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National Day of Action Giant Tee Pee in Toronto Six Nations Band Council to hand out flyers at Brantford Casino

By Lynda Powless and Donna Duric
Turtle Island News

Six Nations Band Council is handing out flyers at the Brantford charity casino to mark the National Day of Action Friday while New Credit marches through the streets of Toronto and Grassy Narrows activists have already erected a nine metre teepee on the lawn of the Ontario legislature Monday.

First Nations groups and communities from across Canada are planning various protests or actions Friday, the start of the Canada Day holiday weekend to mark the National Day of Protest called by the Assembly of First Nations. In Toronto members of the Grassy Narrows and Kitchenuhmaykoosib

Innuwug First Nations, along with the Rainforest Action Network and Christian Peacemaker Teams, erected the teepee Monday afternoon. One protester was wrapped in a banner reading "Native Rights Now."

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Smoke huts showing up on claimed lands

A smoke hut has shown up behind Michelle Farmer-Fuller's property in Middleport. Fuller leased the land to the smoke hut operator. The tobacco shop is on Six Nations Tow path lands under claim. Brant County is trying to shut the shop down. Two employees at the shop refused to comment on it Tuesday morning. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

Six Nations band councillor in hospital after crash

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations band councillor Lewis Staats is in good condition at Hamilton General Hospital after being involved in a two car crash last week on Sour Springs Road at the Mohawk Road intersection. Councillor Staats was on his way home after attending a meeting with Revenue Canada in Ottawa, on behalf of band council, when his truck was struck by another vehicle at about 10 p.m. (Continued on page 3)

Prime Minister says threats didn't get Manitoba land back

By Lynda Powless
Editor

OTTAWA-Prime Minister Stephen Harper told an Ottawa news conference returning lands to

Manitoba's Rousseau River band, that had threatened to shut down CN Rail during this Friday's Aboriginal Day of Action, had nothing to do with the threats of

violence. Instead the Prime Minister said it was a case of "this government getting things done." Prime Minister Harper was questioned on the move during a press conference last Friday.

He blamed the Liberal party for failing to move on aboriginal files. "What's wrong with 100 years of failed aboriginal policy is the Liberals focusing on money instead of looking at what's wrong."

He said Minister of Indian Affairs Jim Prentice have moved Canada forward on the land claim file.

"He has taken steps forward on land claims, housing policies that will give aboriginal people the

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A House divided half on, half off

Brant County wrong, Smoke hut on Six Nations

By Donna Duric and Lynda Powless
Turtle Island News.

Brant County council may actually find itself owing a Six Nations woman over two decades of back taxes after claiming Michelle Fuller-Farmer's property, now home to a smoke hut, is within Brant County borders, when it isn't.

Michelle, owner of an award winning Six Nations dance study said she was shocked when she saw media reports and complaints that a newly opened smoke hut was on Brant County lands.

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Local *Band council cuts speed limit*

Band council to hand out flyers demanding 5% cut

(Continued from front)

Grassy Narrows leaders have been calling on the government to put an end to logging on land they say is theirs.

Six Nations, band councillors will hand out flyers at the Brantford Charity Casino for two hours.

The band council decided last week to participate in the protest by handing out information at the casino detailing Six Nations' ownership to the lands and its belief Six Nations should therefore be entitled to a five per cent cut of the profits.

"We should be getting the same amount that Brantford is getting," said Elected Chief Dave General. "We need to assert that in Brantford. We want the same share."

Ontario provides a five percent funding cut to municipalities with a casino in their limits.

General said the protest would be fitting and timely considering last week's publicity surrounding Casino Rama and Ontario's First Nations refusing to accept a revenue-sharing deal created by the province they thought was unfair. "I think the casino might be a timely venue. I think it's a perfect opportunity to provide information to the community about the revenue-sharing agreement."

The Assembly of First Nations has declared June 29, a National Day of Action.

For the last two months, First Nations across Canada have been discussing organizing various activities to draw attention to aboriginal issues such as poverty and land claims.

Band Council's administration is creating information flyers for councillors to hand out in the casino parking lot.

Band Councillors and community members are going to convoy from Six Nations to the casino waving Haudenosaunee flags.

General said the general manager of the casino has already been contacted to inform him of Six Nations' plans.

"It's been described as a peaceful, responsible and educational event. Everyone from Six Nations is invited to attend. It'll identify the high priority areas of concern (within Six Nations). This is band council's contribution and expression on the day of action."

Sandra Muse, a reporter for another local newspaper, advised council during its meeting last Tuesday, "You need to do this in a really big way. Mainstream media is expecting something big. Keep things point form. Keep it very compact."

She suggested they take a canoe along the Grand River to add to their action, as well as protesting in front of Brantford City Hall and the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) building in Brantford.

General said other events that encourage "anarchy", such as road

and rail blockades, are, "the wrong approach. Anarchy brings nothing to our people but pain. We've had enough of that."

The Mississaugas of New Credit plan a march in Toronto Friday to



A 9 metre teepee has been erected at the Ontario legislature (CP-Photo)

draw attention to the length of time their claim to the city of Toronto lands has been on the back burner.

IN the meantime AFN leader Phil Fontaine, who called for the national day of protest was backpedalling in Winnipeg last week saying the day is an information day, not a day of protest or confrontation.

"We don't want to cause a major disruption in the lives of Canadians, but at the same time, we also want to make sure they understand that this is a crisis," Phil Fontaine, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said in an interview this week from Ottawa.

"First Nations poverty is not just a burden on our communities. It's a burden on the country."

The AFN and the RCMP renewed a long-standing protocol this week, with June 29 in mind, aimed at ensuring that protests are peaceful and laws are obeyed. But native leaders are aware that the news media, and Canadians in general, pay more attention to their concerns when there is conflict.

Fontaine himself recently pointed out that public sympathy for aboriginal concerns was highest during the Oka crisis in 1990.

Terrance Nelson, chief of the Roseau River reserve south of Winnipeg, made national headlines last month when his reserve announced plans to block rail lines on June 29. He withdrew the threat Wednesday in response to recent federal movement on his community's land claim, the transfer of a small parcel of land northwest of Winnipeg.

Nelson made a similar blockade threat last year, and also withdrew it. He has never been afraid to court controversy to make his point that aboriginals have been denied access to the wealth generated by forestry, mining, hydro develop-

ment and other resource-based activities on their traditional land. He wants June 29 to do more than raise awareness among Canadians.

"It was never really my goal. I know that Phil Fontaine wants this

Mohawk Rd. and Bateman Line; Bateman Line between Third Line and Fourth Line Rd.; Seventh Line Rd. between Cayuga and Onondaga Rd.; and Onondaga Rd. between Sixth Line and Seventh Line Rd. The previous speed limit was 80 km/hr.

Brantford Charity Casino sits on Six Nations land



on June 29, it (will be) a wake-up call. And if that happens, the Americans are going to be saying, 'Look, get this thing settled.'"

"The greatest danger is that June 29 fizzles totally, and if that happens, Canadians will go into a false sense of security," he said.

Nelson seems to be in the minority, however, as many native leaders say they want to gain public support and avoid disruptions.

"By and large, I think the vast majority of the First Nations and aboriginal people are committed to building support through establishing solidarity with many other socially responsible Canadians," said Grand Chief Stewart Philip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, who plans to take part in a peaceful march in downtown Vancouver.

In Saskatchewan, which is home to more than 13 per cent of the country's aboriginal population, First Nations leaders say there will be non-disruptive marches, including a walk to the provincial legislature that will include Premier Lorne Calvert and other politicians.

"Rather than turn off people by blockades, blocking off highways, railroads and that type of thing, we want to give people a chance to work with us, walk with us and understand our plight," said Lawrence Joseph, chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

In New Brunswick, the group that represents aboriginals who live off reserve is not planning protests. "We don't believe that it's the way to go, said Betty Ann Lavallee, president of the New Brunswick Aboriginal People's Council. We believe that you can get more things done by discussions with the politicians."

Lavallee said the public does not "have the stomach" for aboriginal protests right now and pointed to the standoff in Caledonia, Ont. Aboriginal people there have occupied a former housing development since February 2006. Over the months, protesters have shut down a railway, blockaded the town's main thoroughfare and clashed with area residents.

The federal government announced steps to address native concerns earlier this month. (With CP-Files)

SIX NATIONS COUNCIL

National Day of Action June 29, 2007

As part of the Scheduled National Day of Action the Six Nations Council will organize an information caravan and speeches at the Brantford Charity Casino.

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Speaking at this event:
Elected Chief & Council, and
Brantford Mayor Michael Hancock

- Time & Route:**
- Vehicles are asked to gather at the Gaylord Powless Arena Parking lot; caravan leaves at 9:00 am SHARP!
 - The caravan will travel on Chiefswood Road to Highway 54 and on to Cainsville.
 - Within Brantford City Limits the caravan will proceed along Colborne St.; onto Dalhousie up to Brant Ave.; make the turn toward ICOMM Dr.; along ICOMM to Market St.; turn right and head for the Civic Centre to park

Volunteers are needed at the Council Chambers between 4 pm and 6 pm on Thursday June 28, 2007 to help prepare the day's materials.

Band council wants traffic lights at 54

Band Council has rejected a suggestion from Brant County to install a four-way stop at Hwy. 54 and Pauline Johnson Rd., saying the implementation would cause increased accidents for motorists not aware of the new signs. Elected

Chief Dave General said if the four-way stop were to be installed, warning lights would be needed to give motorists advance warning of the new signs, and therefore, council would be better off putting in a full traffic-light system instead.

The intersection has long been the cause of accidents, with only a two-way stop currently in place, but the Ministry of Transportation has deemed the traffic not heavy enough to warrant traffic lights.

Racism and social difficulties put Six Nations high school students at risk

By Donna Duric
Writer

Six Nations students experience lower success rates in secondary school compared to other students in the Grand Erie District School Board.

One-fifth of Six Nations students in the GEDSB dropped out of high school in the 2005/2006 academic year, according to the GEDSB's latest annual report.

Six Nations students achieve three out of every four credits attempted, on average, leaving them at a higher risk of not graduating from high school by the time they are in grade 11.

Six Nations students also have high absenteeism - on average, each student misses nine days of school per year, or one day per month.

Deneen Montour, native advisor for the GEDSB, said she believes racism and the social difficulties of adapting to school life off the reserve play a large role in Six Nations students' reduced success rates.

"We can't bury our heads in the sand and say it (racism) doesn't exist because it does. There is a small percentage of students who do say things that are racist."

She said the majority of non-native students in the GEDSB are open and understanding towards their native peers. She estimates about sixty-five per cent of non-native students treat their native peers as they do everyone else.

Thirty per cent "act like you're invisible" she said, regarding their native peers, and about five per cent are "outright racist."

"It can cause you to not want to be there," said Montour. "You have to

be a pretty strong person to get through it."

The GEDSB reported on the success of 584 Six Nations students enrolled in secondary schools for the 2005/2006 academic year.

These are some of the statistics: -Six Nations students had a 76.4 per cent success rate in achieving their credits last year, down from 77 per cent the previous year.

-By the time a student is in grade 11, he or she is four credits behind in the required credit count needed to graduate grade 12 - instead of having 16, students, on average, have 12 credits by the time they reach grade 11.

A student must earn 30 credits to graduate from high school.

-Six Nations students had a 22 per cent dropout rate last year - up from 17 per cent the previous year - 126 students out of 584 dropped out.

Sixty-nine of those students were females and 57 were males.

-Last year, grade 10 students had the lowest success rate in achieving their credits at 72.5 per cent. Grade nine students had the highest success rate at 81.2 per cent of credits attempted being achieved.

-The majority of students - 235 - fell into the highest attendance category with 10 or fewer absences. But the second-largest category - 116 students - had more than 150 absences.

Montour said one reason many Six Nations students get behind in their

credit count is that they come into high school unprepared - both academically and in terms of attendance habits, which she says plays an important role in academic success.

"We know there is a strong link between attendance and academic success."

She said Six Nations elementary school students are at a disadvantage because Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) does not provide funding for special programs that all off-reserve elementary students receive from the Ministry of Education.

Also, she said, many Six Nations elementary students have poor attendance habits - something she attributes to poverty, negative social conditions and historical trauma from parents and grandparents who attended residential schools.

These parents, said Montour, have negative memories of school that can be passed on to their children.

But they're slowly emerging from that, she said, pointing out the ever-increasing numbers of highly-edu-

cated Six Nations people becoming doctors and lawyers.

Montour said she believes social adaptation is the hardest aspect of transition for Six Nations students entering off-reserve high schools.

"I don't know if it's culture shock - they're not isolated like in northern communities (but) you're not interacting with them (non-natives) on a personal basis. It can be hard for the students."

This is especially true when making tough choices on what to participate in and what not to participate in, she said.

One example is when a grade nine student hears the Canadian national anthem being played in school and all non-native students stand up for it - something Six Nations students have never participated in during elementary school.

Do they stand or do they stay seated? It's a decision each individual student should be allowed to make, she said.

But if a student decides to stay seated, she advises being prepared to answer non-native students who question why they stay seated.

Montour said the GEDSB has been working on promoting cultural awareness of Six Nations among non-native students and teachers.

Teachers, for instance, are made aware of traditional activities that some Haudenosaunee students attend such as mid-winter ceremonies and traditional funerals during which a student might miss up to 10 days of school.

She said it teaches educators, "this is how it might be to have a native student in your class."

The GEDSB also recently organized a bridging activity during which grade nine non-native students visited Six Nations and learned about the culture - even touring a longhouse as part of that education.

"It was a real eye-opener for them," she said.

The bottom line, she said, is that improving attendance habits and easing the transition between school life on-reserve and off-reserve are the two most important ways Six Nations students can have increased chances of success in high school.

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New health building named

The Six Nations Health Complex, which is undergoing the finishing touches of construction, will now be known as the White Pines Wellness Centre. The name was chosen after the Six Nations Health Committee offered cash prizes to the community member who chooses the best name

for the much-anticipated health centre. It will house the majority of Six Nations' health services, as well as a brand-new six-bed dialysis unit. It is expected to open in September. Shelley and David Thomas received \$150 for the winning entry.

Church parking lot work back on after short disruption

By Donna Duric
Writer
Paving of the Caledonia Baptist Church next to the land reclamation site came to an abrupt halt yesterday morning after a group of young men on the site walked up to the workers and told them to stop. But work resumed around noon yesterday after a delegation of people from the Confederacy and OPP mediated the issue with workers and the church's pastor, Blake Eady. Provincial negotiator John Nolan was also present. It's the third time in a month the people have stopped work on the parking lot, amid environmental concerns and the fact it sits within the Plank Rd. land claim area. The

last time it was stopped, children in the nearby elementary school were called inside from recess because of the possibility of violence erupting. Members of the Confederacy appeared on site and eventually straightened out the issue and it was agreed work would continue. It continued without event last week and yesterday, as well, after a Six Nations senior, Floyd Montour, was delegated to be present during the work and to prevent any flare-ups from occurring. He was present this morning when the work was stopped, and acted as one of the mediators between the protesters and the workers. Around 10:30 a.m., Montour said he was sitting at the frontline of the



Six Nations Confederacy peace keeper Clyde Powless and Cayuga chief Sam General Blake Bomberry speak with provincial negotiator John Nolan Tuesday at the church parking lot. (Photo by Jim C Powless)



Two Six Nations youths watch after the parking lot work continued

reclamation site when he noticed a group of five young men approach the workers on the parking lot, telling them to stop. "They just told them they had to stop, so they stopped," said Montour. "It was supposed to be going ahead." Members of the OPP's Aboriginal Response Team were called to the church to help mediate the situation. The young men returned to the site's frontline while discussions were taking place. Confederacy supporter Clyde



Houses on the site were expected to be demolished

Powless acted as a liaison between the men, the workers, and the pastor. Montour told the Turtle Island News the young men said they were not informed of the agreement to continue the work and that's why they stopped it. Eady said the church wants to pave the parking lot because of the dust

created when cars come into the parking lot and the dirt and mud make a mess of the carpets inside the church. It had also done some grading work on the parking lot to reduce the chance of flooding. He said the church and surrounding grassy areas get flooded every spring.

CN RAIL BLOCKADE COMING?

A crucial highway and rail line that moves tens of thousands of people daily around Central Canada will be subject to a crippling blockade on Friday, a spokesman for the Tyendinaga

Mohawk reserve says. The protesters are considering shutting down the CN Rail mainline that runs between Toronto and Montreal as well as Highway 401 as part of the national day

of action called by the AFN. Other potential targets include Highway 2 and the road that leads to nearby Deseronto says Shawn Brant spokesman.

Smoke hut on Six Nations, Brant County may owe taxes

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"I have a survey to prove it is Six Nations land and Brant County did the survey, she said. In fact, she says there's a line drawn down the middle of the house, showing half on Six Nations, half off. "I am the last property at the end of the reserve." And she says, she shouldn't have to prove she is on Six Nations, "they should be proving how they think they got our land."

She saw when Brant County's bylaw officer assessed her property in 1985, "he assessed the whole property. He said he didn't assess just half, so I'm paying taxes on property that's on Six Nations."

She said she may file a claim against Brant County for back taxes. The controversy broke out when her next door neighbour complained to Brant County council when a

smoke hut opened on the property. Dino Giudice, who lives next door to the home, at 1151 Highway 54, accused the business of breaking county laws regarding setbacks and signage. But Brant County doesn't have any bylaws regulating signage in Middleport.

Giudice made a presentation to county council recently and told council, "This is not Oka." He said it's a land use issue. He claimed there are safety issues with the smoke hut that is run out of a small trailer on the property with traffic coming in and out of the property, he said an accident is likely to occur anytime.

He accused Brant County of being afraid to take on Six Nations people. The smoke hut is on towpath lands behind a home owned by Michelle Farmer-Fuller of Six Nations.

She said when she bought the property, from a Six Nations man, it was all registered to her.

She said she was surprised by her neighbour. "The land is on reserve. I haven't been next door to the guy that's complaining and show him my deed and survey but why should I?"

She said she has already shown the survey to the OPP and Brant County. "I've shown it to all the people I had to. That's why not doing anything. I don't feel I have to do anything."

She said the land is show on her deed as Six Nations lands "Right back to 1800s. I haven't shown it to the neighbour, maybe he should show me his. His property is probably in the land claim area." She said, "I got all my paperwork in order. I'm not doing anything illegal. I own the land, I bought it from a reserve guy."

She said she is leasing the land to the smoke hut. Farmer-Fuller said she told them they must abide by the measurements keeping the hut on the towpath and keep up the property."

She said "It's not a land issue. I own it, and its proven its on my property, it is on reserve. Brant County should check their own records."

She said "I don't think those lands at Middleport were ever even paid for properly. Brant County should be explaining how they think they have it."

Brant County is investigating whether or not its bylaws regarding setbacks and signs advertising the sale of cigarettes are being violated Ward 5 Councillor Brian Coleman claims the entrance of the property is on Brant County land, but the actual shop itself sits within the 66 metres of the Grand River and is part of the towpath lands that the Grand River Navigation Company expropriated from Six Nations without permission.

An employee inside the shop said the shop is on reserve land, and her co-worker, who arrived shortly after Turtle Island News, refused to comment.

The next door neighbour Giudice said "Our concern is that this is non-band land. The property is not commercially-zoned." He accused Brant County of avoiding the issue for fear of reprisal from Six Nations.

But Mayor Ron Eddy said that is not the case. "We are trying to deal with it," he said, adding the county is researching whether or not the land is crown land and how laws could be enforced on it.

The shop sells cigarettes that are made on the Akwesasne reserve near Cornwall that straddles the U.S., Ontario and Quebec borders.

The cigarettes are made on the U.S. side of Akwesasne, which the federal government believes should be subject to excise taxes when brought across the border, but many Haudenosaunne people argue there is no border for them, and therefore, should not have to pay excise taxes on products brought back and forth between Canada and the United States.

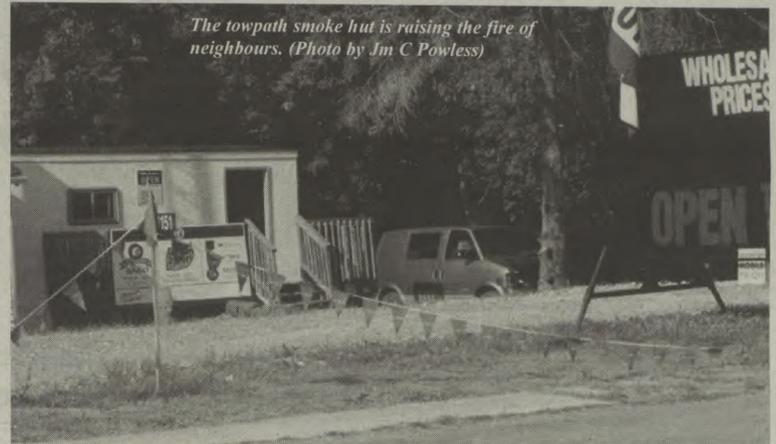
Two years ago, the RCMP raided a Six Nations smoke shop for selling these types of cigarettes. Coleman said, "We can't do anything about the sale of illegal cigarettes."

Giudice said "Our principal issue is with Brant County and their unwillingness to enforce their by-laws. We have lived here in total harmony with all our neighbours for 20 years. It is not band land; it is crown land at best."

He also expressed concern for the potential for car accidents, when cars stop suddenly to enter the shop. "We've had several close calls," he said.

Another one of his concerns is that the property is residentially-zoned, not commercially-zoned, and is subject to county taxes.

Eddy said if its determined the land is crown land, then the federal government would have to deal with the issue. "We have to know what our jurisdiction is," he said.



The towpath smoke hut is raising the fire of neighbours. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

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Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre No.1
Highway 7 & 8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class EA Study
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THE STUDY
The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is initiating a Highway 7 & 8 Transportation Corridor Planning and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study. The Study will:

- Develop a plan that:
 - Identifies factors driving 'Area Transportation Systems' needs;
 - Provides multi-modal strategies (road, transit, etc.) to address the 'Area Transportation System' problems and opportunities within the Analysis Area; and
 - Identifies provincial highway and/or provincial transitway alternatives to be carried forward.
- Prepare a preliminary design for the provincial roadway components of the recommended plan; and
- Prepare a Transportation Environmental Study Report for public review at study completion.

The study will also:

- Review and build on the MTO Highway 7 & 8 Study Design - Greater Stratford to New Hamburg Area, December 2005;
- Address the transportation policies and directions of the 'Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe' (recognizing that a portion of the analysis area for this project lies within the GGH);
- Recognize several municipal transportation initiatives in the area; and
- Recognize other relevant transportation corridor studies being undertaken by MTO.

A major component of the study is an outreach and consultation program structured around six key points of decision-making, each of which will be supported by:

- The release of a newsletter;
- The release of draft reports for review and comment;
- A round of Public Information Centres;
- Posting of information on the study web site; and
- Newspaper Notices.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC) #1
Members of the public are encouraged to attend the first round of PICs, which will be held as indicated below.

July 24, 2007 at New Hamburg Community Centre 251 Jacob Street, New Hamburg 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	July 25, 2007 at Stratford Optimist Hall (Ab Flood Memorial Hall) 72 Water Street, Stratford 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	August 14, 2007 Shakespeare and District Optimist Hall 3976 Galt Street, Shakespeare 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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The first round of PICs will be informal drop-in centres, at which draft reports on the following will be presented:

- Study Plan for Technical Work, Outreach and Consultation (Report A);
- Working Paper - Overview of Transportation, Land Use and Economic Conditions (Report B); and
- Working Paper - Environmental Conditions and Constraints (Report F, Part 1).

Copies of these draft reports are also available for review on the study web site and at local municipal offices, beginning on July 24, 2007. Your comments are requested by October 30, 2007, so that they can be considered as the study moves forward.

Staff from MTO and their consultant, TSH, will be in attendance at the PIC to answer questions. You are encouraged to attend the PIC and provide your views and comments so they can be considered. For further information, or if you wish to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Day of Action spurs rumours

Six Nations band council is trotting off to the Brantford Charity Casino Friday to hand out flyers to anyone who will take it, explaining...what we're not sure, but it has something to do with the fact that the casino sits on Six Nations land, and Ontario built it without Six Nations permission.

That alone shouldn't surprise anyone. 99 per cent of the city of Brantford was built and is continuing to be built on Six Nations land without Six Nations approval.

What is surprising about the Brantford Charity Casino is Ontario was made well aware the land is Six Nations land before they built, during the construction and after and continued on its merry way, with no consideration to the rights of Six Nations people.

Unfortunately, all development along the Haldimand Tract has taken that same arrogant look the other way attitude...until now.

Now even the rumour mill in small town Ontario has developers shaking and townspeople quivering when a small town daily newspaper like the Simcoe Reformer runs headlines threatening that Six Nations is coming to Port Dover...look out!

Well, Six Nations is always going to Port Dover. Who wouldn't. Have you had the Arbor's hot dogs, or The Beach House perch or strolled on it's beaches.

The newspaper, surprising, ran an entire article based on rumour and maybes that was certainly aimed at scaring the small town of Port Dover, threatening that Six Nations activists will shut down the entrance to the town during its famous Friday the 13th events or take over the Port Dover Harbour Marina this week, saying it was once a traditional fishing ground.

The newspaper has managed to throw together enough rumour and innuendo to have the OPP even adding to it saying they can't confirm the rumour but will be ready in case.

And of course there is Norfolk Harbour Marina board member Walt Long saying he will be on the lookout for Indians.

And there's Keith Swarts, Port Dover's chair of the PD 13 organizing committee threatening Six Nations saying it "would be a major, major mistake for them to try to shut down Port Dover on Friday 13th" whatever that threat is suppose to mean.

The Assembly of First Nations, that national body that represents band council's across Canada has created this atmosphere that Canada and Six Nations people now find themselves in.

And the AFN will have to answer to any violence that breaks out on Friday and in particular violence aimed at aboriginal people.

In the meantime, Port Dover needs to calm down and remember, Six Nations people come to their town all the time to take over...hotdogs, and perch and tans, and shop.

Six Nations deserves more than 5%

Six Nations band council chief Dave General doesn't appear to have learned much from the Chiefs of Ontario's rejection of the Casino Rama deal offered by Ontario.

A deal that would see First Nations lose a casino for \$2.5 billion over a period of time when the casino would earn \$10 billion, and then tell First Nations how they can spend the money.

General appears bent on trying to resolve Six Nations rights to the land the Brantford Charity Casino sits on by insisting Ontario turn over a measly 5 per cent of the casinos take, just as Ontario does for every municipality in Ontario with a casino.

And there lines the rub. General keeps thinking like the mayor of some small town. Ontario pays \$15 million a year in lease monies to Mnjikaning First Nation for just hosting Casino Rama.

Six Nations deserves not only lease payments from Ontario for use of its lands, but a whole lot more than 5 per cent of the take.

PLANS FOR ABORIGINAL ACTION DAY ON JUNE 29? NO, THE KIDS ARE GETTING OUT OF SCHOOL ON JUNE 28.



Letters:Reader questions Arrows on choices

Open Letter to Arrows Owners and Management

I am disappointed to see you continue to import so many non-native players to your already strong, competitive team. Every player that is brought in means that another opportunity is lost for one of our own to develop their skills to realize their potential.

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Shawn Evans? As good as he is, we could win without him! Our own can play! Just look at how successful our own Nationals were in the World In-door Games. When I see our Six Nations men playing at the National Lacrosse League level and on TV no less, I feel a great sense of pride in their success. We do not have to remember that someone, somewhere gave them a chance to play!

I no longer attend your games because these are no longer our boys. In fact some of our guys had to go play elsewhere after being cut from the team. You can boast about

your perfect record and you will likely win the Minto but you cannot deny the fact that you have a 'bought' team. Isn't it amazing that we have so many good quality players on the Rebels team? Some of these should surely be playing with you.

Ron Thomas

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Simcoe Reformer article stirs rumour mill in Port Dover...the Indians are coming!

Native activists coming to Port Dover?

Officials field reports of disruptions to Friday the 13th, Harbour Marina Monte Sonnenberg SIMCOE REFORMER Monday June 25, 2007. Uncertainty has been a defining characteristic of Friday the 13th motorcycle rallies in Port Dover since the beginning.

No one knows if the weather will co-operate, how many people might attend or whether the festivities might break down into disorderly conduct.

Added to the list for the event in July is the question of whether native activists might try to block access to town.

Keith Swarts of Port Dover, chair of the PD13 organizing committee, and the Norfolk OPP have both been warned that activists from Six Nations might try to deny access to Port Dover the day of the rally.

"That would be a major, major mistake," Swarts said. "For them to try to shut down Port Dover on Friday the 13th? Whoa."

Calls to native spokespersons connected to the claims protest in Caledonia were not returned.

Norfolk was drawn into the controversy this spring when aboriginals from Six Nations shut down a subdivision construction project in the north end of Hagersville.

During that protest, native chiefs said they were laying claim to land

half a mile on either side of Hamilton Plank Road (Highway 6) from Port Dover to Hamilton. When it was built in the 19th century, the south end of Hamilton Plank Road began on the east bank of the Lynn River in Port Dover. During recent land negotiations, federal officials categorically rejected native claims related to Highway 6.

Federal officials say all historic records and legal documents indicate that title to this land was transferred to the Crown in the 1800s. Const. Mark Foster of the Norfolk OPP has heard that traffic flows into Port Dover may be disrupted Friday the 13th.

"We can't confirm if it will happen," Foster said Friday. "We have heard rumours. We will plan and act according to how events unfold. All we've heard is there may be a Highway 6 blockage. No locations have been confirmed."

Foster added the OPP will not sit back and wait for something to happen. He said OPP officials are engaged in a steady dialogue with leaders of the protest at the Douglas Creek Estates subdivision in Caledonia.

There have also been reports that natives have plans for Port Dover this Friday. First Nations have designated June 29 as a National Aboriginal Day of Action to draw attention to native issues and unresolved land claims.

Reports are circulating that unidentified protesters may try to lay claim to the Port Dover Harbour Marina this week on the assumption that it was once a traditional fishing ground. Walt Long of Port Dover, a member of Norfolk's harbour marina board, has heard similar stories. He will be watching to see if someone tries something.

"You just can't pooh-pooh everything," Long said. "Look what happened to that poor fellow (developer) in Hagersville."

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Six Nations women on speaking tour of United Kingdom

By Donna Duric Writer

Rumours are circulating in Port Dover and Dunville that "native activists" from Six Nations are planning to protest in both towns both on the National Day of Action this Friday and again in Port Dover during the upcoming Friday the 13th celebrations in July.

But nobody that Turtle Island News spoke to yesterday has been able to confirm these rumours, nor can the Norfolk OPP.

Wes Elliott, well-known in the community and surrounding areas

for being at the centre of demonstrations and protests relating to Six Nations' land claims, says he has heard nothing of any plans to protest in Port Dover. Furthermore, he said, Six Nations people involved in the land reclamation have been told by clan-mothers not to participate in any protests this Friday during the national day of action being held across Canada to bring attention to native issues such as poverty and land claims.

"The only people doing any action is band council," he said.

Two Six Nations women are on a speaking tour of England, Scotland and Ireland to talk about the Six Nations Reclamation site and Six Nations land rights.

Kathy Garlow, a representative from the site and Mary Sandy a clan mother are touring the United Kingdom to speak about the reclamation and defending a piece of land from devel-

opment. They have been travelling since June 13th and are expected to return this weekend.

Port Dover "take over" rumours un-founded

Floyd Montour, an elderly Six Nations man who has been at the heart of the reclamation since it began last February, said he has also heard nothing of any plans for a protest in Port Dover.

Const. Mark Foster, of the Norfolk OPP detachment, said he has heard rumours, but can't confirm them. "All I heard is the Friday the 13th road closures," he said, referring to one rumour that Six Nations people are planning to block Hwy. 6 - the major artery leading to Port Dover - this upcoming Friday the 13th.

He said the Norfolk OPP have left

it up to the Caledonia detachment to investigate the rumours, which also included possible "disruption" to the Harbour Marina.

Walt Long, chairman of the of the Norfolk Harbour Marina Board, said he has not received any threats to the marina, but he heard the rumours, as well.

"I only heard it in the media," he said, referring to a story in the Simcoe Reformer Monday. "We have had no threats or signs of any intimidation. I'm not anticipating anything." He said he supports the upcoming

plans by band council to hold an information campaign at the Brantford Charity Casino on Friday.

"There's nothing wrong with that," he said.

Another Six Nations man said he was surprised by the rumours and Six Nations police have even visited him to question whether or not there was any truth to the rumours. A Six Nations woman involved in a number of protests over the years laughed when she heard the rumour saying she plans to go to Port Dover over the holiday week-

Harper says threats did not spark land return

(Continued from front)

ability to own their own homes, in B.C. we now have a bilateral agreement improving the ability of aboriginal people there to get quality education and run their own institutions such as in Alberta with family services."

He said his government "is moving the yard stick."

Just last week Minister of Indian Affairs Jim Prentice announced the return of 30 hectares of land to the Roseau River First Nation led by Chief Terry Nelson. Nelson had been threatening rail blockades Friday. With the land returned Nelson called off the blockade.

Prentice said the negotiations on the land began 15 months ago and the band was entitled to it and it has been returned to reserve status. "Let's be clear," Minister Prentice said, "the Roseau River First Nation, for 135 years has been trying to get this thing resolved and they are legally entitled to have this land converted to reserve status." He said "How long do people think these folks should have to wait."

The band plans for the land, adja-

cent to Winnipeg will eventually house a commercial plaza.

At the same time Ottawa offered \$125 million for four parcels of land under dispute by Six Nations. The offer was not accepted by Six Nations who questioned the amount.

Prentice has also announced a new land claim policy that ups the amount of money allocated annually to the government's specific claims process, but caps it at \$250 million. Larger claims will not be affected by the new policy.

Prime Minister Harper said "I think we're on the right track here with getting things done. There are important negotiations going on, on resolving these specific claims." He said he believes "there is public support to do that. People want us to get on with fixing that. No one did anything about it so we understand why people are angry and upset but violence and threats of violence will kill any sympathy in this province."

Friday marks the Assembly of First Nations Day of Action.

Band councillor in hospital after truck hit

(Continued from front) Wednesday night.

Six Nations Police arrived at the scene last Wednesday night and found at white Monte Carlo with severe front end damage, in the middle of Second Line/Sour Springs Road.

A blue 2003 Chev S10 pickup, with major damage to the passenger side was on the south side of the road.

Police found the driver of the Chev truck, Councillor Lewis B. Staats, 69, in the driver's seat suffering serious injuries.

Another male, who had been a passenger in the Monte Carlo was being tended to on the side of the road.

The female driver had fled the scene on foot but was found at a near-by residence.

Councillor Staats was taken to Brantford General Hospital via

ambulance. He was later transferred to Hamilton General Hospital with serious injuries. He was listed Tuesday in good condition with no major injuries.

The driver of the Monte Carlo, Ms Allison General, was taken to Brantford General Hospital. The male passenger was taken to West Haldimand Hospital with what appeared to be a broken leg. Police have charged Allison June General, 35, of Ohsweken. She is facing charges of impaired driving causing bodily harm, Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm, Driving while under Suspension and operating motor vehicle without insurance.

Councillor Lewis Staats

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John Tory day of action antics aren't above the law:

TORONTO (CP)- Aboriginals gearing up for the June 29 national day of action should know they aren't above the law and should be threatened with hefty fines or lawsuits if they set up illegal blockades, Ontario's Opposition leader told an audience of provincial police chiefs Tuesday. Amid threats

from at least one aboriginal protester that a key provincial highway and rail line in eastern Ontario may be targeted, Conservative Leader John Tory said the province should send a strong message that such behaviour is unacceptable, regardless of how legitimate the grievance may be.

"People have to understand that if they take the law into their own hands, there are going to be consequences for that," Tory said following his speech to the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police in Waterloo, Ont. "We cannot allow a precedent to be established for anybody."

Controversial smoke hut goes up in flames

By Lynda Powless
Editor

A smoke hut, who's owner is as controversial as the hut, went up in flames early Saturday morning.

The hut on Highway Six was owned by Reclamation site supporter Jeff "Hawk" Henhawk.

Haldimand County O.P.P. and fire-fighters were called to the smoke hut early Saturday morning when the small wooden structure went up in flames.

When police and fire departments arrived shortly after 4:00 am, the wood structure was fully engulfed by flames.

Haldimand County Fire Department extinguished the blaze. The building was recently erected and had operated as "That One Shop".

The O.P.P. Technical Identification Unit attended the fire scene to search for evidence and the matter is still under investigation. The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office has been notified of the fire.

Smoke hut owner Jeff Henhawk did not return Turtle Island News calls.

"Hawk" became a well known spokesperson for Six Nations land rights at the former Douglas Creek Estates subdivision during its early days often sleeping on the ground or in makeshift tents at the site during the first cold winter.

After the April 20, OPP raid, he was one of 16 Six Nations people and supporters arrested and has

since been quietly going through the court system.

In the meantime, he opened a smoke hut, on band owned lands along Highway Six.

Hawk, who has a young family and no land at Six Nations, says he believes community own lands should be for use of Six Nations people.

Six Nations lands are held by families and are often hard to purchase with owners asking soaring rates for unserviced lands.

Henhawk, says he has had difficulty in the past obtaining land because of the difficulty in purchasing.

As a result he decided to make a point about Six Nations land shortages by setting up a shop and earning money to eventually buy land for his young family.

The shop has been the site of controversy since it opened when one shop employee was shot during a dispute between two Six Nations men, at the roadside in an argument, isolated from the smoke hut.

Six Nations band council also entered the fray when they passed a resolution forbidding the sale of cigarettes on band-owned property.

Henhawk faced opposition from the start.

After moving onto the property, band councillor Barb Harris arrived to tell him he wasn't allowed to be there.

In addition, another community resident, Jesse Porter, asked Hawk to leave, saying he rents the land from



The Highway 6 smoke hut, went up in flames this past weekend. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

council and that it's his property. He said even if band council passed a resolution, it has no bearing on his decision to sell cigarettes there. He said he only follows the Confederacy system.

But it isn't the only smoke hut facing community question.

Six Nations band council has sent letters to the owners of two large smoke huts along Highway 54 just at then entrance to Six Nations near Onondaga, demanding the owners answer for their commercial enterprises.

The two properties, both on former band owned land, were sold as residential properties and the stipulation appeared in the permits.

Band council is awaiting an answer from the owners, who continue to operate the two shops.

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Tom Longboat continues to inspire

Along with hundreds of others, Turtle Island News reporter challenges himself at run

By Duane Rollins
Sports reporter

I had to keep running.
Not a runner's body

The assignment landed on my desk with a thud. Well, at least it felt that way. Like most things these days, it actually came to me via e-mail, but in my mind there was a dramatic thud. An emotional one anyway.

I was to enter the Tom Longboat 10k run and write a first-person story about my experience. The run was in two days. Not sure if they had the right person, I wrote a quick reply: "You are trying to kill me, right," I asked hopefully. Sadly, I was the intended recipient of the e-mail.

So, two days later I found myself sweating profusely through the first minute of what was sure to be a 90 minute—if I was lucky or could flag a cab— ordeal.

With my throat feeling like I was gargling sawdust, I began to scan the nearby fields for an escape route.

Suddenly some of the livestock looked promising. Knowing that there was a rodeo coming to the area I thought that I might be able to convince my editor that a first-person account of me riding a bull might make a better story. If it bleeds it leads, they always say. Think of the possibilities: "Local sports writer gored by bull" the headline would read. It could work.

Alas, I knew it wasn't to be. One kilometer down, I only had one option.

Those that have met me will likely understand that I don't really have what one would call a runner's body. I'm, to put it charitably, a little...rounder than most people you would see at a 10k.

OK, I admit it. I'm tubby. Not a lot, but a little. And I'm terribly out of shape. The great irony of sports writing is that you spend so much time watching sports that you don't have time to take part yourself.

Whereas I once played recreational hockey, soccer and basketball weekly—and worked out four times a week on top of that—now I more or less just eat at Taco Bell.

Sadly, as I trudged along, slowly, through that first kilometer of the run, I came to the realization that there wasn't going to be a bean burrito anywhere in my near future.

Rather, the next hour of my life promised cramping, sweating, sore feet and some serious soul searching.

I'm sure the organizers of the run would appreciate the soul searching part. After all, the stated goal of the run was to convince people to become more active. Using the example of Tom Longboat—a Six Nations man who for a period of time early last century was the greatest distance runner in the world—it was



Two boys, including one that ran the entire Tom Longboat race carrying a lacrosse stick, leave the rest of the field in their wake at the start of last week's Tom Longboat run. (Photo by Jim C. Powless).

thought that people may be inspired to take better care of themselves.

A worthwhile goal

It's hard to argue with that. It would be a worthwhile goal anywhere. And considering that studies have consistently shown that Aboriginal Canadians have, on average, higher rates of obesity than non-Aboriginals, and that as a country Canada has one of the highest obesity rates in the world, period, it probably wouldn't hurt any of us to go for a run now or then.

Now, as a sports writer I know firsthand that Six Nations is a fairly active community. With about 3,000 people taking part in at least one program offered through the Parks and Rec department, many people are already

buying into the idea of an active lifestyle.

Still, as good as the 3,000 number is Parks and Rec director Cheryl Henhawk told me that she would like to see it grow.

"It comes down to resources," she said. "I only have one full-time staff. It would be nice to have more so that we can offer more."

However, she said that she was ecstatic with the turnout at the run.

"It's great to see this many people out," she said while cheering on the late finishers. "We're happy with how the day went."

As she should be. With more than 150 people taking part, it was an impressive ribbon of complimentary white and purple Tom Longboat t-shirts making its way along the roads

around I. L. Thomas school. Many were running, some were running and walking, a few were biking or rollerblading, and some just walked.

It was all good, really. Not everyone can be the next Tom Longboat after all. His was special talent that only comes around every couple of generations. That's why the run Thursday wasn't a race. There were no timers and no first place ribbons.

Henhawk said that's exactly the way that it should be.

"I don't know," she said when I foolishly asked who the first runner to cross the line was. "That's not really the point."

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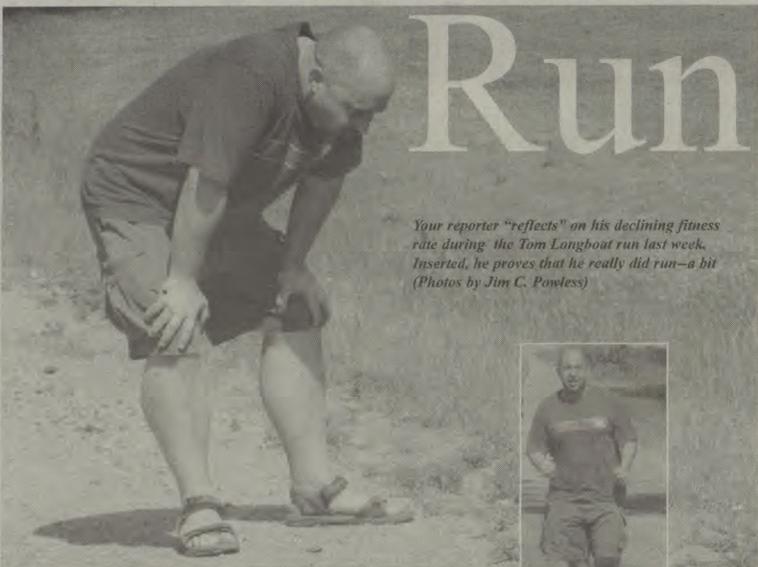
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Chiefs split with Barrie

A big third period paced the Six Nations Chiefs to their third win of the season Saturday in Barrie. The Chiefs scored eight times in that final frame on the way to

a 12-8 victory. Earlier in the week, Six Nations lost a close one, 11-10, to the same Barrie team. In the win, Six Nations got four goals from Cody Jacobs

and a hat-trick from Delby Powless Jr. Tom Montour had a pair, with Mike Longboat, Kyle Goertz, Kyle Jamieson and Rick Oakes adding singles. — Turtle Island News staff



Run

Your reporter "reflects" on his declining fitness rate during the Tom Longboat run last week. Inserted, he proves that he really did run—a bit (Photos by Jim C. Powless)



a challenging experience

no good to me dead of a heart attack was what she diplomatically said the night before).

She's a smart one my Andrea. Understanding your limitations and devising an exercise program that fits within them is key for anyone looking to get back on the fitness wagon. Mixing walking and running is highly recommended for novice joggers. The recovery that walking provides allows you to train longer and to run longer distances. It also helps to prevent you from hurting yourself—no pain, no gain is an antiquated concept that is universally rejected by those that know what they are talking about.

Those that properly build their running capabilities through a walk-run strategy will be motivated to stay with the sport longer. Soon, instead of walking for one minute for every five minutes of running, you will stretch things out to ten minutes of running before walking.

Eventually, a 10k run won't be daunting at all. Depending on your age and current fitness level it could take as short as 10-weeks to go from being a non-runner to being able to reasonably run that length of race.

Out of control

Not that running is the be-all for everyone. Beyond my extra "padding" on my waistline, an old soccer injury makes distance-running challenging for me. But, as I completed the last few kilometers of the event, I understood that things had gotten too much out of control.

I'm not yet at the point where I need an elevator to go up a flight of stairs and people aren't yet pointing and

staring at me on the street. But, I'm not happy with myself for letting my fitness level slip to the point where I legitimately have to consider whether it is safe for me to try and run 10k.

I work long hours, but so do lots of people. Like we've always been told, it really does only take 20 minutes a day to get and stay healthy.

As I was chastising my too tubby self I started to look around at the other participants. I wondered what brought them out. Were some, like me, forced? Were others there in an effort to jumpstart themselves into a healthy lifestyle? If so, was it working?

And then I spotted him—a young boy, maybe 10 or 11, running erratically along the route. I saw erratically, because he was running at full speed up the course, stopping, turning around, and then running just as fast back to almost the same point that he had started at. His mother drove beside him in a SUV, encouraging him.

Remembering when it was fun

Not that he required much encouragement. As the rest of us huffed and puffed, he carried on full, lengthy conversations while sprinting along the course. It was clear that to this boy running wasn't exercise so much as it was a form of transportation.

Watching him got me thinking about my childhood. How I used to get up on a Saturday morning and play tennis for two hours, then road hockey for four more, all as a warm-up to my soccer game in the evening. I remembered the pure joy that activity used to give me and I longed to go back to that point of my life.

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Solidarity Day 2007 in Toronto

Story and photos by Neil Becker



Neil Becker, Turtle Island News' new Toronto area correspondent attended his first aboriginal event on Solidarity Day and writes of his new experience.

Feeling great excitement, with a million questions racing through my mind, I approached Trinity-Bellwoods Park to witness my first ever Buffalo Jump.

I could hear the loud drums and soon saw the enthusiastic action of various activities such as story telling circles, native art exhibits, a sacred fire and something called A Rain Dance; it became apparent to me immediately that natives are intensely proud of their heritage. Almost overwhelmed by seeing so many activities going on, I spotted a teepee and ventured inside where I learned quickly how warm and welcoming aboriginal people are and how willing they are to answer questions and to teach their ways. Isaiah Cada of Mississauga Blind River and Rob George of Kettle Point First Nations educated

me in many details about the teaching wheel, their songs and the history of residential schools, which really opened my eyes. "The teaching wheel consists of red, yellow, white and blue," said Cada. "Blue represents water and sky while white represents purity of the new born child and their knowledge to learn; yellow represents fire and sun, while red means blood in creation and blood that unifies people."

After I had learned about their hand drum, which they used to perform their welcoming song when the people arrived from their Unity Walk, both Cada and George gave me the shock of my life when they explained to me about residential schools. It was a surprise to hear that aboriginal children between the ages of 6-18 went to a school where they were forbidden to talk their own language, or talk to their siblings and were taught only the North American way. "They lied about what they were going to do and they raped our children, (denied them the opportunity of learning their native heritage)" said George who looks at children as being a gift from god. "They wanted to educate and integrate these children like everyone else and that was wrong."

Leaving the teepee with my head spinning after hearing about these schools, I was quickly drawn into a section of the park where ladies and men were socializing and banging a hand drum while singing. During their break, I approached Joe Paquette of Mississauga and it

became very apparent to me that natives are very welcoming to everyone and will not hesitate to educate a stranger.

"This (Aboriginal Day celebration) has grown over the years which is a good thing as more people experience the thrill of coming together in unity and sharing the teachings going on," he said. "Life is a learning journey and people here have an open mind and open hearts and a lot of bonds among the people are being created today."

Watching the events taking place, and learning through conversation, I realized that aside from the unity aspect of teaching the heritage through story telling, natives are very much in tune with their land. "It's important to care for the land because many teachings came from the land," said Paquette who was taking place in his sixth Aboriginal Day celebration. All afternoon I had been curious about a small fire burning in the center of the activities. I noticed that there were people sitting in



Guillermo Lopez, on the drums in the mist of performing Aztec Dance at the Aboriginal Festival in Toronto.

Brenda MacIntyre showing that inner passion and determination in performing her prayer songs at the recent Aboriginal Day Festivals in Toronto Ontario.

importance of walking with pride and a big heart; after this ceremony I had a conversation with a young man named Dave Sonic who emphasized to me how important it is that natives commemorate not only the past but the present as well.

"On Queen and Bathurst, traffic was held up as drum songs were played to honour our people who are down and out and need that energy and love," said Sonic, who was taping for a radio show that runs on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

Leaving my first ever Aboriginal Day celebration, I felt a deep admiration for these people who preach love, coming together and being in one with the land despite seeing how their families suffered in the past. "You can't be angry because that will hinder your growth," said Cada. "It's important to love and live with peace in your heart."

chairs watching the fire, which was more smoke than anything else. "It's a sacred fire and we honor the spirit of the fire which reflects the community," said Paquette who lit the fire when the Unity Walk began at City Hall. The closing circle emphasized the

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What was the point again?

Ah, the point. I must admit that while huffing and puffing my way up one particularly nasty hill I was having difficulty understanding what exactly that point was. I know that if my car sud-

denly, magically appeared on the horizon I would have had difficulty resisting the temptation to jump in and "finish" the race in it—pushing down the accelerator, that's exercise, right?

And then I saw it. A simple purple sign strategically located at the top of the hill. "Challenge yourself," it said. "You're almost there!"

I've never been one for the Tony Robbins, Dr. Phil inspirational gobbledegook, but there was something

about that sign. Maybe it was the heat, maybe it was the sight of so many others struggling up the hill, but at that moment those words were exactly what I needed to see.

"Damn right," I thought. "I can challenge myself. I can finish this run!"

And I did—slowly.

After talking the night before with my better-half Andrea (who recently completed the Ottawa half-marathon and was having a good laugh at my expense when I told her that I had been asked to run in the event), I employed the time-honoured "five and one" strategy of long-distance running.

For every five minutes I spent running, I would walk for one minute. Also on Andrea's advice, I only ran for half the distance, choosing to walk briskly for the last half (you are

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Solidarity Day 2007

sun, fun and food at Six Nations celebration

Story and photos by Donna Duric

People of all ages and backgrounds enjoyed a fun-filled day of great food, conversation and celebration during the 11th annual Aboriginal Solidarity Day event at Chiefswood

who work together for the betterment of our community." Lloyd St. Amand, MP for Brant County, and Dave Levac, MPP for Brant County, both attended the celebrations. St. Amand, who has long been advocate for Six Nations issues at

the non-aboriginal people who as long as it remains peaceful he would be a backward step if the



Elected chief Dave General and councillor Levi White welcome everyone to Six Nations Solidarity Day celebrations

Councillor Ava Hill arrives with her donations of funds

understands the issues. He says he is aware that Six Nations is planning to take part in the National Day of Action on June 29 at the Brantford Charity Casino, and, being the MP of the area, says

sees no problem with the intended action. "I would hope that the demonstration is very civil and is simply an effort to bring greater awareness of the issues that need to be resolved. It

demonstration became militant or aggressive." Flying high, not just the kids took advantage of the amusement park rides at Six Nations Solidarity Day events.

Park Thursday. Whether aboriginal or non-aboriginal, it was a day when people celebrated Six Nations.

There were dizzying rides scattered throughout the park, generously sponsored by local tobacco giant Grand River Enterprises.

The potluck barbecue is also a large draw every year, as residents from each of the community's six districts donate the hot dogs, hamburgers and macaroni salads that are the main staples of any decent outdoor summer gathering.

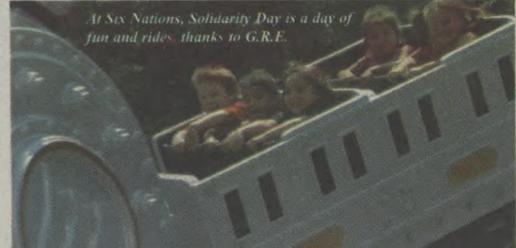
Councillors Dave Hill, Roger Jonathan and Chris Martin put on their chef hats once again, and elected Chief Dave General, in between interviews with the media, stood in front of a sizzling barbecue grilling hamburgers and hot dogs to perfect-



MPP Dave Levac (left) and MP Lloyd St. Amand

parliament, said he views Aboriginal Solidarity Day as an opportunity to honour his neighbours, who make up the most populated First Nations community in Canada. It's also an opportunity for non-aboriginal people to learn more about the history of Canada's First Nations, he said.

"There is so much that is to be



At Six Nations, Solidarity Day is a day of fun and rides, thanks to G.R.E.

tion. Aboriginal Solidarity Day coincides with the summer solstice on June 21, also the one day of the year when the sun is at its highest point in the sky and shines the longest - more than 15 hours.

It's a day that many aboriginal people traditionally mark with various ceremonies and celebrations.

Solidarity Day began in 1982, when the National Indian Brotherhood (today known as the Assembly of First Nations) declared June 21 National Aboriginal Day. The federal government didn't officially recognize the holiday until 1996.

"Today is a day of community celebration across the country," said General. "It's a tremendous opportunity for our community to get together and celebrate all the people

learned by non-aboriginals about aboriginal people. They receive and certainly deserve the respect that they are getting from non-aboriginals who are informed about the issues. People who have researched the issues and educated themselves about the issues understand that treaties have not been honoured by non-aboriginals and that aboriginal people and aboriginal communities have, at times, been treated with dishonour by the government."

He said non-aboriginal people need to understand that regardless of how much time has passed since the breaking of treaties or the practicing of assimilation through residential schools, there still needs to be recognition that those historical wrongs have not been addressed. St. Amand considers himself one of



Six Nations youngsters enjoyed a day of free amusement park rides, and candy floss and slushies thanks to G.R.E., Six Nations largest private employer.

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ple were the first Aboriginal people to inherit the First Nations because at one time this was all ours, there was no other foreign people or nothing." During the event, Sault presented a little gift to Peter Schuler for his part in the day. Schuler is a cre-

Solidarity Day 2007

in NewCredit

Story and photos by Scott Hill

NEW CREDIT - The Mississauga's of the New Credit held their Solidarity Day celebrations at the Commercial Plaza on Highway 6 and First Line on Thursday.

A couple hundred attended the event and were treated to a relaxing day. There was lots of good food, arts, crafts, entertainment, and fun for the kids.

New Credit Chief Brian LaForme attended the festivities and gave a

short speech to the crowd. He also talked about what Solidarity Day means to him. "It means coming together of our nations and our community. It's to be proud of who we are. It's an opportunity for us to share with other people."

He also said he supports Six Nations at the reclamation site. "I support the reasons why they are there. It's something they thought they needed to do and so they did what they had to do."

LaForme says New Credit will launch its own form of protest to mark the National Day of Protest



New Credit kids enjoyed the fun

with a peaceful march through Toronto Friday and social.

"The ferry will be shut down for awhile for us, so people can show some support for our cause."

The MC of the event band councillor Cec Sault said "Solidarity Day means the rights of First Nations people. It's a coming together. It's realizing from our elders and speakers where we have been and where we are coming from and where we are going. The First Nations people-

ation storyteller. Also during the day, women sang and traditional drums played.

Below: Face painting and music marked the day

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Solidarity Day 2007 in Hamilton



Hamilton's aboriginal community shared its teachings with everyone who showed up to celebrate the day.



For Hamilton it was a day of learning about First Nations with jingle dancing, powwow dances.



World class hoop dancer Lisa Odjig dazzles the crowd with her intricate moves.

Story and Photos by Donna Duric

Hamilton - Even in a city as multi-cultural as Hamilton, its estimated 14,000 aboriginal residents still experience the brunt of racism on a daily basis, says Christine Lenze, an outreach worker with Urban Native Homes.

That's why events such as last week's ninth annual Aboriginal Solidarity Day celebrations at Gage Park are held - to show aboriginal people in a positive light, she said.

"From a personal perspective, this is a day where we can showcase our achievements and our artistic expressions and it's an opportunity for people to see our culture in an urban setting," she said. "We can come together as a community to celebrate who we are."

There was a celebratory mood as people of all ages and backgrounds strolled the many booths that displayed aboriginal artistry at its finest. Dream catchers, soapstone carvings, beadwork, moccasins, and clothing were among the many wares on display.

"There is a mix of people here today," said Lenze. "This area, I think, is very multi-cultural."

Some of the events last week included a graduation ceremony for the city's Niwasa aboriginal pre-school; an awards ceremony for people who've worked to advance the lives of aboriginal

people in the city; a mini-powwow on Saturday; and an Aboriginal Idol competition to showcase emerging aboriginal singing talents. The events were spread over three days.

World-class hoop dancer Lisa Odjig wowed the audience with her dazzling visual performance by making various shapes and designs with over 20 hoops while dancing at the same time.

The Spirit Vision Drum provided the musical background for the day's events. An estimated 3,000 people were expected to attend the celebrations.

Lenze, one of the organizers of the event, said she believes racism against aboriginal people in the city has increased since the Six Nations land reclamation began last February.

"I think there is (increased racism)," she said. "People don't necessarily understand it. They see the images the media shows and think we're all that way. They tend to lump aboriginal people in one group."

She said it's "too coincidental" to notice the increased "looks" from the general public since the reclamation began.

But, she said, since she has

become more immersed in her culture, she deals with the racism better.

"I never did when I was younger. I didn't know how to deal with racism."

Now, she says she feels proud of her Ojibway heritage, and Aboriginal Day is a chance to express that pride.



Brookelynn Tobico, 3, holds up a Unity flag at Gage Park.

Six Nations runner going to nationals

By Duane Rollins
Sports reporter

Six Nations will be well represented at the Canadian Track and Field championships, which will be held the second weekend of July

in Windsor.

Travis Anderson qualified for the 800m by running 1:53 at a recent event.

The fast time surprised Anderson. "I wasn't expecting to go that fast, but it's

nice to get qualifying out of the way early this year," he said.

Anderson will now compete in meets on each of the next two weekends to prepare for the finals. (Continued on top of page 16)

Hill comes up big in gritty win by Arrows



Keegan Hill, at left, takes a cross-check to his head as he scores his second goal of the game Sunday. (Photo by Duane Rollins).

By Duane Rollins
Sports reporter

As skilled as the Six Nations Arrows are, they are a team that has shown that it isn't afraid to get down and dirty.

Such was the case Sunday, when the Arrows gritted out a tougher-than-the-score-would-indicate 8-3 win over the Orangeville Northmen.

The win improved the Arrows

record to a perfect 13-0. They lead the Ontario Lacrosse Association junior A league by a commanding seven points over second-place Orangeville.

It was a hard-fought game from the opening face-off, with Six Nations only breaking it open in the third period.

With the Northmen doing a good job of shutting down the Arrows top scorers, Six Nations needed a big effort from one of its

secondary players.

And it got one from attacker Keegan Hill, who scored two goals and did yeoman's work on the penalty kill.

Although he wasn't who you might expect to step up, Hill's effort didn't surprise his coach.

"Keegan is a real lacrosse player," Regy Thorpe said. "He does a lot of things for us. He kills penalties, he takes face-offs, he battles for loose balls."

"He's a real important part of our team." According to Hill, he approached the game no differently than any other.

"I'm always motivated to play at my best," he said. "Today, for some reason, I just got to carry the ball a bit more."

Lucky for the Arrows he did. With the Arrows only leading 1-0, Hill managed to open up some space with back-to-back goals in the second period.

Calling the goals "lucky" and "desperate shots" Hill downplayed his contribution.

However, it's unlikely that anyone else in the Arrows dressing room would agree with his assessment.

His second goal, especially, was the type of blue collar effort that was needed on the night.

There, he made a sharp cut into

the middle--and straight into two waiting Northmen defenders--to take the shot. He was hammered to the ground, but still bravely managed to bounce the shot past

the Orangeville keeper. Hill's two goals made the score 3-0. However, the Northmen got two back late in the second to make things tense heading into the final frame.

The Arrows may have caught a break early in the third.

Orangeville thought it had scored to tie the game. However, the official ruled that the ball did not completely cross the line. With two Northmen attackers arguing the call, Arrows goal-

tender Ben VanEvery alertly fired the ball the length of the floor to Craig Point who

scored on the breakaway. Orangeville never recovered.

As important as the goal was, Thorpe refused to say that it was the difference in the game.

"We did a lot," he said. "It never comes down to one play."

Longboat run inspires

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At what point in our life does taking part in a physical activity become work and why does it have to happen? Maybe I can't ever bring the type of energy to an activity that the young boy was, I suddenly understood, but there was no reason that I couldn't bring the same enthusiasm.

Above all else, the young boy was reminding me of an essential fact about physical activity--it's fun. A blast, really, and it has the potential to bring joy, purpose and a tremendous sense of achievement to our lives.

It was with those thoughts in my head that I turned the final corner of the course. With the finish line in view I broke into a light jog, looking to finish the event with a little style. Then suddenly a smile broke across my face--I had challenged myself and I had been successful.

It felt amazing. Crossing the finish line I spotted

the young boy again. He was walking towards me carrying a new volleyball.

"Look what I won," he exclaimed to me. "Isn't it awesome!" Stopping, I took the ball and held it for a moment, spinning it in my hands as I looked it over.

"It is awesome," I said, "really awesome."

In our X-Box world it was a relief to see a child legitimately excited by something as simple as a ball. And at that moment I had no doubt that the boy would make good use of his new toy.

It was just a ball, I understood, but I had hope that it could be an instrument for so much more. It could lead to a healthier life for the boy, it could help keep him out of trouble and, just maybe, in time, it could help him become a hero and a role model for his community.

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(Continued from the top of page 15) Heading into the championships, Anderson says he is feeling confident. "If I can run 1:52 again (in the semi-finals) I have a good chance to get to the

final," he said. "In the final, anything can happen." Anderson says that if he runs up to his abilities in the final he could find himself on the podium.

Ultimately the 30-year-old is still looking to get to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. "Realistically I know that it's my last chance," he said. One of the challenges Anderson faces is

the extremely tough qualifying standards that the Canadian Olympic Committee sets for its teams. Athletes must demonstrate that they can finish in the top eight in the world to go.



Turtle Island reporter Donna Duric



The race gets underway



This young boy was near the front all day



Ummmmmm...Oranges!



You didn't have to run to take part in the event as these young participants showed



June Sowden, at left, runs with Joanne Miller



Tracy Martin, at right, enjoy a laugh with her friend.



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Six Nations winner George Sauer smiles in a semi-final finish

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It was a tough weekend for the Mohawk Stars in Ontario Lacrosse Association senior B action. Travelling to Fergus, the Stars were on the wrong end of a 11-5 shellacking.

The Stars fell behind 4-1 after one and were down 8-3 going into the third. With the loss the Stars fall to 5-7 on the year and sit in last place in the West Division. However, they are tied in points

with Owen Sound, having played one more game. Scoring for the Stars in the loss was Clay Hill, Garrett Ball, Chuck Doxtator and Cory Bomberly.

- Turtle Island News Staff

Sting win again, remain undefeated

By Scott Hill Reporter

The first place Six Nation Sting defeated the third place Niagara Hawks 9-7 in an exciting Can/Am game Friday at the I.L.A.

Niagara was strong and at times looked the better team in the game.

However, it seemed that fatigue started to kick in for Niagara and in the third period the Sting had more energy and scored some key goals to secure the victory.

"I expected a game and that is exactly what we got," said Sting head coach Bryan Miller. "Their a running team and they came out and showed us. I told the guys before the game that it is going to be a running game."

It was a rather low scoring opening period as the Sting went to the dressing room trailing 2-1.

In the second period, they came out strong playing a physical game. The referees started to

make calls that seemed to be favouring Niagara and Miller showed his disgust.

"It was horrible, we never got a break or nothing," he said. Every time we touched them they got possession and a few times we ended up with a penalty."

Miller continued. "We told them that there are two teams out there and we ended up getting a penalty," he said. "One of our guys got high-sticked in the mouth and cut his lip open and they were only given a two minute penalty."

The Sting took a 6-3 lead to the room after the second period and appeared to be in cruise control, but Niagara came out strong in the third to keep it close. However, Sting goaltender Ken Sandy was the difference in the final frame making save after save.

He even displayed some solid passing as he sent guys in on breakaways a few times with right



on the money passes.

Miller explained why he went with Sandy in net.

"We just kind of alternate the two back and forth. One plays a game and then the other plays."

Cecil Hill led the Sting with a pair of goals. Darcy Powless, Sandy Porter, Tony Walker, Jeff VanEvery, James Hill, Lee Thomas and Vince Longboat all contributed with singles. Andrew Burkholder had two goals to lead Niagara. Jon Burkholder, Cody Keating, Steve OLA, Chris Janese, and Seth Hill added singles.

Miller also sounded off on the

recent change of result from their June 9 game against Newtown. The Sting won 11-10 in double overtime, but were told there is no double overtime in regular season and no sudden death. It is one period of ten minutes and if it is tied after that it stays a tie.

"We played the extra overtime and won that game," according to Miller. "The referee called the extra time and so he should know. We will see what happens. There

is a meeting coming up and we are going to ask about it. To me and all the guys we won that game fair and square. When we go to Newtown it is going to be a game." The Sting travel to Newtown July 6.

Next action for the Sting is Friday night as Buffalo comes to the I.L.A for a 8p.m. contest. After that, the Sting travel to Pinewoods on Saturday night for a 7p.m. game.

Turtle Island News Player of the week

June 27, 2007
Zachary LaForme



Zachary LaForme from New Credit has been chosen as Turtle Islands News' player of the week. Zachary is a member of the Hagersville Atom Boys Softball team. He is 8 years old and is in grade 3. He plays centre field and third base. He lists the Toronto Blue Jays as his favourite team. Zachary has been playing softball for

three years and he also plays hockey. "Hitting the ball is the thing I enjoy the most about softball," he says. If you have a player that you think deserves to be the Player of the Week, send an e-mail to sports@theturtleislandnews.com - Scott Hill

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West loads up to take run at Minto Cup



The leading scorer in the Ontario Lacrosse Association is headed west after being traded to New Westminster last week. Ottawa's Kyle Buchanan had 47

points for the last-place Titans prior to being traded. New Westminster is the host of this year's Minto Cup and was likely looking to beef up its strug-

gling offense heading into the season's home stretch. New Westminster is currently in fourth in the BCLA. -Turtle Island News staff



Mission (almost) accomplished

By Duane Rollins
Sports reporter

When the Six Nations Arrows started the season sluggishly, head coach Stew Montour told everyone not to worry.

"I really think we have the horses," he said in April. "We can win if we work hard enough."

Montour, who will be back on the bench next week after attending a coaches clinic last week, should take a part-time job as one of those psychics you see on late-night television.

The Rebels have been more than all right since that time, losing only once in the last six weeks. With Sunday's 7-4 win over Niagara the Rebels moved to within one win of capturing the Western Conference regular season championship.

The Rebels have already wrapped up the South West division crown.

Late last night the Rebels finished the regular season against Hamilton. If they won or tied that game, they clinched first place.

That's important says intern head coach Cory Bomberry.

"It was important to win tonight because we want to improve our seeding," Bomberry said. "We want to best match-up possible in the playoffs."

Bomberry filled in for Montour and assistant Rayce Vyce last

week while the two men certified themselves to coach.

Due to a misunderstanding about the required certification, the two men were forced off the bench for the last few games.

Six Nations will play either Hamilton or Owen Sound in the first-round of the playoffs.

The Rebels have not lost to either team.

On Sunday, Niagara game Six Nations everything it could handle. It wasn't to the third period until the Rebels pulled away in one of the more entertaining games of the OLA schedule so far.

Goaltender Randy Johnson said it was good to be pushed by a team heading into the playoffs.

"It was just like a playoff game," he said. "But we were confident that we would win."

Johnson, who stopped 37 shots on the day, was named the player of the game. It has been a common occurrence for the player this year.

"He's key for us," Bomberry said. "When he plays well, we play well."

Six Nations came out flying in the third period. Bomberry says he has an idea what pumped the team up.

"Stew and Rayce came back from the coaching clinic and came in the room to say a few things," he said. "I think the guys were pumped to hear from their coaches."



Jamieson marathon

Jamieson public school held its annual "marathon" last week. In it, children at the school took to the streets for a fun run through Ohsweken. The run is the brain-child of teacher Ellie Joseph, who, as many likely know, is an accomplished runner herself. Joseph ran this year's Boston Marathon and she says that she holds the Jamieson marathon to help inspire kids to stay active. Above, Joseph stands with two students after the race; at left, even the school's youngest students took part; at right, two boys take to the lead on Chiefswood and Fourth Line (Photos by Scott Hill).



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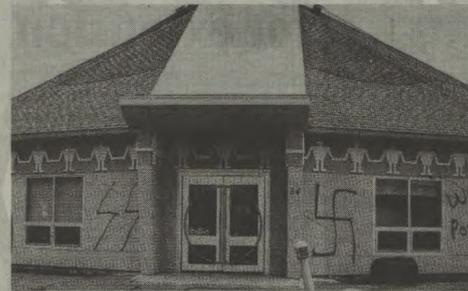
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Star witness testifies at Pickton trial

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) - A former acquaintance of Robert Pickton says she once walked in on the accused serial killer in his barn to find a woman's body hanging from a chain. Lynn Ellingsen testified Monday that Pickton made her look at the body and told her that if she said anything she'd "be right beside her." Ellingsen says she remembers seeing the woman's feet at her eye level and her toe-nails were painted red.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Que. aboriginal cultural centre hit with swastikas

KITIGAN ZIBI ANISHNABEG ALGONQUIN FIRST NATION, Que. (CP) - An aboriginal community in Quebec is reeling after their cultural centre was vandalized with swastikas and white supremacist graffiti overnight.

Kitigan Zibi's police chief, Gordon McGregor, says it's no coincidence that today is National Aboriginal Day. Police say a group of people are likely the culprits, possibly from the neighbouring town of Maniwaki, Que. However, McGregor says relations with the town are good, and the people in his community are "dumbfounded."

Maniwaki Mayor Robert Coulombe says there have never been problems between the two communities, and he doubts the culprits are from the area.

The centre was covered with black spray-painted swastikas and the words "white power," and picnic tables and a teepee were destroyed.

"It's a real symbol for the community and the damage is just ... unbelievable," McGregor said. "It's disgusting."

Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress said the Jewish community understands the aboriginal community's pain.

"We are standing literally arm-and-arm and shoulder-to-shoulder with the native community," said Farber, chief executive officer of the Jewish organization. "We understand this pain. We feel this pain."

Farber said his organization would like to work with police to bring the perpetrators to justice. "Sadly, the Jewish community has been the victim of such crimes in the past and we certainly understand the pain that such crimes bring to an entire people."

Appeal of David Ahenakew hate crime case ends in shouting match

REGINA (CP) - An appeal in the hate crime case against David Ahenakew ended in a shouting match on the courthouse steps Thursday with the angry former First Nations leader declaring the proceedings a "farce."

"This is not justice," Ahenakew told reporters after the arguments had been heard and the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal court reserved its decision.

"We have lawyers arguing back and forth and on and on it goes all the way up to the Supreme Court. What a waste of time and money ... My people are out there starving, dying and everything and here we are."

Ahenakew, 73, a former chief of the A. F. N., was convicted of wilfully promoting hatred in provincial court and fined \$1,000 for his comments to a Saskatoon StarPhoenix reporter in December 2002. Court heard how Ahenakew called Jews a "disease" and appeared to endorse the Holocaust, after delivering a 45-minute, profanity-laced speech in which he blamed Jews for the Second World War.

But Chief Justice Robert Laing of Court of Queen's Bench overturned Ahenakew's conviction last summer. He ruled the trial judge did not properly assess whether Ahenakew had the requisite intent to be convicted of a hate crime. The Crown appealed the ruling.

FEDS, PROVINCES URGED TO STOP BICKERING AT NATIONAL ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S SUMMIT

CORNER BROOK, N.L. (CP) - Ottawa and the provinces need to stop their jurisdictional bickering and take a more proactive stance on

resolving the litany of social and economic problems facing native women, aboriginal leaders said at the first national aboriginal women's summit concluded Friday.

But that plea didn't immediately dismantle any barriers between premiers and federal officials over native affairs.

"At all costs, at every turn, stop the game of jurisdictional hot potato with the federal government," said Lillian George of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

"Walk the walk. Invest in us and in our families. Say what you mean and mean what you say."

About 300 delegates who attended the conference issued dozens of recommendations that called for an increase in funding for a wide range of initiatives aimed at preventing physical, sexual and drug

abuse on and off reserves. "Please do not let us down," George said.

Moments later, Bev Oda, federal minister for the status of women, announced that Ottawa would invest \$56 million over five years for family violence prevention programs. The funding will go to 35 existing shelters and to the construction of up to five new ones, Oda said.

Federal programs aimed at natives on reserves were widely criticized throughout the two-day conference. Premiers from northern Canada complained that they felt left out of federal funding announcements because there are so few reserves in their regions.

"We're all aboriginal people," said Joe Handley, premier of the Northwest Territories. "We all have the same problems. We all have the same challenges."

"We need to have a lot of those programs that are available to everybody. We can't segregate people that way."

And while Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams took Ottawa to task for not supporting the Kelowna Accord, federal officials at the summit defended the government's record on native affairs.

"I think for starters, it's a little disingenuous to suggest that there was an accord signed at Kelowna," said Rod Bruinoo, parliamentary secretary to the federal Indian affairs minister. "To insinuate that there was a signed accord, that's not true. ... Unfortunately that doesn't seem to be what's reported too often."

The agreement was reached in November 2005 under the previous federal Liberal government and sought to improve education, employment and living conditions of aboriginals over a 10-year period on First Nation reserves.

The Conservative government has said it is committed to meeting the accord's targets.

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AFN-RCMP sign protest protocol

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Beverly Busson hailed the pact as key to maintaining good relations between natives and the Mounties. "We are proud to be a part of supporting the national day that First Nations are celebrating their place in Canada and to their right to acknowledge and demonstrate peacefully," Busson

said. "We will be working very hard to make sure that the day is a successful day and everyone's rights are respected." The protocol signed lays out ground rules for dealing with any crisis, including the provision for a joint AFN/RCMP response team.

Ontario minister of aboriginal affairs in conflict with other job; Chiefs

TORONTO (CP)-Ontario's Liberal government moved to ease tensions with aboriginal groups Thursday by creating a stand-alone Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs but failed to please regional chiefs by leaving one minister in charge of two portfolios instead of expanding cabinet.

Premier Dalton McGuinty used National Aboriginal Day to announce the creation of the ministry, but said Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay, who was already minister responsible for aboriginal affairs, will continue to do both jobs. Aboriginal affairs had previously been a secretariat within the Natural Resources portfolio, but McGuinty announced it would be elevated to a separate ministry with its own staff and a "significantly increased" budget. Native leaders, invited to Ramsay's swearing-in ceremony, Thursday wasted no time in saying the minister had a conflict of interest, noting natural resources conservation offi-

cers often charge aboriginals with hunting and fishing violations. "Until they actually separate the two out, the perceived conflict and the potential conflict, the likelihood of conflict, will continue to be there," said Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse. "That conflict will not end until there is a stand alone minister, someone who will go to cabinet and advocate for aboriginal peoples," said Tony Belcourt, president of the Metis Nation of

Ontario. "We can't have one minister that is going to be advocating for both because we're in conflict. We have competing interests." Ontario's opposition parties also condemned McGuinty's announcement as an insult to aboriginal people and said the Liberal government is trying to look like it's doing more than it really is. "It neither creates the focused minister who will work exclusively on aboriginal affairs, nor does it remove the conflict of interest by

having the same person do both jobs," said Conservative Leader John Tory. "You can only conclude he did this entirely for political reasons, to try and fool the aboriginal people into thinking he was acting on the (Ipperwash) report." NDP leader Howard Hampton called the creation of a stand alone ministry "an empty gesture" because McGuinty also let Ramsay remain in charge of natural resources.

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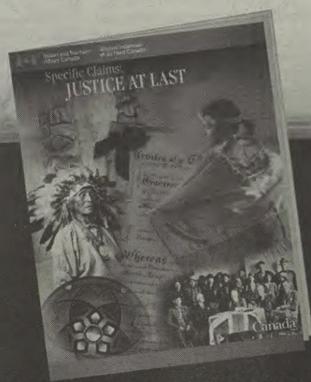
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Peacefully at the Iroquois Lodge, Ohsweken on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at the age of 91 years. Wife of the late George C. Miller. Daughter of the late William and Melinda (Burnham) Powless. Loving sister of Joe and the late Naomi Powless, and the late Olive and Tom Badcock, Jim and Flora Powless, Renton Powless, and Dorothy Powless. Also survived by and will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Charlotte was employed with Eastman Kodak, Rochester for 28 years. Rested at the Hyde & Mott Chapel, Hagersville Friday. Funeral Service and Burial was held at the St. Paul's Anglican Church, Six Nations on Saturday, June 23, 2007. Evening prayers were held Friday.

IN MEMORY

SAULT - In loving memory of an adored Nookimis, who was taken from us June 26, 2006. Though your smile is gone forever And your hand we cannot touch, Still we have so many memories Of the one we loved so much. Your memory is our keepsake With which we'll never part, God has you in His keeping We have you in our heart.

*We miss you Nookimis
Loving you always,
forgetting you never.
Quinton, Arielle, Maddison,
Tayton and Davin*

IN MEMORY

SAULT - In memory of a loving wife who was called away June 26, 2006. Since you've gone first and I remain

To walk the road alone,
I live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
Since you've gone first and I remain,
One thing I'd have you do
Walk slow toward the Great
White Throne
Until I come to you.
I want to know each step you take,
That I may walk the same;
For someday on that lonely walk,
You'll hear me call your name.

*Until we meet again you
will forever be in my heart.
Missing you and
loving you always,
Terry*

IN MEMORY



SAULT - In loving memory of a Mom who was called home on June 26, 2006.

A Mother is a very special gift
One we thought would always
stay,
We never thought the day would
come
When she would go away.
But deep in our hearts Mom
Your memories are kept.
And they are ours to remember
When others tend to forget.
Dear Lord, if you have some
roses
Please pick our Mom some,
And just say "With All Our
Love,"
She will know who they are from.

*Forever in our hearts.
We love and miss you,
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*Forever loved and dearly missed
by Linda, Lorne, Laurie,
Lisa, Lorney, Jerrica,
Brittany and Jeremiah*

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Joey Lee
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Nya web to my family
To ensure I had a
Memorable time.
*Love Always,
Joey*

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Pick of the Crop

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Celebrate strawberry season with frozen treats for kids

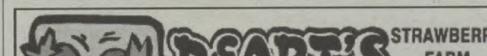
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375 ml (1 1/2 cups) strawberries
250 ml (1 cup) French vanilla yogurt (1 per cent M.F.)
15 ml (1 tbsp) liquid honey
3 small strawberries, halved
In blender, combine strawberries, yogurt and honey; puree until smooth. Divide among six 90 ml (3 oz) paper cups. Onto each of 6 stir sticks, skewer a strawberry half midway. Insert strawberry end of stick into centre of each cup. Freeze until firm, about 3 hours. Let stand at room temperature for a few minutes and peel off paper cups. Makes 6 serving.

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