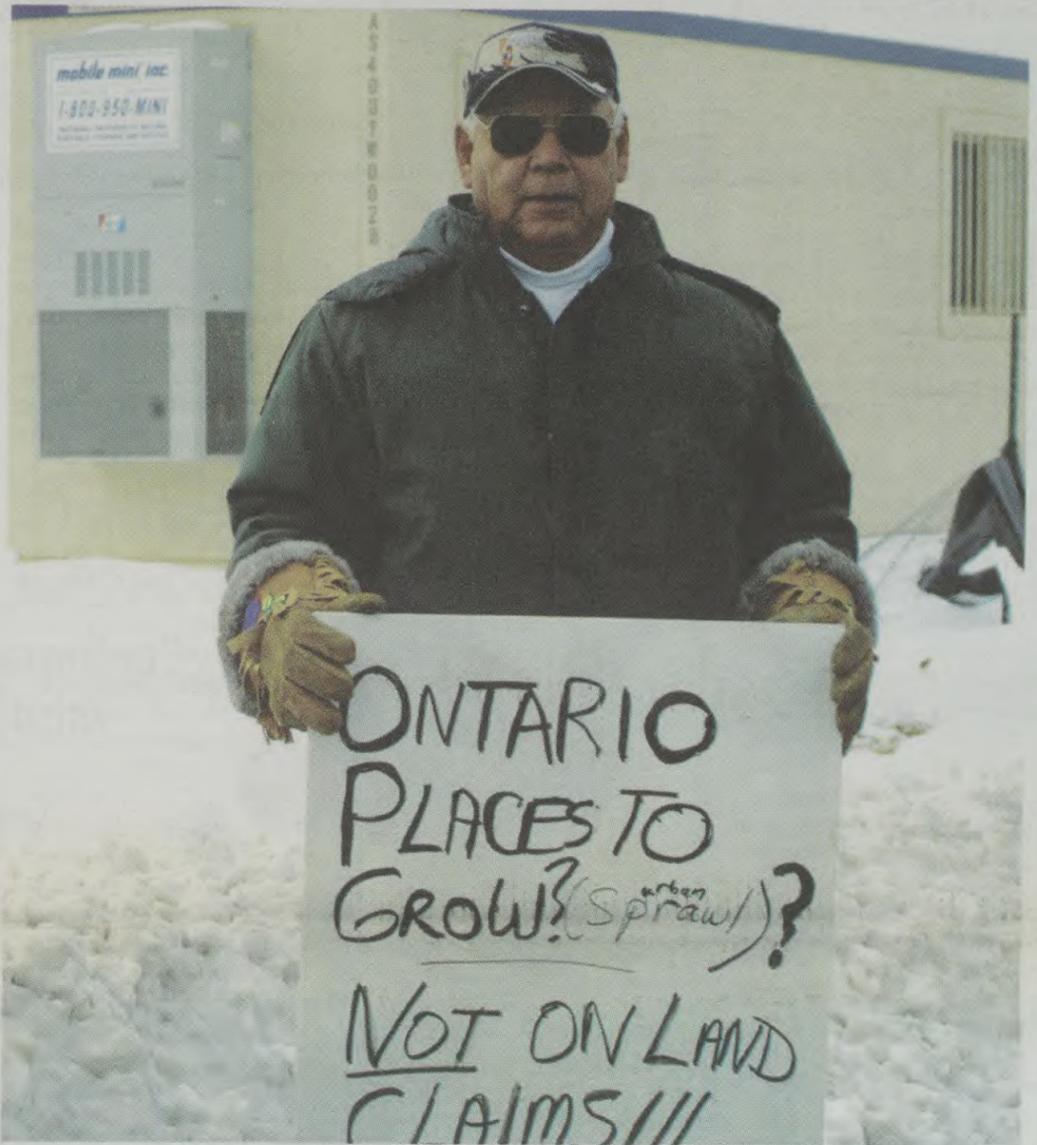
Confederacy says it's about land, not \$26 million

By Lynda Powless
Editor

The Six Nations Confederacy held its first public meeting on an unofficial federal offer of \$26 million to settle the outstanding Welland Canal flooding last night, but the message negotiators say is its still all about the land, not money.

Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton reminded Confederacy Council Saturday, "we do not have land claims, we have land rights. We have a dispute with Canada," he said.

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Six Nations Floyd Montour and a group of protesters shut down two construction sites in Brantford Monday that continue to be shut down. (Photos by Edna Gooder)

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NDP MP launches campaign to raise cash for 'Third World' native schools

THE CANADIAN PRESS
OTTAWA- New Democrat MP Charlie Angus is launching a national campaign to raise cash for "Third World" native schools in Canada. "Education is a universal human right unless, of course, you live on a First Nation territory under this government," Angus said Thursday as he blasted the Conservatives in the House of Commons. He demanded that Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl explain why

bands across Canada have been told there's no money for long awaited new schools or major repairs. Such projects in several provinces are indefinitely on hold as Indian Affairs blames rising construction and other program costs. The freeze is despite a federal budget surplus that's expected to top \$2 billion this year. High native drop-out rates are often blamed on makeshift classrooms and a comparative lack of high-quality teaching materials

and programs. Angus is incensed that INAC suddenly said last month that there's no cash to build a new elementary school at Attawapiskat First Nation in his northern Ontario riding. The project had been in negotiations for months and talks had progressed right down to the size of the new school that Angus says was promised by three previous ministers. About 400 students have shared eight portables since their school was closed in 2000 from leaking diesel fuel.



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Confederacy council holds community meeting on unofficial fed offer

He said the council had made it clear from the beginning, "this is about land, not money. We have said so many times to Canada, its about land."

He said Ontario continues to stand by its registry system, Canada continues to say it has no land.

"We have told Canada, you find the land. Take the money and you find the land. That is your responsibility to find the land. Our community made it clear, they are not taking money to buy back our own land."

He said, "We have told Canada, if you do not know how to do it, we will help you. The Two Row allows us to do that, as friendly neighbours."

He said the \$26 million informal offer, scribbled at the bottom of a page, "does not reflect that."

There were concerns early Tuesday the meeting may turn ugly when an anonymous flyer questioning the role of consultant Aaron Detlor and the HDI surfaced in local mailboxes.

Six Nations band council did not attend the meeting. They already had a scheduled council meeting.

Secretary Leroy Hill told Confederacy council in preparation for last night's meeting at Six Nations Polytechnic a circular was being prepared to distribute to the community.

He said the federal offer of \$26 million is compensation for the loss of lands flooded by the Welland Canal, and is aimed at settling "a historic grievance".

He said the offer is not an official offer. "It was conveyed to us in a meeting from speaking notes. It was not a formal offer from Canada. We believe that Canada is just testing the waters. They wanted an idea from Six Nations if their basic thrust was acceptable. But we have never received a formal offer," he told council Saturday.

The \$26 million offer works out to about \$10,400 per acre for 2,500 flooded acres.

He said "Canada told us unserved fertile farm land in the Six Nations area goes for about \$1,000 to \$3,000 per acre so they thought we could buy a lot with their \$26 million."

He told council a draft of a information circular to go to the community had been prepared by band council lawyer Ben Jetton but, he said, "it is not acceptable."

The six page draft is written in legal language and may be confusing for Six Nations people, he said.

The flyer asks if Six Nations should accept monetary compensation for the claim, if the \$26 million is reasonable, or if the community rejects the \$26 million he has asked, for alternative ideas to resolve the Welland Canal claim.

However the question actually limits comments asking only for answers on alternative ideas that would "actually resolve the Welland Canal flooding claim which would have a reasonable prospect for successful conclu-



Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton

"We do not have land claims, we have land rights. We have a dispute with Canada," Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton

cracy gets into a meeting." She told council, "No way that kind of presentation should go to our people. Things like that get presented to our people and they don't understand it. It's garbage."

She said the draft did not come from the technical working group, "its a submission from elected council."

The draft also asks if the net proceeds, (what's left of the \$26 million) after expenses, should be used to obtain replacement land, and how much should be used. And it asks if the proceeds should

Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton said the draft was put together "by Ben Jetton as a Canadian lawyer and is from his



Confederacy maintains it has jurisdiction over its lands

be used for community needs normally funded by the federal government through programs, including improving the water treatment plant, housing, education, health or language and cultural preservation.

The draft asked if the settlement offer should include having any new lands added to the formal reserve in order to exempt it from municipal taxation and so that Six Nations law will apply to the new lands.

The draft says if the community agrees to proceed the negotiating team will try to conclude the negotiations by negotiating a formal written offer from Canada.

The draft, written by Jetton, band council's lawyer, was not overseen by the negotiating table technical committee. Jetton attends negotiating sessions.

Leroy Hill said the draft was only made available to confederacy council Friday.

Negotiating team consultant Aaron Detlor told council band council was suppose to have met to go over the draft, but would not have a chance to review it before last night's community meeting.

Hazel Hill told council the draft was a "good example of what happens when Indian Affairs bureau-

perspective and band councils but it is not suitable for us to put it forward. It has to be redone, and it has to begin with the fact that we do not have a land claim, we have land rights."

Aaron Detlor told council he would review the Welland Canal flooding and the relationship between the crown and Haudenosaunee at Tuesday night's meeting.

"The government has said its about money, the table has said no its about the relationship and the focus is on the land. The federal representatives have been advised any compensation must include land and financial compensation."

He said the Welland Canal dispute is unique because there are records of the Confederacy chiefs complaining since the 1830's about compensation for the flooding of Six Nations lands.

But he warned, "if you take the money, then at some level you may have given Canada permission to pass a law allowing them to take your land and give compensation in the form of money"

He said "it is not okay for Canada to pass a law and take your land if they don't have your consent. Without your consent they cannot take your land," he said.



Aaron Detlor

He said the \$26 million was not an official offer. "It is the government, saying they will not go forward unless you go back and get feed back. They want you to go to the community and see if they are in the ball park."

He said Canada has not explained how they came up with their offer "they have simply given us a sum hoping its big enough to make us

"Canada has not explained how they came up with the offer, they have simply given us a sum hoping it's big enough to make us fight over,"

Aaron Detlor Confederacy Consultant

that would call for a series of meetings in the community. He was told to take his ideas to those appointed by the negotiating team to review. The development of a community consultation plan was not publically tendered.

Detlor answered questions from community members Saturday including what happens to the flooded land. "There was no surrender of Six Nations Haudenosaunee rights. It was your land, it will keep being your land."

He said the working group have been developing a community consultation model that includes meetings on reserve, off reserve, clan and nation meetings, emailing, mailouts and other tools. The federal government has said it would make up to \$300,000 available to take the \$26 million offer to a ratification stage and placed demands on what kind of process would be acceptable to the government.

Detlor said a consultation report for the negotiators would be ready in six weeks. "We are not jumping to Canada's tune. We are taking time to do it properly."

Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton told the meeting, "we will do whatever we have to do to get the information out. We will listen to everyone, but they have to say their input. But, ultimately it has to come to the chiefs for ratification because that is our law."

HDI In a separate update consultant Aaron Detlor told council the Haudenosaunee Development Institute, a department created by Confederacy Council has now opened an office and team member Hazel Hill is acting as interim director. Hill is not being paid. The position was not publically tendered. He said an application fee schedule has been developed and asks for \$7,000 per application. The fees will be used, he said to pay for research and administration costs associated with the application.

He said the HDI will be formulating its policies and then seek a board of directors. Hill told council the HDI has met with some developers and accepted some fees. Those fees she said have been placed in a trust account. Costs for the HDI are being paid by volunteers, she said. Turtle Island News has learned operational costs are being picked up by Detlor at this point.

He said while the federal government may be demanding ratification, "it is far too early to even be talking about ratification. We are working on a process with Jesse Porter and others on ideas on how to do a ratification process."

Local farmer Jesse Porter had proposed a community consultation strategy to Six Nations Confederacy Council in January

Feb 18th band open or closed?

Six Nations band council is tussling with the idea of whether the province's newly designated Family Day on February 18th will be honoured at Six Nations. The day is causing confusion across Ontario, with some civil servants working, others not, businesses open, some closed as everyone wonders whether the

provincial holiday is a statutory holiday. Council voted to explore the band's cost, investigate who is proceeding and not proceeding in the local, surrounding area and bring the information back to council.

Multi million dollar developments come to stop in Brantford

(Continued from front)

She said she told them to stop working, they refused. She said that's when one of the truck drivers raced down the street turned around and veered off the road brushing Hill. She said Hill yelled "you hit me with your truck."

Ruby Montour said police were called to the site "John (Hill) could have been killed if he wasn't quick enough to get out of the way."

She said from six to eight police officers arrived on the scene but no one was arrested. Brantford City police have confirmed a complaint has been taken and the incident is under investigation.

She said she yelled at the truck driver "you're a big coward." She said violence was not going to be toler-

ated "No - we don't."

Ruby angrily told the owner if anybody gets hurt at this site - "you won't be building anything here."

The protesters had already shut down work on at First Gulf on Henry Street Monday.

Protesters had stopped work at both First Gulf and Hampton Inn in the early hours Monday.

The Montours and four of their supporters stopped workers from entering the Hampton Inn site on Oak Park Road and Highway 403 at 6:30 a.m Monday.

After shutting down that site, the group made their way over to the First Gulf site on Henry Street and made the workers there stop working.

work at First Gulf site Monday



Ruby Montour watches as trucks and employees pull out of the First Gulf site on Henry Street Monday. Cars block the driveway (background) and a police cruiser sits nearby. (left front) (Photos by Edna Gooder)

ated against Six Nations protesters. She said Hill is pressing charges against the truck driver.

She said before the confrontation workers were told they "were not going to work today, but they started up the big machines anyway."

She said she sat down on the slabs of wood preventing them preventing the forklift from hoisting the slab.

Ruby said she told the owner of the Hampton Inn site that he'd have to negotiate with the HDI because they were there to shut down the site.

She said the owner said he phoned and expected an appointment with the HDI immediately. She told him "the HDI is a business like any other business he can't expect immediate results."

Ruby said the owner told them they had to let his people work tomorrow (Wednesday), but she

Clive Garlow said he'd let people out because it was "against the law" not to, but wouldn't let anyone in because - that wasn't against the law.

The Montours, surrounded by mounds of dirt and heavy equipment, told the workers they had to stop working on the disputed land. Contractor Joe Leva and his six man crew left peacefully and walked across the street to Tim Hortons, where they waited for word as to what to do next.

Ruby Montour said the owners have repeatedly "ignored us" because they've tried several times to get them to come and negotiate with the Haudenosaunee Development Institute, (HDI) but "so far they haven't."

She added they've stopped part



Cars and Six Nations people block the driveway leading into the First Gulf development after work came to a stop Monday.

way and that's - "not going to be good enough."

Looking at the site, Montour emphasized, that they had "all day, all week and all month" and however long it takes them to get them to the HDI, and that's how long they'll be at the two sites.

She said she was talking to Joe Leva the contractor for the site and he was going to get in touch, with the owner, but as of 10:40 he didn't receive any word and no one came to talk to the band of hardy protesters.

Floyd said it was their duty to stop the contractors not to have talks with them, so they won't meet with the developers of the Hampton Inn, but direct them to the HDI.

Hazel Hill of the HDI said the HDI is an arm of the Confederacy Council and is in the process of "building stages" and creating a process for developers to follow. Developers, she added, are "left on their own by their government" that keeps handing out building permits on Six Nations land.

Hill said she appreciates the Montours because they're drawing awareness to the issue and it's every Haudenosaunee's "obligation" to protest.

Hill said the HDI is beginning to receive calls from "other developers," but hasn't heard from either First Gulf, or the Hampton Inn. Brantford Aboriginal Liaison Officer Scott Williams said as he sat in his police car everything was fine at the site because protesters and workers alike were professional and "respectful" of each other.

Leva said he had no quarrel with

the protesters and is much more aware of the situation. But, he added, he and his crew

held them accountable, including



Ruby Montour talks to contractor Joe Leva

were caught in the middle and losing money every hour they weren't working.

One man said, "I understand, but I got five kids to feed." Leva said he did not know when they would be able to return to work

First Gulf's J. Travis Lytle senior vice president, did not return Turtle Island News calls.

Elected Chief Bill Montour was surprised to learn of the protest Monday.

He told Turtle Island News "First Gulf is located on Six Nations land set aside for lease so the people of Six Nations would always have an income."

Elected Chief Montour said, "It's a new day. There is more interest in what is happening to our land and by whom."

the Six Nations band council." He said, "As leaders the Six Nations band council and Confederacy council have to support the protests through negotiations not civil disobedience."

The Montours and their supporters refreshed from a warm, cup of coffee said as they settled in for a long wait that they had all day and would continue to wait because "as long as we're here they aren't working."

Floyd Montour said they left the Henry Street site about 1 p.m. after Leva and his men made the site safe.

He said they'd be back tomorrow and every day after until First Gulf and Hampton Inn developers talk to the H.D.I.

Brantford City Mayor did not return Turtle Island News calls.



Joe Leva and his workers take a break waiting for word from First Gulf. The men said while they understand the issue and sympathize with Six Nations they feel caught in the middle of a government dispute with Six Nations. (Photo by Edna Gooder)

New Haudenosaunee cards will be bilingual

Six Nations Confederacy councils passport committee have chosen a company to develop the new passports and identification to meet U.S. border requirements. Secretary, Leroy Hill told council despite warnings the border would not accept current documents after January 31st, "they are continuing to accept our passports and our ID card." He said the transborder Haudenosaunee doc-

umentation committee is trying to get something in writing from the U.S. about continued acceptance of current Haudenosaunee identification cards. Hill showed a sample of the new cards that will include a photo, identification including nation and clan and will be written in the language of the holder along with english.

Confederacy says not about Indian Act, but strengthening Confederacy

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Confederacy council has an answer to band councillor Ava Hill's questions on whether they are willing to work with the band council. But it could hinge on the band system becoming a Six Nations system within the Confederacy. Chiefs agreed in council last Saturday to draft a letter to the band council explaining their position on "working with" the band council after councillor Ava Hill demanded an answer at the last Confederacy/ band council session. Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton reminded council, it was not whether they would work together, but how to bring band councillors to an understanding of how that system can be changed to work within the Confederacy system.

"We have our laws given to us by the Creator. How we counsel, what we do, that all comes down to us. How we are suppose to be, the principals that bind us together and the families we represent and how we come together in this council our laws all come together here." He said, "then we had people who wanted to break away and go under those arms. The Great Peace, you cannot change. The principals we deal with, with other nations were put there." He said "We made agreements with these other people when they came because we knew, we knew they would never follow our ways. But we agreed to keep that communication open." He said he cannot see the concept of an upper house and lower house as proposed by elected band council

chief Bill Montour. "We could communication, liaison but it could never say this is our government both the band council and Confederacy. That can never be said that way." He said the "ones who have gotten lost, who have one foot out of the boat, we recognize they are our people, our relatives, we need to communicate, to keep the lines of communication open and to have respect." Hazel Hill told council the band council has not supported the Confederacy eight points of jurisdiction. "There is no band council resolution." She said the process has to be given a lot of thought, "maybe in five years time but you have a responsibility to see how they would fit in with the Great Law. They could help support you, but you have to make it clear our council will continue."

Onondaga clan mother Elvera Garlow said she did not hear the band council say, "the eight points are yours. They never said that. Working together, what does that mean. Do each work on different issues. You talk back and forth about coexisting but one can't be on top." Seneca chief Butch Thomas said each has to have its roles defined. "The band council says it is in a supportive role in the negotiations but they have been meddling." He said "they keep saying they are the governing body here. They won't let that go they want to swing a big club they've been swinging it for so long." He said he fears they may end up dividing the community even more. Brian Doolittle warned council the band council will attempt to dominant Confederacy. "Our chiefs made a major presentation to them on the eight points. Each chief explained to them what each point meant it was a big outpouring from the Confederacy to try to make them understand what the eight points

were." But he said even after that, "there was indignation from the band council. That's what we faced. I know what happens when you try to work with band councillors, they just want to dominate every situation." He said the Confederacy's Identification and Passport committee is having problems with band councillors and the Iroquois Caucus. He said Confederacy saw the problem coming with the U.S. Homeland Security imposing new restraints and began working early on new identification for Haudenosaunee. "All of a sudden the Iroquois Caucus, this new group of band councils, found out we were making new cards and they demanded to be included in our discussions on development of the cards. So we did try to work with them." He said they asked them to provide information on how each community works with its membership roles since each handles it differently. "But, they said no. We want to go to the meetings in Washington. They want to work with you, but they make no effort to do the work, they just want to travel." He said a letter was sent to the Iroquois Caucus when it met in Oneida asking "when are you ready to come back into this council. They got really indignant." He said band council gave the Red Hill issue over to the Confederacy. "They came and asked the Confederacy to take over that issue, which you did." But he said "When all the work was done here comes the "General (former band council chief Dave General) wanting to take over now that the work was done. They want to dominate." He warned Confederacy council about what the band may mean. "Once you are working together, they

will be able to use our treaties, all the things you worked so hard at upholding they will take and use." Instead he said the band council should be asked "how can you support what we are working on, in citizenship for example. We are working on our new cards and we have to come up with the money to pay for them. Maybe they could put up some money. We've got to, and we don't where it's going to come from. They could help with the infrastructure we need." He said when it came to negotiations "we hear from councillors the negotiators are getting money driving new trucks. Where's their support in that kind of comment. Is that it. They don't even come to committee meetings." He said when former elected chief Dave General said there was a void in the tax legislation and he was going to fill it, "the tools he tried to use, are yours. Councillor Lewis Staats told him band council's tools are the Indian Act. So there was some realization they do have clout in the Indian Act but they refuse to use it." He said they could be sending letters supporting the Confederacy. "Instead they use your tools, the Two Row, to give them their position. In the end it is to absorb our Confederacy council into that system." Cayuga chief Steve Jacobs said he had concerns with the band council putting their answer to the eight points out into community mailboxes. "They're just trying to get feedback but they still haven't answered that question about the eight points. Onondaga chief Arnie General said he believed the band council "really has the goodness of our people in their hearts. I think they are trying in a good way." He said more talking has to happen. The two councils are expected to meet this Saturday.

Stirling Street protesters in court

By Jamie Lewis
Special to Turtle Island News

CAYUGA-The Caledonia Nine made their eighth appearance in Cayuga Provincial Court last Wednesday morning. Their lawyer, Sarah Dover again raised the issue of the lack of disclosure. Dover has asked for more statements from the OPP. She said that over 60 officers attended the Stirling Woods site on September 19, 2007 but the defense

has only three officer statements. The crown, told court the defense has three boxes of disclosure and advised Justice of the Peace, Janis Jukes that the defendants have more than enough disclosure to set pre-trial dates. Jukes ruled that if the issue of disclosure is stalling the proceedings, it would be in the best interests of all the parties to move the

matter to another court and allow a judge to decide what information will be released to the defendants. Charged are Ronald Cook, 31, of Akwasasne, N.Y. with assaulting police, mischief, possession of a prohibited weapon. Skyler Williams, 24, of Ohsweken, is charged robbery, assault and fail to attend court.

Six Nations matrimonial law could decide custody, division of assets

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff writer

Taking care of the community's children after divorce and keeping them in the home they grew up in was a major focus of the second session of the Matrimonial Real Property meeting Saturday at OMSK Elementary School. The turn out was small, but 19 community members including

would only come into play if a couple can't come to an agreeable settlement. Several people were concerned the law would encompass more than just the MRP, such as membership or housing. Powless said the Federal Government is on its fourth draft of its MRP, but it "doesn't look good" for several reasons including it has limited recognition for First Nations.



Councillor Ava Hill



Land resource director lawyer r Lonny Bomberry

five band councillors did attend and discussed ways to devise a law everyone in the community could understand. A major concern was how to get the community involved with the process, how to get them to come out and vote on a Six Nations Matrimonial Real Property Law, (MRP) support it and abide by it. Facilitator Richard Powless presented a packet of material including versions of other First Nations MRP, such as the Anishinabek Nation main beliefs, a draft of Six Nations MRP and a sample of a pre-nuptial agreement. Ava Hill said the Six Nations MRP law

Therefore, he said, Six Nations Band Council decided to work on a MRP law "regardless of the Federal Government's rolling draft." Lawyer, Lonny Bomberry said, he didn't think this law would deal with children, nor address the custody of children. Councillor Helen Miller said all organizations in the community "need to get involved" because if the children are allowed to stay in the house after a native spouse dies and the non-native spouse has to leave the reserve than how will the children's right to live here be protected. Miller said the non-native women can't sell the house because she



Community members attended the meeting at OMSK Saturday. (Photos by Edna Gooder)

can't own any property on the reserve. Everyone, she said, "should make a will" because if they want to leave it to the children then they have to put it in their will. Bomberry said INAC would come in and sell the house. Alva Martin said who ever lives in the house "should take the children," but if the native man doesn't then he has to sign a lease and pay support because the children have the right to live on the reserve and in their culture. Dawn Hill a teacher at Emily C. General said paying support would be good "if they had a job," but what if they don't work, or they're on welfare than what? The questions were flying and no one really had an answer. Powless said the meeting

was an information gathering session and it would take time to clarify the MRP. Martin said they'd better be quick about it. Although, Hill said, developing this law must be done slowly with thoughtfulness. There was a question about the mortgage of a family home how is it divided. Bomberry said the house would have to be evaluated as to its worth and then the spouses would have to pay the other off if they wanted to keep the house, or it would be sold and the money divided 50/50. Richard said 50/50 is a starting point. Hill said it shouldn't be automatic because each case is different. Powless said there would have to be a tribunal made up of members from various First Nations communities in the

Iroquois Caucus, so there won't be a "conflict of interest." Miller asked would lawyers be involved in the tribunal process. Bomberry said they'd need lawyers to explain the MRP law process "for people to understand." Powless said the community needs to get involved and one way is by holding community meetings, or talking to individuals as well as setting up focus groups like "extended families" and clubs to discuss the issues giving a sense of what the community thinks and their input would be a valuable resource. Hill said "we have to keep at it, so go home and tell someone and bring a friend to the next the MRP meeting because there will be ongoing meetings.

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Albert Douglas "prisoner of war" makes his 22nd court appearance

By Jamie Lewis
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CAYUGA-After twenty-two court appearances, Six Nations Albert Douglas who has described himself as a political prisoner in Canada's judicial system, has hired a lawyer. Douglas, 31, has been in custody since late September when he was arrested on more than a dozen charges, including attempted murder in the hijacking of an American law enforcement vehicle; two counts of attempted murder, four counts of assault, five counts of theft with violence, two counts of dangerous driving seven counts of failing to comply with recognition, two counts of forcible confinement and two counts of failing to remain at the scene of an accident where serious injuries had occurred. Those charges stem from an incident at Kanohstaton on June 9, 2006. Douglas is also charged with two counts of assault and robbery, those charges were laid after several people swarmed a CHCH cameraman and stole his camera, has finally hired a lawyer. Aubrey D. Hilliard, who he recent-

ly hired, told the Honourable Justice Joe Nadel she would apply to have Douglas released from custody through bail review before his next court appearance. Bail reviews are mandatory after an accused has been in custody for more than 90 days. Those hearings are before a Superior Court Judge. Douglas has stated several times over the months that he is a signatory Indian and does not recognize the court of the laws of Canada. He is the only one out of the dozens of protesters charged in the Caledonia land dispute, that is still in jail awaiting his trial, which is still several months away. Hilliard also indicated she'll be trying to reach a resolution with the Crown on some of the less serious charges. Two others charged in the Canadian Tire incident, Skyler Williams, 24, and Timothy Jamieson, 24, also appeared before Nadel and had their cases remanded. Ronald Gibson, 38, who also faces charges in the attack, wasn't in court. Jamieson, who worked in a tobacco shack on the Six Nations

Reserve, was charged about two months ago and faces counts of assaulting police to resist arrest, assault and robbery with violence. Lawyers for Gibson, Williams, Douglas and Jamieson will meet in private with Justice Nadel for a pre-trial judicial conference on March 18 to discuss outstanding legal issues. Sarah Dover, who represents Williams and the "Caledonia nine," complained that her native clients were being subjected to overly aggressive security when they entered the Cayuga courthouse. Security has been tight at the courthouse with OPP stopping members of the public and frisking them with an electronic wand. Nadel advised Dover he does not control the security at the court house. "If people are being subjected to aggressive security, then they could file a complaint and the court would address the issue," he said. "The public should have a free access to this court," Dover told Nadel. Nadel said he didn't have the authority to decide the level of security police should use at the court.

Ontario

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R.S.C. 1985, CHAPTER N-22

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities pursuant to the Navigable Waters Protection Act for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans. Pursuant to section 9 of the said Act, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation has deposited with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haldimand at Cayuga, Ontario under deposit number HC 303940 a description of the following work, its site and plans:

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Six Nations needs land

Six Nations community members were to get their first look at the federal government's unofficial \$26 million offer to settle the flooding of the Welland Canal last night.

And we fully expected that in true Six Nations style there will be a lot of questions, accusations and when the smoke cleared perhaps saner heads would prevail and people would take a harsh look at the offer.

The federal government has not provided Six Nations with any firm, official offer.

What they have done, is exactly what consultant Aaron Detlor said they had done (lets all calm down now at the mention of Detlor's name) they have made an offer that is large enough to get Six Nations people fighting among themselves, and not even about the offer.

Tuesday an anonymous group, (who most community members know who pulled the stunt) have taken a page from former chief Roberta Jamieson who was big on mail out to the community, and stuffed some mailboxes with a page of accusations against the Haudenosaunee Development Institute and individuals connected with it.

Unfortunately the tactic does nothing but get the community off track. The only think that community members need to concern themselves with is the \$26 million offer and why hasn't the federal government come up with a formal offer.

Simply put, because they did want to see what would happen. Six Nations has made it abundantly clear they are not interested in a monetary settlement. That any settlement has to include land.

And while the \$26 million might look handsome to some, before you make up your mind to support the bag of gold think about where your children are going to live, or grand children.

Six Nations needs land. It surrounded by its own land but because of non-Six Nations encroachment and the continuing wild west attitude Ontario and Canada are fostering in the minds of some of our neighbours, residents are seeing Six Nations land rights as the Indians coming to get their home instead of the seeing the true picture.

The Haldimand Tract belongs to Six Nations. Our ancestors and those of the Empire Loyalists who helped settle this area saw the value in living together and working together for the betterment of both societies. Six Nations leased its lands to allow settlers to prosper. The result was Six Nations prospered, for a little while, from those lease payments.

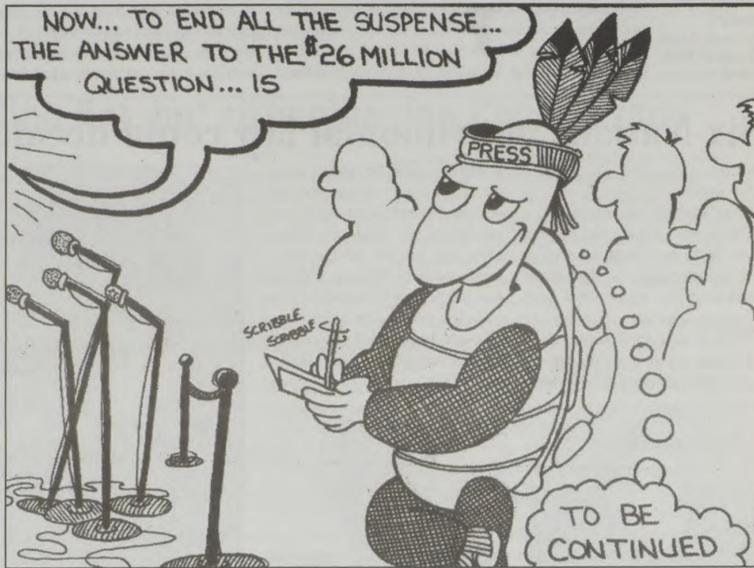
Six Nations Confederacy negotiators want to reinstate those lease payments and Ontario taxpayers shouldn't be worried or afraid they are going to lose their homes. Developers shouldn't be concerned with losing investments. Ontarians are already paying property taxes, but to the wrong people. Six Nations has suggested everything from a percentage of the current taxes collected on its land as lease payments to developing its own schedule.

The problem is both Ontario and Canada balked at such a simple answer to a generations old problem.

And that's where the problem lies. Ontario and Canada have left Six Nations and its neighbours to slug it out in the trenches while they continue to live comfortably off Ontario tax dollars with their limousines pulling up to the negotiating talks, high priced hotel rooms and even higher priced negotiators. While the negotiators may try to make noise about making progress and a potential settlement, the longer they are at the table the more money they make.

If Ontario and Canada took Six Nations land rights seriously they would have put a firm offer at the table that included land. They know Six Nations wants and needs land. Across Canada landclaim settlements have been resolved in the past two years that included both monetary compensation and land.

Six Nations needs to send only one message to the negotiating table, our children need land!



Reader: McHale has to much time

Dear Editor:

McHale has some nerve to come here shoving my niece Lynda.

It would be so simple. If they just give us back our land along the Haldimand Tract.

The people would not have to move, businesses etc., but pay the rent or (taxes) in their books, pay their rent to our Nation's peoples accounts.

Long ago our people did not know how to read or write so how could they have signed anything.

It was told to us that Europeans brought liquor over here, got some of our elders drunk to get them to sign documents. Plank Road was referred to by our people, about the plank boards they p ut down to get to and fire on the mud roads. It's a shame McHale has cost us all so much in court costs.

He should mind his own business or stayed out of ours. We wouldn't have all this trouble or costs if he did. He has too much time on his hands. We should buy him a tread mill. Or he could get a full time job.

Thanks for your time. Constance Powless

Councillor on Oath

This letter is to correct inaccuracies in the story "Band council motion contravenes Oath of Office" in last week's newspaper.

"Councillors traveling are paid an honoraria and expenses in addition to their weekly \$500." This is not true. Councillors are not paid additional honoraria for out-of-town meetings. The \$500 honoraria we get weekly covers seven days per week and covers all the meetings we attend whether locally or out-of-town.

Council does however get a food allowance and travel allowance such as a plane ticket or train ticket or mileage. There is no mileage allowance for local meetings.

I was sorely disappointed when council voted for oral reporting as opposed to written reports. The Oath of Office does say councillors are to provide written reports when attending out-of-town meetings.

When council designates a councillor to attend an out-of-town meeting it's for the sole purpose of gathering information and reporting

back to council. With council having so many issues to deal with it's difficult to retain information from an oral report.

Some councillors bring back large binders of information but the binders only tell what the issue is and provide some background. What the binders don't tell is the discussion that took place and decisions made. And it's vitally important to record any decisions made at these meetings especially if those decisions are going to impact Six Nations.

The story was inaccurate also when it said: "Miller also put a motion to the floor to deduct honoraria from councillors who fail to attend meetings." That isn't exactly true. As councillors we do miss meetings occasionally as a result of ill health or a family emergency or when we're at an out-of-town meeting and that's understandable. The motion I put forward only relates to councillors who miss meetings because they can't get off work.

Contrary to what one councillor accused, I have nothing against work. I worked all my life. But I quit working (had to give up my council job and chose not to seek employment elsewhere) when I was elected because I knew I couldn't do a good job and work at the same time. Councillor Chris Martin was right when he argued that "there's nothing in the Election Code that says a councillor can't work."

My argument against those who miss meetings because of work is that the councillor is paid "twice" for the same day. Council pays the councillor with public money and the councillor is paid a day's wages by the employer. That's what I call a Cash Cow. Well I'm trying to stop the gravy train but I'm running into resistance at the council table.

Granted we all came into this believing council was part-time but the issues are such that we are putting in full-time hours and more. With Councillors Levi White and Carl Hill it's the day meetings that are affected but for Councillor Chris Martin both the day and night meetings are affected because he works shifts. Councillor Claudine

VanEvery-Albert quit her job and Councillor Ava Hill is self-employed.

I have no problem if a councillor misses meetings because of work once in awhile. But missing meetings on a weekly or regular basis is a bit too much.

I also put a motion to the floor that council keep attendance records and have those records submitted to the newspapers every month so people can see for themselves if councillors are fulfilling their obligations to the community.

At the present time council does not keep attendance records although councillors have to sign an attendance sheet when attending committee meetings. However, General Council, Political Liaison, General Finance and any specially-called meetings do not keep attendance.

Unfortunately council opted to defer my motions about work and about attendance to council's visioning session which will be closed to the public. I disagreed because I believe these kinds of discussions should be in an open meeting.

On another note I cannot stress enough how urgent it is for community members to come forward and voice their opinions and ideas and thoughts on a "community decision-making process". Soon a decision on the \$26 million land claim offer has to be made and it's the community who will make the "final" decision, not the confederacy council or the elected council. So if there was ever a time we needed community input

Helen Miller
District 4 Councillor

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Gaming commission keeps same members

Six Nations band council is looking at the Six Nations Gaming Commission after only three people applied. Former band councillor Sid Henhawk and Lisa

VanEvery were the only two applicants along with secretary Melody Bomberry. Council questioned how Bomberry could be both a commissioner member and secretary. She has

withdrawn her application. The appointment will wait until the next council session after councillors asked for clarification. Six Nations Gaming Commission

members receive a \$70 honoraria. Councillors appointed to the commission are councillor Barb Harris and Chris Martin.

Erie's ask Confederacy to protect Toronto burial mounds "we left to you"

By Lynda Powless
Editor

A man claiming to be a descendant of the Eries who use to live in parts of southern Ontario asked Confederacy council Saturday to protect their burial mounds in Toronto.

Tecumseh Brown-Eagle, chief/chairman of the Erie Indian Moundbuilders Tribal Nation in Erie Pennsylvania told the council it had been 353 years since the Erie and Haudenosaunee met.

"In 1656 one of my people killed one of your chiefs. I apologize for that. 27 of our chiefs were killed by your people in retaliation."

He said "the past is the past. We moved on to our lands in Ohio and elsewhere and left our lands here to you and asked you to protect our burial mounds."

He said today Toronto is destroying those mounds. "I am here again, to ask you to protect our burial mounds. The Thunderbird Mounds in Toronto.



Tecumseh Brown-Eagle

We are asking you meet with the Mayor of Toronto and protect our

burials." He said those lands had been left to the Haudenosaunee.

Mississauga of the New Credit are in landclaim negotiations with Canada over ownership of Toronto. Six Nations Confederacy council sent a letter to New Credit more than a decade ago explaining Six Nations interest in that land. New Credit did not respond.

Chief/chairman Brown-Eagle said there are 139 Erie Tribal members

left. He said he wanted to do business with Six Nations.

Onondaga Chief Arnie General told council "this is slowly coming here." Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton said Confederacy council has an archeology committee who are developing a policy to deal with digs and remains. He said Confederacy could not agree to his request Saturday. "We need to investigate the facts before we can give you an answer."

New Credit signs agreement with surrounding mayors on closing dump

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff writer

NEW CREDIT-Mississauga of New Credit will have veto power for any joint project in the surrounding area of Norfolk and Haldimand Counties. Elected Chief Brian Laforme, Mayor Dennis Travale and Mayor Marie Trainer signed a landfill agreement in a ceremony at the council chambers last Tuesday.

Laforme said the signing of the landfill agreement is a historic event and "a sign of things to come." He emphasized all three parties came to consensus after two years of negotiations to close the Tom Howe landfill (THL) site on Town line Road. He said it was "bumpy" along the way at times, but they were of a common mind and finally everyone was satisfied. He said they have to close the old THL site because it was at its capacity and a new landfill site would be located in Cambourgh near Dunnville.

He said the old site will be carefully "monitored," such as testing ground water for any seepage and the Cambourgh site will only accept household waste and be tested as well.

Laforme said the THL will start shutting down in 2010 and will be

completely closed in 2011. He added he didn't want the THL site turned into a "transfer station" because the smell would still be offensive to the people living near it. He added the cells will be covered with soil and sand plus clay over all of it. Laforme said when the shutdown is complete the now cleared space could be "used for recreation," commercial, or businesses, or just let it return to its natural state. He said, the methane gas a landfill by-product, which is released from pipes stuck in the ground could be collected and sold, which could develop into a sustainable income for the community. Laforme said a working relationship is in place now with the three community governments.

He said they will be able to sit down and discuss any jointly beneficial projects that would impact their communities.

The next major project, he said, will be to discuss a water agreement, with Haldimand and Norfolk counties.

Mayor Travale said when he took office as mayor and the landfill issue came across his desk he decided to right then and there to "get on" with it.

Smiling, Trainer said, she was



Norfolk mayor Dennis Travale, New Credit chief Bryan Laforme and Haldimand Mayor Marie Trainer sign an agreement closing the Tom Howe landfill site and sending garbage to a new site near Dunnville. It isn't known if any consultations with Six Nations took place for the new location on disputed Six Nations land. (Photo by Edna Gooder)

"proud and honoured" to have signed the agreement and looking forward to working on future projects together.

She added we all face the same issues, such as water and community growth.

Laforme said he was happy to

embark on a road to understanding and developing a good working relationship, with the surrounding communities.

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Hawks drop another to Ayr; Johnson named SOJHL Rookie of the Year and Allstar Team

By Wray Maracle
Sports Reporter

HAGERSVILLE - The Southern Ontario Jr Hockey League Hagersville Hawks dropped their fifth game of the season in six contests to Ayr Centennials by a score of 4-3 Saturday night at the Hagersville Arena.

It makes one wonder where the Hawks would be if they were able to defeat the teams which are lower in the standings.

The five losses to the Centennials plus three more to the Port Dover Sailors are points which could have vaulted the Hawks into the leagues elite squads.

Unfortunately they are where they are because of the lack of consistent and disciplined play.



Six Nations Johnson brothers, # 18 Cody Johnson and # 24 Chancy Johnson will finish the regular season off this weekend against the Delhi Travellers at the Hagersville Arena Saturday night. Johnson was named the Southern Ontario Jr Hockey League Rookie of the Year and 1st team All-Star for his outstanding play. (Photo by Wray Maracle)



Cody Johnson - All Star

The loss came on a night when the league announced that Hagersville Hawks rookie sensation, Cody Johnson was named Rookie of the Year and 1st All-Star team winger.

Johnson was not available for comment after the contest as he was at Onondaga Community College for the weekend.

However Hawks general manager Todd DeMille said, "Cody (Johnson) is the type of player a team wishes they had 20 of...he

gives 110% all the time and you never hear a word from him."

"Johnson leads by example and other players pick up there game when he is in the line-up." DeMille said of Johnson's play. "With his 8 game-winning-goals it really leaves a void in our line-up to fulfill the scoring chances that he gets every game."

DeMille added, "As you can see statistically his "Rookie-of-the-year" and the "All-Star Forward"

awards are well deserved and the Hagersville Hawks are very proud of his accomplishments."

Once again penalties hurt the chances of the Hawks who lead the league with over 1,400 minutes to date.

Ayr scored the lone goal through 20 minutes of play and were up 2-0 on their first power play tally of the night with 6:56 gone in the middle frame.

The Hawks offense woke up

shortly afterwards as David Watson beat Ayr goalie, Cam Jager with Bob Neilson and Evan VanSickle assisting on the play.

Brad Williams got the Hawks back on even terms with a short-handed effort just past the midway point of the second period.

After playing even through 40 minutes, the Hawks broke a 2-2 tie as Ryan Coke corralled a rebound off the boards of a Watson shot and stuffed the puck into the open side of the net for a 3-2 Hawks lead.

Unfortunately a pair of penalty in the latter half of third period gave the Centennials opportunities they did not allow to slip away.

The Centennials Jeff Chambers flipped the puck over Hawks goalie James Kerst with 21 seconds remaining in the third to give Ayr the win.

The Hawks travel to Tavistock Friday night before returning home to battle division rivals' Delhi Travellers Saturday to complete the regular season.

All the teams in the McConnell Conference make the playoffs.

The Hawks will likely face the McConnell Conference 3rd-place Burford Bulldogs in the opening round of the playoffs.

Delhi has clinched 1st-place in the conference and will open against the 8th-place team which could be Ayr with 25 points or Port Dover Sailors with 21 points.

SPORTS

Storm win season finale

Simcoe Storm scored two shorthanded goals six seconds apart early in the third period to lift the Storm a 5-3 win over the New Hamburg Firebirds Sunday night in the regular season finale.

New Credit's Cam Sault netted the final goal of the season for the Storm to finish as the West Division scoring leader with 70 points (27G, 43A) on the

season. The Storm finished 3rd in the West Division, four points behind division winners, Aylmer Spitfires and two behind Norwich Merchants.

Grimsby Peach Kings were the top team in the Niagara District Jr Hockey League with 66 points (32-2-0) and 213 goals scored while allowing a league low 62 goals against.

Slow start haunts Ohn Kwe Hon We in first loss

By Wray Maracle
Sports Reporter

BRANTFORD - Ohn Kwe Hon We got off to a slow start and could not recover enough as they dropped their first game of the YMCA Basketball Winter League season 67-57 Team Black.

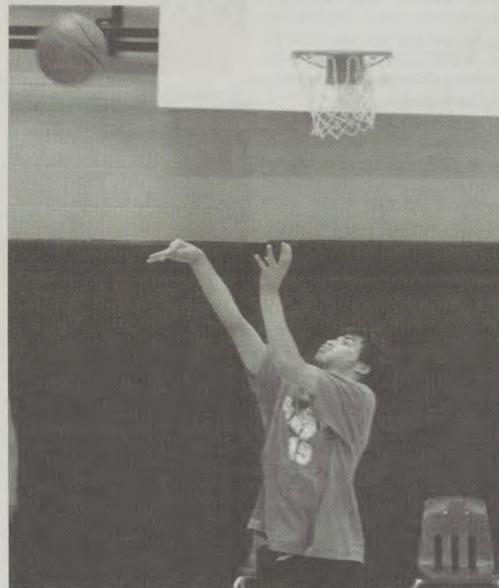
The loss puts Ohn Kwe Hon We into a three-way tie for 1st-place atop the league after four weeks of action.

Ohn Kwe Hon We shot only eight

fast break points to solidify their lead and remove any chances of a comeback for Ohn Kwe Hon We.

Darryl Squire led the Ohn Kwe Hon We with 19 points, Ray Jepson knocked down 18 while Wilbur Hill had 7 points; Jordan Miller contributed six with Ryan Maracle adding three points. Bill Smith and Berton Trapper had two points each in the loss.

Ohn Kwe Hon We play Team Red at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday afternoon.



Team Ohn Kwe Hon We # 19 Darryl Squire puts up a shot which led to a 19-point game for himself, however the rest of his team could not match his production. Team Ohn Kwe Hon We dropped their first game of the 67-57 to Team Black Sunday afternoon at the Mohawk College Gymnasium. (Photo by Wray Maracle)



Bush League action
(Above) Spirits Eric Hill heads up ice against the Sharks.

(Below) Silverhawks # 32 Ryan Martin can't help but laugh after the Tomahawks scored a goal on them in a 12-12 tie. (Photo's by Wray Maracle)

THE BRANT HISTORICAL SOCIETY is accepting nominations for new candidates to join the Board of Directors.

The Society oversees the management of the Brant Museum and Archives and has been in operation since 1908. Its mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit artefacts and archival documents that describe the history of Brant and its people. The Society also provides research services, educational programming and outreach activities for the community. In 2008, the Society will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary as well as incorporating Myrtleville House Museum into its operations.

This will be a particularly challenging and rewarding experience for those interested in fundraising, strategic planning, governance and community engagement.

Requirements: Board members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings; participate on a minimum of one Committee; and contribute to the financial health of the organization. An understanding of Board roles and responsibilities and an interest in the history of Brant would be an asset.

Completed nomination forms are due at the Brant Historical Society by February 29, 2008. All Board positions are filled at the Annual General Meeting of the Brant Historical Society which will be held on March 19, 2008.

For more information or to obtain a Nominations Package, please contact:

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of 36 (22%) in the first half to trail 41-20 at the half of action.

The short bench allows contributed to the defeat as veterans Mike Harris (leg injury), Shawn Blayney (broken bone in foot), Adam Sault and Josh Colwell were not available for action.

Wilbur Hill who provides Ohn Kwe Hon We with a lot of energy on both ends of the floor was not happy with the way the team started.

"We were to relaxed early on in the game on both ends." Hill said after the loss. "We played better in the second half but that wasn't enough."

Ohn Kwe Hon We got the game down to single digits with less than five minutes left in the contest.

After a couple three-point shots failed to fall, Ohn Kwe Hon We was unable to make it any closer (Slow start...continued from left) than an eight-point game.

Team Black managed a few easy

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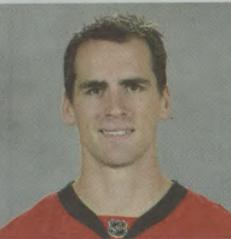
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Aboriginals making the BIG BUCK\$ in the NHL

By Scott Hill
Special to Turtle Island News
More and more aboriginal hockey players are making the National Hockey League and that means big money.



Wade Redden - \$6,500,000



Sheldon Souray - \$5,400,000



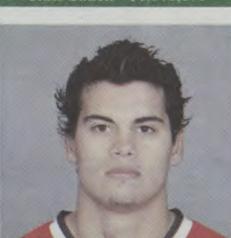
Jonathan Cheechoo - \$3,000,000



Carey Price - \$2,200,000



Chris Simon - \$1,000,000



Rene Bourque - \$825,000

The league minimum under the new Collective Bargaining Agreement is now \$475,000 and it is set to reach \$500,000 at the conclusion of the agreement. Currently, there are 11 aboriginals in the NHL.

There are also a few in the American Hockey League that are on the verge of sticking in the NHL like Brandon Nolan, son of New York Islanders head coach Ted Nolan, who is property of the Carolina Hurricanes and is currently with the Albany River Rats. Darren Reid, who is property of the Philadelphia Flyers and is currently playing for the Philadelphia Phantoms and Wacey Rabbit of the Providence Bruins who are the Boston Bruins farm team.

The 11 aboriginals currently in the NHL are Wade Redden, Sheldon Souray, Jonathan Cheechoo, Carey Price, Chris Simon, Rene Bourque, Vernon Fiddler, Aaron Asham, Jordin Tootoo, D.J. King, and Cody McCormick.

Wade Redden of the Ottawa Senators happens to be the highest-paid aboriginal in the NHL making \$6.5 million this season.

The skilled defenceman's salary also happens to be the highest on the Senators. Redden is set to become an unrestricted free agent this summer.

Defenceman Sheldon Souray of the Edmonton Oilers makes \$5.4 million this season to list him as the second highest-paid aboriginal in the NHL. He is also the highest-paid player on the Oilers roster.

Though plagued by shoulder problems this season, Souray is locked up until the 2012-2013 season and so he has lots of time to prove that he is worth all that money.

Forward Jonathan Cheechoo of the San Jose Sharks hauls in \$3 million this season which has him as the third highest-paid aboriginal in the NHL. His salary has him as the fifth highest-paid Shark.

The former Maurice 'Rocket' Richard Trophy Winner hasn't had all that great of a season so far, but hopes to find the back of the net more frequently in the second half of the season. Cheechoo is signed until the 2011-2012 season.

Goaltender Carey Price of the

Montreal Canadiens makes \$2.2 million this year which has him as the fourth highest-paid aboriginal in the NHL. Price led the Hamilton Bulldogs to their first Calder Cup in franchise history last year after joining the team at playoff time.

The future looks real bright for Price because of his size. He takes up a lot of the net and he looks so comfortable whenever he is between the pipes. He was recently just called up from the Bulldogs and is looking to stay with the Canadiens for the remainder of the season. He will become a restricted free agent in 2010-2011.

Troubled forward Chris Simon, who is currently on leave from the New York Islanders makes \$1 million this season which has him fifth among the highest-paid aboriginals in the NHL. Simon left the Islanders back in December and received a 30-game suspension from the league for stepping on the right leg of Pittsburgh Penguins agitator Jarkko Ruutu. Simon is eligible to return on Feb. 21. Many have wondered if he will ever play again. Last season, Simon was suspended for 25 games for striking New York Rangers pest Ryan Hollweg in the face with his stick. Simon had to sit out the first five games of this season because he only served 20 games last season. Simon is set to become an unrestricted free agent this summer.

Chicago Blackhawks forward Rene Bourque reels in \$825,000 this season putting him sixth among the highest-paid aboriginals in the NHL. Bourque has been bothered by injuries throughout his young career and when he is in the lineup, he tends to be inconsistent. Nonetheless, he works hard to put up points. Bourque is a restricted free agent this summer.

Vernon Fiddler of the Nashville Predators makes \$800,000 this season which has him seventh among the highest-paid aboriginals in the NHL. Fiddler has lots of hockey smarts, he is an average two-way player, and he displays good face-off skills. He was undrafted and is set to become an unrestricted free agent in 2009-2010.

Hard-working winger Aaron Asham of the New Jersey Devils hauls in \$700,000 this season and that has him eighth among the highest-paid aboriginals in the NHL.

Asham is strong along the boards and

crashes the net hard at all times. He doesn't fight often, but he will always have a strong showing when he does. The Devils signed Asham this past summer to a one-year contract and based on his play this season, the Devils will be hard pressed not to resign him.

Jordin Tootoo of the Nashville Predators makes \$600,000 this season, but received a raise for the next two seasons as he recently resigned with the Predators.

Tootoo will be making \$975,000 next season and in 2009-2010. You can describe Tootoo as one tough customer because of his hitting and fighting ability. Some have even compared him to Stan Jonathan.

The Predators drafted Tootoo in the fourth round and 98th overall back in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft. It will be interesting to see what he can accomplish down the road.

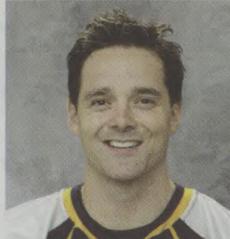
That is because he had a successful junior career with the Brandon Wheat Kings of the Western Hockey League where he put up some solid offensive numbers.

St. Louis Blue enforcer D.J. King gets paid \$533,333 this season which has him 10th among the highest-paid aboriginals in the NHL. His pugilistic skills are among the best in the league. King is a great team player and a very intimidating presence on the ice. He needs to become more disciplines in order to get more ice time with the Blues. King just got resigned in August until the 2010-2011 where he will become a restricted free agent.

Cody McCormick of the Colorado Avalanche makes the league minimum of \$475,000 this season. McCormick is quite the asset to have as he can play all three forward positions. He's a feisty player that will get under the skin of opposing players and drop the gloves whenever the situation arises. Like most physical players, he is prone to taking bad penalties. McCormick has some offensive abilities and if he works extra hard then he could develop into a pretty good power forward. He is set to become a restricted free agent this summer.

A lot of aboriginals are now playing hockey as much as they do lacrosse. There are many skilled aboriginals in junior and in the minors.

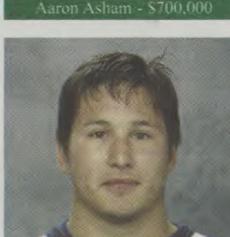
There are also a lot of talented youngsters playing minor hockey that could one day make it to the NHL as long as they keep working hard.



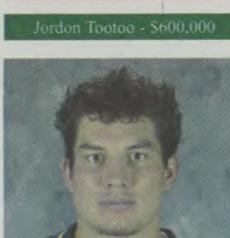
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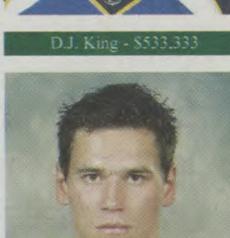
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D.J. King - \$533,333



Cody McCormick - \$475,000

Player	Band/Nation	Team	2007-2008 Salary	Birthdate	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown
Wade Redden	Metis	Ottawa Senators	\$6,500,000	Dec. 6, 1977	Defence	6-foot-2	208	Lloydminster, Sask
Sheldon Souray	Metis	Edmonton Oilers	\$5,400,000	July 13, 1976	Defence	6-foot-4	227	Eik Point, Alberta
Jonathan Cheechoo	Cree	San Jose Sharks	\$3,000,000	July 15, 1980	Right Wing/Left Wing	6-foot-1	205	Moose Factory, On
Carey Price	Ulkatcho First Nation	Montreal Canadiens	\$2,200,000	Aug. 16, 1987	Goaltender	6-foot-3	226	Vancouver, B.C.
Chris Simon	Ojibwa	New York Islanders	\$1,000,000	Jan. 30, 1972	Left Wing	6-foot-3	232	Wawa, Ontario
Rene Bourque	Metis	Chicago Blackhawks	\$825,000	Dec. 10, 1981	Left Wing	6-foot-2	213	Lac La Biche, Alberta
Vernon Fiddler	Metis	Nashville Predators	\$800,000	May. 9, 1980	Left Wing/Center	5-foot-11	204	Edmonton, Alberta
Aaron Asham	Metis	New Jersey Devils	\$700,000	Apr. 13, 1978	Right Wing/Left Wing	5-foot-11	210	Portage-La-Prairie, Man
Jordin Tootoo	Inuit	Nashville Predators	\$600,000	Feb. 2, 1983	Right Wing	5-foot-9	194	Churchill, Manitoba
D.J. King	Metis	St. Louis Blues	\$533,333	June. 27, 1984	Left Wing	6-foot-2	228	Meadow Lake, Sask
Cody McCormick	Chippewa, Mohawk	Colorado Avalanche	\$475,000	Apr. 17, 1983	Right Wing/Center	6-foot-3	215	London, Ontario

Just for your valentine

February 14th

What your Valentine's Day card says about you

(NC)—The Valentine's Day card you give your sweetheart speaks volumes. Which did you choose? And what's the real message you're sending?

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Prepare treats everyone can enjoy. Avoid nuts or other ingredients that may cause allergic reactions.

Let the kids choose. There are different cards available to suit all kids' interests. The big draws this year include Ratatouille, Spiderman, Barbie as The Island Princess, Pirates of the Caribbean, High School Musical and Hot Wheels.

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Golden Eagles dropped 3-2 by Cullitans

It may have been a stormy Friday night, however 136 Jr B hockey fans braved the elements to watch the Stratford Cullitans edge the Brantford Golden Eagles 3-2 at the Brantford &

District Civic Centre. Stratford led 1-0 after the first period and increased their lead to 3-1 heading into the second intermission. The Midwestern Division leading

scorer, Paul Szczechura got the Golden Eagles to within one on the power play early in the third. However, Cullitans goalie, Colin Way turned back the onslaught by

stopping 15 of 16 third attempts. Golden Eagles goalie, Thomas Shelley made 28 saves in the loss. Jason Skinner had the other Eagles goal.

Swarm youth continues to pay off

By Wray Maracle
Sports Reporter

SAN JOSE - Minnesota Swarm are young and free spirited. Nothing seems to faze them. The Swarm walked into the Air Canada Centre and edge the 5-time NLL champion Toronto Rock to start the season. Greet their home opener with a relatively easy win against the same Rock team the previous night. Next, Minnesota battles the defending

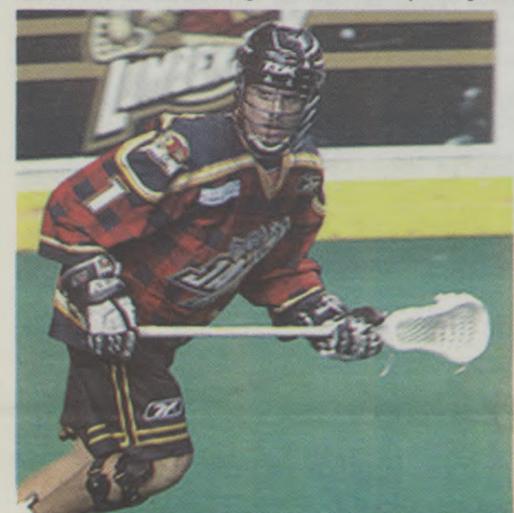
champion Rochester Knighthawks and proceeded to take them down in overtime.

This weekend the Swarm traveled to the West Coast to tackle the Stealth and flew back home with a 14-12 win at the San Jose HP Pavilion before a sparse crowd of only 3,895 spectators Saturday night to be a perfect 4-and-0 atop the tough East Division.

The Swarm have a half-game lead over the idle Philadelphia Wings who



Minnesota Swarm are letting their youthful talent shine through in the early part of the NLL season as they defeated San Jose Stealth 14-12 Saturday night at the HP Pavilion to remain unbeaten in four starts. Above, Swarm # 26 Ryan Sharp looks for help from # 19 Chad Culp to check the Stealth # 11 Kyle Sorenson during the win. (Photo by Jeffery Goldberg)



Akwesasne native and Portland LumberJax # 1, Pete Jacobs helped his team to an 11-10 win over the Edmonton Rush Saturday night at the Rexall Place before 7,072 lacrosse fans. (Photo by Matt J. Waite)

have a 3-and-0 record while Toronto sits third with a 3-and-2 record with Buffalo Bandits are .500 after four games with Chicago Shamrox (1-and-2), Rochester (1-and-3) and New York (1-and-3) rounding out the East Division.

Colorado Mammoth sit a top the West Division unbeaten after four games. After trailing 6-5 at the half, the Swarm took an 8-7 lead into the fourth frame. The offense on both side seemed to ignite and the Stealth found themselves up 11-10 just past the half way mark of the fourth.

Six Nations Dean Hill netted his only marker on the night with a power play goal from Craig Point with 6:18 left in

regulation time.

Ryan Sharp put the Swarm up 12-11 with 4:35 remaining as Travis Hill made the key contribution on the play.

Chad Culp went on to score the eventual game winner on a solo effort with under three minutes remaining. San Jose closed the gap to one on Jeff Zywicki's 5th-goal of the contest only to have Minnesota's Ryan Cousins responded 27 seconds later to quell any attempts of a comeback by the Stealth.

Rookie Point led the Swarm with a seven point (2G, 5A) night to up his personal total to 21 points (8G, 13A) in the four games to date.

Sean Pollock and Ryan Ward each had six point (2G, 4A) games for the Swarm. Former Six Nations Arrows Andy Score had five points (3G, 2A), Chad Culp finished with four points (2G, 2A), Mike Hominuck contributed three helpers in the win.

Colin Doyle led the Stealth with an 11-point (3G, 8A) night. In other NLL action - Akwesasne Pete Jacobs and the Portland LumberJax

edged the Edmonton Rush 11-10 Saturday night at the Rexall Place before 7,072 lacrosse fans.

Derek Malawsky netted his third goal and game-winner with 2:23 left in regulation to earn game MVP honours for the LumberJax.

Akwesasne native, Pete Jacobs played scooping up two loose balls but did not register a point in the LumberJax win.

Thursday night the Stealth blew open the a 4-3 contest to lead 7-4 by half-time enRoute to a 12-7 win over the New York Titans at the Madison Square Gardens before 7,332 fans.

This coming week sees the Swarm host the New York Titans Friday and Portland Sunday afternoon at the Xcel Energy Center. The Bandits travel to Calgary Friday and then onto New York Sunday afternoon. Tom Montour and the Shamrox are in San Jose Saturday night while perhaps the best match up of the weekend will see Toronto play the Knighthawks at the Blue Cross Arena Saturday night.



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Bush League Roundup

Playing without a goaltender for the entire game and earning point is nothing less than heroic. The Tomahawks got a goal by Chandon Hill with 8.1 seconds

remaining to lift them into a 12-12 tie with the Silverhawks Thursday night at the Gaylord Powless Arena in Bush League action. The Spoilers took control of their

contest early against Smoothtown Bruins to win 7-3 as Shaun General, Sandy Porter and Jake Hill all scored twice each for the winners.

In the evening finale, the Sharks won their second game of the season 8-5 over the struggling Spirits. Dennis MacDonald netted a hat-trick for the Sharks in the win.

Cheechoo; pure goal-scorer

By Scott Hill
Sports Reporter

Though he hasn't had that great of a season so far, Jonathan Cheechoo still knows how to put the puck in the back of the net. Cheechoo, a Cree was born on July 15, 1980 in Moose Factory, Ontario.

The 6' 1", 200 lbs. right winger wears number 17 for the San Jose Sharks.

Unfortunately, he's on pace for his second worst season with the Sharks unless he lights it up in the second half of the season.

Recently, Cheechoo has been getting the touch back as he scored four times in the past four games for the Sharks to give him 11 goals in 45 games. A groin injury has slowed the production down for the former Maurice "Rocket" Richard Award winner, which goes the top goal scorer in NHL for a particular season.

Cheechoo told the San Jose staff, "People have expectations for me to score and I know it's my job."

Cheechoo is a good skater, not a great skater who works hard at keeping up with the play but lacks solid defensive play.

"I'm not the prettiest skater, but it's a matter of getting to the right spot," Cheechoo told San Jose staff. "If I have to bump into someone on the way, that's the way it is."

His hockey career started to take off when he was playing Jr B in Kitchener for the Dutchmen in 1996-1997. There he played in 43 games and scored 35 goals and recorded 41 assists for 76 points. From there, he embarked on a successful three-year career with the Belleville Bulls of the Ontario Hockey League. In 193 games, he had 111 goals and 138 assists for 249 points. While he was with the Bulls, the Sharks drafted him in the second round, 29th overall in the 1998 NHL Entry Draft.

Cheechoo then turned pro in 2000-2001 with the Kentucky Thoroughblades of the American Hockey League. In 75 games, he

scored 32 goals and notched 34 assists for 66 points. He was named to the All-Rookie Team. After that season, Kentucky folded and moved to Cleveland where they became the Barons. Cheechoo played 53 games for the Barons in 2001-2002 and had 21 goals and 25 assists for 46 points.

The Sharks liked what they saw from Cheechoo in the minors and so the following season he played in 66 games for the Sharks where he scored nine goals and had seven assists for 16 points.

In 2003-2004, Cheechoo made the big club and played in 81 games for the Sharks finishing with 47 points (28G, 19A). He also played in the NHL Youngstars Game. Then the NHL lockout came and Cheechoo decided to play for HV71 of the Swedish Elite League. He played in 20 games and had five goals.

The 2005-2006 would be the breakout year of Cheechoo as he topped the NHL with 56 goals and 37 assists for 93 points in 82



Cree native, Jonathan Cheechoo of the San Jose Sharks

games with the Sharks. Cheechoo and the Sharks found new life once Joe Thornton arrived via a trade with the Boston Bruins early in the season.

In April 2006, Thornton told reporter Phil Coffey, "It pretty much comes down that I like to pass and he likes to score and I love setting him up. He has a knack of just scoring goals, he has a great shot and he's always in good scoring positions. He works very, very hard. He works on his game every day, and you just love playing with a guy like that."

Mixed Martial Arts 2nd appearance at ILA

by Wray Maracle
Sports Reporter

It is a sport you either love or you hate, but either way local Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) promoters, Bill Monture and the Grand River Athletics Corporation (GRAC)

which established the Grand River Athletic Commission have brought it here.

Despite the sport not being sanctioned by the Ontario Athletics commissioner Ken Hayashi, the GRAC held a card back on November 3rd at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena (ILA) when more than 2,200 fight fans showed up.

MMA takes a variety of three self-defense styles into one combative style which some call barbaric.

Then there is an audience out in the general public that down right love the sport.

Monture is a local promoter who is very passionate about it which is why he brought the sport to Six Nations in the first place.

This time around the 10-card fight is expected to be sold-out. Monture says the community will benefit from his events as proceeds will go to local charities.

In order for the MMA event to be considered legal the event must past the acid test.

According to Section 83 of the criminal code, an athletic commission on aboriginal reserves can sanction a MMA event without it being in violation.

Although promoter Monture has approached both Six Nations Confederacy Council and the Six Nations Elected Council, neither council has formally given the GRAC its blessing.

The MMA is sanctioned by other province's athletic commissions. Monture said safety procedures for the fighters to participate in his events are more stringent and follow a higher standard than that of boxing commissioned event.

The Ontario Provincial Police have no jurisdiction over the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory event since Six Nations Police watched previous MMA event as a fact gather situation.

Six Nations considers itself to be a sovereign nation and that is what the GRAC is utilizing in sanctioning the MMA event.



Reserve closes police station health and safety violations, calls for help

TORONTO- One of Ontario's largest aboriginal reserves has been forced to close a main police detachment because it doesn't meet basic health and safety requirements. Grand Chief Stan Beardy, of the

Nishnawbe Aski Nation, says the community is facing a "growing policing crisis" and needs provincial help. He says the detachment in Kasabonika Lake First Nation had to be closed because

the jail cells were "completely inadequate." Beardy says the cells weren't properly lit, didn't have adequate bathroom facilities and weren't secure.

National Briefs

First Nations teacher's discrimination case may be appealed
WINNIPEG- A Manitoba lawyer hopes to appeal a decision where a teacher was awarded nearly \$70,000 in compensation for having a job offer revoked due to her heritage.

The Canadian Human Rights Tribunal found that the Ebb and Flow First Nation discriminated against the teacher because she is Cree, not Ojibwa. Norman Boudreau, the lawyer for the band, said in an interview with The Canadian Press he'll recommend to the First Nation that it appeal the case to the Federal Court of Appeal.

In July 2003, Jean Bignell-Malcolm accepted a job in the community about 175 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg. The reserve's chief, Ralph Beaulieu, sent her a letter confirming the hire.

But later that month during a discussion about her salary, concerns were raised that she does not speak Saulteaux, which is also known as Ojibwa. That particular language requirement was not included in the job posting. Beaulieu told the human rights tribunal he only became aware of the language oversight when he was given a petition from some community elders which said that their "own people" should administer the education program.

In a decision released late last week, the tribunal concluded the language requirement was not the actual deal-breaker. "This wording suggests that the elder's primary concern was race, national or ethnic origin and that language was a secondary concern," the tribunal said in its written decision.

Saskatchewan First Nation bids farewell to tots who froze to death

YELLOW QUILL RESERVE, Sask.-The heartbroken grandmother of two children who met their tragic ends in an icy field on a Saskatchewan reserve has issued an emotional plea to the Canadian public, asking that their deaths not be in vain.

Three-year-old Kaydance Pauchay



and her one-year-old sister Santana were laid to rest Saturday after a private service on the Yellow Quill reserve about three hours east of Saskatoon.

Afterward, the girls' maternal grandmother, Irene Nippi, made her way to the edge of the reserve, where the media were being kept back, and asked reporters to tell the story of Yellow Quill and the struggles its people face.

"I was worried about my grandchildren. I did not want them to leave this world in vain," Nippi said, her slight frame trembling against the cold. "I hope there's change now that happens - a lot of changes like no alcohol and



counselling and stuff to be brought in here. Our old teachings should be brought back."

The Yellow Quill reserve, situated in a part of the province where flat grain fields give way to rolling hills and forests, is battling alcohol abuse, high unemployment and a lack of suitable housing. The First Nation also has political and financial difficulties. It has been under third-party management since 1999, and the chief is currently locked in a bitter battle with councillors that both sides agree is crippling the reserve's development.

Nippi said she hopes Saturday's service helps her own family move forward. The children's father, Christopher Pauchay, was brought to the reserve by ambulance so he and their mother, Tracey Jimmy, could say goodbye to their children together. Jimmy is expecting another baby in April.

"I'm glad it is finally over. Now the healing can begin with my daughter and my son-in-law," Nippi said. "When we went to lay my grandchildren to rest, I was very proud of her and my son-in-law Chris, because they were so strong."

Details about the deaths remain



incomplete, but family members have said they believe Pauchay might have been seeking medical help for the one of the girls and intended to walk a short distance to another home when he took them out wearing light clothing around 12:30 a.m. on Tuesday. They say he had been drinking that night.

At some point, Pauchay got separated from the children. He made it to a neighbour's house and was taken to hospital suffering from severe frostbite and hypothermia. Eight hours later, when he was finally able to communicate, he asked about his children, triggering a grim search.

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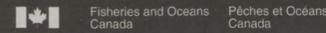
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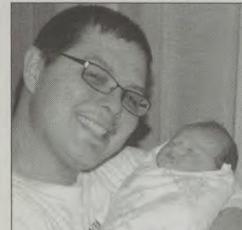
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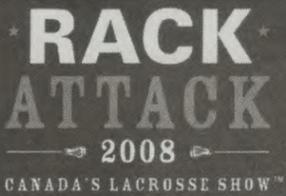
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Friday, February 15	Saturday, February 16	Sunday, February 17
10:00 am Show Opens – Player Demonstration – Minnesota Swarm Players – Craig Point, Dean Hill and Travis Hill - On-Floor	10:00 am Show Opens	10:00 am Stick Making Demonstration - TBC
10:15 am Chris Nentlarz, KP Athletics – Core Training for Players - Speaker Hall	10:00 am Sport Wrapping & Taping Level 1 Course – 4.0 hrs – Raymond Hill Dressing Room	10:15 am Matt Holtz, Head Coach, University of Detroit – On-Floor
10:30 am Radar Gun Challenge – Elementary and High School – On-Floor	10:30 am Amy Spin, Women's Lacrosse Coach, OCC, New York – Speakers Hall * Educational Requirements for NJCAA and NCAA*	11:00 am Iroquois Nationals U-19 Presentation – Speaker Hall
11:00 am Interactive Schedule	10:45 am Fitness Conditioning Presentation, KP Athletics – On-Floor Session	11:00 am Players/Goaltenders Challenge - On-Floor
Speaker Hall	"Youth Performance Training for the 7 to 11 Year Old"	11:00 am Women's Lacrosse Presentation – Speaker Hall
Amy Spin, Women's Lacrosse Coach, Onondaga Community College, NJCAA	11:00 am Robert Leary, Men's Lacrosse Coach, SUNY, Delhi – Speakers Hall	11:30 am Robert Leary, Head Coach, SUNY, Delhi College – On -Floor
On-Floor Session: Robert Leary, SUNY, Delhi, NJCAA	Jason Johnson, "Dying your Lacrosse Head" – Roger Buck Smith Room	Noon Interactive Schedule
Roger Buck Smith Room: Powless Lacrosse Store, Custom Dying Workshop, Jason Johnson, Six Nations Chiefs Lacrosse Coach	11:15 am Hill Academy – Brodie & Peter Merrill – Time - TBC	Speaker Hall
11:30 am Gewas Schindler, Iroquois Nationals World Team – On-Floor	11:30 am Autograph Session – Iroquois Nationals & NLL Players	Jim Jennings, NLL Commissioner
11:45 am Autograph/Picture Session – Dean Hill, Travis Hill and Craig Point – Swarm	Noon Joe Ernst, Men's Lacrosse Coach, Mercyhurst College – Speaker Hall	Jason Johnson
Noon Speaker Hall	1:00 pm Jason Johnson, "Stringing a Lacrosse Head" – Roger Buck Smith Room	"NLL Growth Plans"
Sid Jamieson, Bucknell Bison, NCAA, Former Men's Lacrosse Coach "Education and Inspiration"	1:15 pm Stick Making Demonstration – Guest – TBC	1:00 pm Cary Kaplan, Cosmos Sports Inc – Careers in Sport Management + Q&A – Speaker Hall
1:00 pm Speaker Hall	1:30 pm Practice Planning for Coaches – Room - TBA	1:00 pm Autograph Session – NLL and National Team Members
Duane Jacobs, Head Coach, Minnesota Swarm & Iroquois Nationals World Indoor Lacrosse Team "Personal Journey"	2:00 pm Sandy Jemison, Coach U-19 Women's Haudenosaunee Team and Former Coach – Fredonia State University – On-Floor Session – Women's Lacrosse	1:00 pm Delby Powless – Field and Box Lacrosse Drills and Skills – On-Floor
1:30 pm STX Shooting Stations – Elementary and High School – On-Floor	3:00 pm Giveaways – MLL Jerseys, NLL Jerseys, Team Canada, Iroquois Nationals, Team USA, Bandits Tickets, Others – TBD	1:30 pm Interactive Challenge – Kids and Youth – Cory Bomberry, Buffalo Bandits – On-Floor
1:45 pm Speaker Hall	3:00 pm Jason Johnson, "Stick Dying" - Roger Buck Smith Room	1:45 pm Goaltending Clinic
Tom Kovic, Victory Collegiate Consulting "Recruiting Seminar 101"	3:15 pm Tom Kovic, "Marketing the Student Athlete to Coaches" – Speaker Hall	2:30 pm Powless Lacrosse Giveaways
2:00 pm Interactive Schedule	3:30 pm Challenge for Elementary and High School Players – speed, agility, radar gun, and showdown – On-Floor	3:00 pm Show Closes
Roger Buck Smith Room	4:00 pm Powless Lacrosse Store Giveaways	
Jason Johnson, Six Nations Chiefs Coach	5:00 pm Show Closes	
"Stringing a Lacrosse Head"	Note	
On-Floor	Cultural Education Display being coordinated by Delmor Jacobs will be on display throughout the show – history of the game, NLL Champions Cup, Mann Cup, Minto Cup, Founder's Cup, Nations Cup, Legends' Cup and	
Wooden and Plastic Stick Trick Challenge		
"Elementary and High School Students"		
2:30 pm Rich Dommer, Men's Lacrosse Coach, Herkimer College – Speaker Hall		
3:00 pm Joe Ernst, Men's Lacrosse Coach, Mercyhurst College – On-Floor "Skills and Drills to Prepare for NCAA and NJCAA"		
4:00 pm Show Closes		



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Confirmed Vendors, Manufacturers & Educational Institutions

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| 1. Powless Lacrosse Store NY | 7. Eddy Mask Inc (Goalie Masks) | 13. Wilfrid Laurier University | 19. Gear Up Sports, Glide SS - Orchard Park. |
| 2. Warrior Lacrosse | 8. The Hill Academy, Private School | 14. Herkimer College | 20. Voodoo Air Brushing - Toronto, ON |
| 3. Stick Doctor | 9. NAMI Inc (STX) | 15. Brine | 21. Six Nations Women Lacrosse - Ohsweken |
| 4. Harrow Sports Inc. | 10. University of Western Ontario | 16. Scorpion Lacrosse Inc | 22. Six Nations Field Lacrosse - Ohsweken |
| 5. Iroquois Nationals | 11. Onondaga Community College | 17. University of Detroit - Detroit, Michigan | 23. KP Athletics - Buffalo, NY |