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**Ottawa had proof**

## Federal government maps show Six Nations lands sold prior to government dates

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

Six Nations says it never approved sale of its lands, and now support for the claim has surfaced in the form of federal government documents.

Six Nations Confederacy chiefs have produced a federal government map showing Canada was selling off Six Nations lands, without Six Nations approval, as many as nine months before federal justice department lawyers claim Six Nations "intended" to sell them.

In Ottawa archives, Six Nations historians found a map that shows the former Douglas Creek lands,

now known as Kanenhstataon, and Six Nations "Plank" Road (Highway 6) lands were already being sold in May of 1844.

In January federal justice department lawyers filed a report to Six Nations Confederacy officials negotiating with Ottawa and Ontario over who owns the former Douglas Creek Estates housing

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## Band councillor bails out woman arrested after armed confrontation

By Donna Duric  
Writer

Band councillor Melba Thomas is acting as a surety for one of two people involved in an armed confrontation with the OPP and Six Nations police at a Cayuga Rd. home last month.

Nancy Ladouceur, 41, who is not a Six Nations band member, has been ordered to live on Six Nations as a bail requirement. She was released on bail Feb. 5 after

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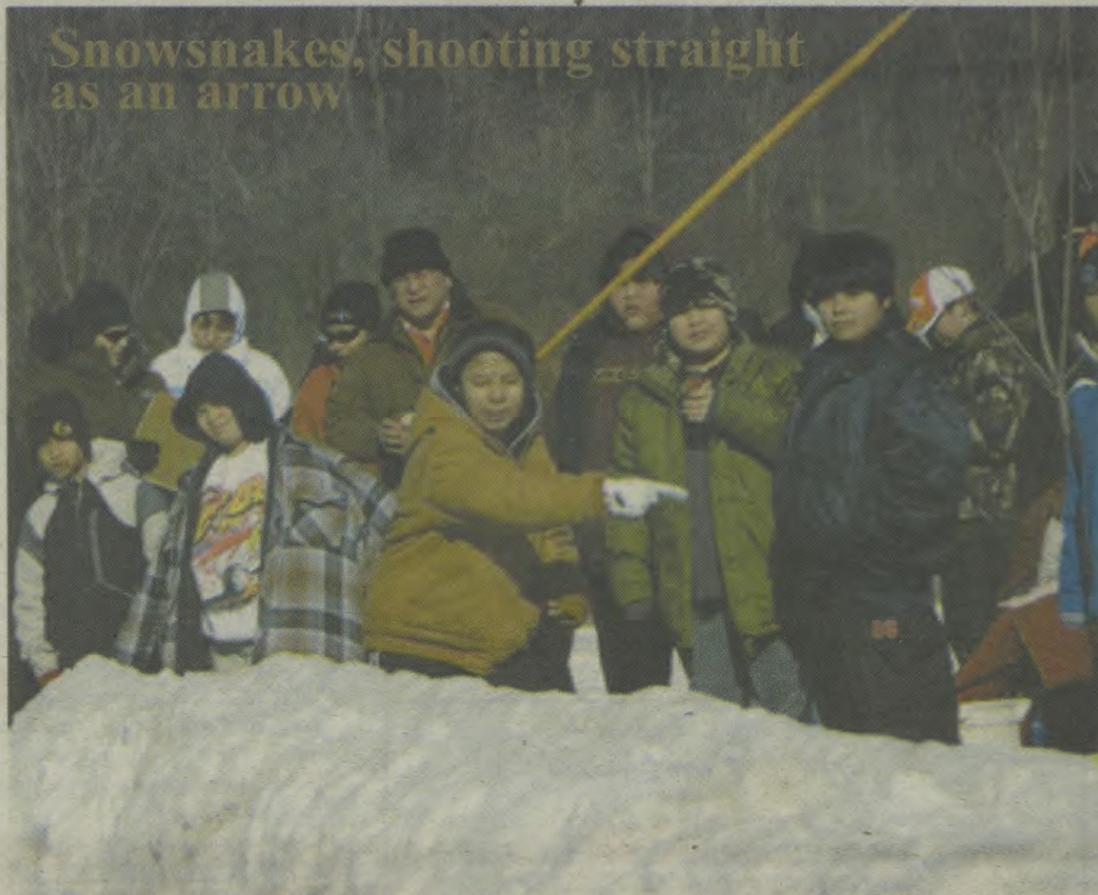


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## Snowsnares, shooting straight as an arrow

Six Nations students from all over the territory huddle in the cold Friday as they wait their turn to throw their snakes along the snow in the annual Six Nations District Snowsnake Tournament at I.L. Thomas. The host school ended up dominating in the tournament, winning first place in each age division. (Photo Jim C. Powless)

## 13-year-old Six Nations boy escapes Florida kidnapper

By Donna Duric  
Writer

His great grandmother still fights back tears as she tell us, her grandson, well, he is simply a very "brave, courageous boy."

Mabel Butler still can't believe that anyone would want to kidnap one of her grandchildren.

But that's exactly what happen to her grandson, Clay Moore, a 13-year-old Florida boy with Six Nations roots who foiled a kidnappers plan to ransom him by using a safety pin, his teeth and his hands to escape.

For Mrs. Butler the ordeal began when she was watching CNN and saw her grandson's picture and heard he had been abducted.

She contacted her eldest daughter Brenda, who was already with her husband at a police command post.

Clay was kidnapped last Friday while standing on a corner waiting for his school bus.

Manatee County sheriff Charlie Wells said about a dozen children were waiting at a school bus stop when a red pickup truck pulled up to the side of the road.

He said a man jumped out brandishing a gun. The man pointed the gun at Clay's head and forced the youth into his pickup truck.

Police said the boy was picked randomly from the group of children in Parrish, a town about 50 kilometres southeast of St. Petersburg that has undergone explosive growth in the



Clay Moore home safe

past few years, but still has a number of rural areas.

"Clay was just at the wrong place at the wrong time," Wells said.

Clay was bound and left alone in the dense woods about 30 kilometres away.

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# Local

## Band council approves increased loan "under duress"

Band council has agreed to increase the \$2.7 million loan for the new Six Nations Business Complex by another \$600,000 in order to get it completed by spring. Although the vote was unanimous, band councillors Ava Hill and Helen Miller said they felt they had no choice

because the completion of the project has already been delayed by several months and it can't be completed without the extra money. Miller said she voted "under duress" and Hill called it "almost like blackmail or extortion."

## Woman facing assault charges ordered to live at Six Nations

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Thomas and another surety, Louella Elliott, pledged \$2,500 each should Ladouceur fail to abide by her bail conditions.

Ladouceur was found in a Cayuga Road home when police were led on a chase by Six Nations man Brett Elgin Elliott, 38.

Ladouceur had outstanding warrants for her arrest for dangerous driving and assaulting police with a weapon when police nabbed her during the confrontation Feb. 1.

She was arrested when Six Nations Police were attempting to arrest a Six Nations man for outstanding warrants.

The man escaped capture despite the assistance of an OPP Canine Unit, as well as an armed



Councillor Melba Thomas

Emergency Response Unit.

OPP were led to the Cayuga Rd. residence, where they found five rifles and a small amount of ammunition.

Police are still looking for Elliott, who faces charges of assault with intent to resist arrest, flight from

police, assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, careless storage of a firearm and possession of a firearm while prohibited. He is considered armed and dangerous.

Councillor Thomas did not return calls for comment.

As part of Ladouceur's bail conditions, she must reside on Six Nations with Elliott and remain in the residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. except for employment purposes or with the presence of a surety.

She must also report to and sign in with the Six Nations police every Monday, and abstain from contact with Amanda Jamieson and Lorale Thomas.

Band Councillor Helen Miller says she has concerns the bail conditions are in direct conflict with Six Nations residency code.

Ladouceur is not a Six Nations band member.

Miller says Ladouceur should not be allowed to reside on Six Nations since she is not a band member, and she believes Thomas used "poor judgment" for bailing the woman out of jail.

"I think it was very poor judgment on Melba Thomas' part," said Miller. "Not only is there a criminal act involved, but she's (Ladouceur) not a band member. Melba's supposed to be upholding our residency by-law. As a councillor, she can't be letting herself get involved in these kinds of things."



Brett Elliott

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Brett Elliott is asked to contact Six Nations police at 519-445-2811 or call Crimestoppers.

## Boy, 13, escapes kidnappers, using safety pin and teeth

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Left alone for several hours he managed to work himself free by using a

safety pin, his teeth and working out the ropes.

The 13-year-old then walked until

he found a farm worker with a cell phone. He was back home safely the same day.

"This man simply kidnapped the wrong kid," said Wells. "This is an observant kid. He's courageous."

It's a story making international headlines.

An amber alert had gone out for the boy on America's Most Wanted Web site, but it was the way relatives here found out that made the story hit so close to home.

His great-grandmother, Mabel Butler, and his great-aunt, who did not want to be identified, spoke with Turtle Island News from their Six Nations home Monday.

Butler had been watching CNN Friday morning when she said she saw his picture appear on the television screen and couldn't believe what she was seeing.

She and her daughter started making phone calls to the boy's father and uncle in Florida to confirm what they had seen.

"That was how we found out for sure it was our Clay," said the aunt, who admitted she was still "in a daze" from the whole ordeal.

Butler said, "I feel sick to my stomach. I don't feel like eating. I'm just happy that it turned out okay."

Investigators searched a nearby Bradenton, Fla. home early Sunday and issued an arrest warrant for Vicente Beltran Moreno, 22, but authorities believe he has fled the state. Investigators said they found a ransom note with threats, but would not say where it was found or what it demanded. Police have released a sketch of the suspect and authorities said they are "90 per cent sure" he is Hispanic but he could be white. He is described as five feet, seven inches tall with a medium build.

Clay had been abducted at gunpoint by a man driving a red pickup truck who forced the teen into the vehicle in front of the other children, said local police.

The police told Clay's family the kidnapper bound the boy's hands and feet with tape, shoved a sock in his mouth, and then taped his mouth. It is reported the abductor drove Clay to a field and tied him to a tree where the teen later escaped by cutting the tape with a safety pin he had on his sleeve.

The boy's great-aunt said he and his brother have always been around adults and are "very mature for their age" which she believes contributed to his cunning escape.

The boy's family released a state-

ment late Friday saying they were, "very happy he is safe and back at home. We ask that everyone will work together to help locate the individual responsible so he can't do this to somebody else."

The statement asked for privacy as "we spend time with Clay after this extremely traumatic day."

Butler said her great-grandson will probably be returning to school on Wednesday and she hopes to see him again soon. She thanked all those across the continent and on Six Nations who had been praying for Clay's safe return.

"There were a lot of people praying up here. It's a result of prayer. No matter how far your family is, they're still close in your heart."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Manatee County Sheriff's Department at 941-747-3011.



## Six Nations resident to appear in CBC documentary

Six Nations resident John Moses will be appearing on the two-part CBC documentary The Great War on April 8 and 9. Moses' great uncle John Moses, a Delaware band member, was in the royal air force during the First World War. The documentary is based on previously unpublished diaries, memoirs and letters providing a soldier's eye view of the experience of the First World War. Moses

is one of 14 descendants of those who served in the war who appears in the special. One woman and 292 men from Six Nations served in that war, of which 29 were killed in action, five died of wounds or illness, one became a prisoner of war, and one was reported missing in action.

## Feds own documents sink justice department...Canada selling lands earlier than lawyers admit

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development lands, and Plank road lands.

That federal report maintained Six Nations did not have a leg to stand on in its claims to Douglas Creek Estates, and said Six Nations claim would fail in court.

The federal justice lawyers are relying on a Dec., 1844 purported land surrender that contained a number of "X's" next to signatures of chiefs.

That coupled with a set of minutes from a purported meeting in which the Confederacy chiefs discussed a number of issues is the evidence the federal government is relying on to state that Six Nations intended to sell its lands by Dec., 1844.

Six Nations has maintained it did not sell its lands, but had leased them. Those leases have since expired with no renewal, and payments were not made, Six Nations contends.

That's seven months before federal justice department lawyers claim they could prove Six Nations intended to sell its lands.

Federal justice department lawyers told Six Nations negotiators recently that Six Nations "claim: to the



former Douglas Creek Estates housing subdivision and Highway Six lands "wouldn't hold up in court." Federal negotiator Barbara McDougall claimed

But Cayuga subchief Leroy Hill told an audience at Grand River Polytechnic Saturday, the federal government's media campaign saying Six Nations doesn't have a leg to stand on in its claim to the former housing development is "totally contrary to the evidence."



In January federal lawyers said Six Nations land claim would fail in court.

The federal government issued a Department of justice report that claims the land was surrendered. The justice department said it is relying on a Dec., 1844 document with "X's" as signatures from a number of "chiefs" accepting the band's land base as Tuscarora Township (now the Six Nations reserve).

The department claimed the document shows Six Nations "intended" to surrender the lands.

However, the government map shows Canada was selling Six Nations land long before the Dec., 1844 alleged document occurred.

"The map shows, Canada was already selling our land before they ever asked us," said Hill. And he said receipts for lands sales have surfaced all dated before the government's purported surrender took

place.

"We also have internal documents that show the government of that day was encouraging squatters onto our lands," he told the crowd.

He said when the map and documents were presented to the federal government negotiators at a meeting last week, "they said they needed to review their position. They're mind was made up before we pulled out their own documents," he said.

## Women at centre of Six Nations land dispute say its been an emotional year

By Donna Duric  
Writer

Two women at the centre of the Six Nations land reclamation could barely contain their tears as they recounted the events of the last year during a packed meeting at Polytech Saturday organized to create better education and public awareness of Six Nations history.

Dawn Smith and Hazel Hill, voices choking with emotion, told hundreds of community residents that despite all the hardships of the last year, they believe Six Nations has accomplished a lot and are glad the people stuck it out for this long despite being told to leave the site repeatedly by both their own leaders and outside communities.

"In that one year, we have managed to make history," said Smith. "We wanted to do something that would make everyone wake up along the Haldimand Tract. It's the longest-running reclamation in history." Smith was one of the first people on the site on the morning of Feb. 28. She took a hiatus from the site beginning last summer after she was seriously injured in a car accident, but she said it's important to her to be back on the site today to mark the one-year anniversary.

"It's a very important day. I was in a very bad car accident. I wanted so much to be able to walk onto those grounds on Feb. 28 with my own two legs. I was told my job's not done

here yet." She recalled the early days of the reclamation, when the small group of Six Nations people slept in cars, tents, trailers, and even in the snow.

"Let me tell you, it was scary. We ate frozen timbits and sometimes didn't shower for days. People were laying on the ground sleeping with two inches of snow on them. We had no money, no wood, but we had us."

She couldn't contain her tears when she talked about April 20, the day the OPP executed a botched pre-dawn raid on the people in an attempt to evict them from the land. She said she got the call around 4:40 a.m. that the OPP had come in. When she got there, she said, she witnessed people being "tasered, beaten, and pepper-sprayed," including an 80-year-old man who had been thrown to the ground for trying to talk to the OPP about what was happening.

"These are the stories you don't hear about. We have footage of it. Why isn't it being aired for everyone to see?" Despite it all, she said, she will always remember April 20 as a day of unprecedented unity among Six Nations people.

"We all had one mind and one purpose. All the factions came together as one."

Hazel Hill, who has many roles in the reclamation, including spokesperson, side table negotiator, and "mom" at the camp, was also



Women at the centre of the reclamation Hazel Hill, Dawn Smith and Janie Jamieson. (Photo by Donna Duric)

overcome with emotion when she talked about the dedication of the people who stay on the site every day.

"It's not easy for them. They've dedicated their lives to be there. I don't live at the camp, but my spirit is there and my heart is there. I'm very proud of our community. I'm thankful to the OPP (for conducting the raids), because it helped strengthen our community."

She commended the elected council for voting to turn the lead on the issue over to the Confederacy in April last year, as well as clamorers for backing the people at the site since the first day.

She said the reclamation is as much about unity as it is about the land.

"We do have a dysfunctional type of thinking," she said. "One of my goals is to help build on that unity. Factionalism is only in our minds if we let those factions exist. Our fight is not amongst each other. It's a fight for the truth."

with Dawn Smith months before Feb. 28 to bring attention to Six Nations land rights, said for her, it all started after she realized people were no longer marking the yearly anniversary of the Haldimand Deed, and on Oct. 25, 2005, she decided to stop construction at the former Douglas Creek Estates for two days to do that.

"It was too big a history to let it go unrecognized," she said. "There's a lot of talk about who started this. The reality is, it was set in place long before any of us were born. The people felt backed into a corner."

She and a group of about 20 others stopped construction at the site for two days, but said the people wanted to see more continued action. They started meeting to discuss a more permanent reclamation of a parcel of Six Nations land, and even considered the land where the Brantford Charity Casino sits, but settled on the DCE because it included the much larger Plank Rd. land claim. "It represented so much more."

She said she had "no idea how big" the reclamation was going to be.

"I didn't think anything was going to happen that fast. I didn't think so much would happen in this past year. It's been a very big learning experience for me. We're only getting stronger as a nation."

Jamieson said she considered it an accomplishment when both levels of government recognized the authority of the Confederacy to negotiate land rights last spring.

She quoted legendary Chief Deskahe to sum up her opinion on the land fight: "We are determined to live the free people we were born."

The three women were among a variety of speakers during the daylong seminar at Polytech organized by the education and public awareness side table created last year in addition to the main negotiating table over Six Nations land rights. The education and public awareness side table seeks to educate both natives and non-natives on Six Nations history and land claims.

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There will be guest speakers at the site from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on February 28, 2007. (Lite lunch will be served and provided)

A pot luck supper and social will be held at Six Nations Polytech from 6pm to 9pm on February 28 as well. (Set up will be at 5:00 pm). For information about supper donations please call Ruby @ 445-2159. All other inquiries please call Janie @ (905) 768-8590.

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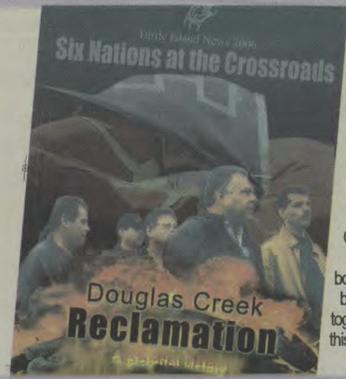
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**365 days later we wait**

Today marks the one year anniversary of the Reclamation of Six Nations lands outside of Caledonia. All week long we have been besieged by mainstream media reporting on the anniversary.

A chance to roll tapes of the barricades, pictures of the tire fire are the favourites and of course there is the May 24 weekend that will forever change the face of the annual Bread and Cheese celebrations.

What has happened in the past year? In bits and pieces the community is slowly learning that the wheels of not only justice but governments turn very slowly.

Six Nations Confederacy chiefs have spent the past year educating the federal and provincial representatives about Six Nations history and land rights.

While they unfurled the wampum belts, explained the condolence cane, watched while provincial reps in particular attend community meetings, chat with community members in the background the federal department of justice is working.

And we should be concerned about what it is they are working on. It took Canada a year to respond to Six Nations demands the land be returned.

And their response was simply no, it isn't your land, cause we said so. One wonders why it took a year.

Canada is faced with mountains of documents all supporting Six Nations claims to its ownership and land rights.

Canada has been faced with its own archival documents showing the land was Six Nations and they were swindled out of it. Canada has in addition been faced with oral history that supports Six Nations land rights.

But justice department lawyers, without any evidence to back up their charges say simply, no. And if we go to court, we'll win. Therein lies the problem.

It's an issue Confederacy chiefs have always known Six Nations will always be faced with, getting justice from Canadian courts.

Knowing they faced a biased court system, Confederacy chiefs have told federal and provincial negotiators, this is not a court matter, it's a political matter and it needs a political solution.

That solution means the political players with the authority to actually make decisions need to be at the negotiating table, not their representatives, who listen (learn for their own benefit) and report back to their bosses, who turn those reports over to the justice department.

For one year, both Six Nations and Caledonia have been waiting for the federal government to come forward and resolve the Six Nations land rights issues.

Six Nations demands are not outrageous. Return of the former housing subdivision while they work together to put in place a long-term land plan.

So why has it taken a year to get to this point. Because the Harper government has been stalling.

It's easier for them to send millions overseas to rebuild countries torn apart by internal strife than to face the fact that Canada has its own internal strife and if Stephen Harper doesn't come to terms with that bold picture, it could be another very long summer.

And no one wants to be in a position to be celebrating a second anniversary of a barricaded reclamation site.

Six Nations deserves more respect than that. The last thing Six Nations and Caledonia need is another summer of barricades.



**LETTERS: Defense league forming**

**We Are Gonna Make It**

Thanks to the hearty souls that made it to our Indian Defense League's monthly meeting. This month it was held at Niagara on the Lakes Native Centre, or Lake Effect Centre. We all came together with good minds to re-ignite the fire that once was, in the good years. But as I sadly wrote the last few months had fallen on much hardship as will all things if they do not get the tender love and care as we can all attest to by just looking around us. Look at our governing body or lack there of, our pageant, our family core is missing also, but we are a people that have never given up - maybe given in at times but just when the ashes are almost cool, a gust of the west wind sent by our Creator re-ignites the ambers and we are back on game. Such is the case with our Indian Defense League. We started out this season holding to an empty bag knowing that in a few months the 80th yes 80th Border Crossing must go on. Not quite sure which way to turn first, me thinks by doing our opening and closing to our Creator is always a first good step,

anyway, this was our third meeting and low and behold we have our committees struck for our sports and entertainment, parade food, we even found out we were entitled to much money we thought was absconded. It gets better. We are planning an Indian Defense League banquet, I call it an Extravaganza right here on the Big 6 around the end of April or first weekend in May, more details later. When you come you will get a chance to meet Beverly Hill, the one person Human Dynamo that keeps the fire blazing. Many had given-up a few years back when she was put in a wheel chair and had gone blind, but when she heard the dire need for help for the I.D.L.A. she was the first to say "put me in coach, I'm ready to play." Do not miss any chance you get to meet her. She is a rolling history book, her mind is very sharp, her stories are so timely. Her message to the occupation group: "never give up, my heart and soul are with you all and I am with you all." She remembers when New York Gas and Electric bullied their way through the Tuscarora Nation,

it still irks her and always will. But, I spoke of the committees that were struck. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, here is where you get your chance to say "put me in coach, I'm ready to play." We need many volunteer bodies that can give a piece of their heart and soul to this 80 year old friend of ours. Contact Ralph Summers 905-768-9593. Also watch for updates on next meetings. Nya Weh. Da Na Tho Cameron Staats

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**Hamilton dinner raises \$800 for reclamation**



A group of Hamilton socialist groups managed to raise \$800 to go toward supporting the Six Nations land reclamation during a \$20-a-plate fundraising dinner held at the Solidarity House in

Hamilton Sunday. Sam Hammond, one of the organizers of the dinner, said he supports the cause "100 per cent. It's their land. I'm a socialist and people like myself have always identified with

the native people. The people who are the most supportive are the people who are the most dispossessed themselves. There's room for all of us. All we need is some justice and some brotherhood."



**Vigil held for Six Nations youth behind bars, political prisoner**

By Donna Duric  
Writer

Jailed Six Nations man Christopher Hill could soon be out on bail after spending the last two months in custody at the Hamilton-



Chris Hill is still in jail

Ontario Court of Justice in Cayuga last Wednesday on his 21st birthday to set a date for trial. His mother, Rhonda Martin, cousin Lisa, and sister, Rose Hill, attended to give the young man moral support after he confessed to feeling lonely and forgotten while in custody. They held up two large cards in the courtroom - one wishing him a Happy Birthday and the other telling him they loved him.

Hill appeared happy to see them in the audience, smiling and waving while his hands were bound by handcuffs. At one point, Martin signed to her son that she loved him. The court set his trial dates for May 25 and June 2.

Martin says because her son pleaded guilty to the charge during a pre-trial on Feb. 19, he has an 80 per cent chance of being released when his bail review hearing comes up, which could be anytime within the next week.

However, Martin says the bail review is likely going to be held in Hamilton, after Hill's lawyer Deborah Loft pushed for a change



Supporters held a vigil outside the Hamilton Wentworth Detention Centre to show support for Chris Hill. His mother Rhonda Martin (centre) says he is a political prisoner. (Photo by Donna Duric)

of venue because of the "bias" of area judges familiar with the land reclamation.

"She (Loft) doesn't want to be in this courtroom for the bail review," said Martin.

Martin has been appealing to community members to come out and

show their support during his court appearances, and is in need of financial support for her son's legal costs. He received some money from the site's legal defense fund, but it was only enough to cover his lawyer's costs up until now and they need more.

Last Sunday, Hill's family, along with the activist group Community Friends for Peace and Understanding with Six Nations, held a vigil outside the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre to show their support.

**Confederacy responds to "Mohawks" notice to sue for \$7 trillion**

**GRAND RIVER TERRITORY OF THE SIX NATIONS.** It is with deep concern and regret that the Six Nations Confederacy Rotiienehson issue this notice to the people of Six Nations and to the public in general.

The Haudenosaunee Six Nations Confederacy Council strives to work in unity with all of the people of the Six Nations and our member nations to continue to protect our Land Rights, including those with-in the Haldimand Treaty of October 25, 1784.

The Confederacy Council has received widespread support from the Six Nations community, including Six Nations Elected Administrative Council.

It is unfortunate when a few individuals misrepresent themselves as a Nation and 'stewards' of the land.

It is clear that this is an attempt to derail the ongoing negotiations as well as an obvious attempted "cash grab".

This attempt will not be successful. So it is with the deepest regret that the Confederacy must respond to a matter that is outside our law and our treaties. We can state without any doubt that the 'claims' made in the Notice of Action dated February 14, 2007 are false, untrue and based upon a distorted and misguided agenda.

As everyone is also aware the Ontario Superior Court of Justice does not have any jurisdiction over the Haudenosaunee Six Nations Confederacy Council and/or lands prescribed by the Haldimand Proclamation of 1784.

We also wish to express our support to those hardworking individ-

uals who have been arbitrarily named in this frivolous Notice of Action. A number of Six Nations citizens from all of our member nations have come forward, at their own expense and time, and volunteered their expertise to provide help to the leadership of Six Nations. To these people we express our deepest gratitude by

saying Nya-weh and encouragement to continue.

We urge those individuals (Curtis Hill, aka Ellis Hill, Deb Springle, Derek Lickers, Gertrude Miller, aka Trudy Miller, Melissa Miller, Trevor Miller, Angel Smith, Leah Brant) who are attempting to "hack at the white roots of peace" to realize that they alone are responsible

for their choices and must live with the consequences as well. We, once again, urge all factions to set aside their differences and strive to work in harmony as our Great Law guides us. Leroy Hill (Cayuga sub-chief) Secretary Confederacy Council

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## Boil water advisory lifted

Six Nations Public Works has lifted a boil-water advisory for those on the public distribution system after recent water sample tests revealed it is safe to drink. The village of Ohsweken had been under a boil-water advisory after two water mains broke in the town last Sunday due to age and ground shifting, causing the water level in the tower to plunge. According to public works, a low water level increases the risk of contamination. Public works lifted the advisory after it received three consecutive clear samples.

## When it comes to snowsnakes... I.L. Thomas ruled the snowbanks

By Donna Duric  
Writer  
I.L. Thomas ruled the snow banks in every single division at the Six Nations District Snowsnake Tournament last Friday. Six area elementary schools took part in the annual tournament, but it was I.L. Thomas students that came out on top in each division. Hundreds of elementary students from age six and up spent a cold day on Friday throwing snakes along a track that stretched all around the school's property. I.L. Thomas gym teacher Brian Skye said the game is a lot harder than it looks.

"It takes a lot of co-ordination and confidence in your throws." The traditional Haudenosaunee game involves throwing a thin wooden stick (snake) down a narrow path created in a snow bank and seeing how far it can go. In years past, the snake used to be thrown along tire tracks on roadways or over frozen rivers, along fencerows or wherever there was an accumulation of snow. According to snowsnake enthusiasts, the best conditions are when the snow is dry and hard-packed, but Friday's conditions were wet and soppy, making the snakes travel slower down the track.



This youngster gets ready to make a powerful throw. (Photos by Jim C. Powless)



The trenches were perfectly shaped for students to give their best shot at making the snakes go the distance.



## COMMUNITY MEETING

Six Nations Economic Development along with Six Nations Forestry will be holding a community meeting to inform the public about the *Gypsy Moth* that is devastating our trees. Come out and learn about the *Gypsy Moth* and what we are doing to save our trees. Steve Nicholson will be available to answer any questions or concerns regarding the *chemicals* that will be used. He will also be discussing when and how the *spraying* will be done.

DATE: Thursday March 1, 2007  
TIME: 3 P.M. - 7 P.M.  
PLACE: Six Nations Community Hall

On February 28, 2006 at 5:30 a.m. a small group of children, women and men entered DCE. The fire was kindled; a circle forming around it. Thanks was given for the day and all it would bring as a silent prayer rang in the heart of every person for the safety of their brothers and sisters. As dawn broke it found these people rolling and dragging gigantic spools, stumps, and logs to the open entrances. Sparse watch teams were sent to each post. A sign was painted and hung.

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## Ditches causing flooding problems

Six Nations Band Council is going to do a drainage study on government ditches after increased complaints from local residents that their properties are getting flooded and that the problem gets worse every year. "These ditches have been a problem for a long time," said Miller. "They're eroding and they need to be re-ditched." She said part of the problem is that they're getting filled with garbage and other debris and haven't been properly maintained. Band council has agreed to seek funding from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to do a study on what is causing the problem and what it will take to fix it. Public Works Engineer Derek Hill estimates it will cost \$1 million to fix the problem.

## Bootcamp training means fun sweating to be fit

By Donna Duric  
Writer  
Emily C. General students had a great time getting in shape during a boot camp training session last Friday meant to teach them about the importance of being active. Mathew Green, a fitness instructor who owns Hamilton company Integrative Active Living, hosted an intensive exercise session for students in grades one to six Friday morning, and the exercises were anything but easy.



Mathew Green

Green had the students huffing and puffing as they did squats, lunges, sit-ups, push-ups, and jumping jacks for one hour first thing in the morning. The majority of the students were enthusiastic about the workout, including grade-six student Ashley Hill, who said she understands the importance of being active. "It keeps you healthy," she said, adding that she even exercises at home. Another grade-six student, Bradyn Isaacs, also said it's important to exercise. "It gets me in shape." Green wanted to ensure the students fully participated in each exercise, so if he thought they were slacking, he would make them do 10 push-ups. He also gave them little pep talks throughout the workout telling them it's their responsibility to keep healthy. "Every day you wake up, you have a choice of how you feel." Emily C. General secretary Marcie



Mathew Green puts Emily C General students to the test...and mats in an intense boot camp training session last Friday.

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## Heated battle for first in men's "Bush League" hockey loop

By David Kazlovskis  
Sports Reporter

Forget about the National Hockey League. The same goes for the American Hockey League, or any other form of men's hockey on television for the next few months.

Nothing beats the high-octane brand of shinny being played right here in Oshweken at Gaylord Powless Arena on Thursday nights.

With less than three weeks until playoffs get underway, three teams are deadlocked in the battle for first place in the Iroquois Men's Hockey Bush League. And this year's title hunt is shaping up to be the closest battle in recent memory.

"We've never had a three-way tie for first, this late in the season, and I've been with the league for over 20 years," said Bush League President Dave "Peewee" Green.

"I'd compare this hockey to the Brantford Blast," said Green, regarding the level of play in the local men's hockey league. "If I put an all-star team of guys from the Bush League together, we'd beat them - that's how much I believe in these guys."

When it comes to parity, few leagues compare to the Bush League as the regular season draws to a close.

Three teams — the Tomahawks, the Spoilers, and the Silverhawks — are all tied for first, with 23 points apiece. Tomahawks lead the way with 11 wins, six losses and one tie, followed by the Spoilers with 10 wins, five losses and three ties. Silverhawks boast a nine-win, four-loss, five-tie record. Playoffs get underway in three weeks. Opening round play will pit the league's first place finishers against fourth place, while the second place team will square off against third place in a pair of best-of-five matchups.

The championship is slated to be a best-of-seven.

Smoothtown currently occupies fourth



Dok Hill (78), of the Tomahawks, is thwarted by Silverhawks goalie Dallas Henderson, while defenceman Dave Hill looks on in Iroquois Men's Hockey Bush League play at Six Nations Arena, last Thursday evening. (Photos by David Kazlovskis)



Silverhawks' forward Brandon Odell (22) fires a shot on net, past two defenders, during Iroquois Men's Hockey Bush League play at Six Nations Arena, last Thursday

place in league standings with eight wins, 10 losses and no ties, for 16 points. Sharks are ranked fifth with five wins 11 losses and two ties, for 12 points, followed by the Spirits who boast a five-win, 12-loss, one-tie mark for 11 points.

Sandy Porter, of the Spoilers, leads the league scoring parade with 38 goals and 38 assists for 76 points. Chandon Hill, who skates for the Tomahawks and was 30 points shy of Porter a little over a month ago, currently occupies second place in league scoring with 46 goals and 22 assists for 68 points.

Cam Sault, of the Spoilers is ranked third, with 22 goals and 30 assists for 52 points, followed by teammate Jake Hill, who has 19 goals and 25 assists for 44 pts. Tom Montour, of Smoothtown, has 37 points, followed by Trent Hill of the Spirits, Ryan Martin of the Silverhawks and Dean Hill also of the Silverhawks, who have 31 points each.

Rounding out the list with 30 points each are Dean Hill, of the Silverhawks, Cecil Hill of the Spoilers and Wayne General, Jr., of Smoothtown.



Tomahawks' goaltender Shawn Restoule prepares to make a save in Iroquois Men's Hockey Bush League play against the Silverhawks at Six Nations Arena, last Thursday

### SIX NATIONS PARKS & RECREATION FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> 2007

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## SPORTS

### Sask hockey referee assaulted while ejecting player from non contact.

LOON LAKE, Sask. (CP) A referee suffered facial injuries after he was allegedly assaulted by a player during a non-contact hockey tournament on a Saskatchewan reserve.

RCMP say the attack happened Sunday on the Makwa Saqhaiehan First Nation, about 300 kilo-

metres northwest of Saskatoon. Police say the player allegedly cross-checked the 45-year-old official across the face with his stick as he was being ejected for another infraction, then continued the assault until others on the ice intervened. The suspect left the arena a short time later.

The referee was taken to the hospital in Meadow Lake, then transferred to Saskatoon for further treatment. A warrant has been issued for Nolan Crighton, 21, of Meadow Lake on charges including aggravated assault and assault with a weapon.

### District Basketball finals

## Emily C. General runs out of time as J.C. Hill sweeps basketball title



Kyle Isaacs (31), of Emily C. General, moves the ball up court past J.C. Hill's Stu Martin (5) in intermediate boys district basketball final play. Defending champion J.C. Hill won the best-of-three final, 2-0. (Photos by David Kazlovskis)

By David Kazlovskis  
Sports Reporter

If the Six Nations and New Credit District schools boys basketball finals was a best-of-five competition, instead of a best-of-three affair, Emily C. General school may have fared better against the eventual champions from J.C. Hill.

As it turned out, however, J.C. Hill needed only two games to claim bragging rights to this year's Intermediate age group title for students in Grades 7 and 8. J.C. Hill won the opening game 30-11 and clinched game two by 26-16 margin to win the best-of-three showdown by a 2-0 count.

"The first game was a little lopsided but our guys really adjusted to J.C. Hill's style of play in game two," said Emily C. General coach David Thomas after the dust had settled at J.C. Hill gymnasium in Oshweken, last Thursday.

"They got better with each game," said J.C. Hill co-coach Joe Restoule, regarding the opposition. "Once they knew the level of competition, they were able to step it up," said Restoule, who shares coaching duties at J.C. Hill with Christian Shognosh.

And indeed, Emily C. General got better as the day wore on. After winning the title, the two teams played a third, exhibition game in which Emily C. General lost by a narrow 32-26 margin.

But the cards were stacked in J.C. Hill's favour, even before the opening tip-off.

"We've been perennially strong in basketball over the years and we're kind of fortunate because we have

each were Hao:Dais Maracle, Ken Elliott and Jesse Hill. Jesse General-Johnson led the way with eight points in game two, followed by guard Stu Martin, who struck for six points. Powless netted four points. Ken Elliott had three points. Earning a basket apiece were Dallas John and Jesse Hill. Adding a free-throw was Davey. Leading rebounder for J.C. Hill was Dylan General-Johnson. Dillon Thomas led the way for Emily C. General in game one with seven points. Scoring a basket each were Logie Bradley, Nick Montour and Jordan Martin. Dillon Thomas topped the scoresheet in game two with another seven-point performance. Jordan Martin scored four points. James Thomas, Montour, Timmy Johnson and Kyle Isaacs had two points each.

J.C. Hill made it a clean sweep of the District Finals as it clinched the Intermediate girls championship with back-to-back victories over I.L. Thomas.

Leading the way for J.C. Hill were

Jerrica General and Alannah Elliott. They scored at total of 12 points each in the best of three final. Sahah General had 10 points. Also contributing to the attack were Taylor Bradley and Danielle Barnett. Strong defensive games were turned in by Erica Monague and Denise Miller. Winning coaches were Chris Johnson and Michelle Ireland.

Top scorer for I.L. Thomas was Amanda Longboat. I.L. Thomas coach Bruce Longboat also praised the play of guard Catherine Porter, and forwards Torrey Johnson and Ewehawas Jacobs.

J.C. Hill boys and girls teams will attempt to extend their seasons by squaring off in the Regional Finals which take place this week.

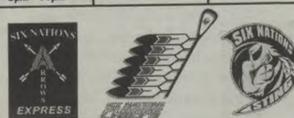
Danielle Barnett (4), of J.C. Hill, dribbles down court, with Tori Johnson, of I.L. Thomas in hot pursuit, in intermediate girls district basketball final round play at J.C. Hill school in Oshweken last week. J.C. Hill swept the best-of-three final, 2-0.



OMSK Basketball team (backrow) Chanelle Staats, Kristen Monture, Cheryl VanEvery, Tristen Porter, Kurtis Martin, Les Skye, Mr. Hill. (F) Jolina Smith, Racine Smith, Brody Whitw, Logan Smith

## Iroquois Lacrosse Arena SCHEDULE

February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2007 to March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2007						
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Arrow Express Winter League 5pm - 6pm  David Maracle 6pm - 7pm  Arrow Express Winter League 7pm - 9pm Chicago Shamrocks 9pm - 11pm	Arrow Express Winter League 6pm - 8pm  Arrows 8pm - 10pm  Floor Rentals are \$100.00 per hour	Derek Hill 8 - 9pm	SNGFL 9am - 10pm  Steve Montour 10am - 12pm	SNGFL 9am - 10am Soccer 11am - 12pm Arrows 12 - 2pm Men's League Warriors vs Medina 5pm Stallions vs Braves 6pm Sting vs. Stallions 7pm	Arrow Express Winter League 5pm - 9pm  Chris Sargent 9 - 10:30pm  Banquet Hall rentals are \$35.00 per hour	Arrow Express Winter League 6pm - 9pm  Sting 9pm - 10pm  Colin Doyle 10pm - 11pm



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Delby Powless, 99, scores! Powless scores. Delby lands in a heap beside the wings net as he powers in the ball past the defeated goalie to the cheers of Bandit fans Saturday



Roger Vyse raises his arm in victory as he slammed in a goal past the wings goalie as the fans cheered

By Edna J. Gooder  
Niagara Reporter  
BUFFALO N.Y. - The Buffalo Bandits were scorching hot as they beat the Philadelphia Wings 13 to 12 in the last seconds of a nail-biter of a game in front of 14,882 screaming fans. The game held Saturday,

February 24th at the HSBC arena began at 7:30 and was a must win game for the Bandits and they didn't fail to excite their loyal fans as they rocked the place, with their precision passing and slamming goals over and around the Wings' goalie (37) Roik. Kevin Dostie (51) scored the

winning goal with only seconds left in the final quarter in the heart pounding game. The Bandits came on strong and scored the first goal of the evening by Pat McCreedy (10) with an assist by Billy Dee Smith (3) in the first 20 seconds of the game. The Bandits scored four goals in the first quarter, one goal in the second quarter, three goals in the third quarter and five goals in the fourth quarter. The Bandits' momentum continued throughout the remaining three quarters, but it was a see-sawing battle with the formidable Wings as each claimed the lead then tied five times throughout the awesome night of lacrosse. Cory Bomberry was smoking hot, with four goals and one assist as he powered his way down the floor smashing in goal after goal sending the fans into roars of appreciation. Delby Powless battled his way to one goal and two assists as he fought his way through the Wings' line. Roger Vyse came out swinging as he powered his way to a goal and one assist and Clay Hill had one assist during the mighty battle. Powless in a phone interview on Monday said he was happy the game was a good one for the fans and it was "nice to come from behind" for the victory. He said as far the fight late in the game between McCreedy and Snider of the Wings anyone of the Bandits would come to the aid of a teammate and Snider is known as a

## Six Nations players burst onto stage in Bandit's hard fought win

"tough guy" and was picking on a player who isn't a fighter. Powless said anyone of his teammates would gladly take a penalty for "sticking up for each other" and it's part of the game.

The fast paced and exciting game kept the fans on their feet as both teams fought to the last second and the heated excitement heightened into gloves being thrown down as McCreedy (10) and the Wings G. Snider (4) got into a slugging match and were sent to the penalty box for about four minutes and two minutes each. It looked like the Wings were going to prevail over the hometown team, but with just seconds left Dostie came out of nowhere found a hole and slammed in the winning goal to the roar of the crowd. The Bandits took their last timeout, with 1.7 seconds left on the clock

and as the game resumed the clock ran out and all pandemonium broke loose as the win went to the Buffalo Bandits. Bomberry and John Tavares were named MVP with four goals each. The much needed win takes the Bandits closer to the top of the Eastern Division with 5 wins and 4 losses. Powless said the Bandits will concentrate on the remaining games "because the teams are getting better. Although, he said, they will "just keep working hard as a team" and moving forward because they are the best in the league. The Bandits play away for the next month and the next home game will be held on March 24th against the Colorado Mammoth then they go up against the Chicago Shamrox on March 31st both games held at 7:30 p.m. at Buffalo's HSBC Arena.



Pat McCreedy (10) gets the best of Snider (4) as they dance around the floor trading punches before the screaming fans. McCreedy yanks Snider's shirt as the fight heats up to a brawl at the HSBC Arena last Saturday night.

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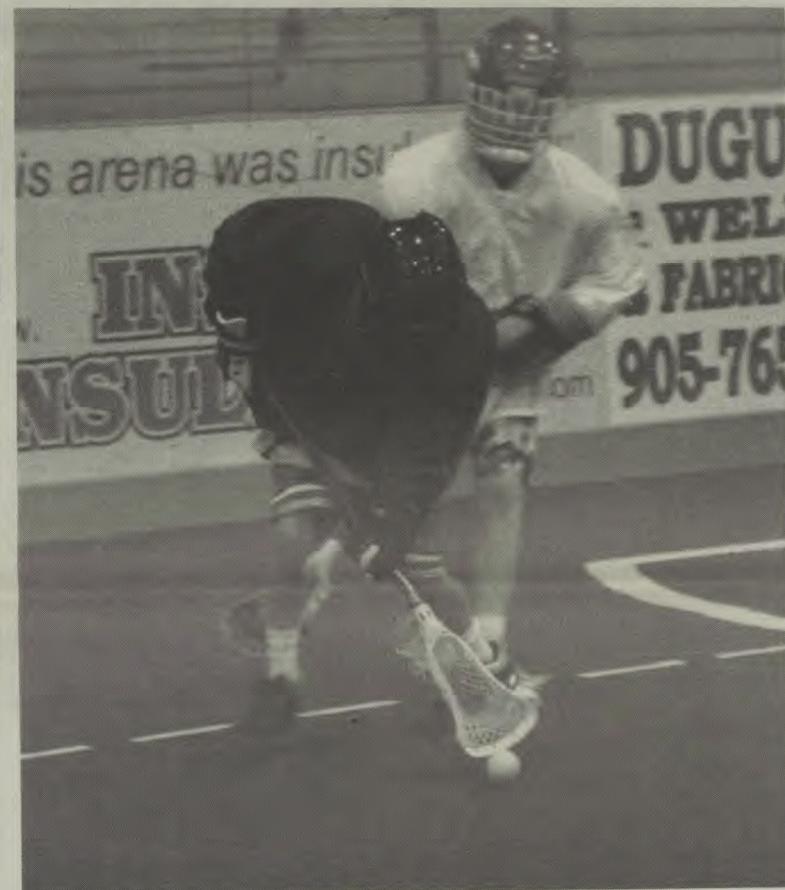
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## Warming up the winter with winter lacrosse league



Goalie Aidan Hodge deflects a shot away from the net during an Arrows Express Winter League Peeewe Division scrimmage at Iroquois Lacrosse Arena last Thursday evening. (Photos by David Kazlovskis)

Jacob McDonald reaches for a loose ball beside the net during an Arrows Express Winter League Peeewe Division scrimmage at Iroquois Lacrosse Arena last Thursday evening.

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# Local karate kids eye provincial title

By David Kazlovskis  
Sports Reporter

Joshua and Landon Hill may be facing a familiar opponent as they set out to capture a gold medal at the Ontario karate championships later this year. They may very well end up facing each other.

"During the last few tournaments we have competed in, we've ended up facing each other," said Joshua Hill, who lives just outside of Hagersville with his mother and twin brother Landon.

The 19-year-old paternal twins have been studying karate together for five years as members of the Simcoe South Karate Club under the guidance of Sensei Bruce Perkins, an eighth degree black belt instructor.

During that time, Joshua has recorded 11 first place finishes in tournaments across Ontario, including a first place finish in kumite, or fighting, at a meet hosted by the South Simcoe Karate Club in Port Dover two weeks ago.

Landon, on the other hand, has fought his way to five first place finishes since he began practicing the art of Wado-Kai karate with his brother, in Simcoe. During two of those tournaments the two brothers ended up in the uncomfortable position of having to square off against each other. It was an obstacle that proved to be easier to overcome for the combatants, than it was for their mother Mary Hill, who attends every meet the boys compete in.

"When they face each other in a

final, I'm beside myself because I can't root for either one to win," explained Mary Hill.

But for Joshua and Landon, it's just another day at the office.

"When you step into the ring, you are squaring off against 'the enemy'," said Joshua.

"It doesn't matter who it is, there can be no emotion."

Our



Landon Hill

Welland next month. The provincial finals are scheduled for Brock University, in St. Catharines, in June. Each competitor has advanced to the final round of the provincials, but neither one has walked away with gold.

Landon won a silver medal in the green belt division of last year's finals, while Joshua captured silver in the yellow belt final in 2002.

Landon, who is currently doing a co-op placement through Hagersville high school as an apprentice at the Nanticoke refinery, says he practices karate to keep in shape. "We always learning something new and I like the fighting part of it," said Landon, who hopes

Showing emotion is a sign of weakness that could end up working against you," he explained.

"It doesn't bother me a bit when I face off against my brother," counters Landon. "He is just like any other opponent to me, from the minute he steps into the ring."

Joshua and Landon are currently training for a meet that takes place in

to pursue a career as a skilled tradesman when he graduates from high school. "It's the only sport were a guy my age can hit someone and not get in trouble," he said.

"But karate is the art of self-defence," his brother is quick to point out.

"Our sensei always tells us to walk away from any confrontations we encounter outside of the ring."

Joshua is hoping to turn his passion for karate into a profession. He said he would like to one day compete on television as a combatant in the Ultimate Fighter Challenge (UFC). His back up plan includes becoming a professional cartoonist when he finishes his last semester at Hagersville high school this spring.

The first priority for both competitors over the course of the next three months will be training for the 2007 provincial finals. "We'll both be competing at a meet in Welland in April, and in between meets we'll both be working out at least two nights a week at our home club," said Joshua.

## NLL announces completion of rosters for March 10 all star game

Chris Gill, playing like a kid again in leading the Edmonton Rush scoring, has been selected to play in the National Lacrosse League all-star game March 10 in Portland, Ore. Gill, 35, will appear in the annual showcase game for the first time since 2002, when he played for the

now-defunct Vancouver Ravens. He also was in the 1999 all-star game when he played for the Toronto Rock. The Vancouver firefighter, who helped the Colorado Mammoth win the NLL title last spring, has 26 points, including 14 goals, this season with the Rush.

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# 1 Year Anniversary

By Lynda Powless  
Editor

A year ago, a handful of Six Nations people walked onto a Caledonia housing development and life changed for Six Nations and the neighbouring town.

The land, they said, was surrendered Six Nations land.

That didn't surprise longtime Caledonia residents. In the town, they tell you everyone knew it was Six Nations land.

When Henco development started digging back in 2003 and 2004 the, then band council even toured the site as part of a bus tour of the Grand River.

Six Nations band council had even received a copy of the development and water and sewer plans.

But the development, like so many others, was ignored despite concerns raised by several local residents and Turtle Island News reports.

In 2005, the archeological dig at the site started gaining more attention at Six Nations.

Soon a group of local people began asking questions about how the development could be taking place.

A one day sit in was organized in 2005. A day of protest handing out information flyers.

By early 2006 the decision to take over the site was made and on Feb., 28, Six Nations people moved back onto the land.

Since then negotiations between the Confederacy chiefs, Canada and Ontario, in right of the crown, have been taking place.

At first they centered on simply getting barricades down that

sprang up when OPP raided the site on April 20, 2006 and sent both Six Nations and Caledonia into a summer of barricades, violence and racism.

As the talks continued, the barricades came down, but the land did not come back to Six Nations.

Today the negotiations continue but the Confederacy chiefs hold onto a long list of outstanding items the federal and provincial governments have yet to answer.

That includes:

- Ontario promised Six Nations, when the barricades came down lands now under provincial crown control at Port Maitland, Burtch, South Cayuga and townsend would be returned.

They haven't been.

No environmental assessments on those same lands have been received.

- Six Nations continues to negotiate using volunteers from the community from lawyers to consultants to engineers to media professionals.

That volunteer basis has caused the talks to proceed slowly.

- Canada and Ontario agreed to a commitment of funding for negotiations that would not be offset against or deducted from future settlements.

Six Nations says it needs to see this commitment in writing as well as a commitment that the funding for negotiations will not detract from program funding for Six Nations or other First Nations in Canada.

No written commitment has yet been made.

-Archeological surveys of the site have been undertaken. Only phase one has been completed and the report is yet to be made public.

-Confederacy chiefs have asked for a face-to-face meeting with Indian Affairs minister Jim Prentice, a year later, that has yet to happen.

More than 30 Six Nations people

are facing more than 69 charges.

Six Nations people have been charged, jailed, some up to six months on charges that related to incidents as a result of the political activity at the site.

Yet a Caledonia man who exposed himself to women and children at the site has not been charged.

And OPP say they may not ever charge the man since the statue of limitations has run out since the exposure took place.

The OPP, however, did charge a Six Nations man who "mooned" an OPP officer.

A year later, Six Nations still waits for Ontario to turn the lands back to Six Nations.

Ontario waits for the federal government to move on Six Nation's land rights.

Ontario Minister of Indian Affairs David Ramsay candidly admits the issue is a federal matter, outside the purview of Ontario.

Ontario's only involvement has been to keep the peace and undertake work on the Reclamation taking down houses that remain skeletons.

Ramsay said no development will occur on the site and encourages Six Nations people to go home.

Six Nations people, who man the entranceways to the housing development, simply smile and say, after a very long year, we are home.

## Outstanding action items for DCE - one year later

1. Former provincial negotiator David Peterson promised Six Nations in May the return of the Port Maitland, Burtch, South Cayuga, and Townsend lands pending environmental assessments. No returns or environmental assessments have been completed to date.

2. Canada and Ontario were to make a commitment that funding for negotiations would not be offset against or deducted from future settlements. Six Nations says it needs to see this commitment in writing as well as a commitment that the funding for negotiations will not detract from program funding for Six Nations or other First Nations in Canada.

3. Six Nations wanted Canada and Ontario to develop an interim process for developers regarding consultation but that has yet to be

done, leaving Six Nations wondering if the Crown prefers for Six Nations to deal directly with developers.

4. Six Nations wanted a Grand River Notification Agreement presentation at the main table negotiations. This has not been done.

5. Six Nations is looking for reports regarding the UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights and Canada's subsequent refusal to accept the declaration. The government has not provided the reports.

6. Six Nations wants Henco Industries' archeological reports. Henco Industries is the former owner of the DCE lands, and had hired archeological firm Mayer Heritage Consultants to do work on the site in 2005, but Six Nations has never seen the archeological report on the work. The firm had found evidence of a

1,500-year-old Iroquoian village during the summer 2005 dig, including pieces of pottery, arrowheads and flakes of stone indicating the making of tools.

7. The Confederacy has been pushing for a face-to-face meeting with Federal Minister of Indian Affairs Jim Prentice since the beginning of the reclamation. It hasn't happened.

8. Six Nations has 28 unresolved land "claims". Six Nations land rights include more than "claims" filed by the band council system. Those rights, chiefs said including a lengthy list of outstanding land sales and leases along the entire Grand River that need to be renewed - The only lands discussed at any length at the negotiating table include the Plank Rd. lands, Burtch, Townsend, Pt. Maitland, and south Cayuga, but even a resolution to those crown lands is still outstanding.



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# 1 Year Later Six Nations Waits

Six Nations Confederacy Chiefs (Cayuga sub chief) Leroy Hill Mohawk Chief Allen MacNaughton, Cayuga Chief Sam General lead about 100 Six Nations people to the Reclamation site after a weekend of clashes with Caledonia residents that saw barricades go up and down. (Photos by Jim C Powless)



On April 20th, 2006 after an OPP raid threatened women and children the Reclamation site a barricade went up blocking Argyle Street, the highways and overpass.



During an early morning OPP raid Six Nations people were arrested. Elderly were thrown to the ground. Six Nations men vowed to stay on the site (below) (left) Provincial negotiator Jane Stewart and Federal rep Barbara McDougal learn about the Haldimand Tract



Caledonia resident Jim Smith screams at Six Nations librarian Diana Doxtator in a clash in Caledonia. Later that week Smith visited the Reclamation site and learned from Six Nations people why they were at the site. He was driven back to the Caledonia side of the barricades by Six Nations men. (left inset)

Six Nations celebrates on the site after the first threatened OPP action didn't surface last March. (right)

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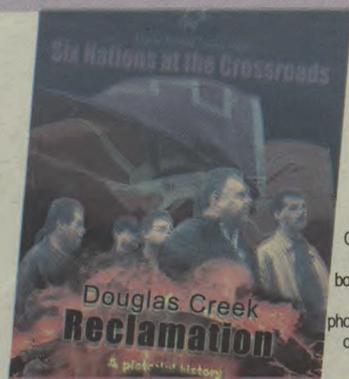
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May 24, 2006 weekend, Six Nations attempted to take down the barricades and was confronted with a riot by Caledonia residents that saw OPP caught in between the two sides (above). The riot continued (below) into the night. About 1 a.m. Caledonia residents finally cleared the roadway and went home. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

## RECLAMATION CHARGES

- Charged with intimidation and robbery is Audra Ann Taillefer, age 45 of Victoria, British Columbia. Taillefer was released on \$10,000 bail. She was arrested by Six Nations police at a Six Nations business in June. Police had been tipped off that she was at the business. She had spent five days in custody before her bail hearing.
- Frank Burning, 36, was arrested at the Tim Hortons near the reclamation site for common assault and released on bail June 28, but failed to appear at his court hearing.
- Ronald Gibson, 35, of Akwesasne, has been arrested for assault charges and is accused of stealing a camera and a tripod. He was arrested last month in St. Regis, the U.S. side of Akwesasne, and has been released on bail.
- An arrest warrant has also been issued for 22-year-old Timothy Jamieson of Ohsweken. He is charged with robbery, assault and obstructing police.
- An arrest warrant remains for Skylar Williams, 22, of Six Nations, for assault.
- 31-year-old Trevor Miller, who faces charges of

assault and two counts of robbery plus violence.

- 30-year-old Albert Douglas, who faces charges of attempted murder, assaulting a police officer, dangerous driving, robbery and forcible confinement.

Meanwhile over 30 people from Six Nations are facing almost 60 charges from a variety of incidents that began April 20, when OPP botched an early morning raid on the reclamation site. In that raid 16 people were arrested.

- Ken Hill, a prominent Six Nations businessman and supporter of First Nations rights is facing two counts of assault in connection with a pushing and shoving match that occurred June 4. There were no injuries. The incident was sparked after an OPP officer claimed she mistakenly drove onto the Six Nations reserve.

As a result, a stand off took place between Six Nations people and a Caledonia crowd that night. During the standoff a group of Caledonia residents pushed their way over a cement traffic block and began fighting with Six Nations people.



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## SIX NATIONS RECLAMATION

### Key dates and events, 2006-2007:

**FEB. 28, 2006** - A group of about 20 people, including Dawn Smith and Janie Jamieson walked onto the former housing development site at 5 a.m., blocking contractors and construction crews from entering the site.

**MARCH 5, 2006** - An injunction obtained by developers John and Don Henning, order Six Nations people off the land.

**MARCH 16, 17, 2006** - Justice David Marshall rules protesters in contempt of court for failing to obey the injunction ordering them off the land. He gives the OPP permission to arrest anyone at the site after 2 p.m. Wed., March 22.

**MARCH 22, 2006** - Protesters amass in huge numbers waiting for police to come in and enforce the criminal contempt order. OPP fail to show.

**APRIL 4, 2006** - Caledonia townspeople hold a rally punctuated by racial slurs and threats of violence in opposition to the Six Nations protest.

**APRIL 12 - 17, 2006** - The Confederacy, band council, provincial and federal representatives, the OPP, Henco Industries and community residents meet repeatedly at the Best Western hotel in Brantford to discuss a solution to the ongoing standoff. Over the Easter weekend, band council votes to hand over the lead on the issue to Confederacy Chiefs. It's the first time in 80 years the federal government recognizes the authority of the Confederacy Council.

**APRIL 18, 2006** - The Confederacy announces talks have broken down with the federal and provincial government.

**APRIL 20, 2006** - Summer of barricades begins. Around 4 a.m., hundreds of OPP officers move onto the site under the cover of darkness and begin arresting Six Nations people. The site and town of Caledonia descend into chaos as protesters face off with OPP officers; construct barricades on Argyle St. and Sixth Line Rd.; light tires on fire on Argyle St., and burn the Sterling St. bridge. For the next two months, Caledonia townspeople continue to hold weekly rallies punctuated by racial slurs, obscenities.

**MAY 22, 2006** - An attempt to bring down the barricades fails when Caledonia residents riot. The annual Six Nations Bread and Cheese celebrations come to an end at the community hall when word of a riot in Caledonia spreads throughout the crowd. The two sides come to blows, when a huge rumble involving hundreds of people breaks out in a field. A transformer station around the corner from the site is damaged, plunging the town and much of Six Nations into darkness for almost three days.

**JUNE 9, 2006** - Site supporters engage in a scuffle with two CH TV cameramen in the Caledonia Canadian Tire parking lot, resulting in one cameraman needing stitches for a head injury. Shortly after, a few people from the group overtake a U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms vehicle and return it half an hour later. That night, Caledonia residents hold a rally during which they throw rocks and beer bottles at Six Nations people.

**AUG. 8, 2006** - Cayuga judge David Marshall issues a ruling that all negotiations between the government and the Confederacy must cease until people leave the site. The ruling sparked another night of rioting by Caledonia residents that cooled down when a Six Nations man spray a fire hose toward the Caledonia crowd, soaking them and OPP.

**OCT. 15, 2006** - Richmond Hill agitator Gary McHale enters the scene. Setting up a website to push his cause, he stages a rally in Caledonia to voice his opposition to the reclamation. He stirs up fear in the town and on the site when he proclaims he's going to lead 20,000 people onto the land that day, but less than 200 people showed up, that included the presence of a white supremacist group and speakers spreading propaganda about Ipperwash and the Six Nations reclamation.

**DEC. 18, 2006** - Gary McHale holds another rally in Caledonia, this time getting arrested for breaching the peace when he tries to head toward the site with a Canadian flag. His newfound disciple, London man Mark Vandermaas, is also arrested for laying down on Argyle St. and stopping traffic while holding a Canadian flag.

**JAN. 20, 2006** - Gary McHale holds his third rally in Caledonia, but less than 30 people turn out for it. He tries to prove that the OPP are practicing 'two-tier justice' in Caledonia and demands the right to place his own Canadian flag near the Reclamation site, despite Six Nations people posting Canadian and American flags in thanks to their many Canadian and American supporters. McHale is now planning a rally in Hamilton in March.

**FEB. 28, 2007** - First anniversary is marked with speakers and a social while Six Nations still waits for its land.

## ELDERS PAGE

# What is it like living with Alzheimers

By Donna Duric  
Writer

Imagine not knowing who you are, who the people around you are or where you are. Strangers bark instructions at you but you have no idea what they're asking you to do. You can't remember what happened five minutes ago, but you can remember events from 50 years ago. This is what it's like living with Alzheimer's disease or any other related dementia. Dementias are degenerative brain diseases that cause impairment of thinking and memory. Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia.

Elmer Hill, 78, suffers from Alzheimer's disease. His wife, Josephine, 77, is his primary caretaker. She attends the Six Nations Alzheimer Support Group the last Wednesday of every month at the Jay Silverheels Complex in order to cope with the demands of caring for her ill husband. Only three people come out to the meetings every month, including Josephine. She wonders why, with an aging population, there aren't more people coming out to the meetings. She thinks it's because there is still a stigma against

Alzheimer's disease. She wants people to know how the disease affects Alzheimer's sufferers, as well as their caretakers. Josephine and Elmer have been married for 21 years. Elmer started showing signs of Alzheimer's in 2000. It was the same year his son, Art Hill, died in a car crash at the Ohsweken Speedway. Josephine noticed her husband becoming delusional. He frequently complained that he saw people hiding behind the trees in front of their home and walking beside him when he was on his riding lawnmower. One night, at 3 a.m., he woke up scared that someone had stolen their car. "He was getting so agitated," says Josephine. "He said, 'I think they took our car. I saw them out there.'" Josephine called the police and found that nobody had taken the car, nor had there been anyone at the house. She also noticed he was becoming forgetful and doing repetitive activities, such as taking all the items out of his wallet and putting them back in over and over again. She took him to the doctor, and after a number of tests, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

He was put on medication, and it reduced the delusions, but since then, he's become more and more withdrawn. He sleeps most of the day. He can still feed and bathe himself, but he sometimes suffers from urinary incontinence. The withdrawal is what hurts Josephine the most. "I get so lonely sometimes. We can go all evening not saying anything. He just answers yes or no. He just lost interest in everything. I dread the day he doesn't recognize me anymore." Josephine, who suffers from a spine disorder that causes her to need a walker, has a respite worker come in on Tuesdays to help look after her husband while she goes bowling. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, Elmer goes to the adult day centre from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rest of the time, it's all on Josephine's shoulders to look after her husband. He's been entered into a wandering registry created for people with dementias. The registry makes it easier for police to identify a missing

## Alzheimer's (AHLZ-high-merz)

Alzheimer's (AHLZ-high-merz) disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.



Although there is currently no cure for Alzheimer's, new treatments are on the horizon as a result of accelerating insight into the biology of the disease. Research has also shown that effective care and support can improve quality of life for individuals and their caregivers over the course of the disease from diagnosis to the end of life.

### Progression of Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease advances at widely different rates. The duration of the illness may often vary from 3 to 20 years. The areas of the brain that control memory and thinking skills are affected first, but as the disease progresses, cells die in other regions of the brain. Eventually, the person with Alzheimer's will need complete care. If the individual has no other serious illness, the loss of brain function itself will cause death.

person with a dementia. Josephine wishes more people came out to the Alzheimer Support Group every month. She thinks the more people that come out, the better they can all help each other cope with caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. "There are a lot of people out here that do have it. Why don't they come to the group?"

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# ONEIDA



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## Green Lane Dump expansion prompts Oneidas to get organized

Story and Photos By Denise Desormeaux

ONEIDA - Oneida is organizing to fight a giant land fill site sitting on its borders.

Oneida elected chief Randy Phillips told a community meeting last week, "the health and well being of the Oneidas and their future generations rests in the hands of its leaders' and proactive community members' ability to work together with "one mind and one voice."

He said a Certificate of Approval for optimization (expansion), has been issued by the Ministry of the Environment to Green Lane Landfill Site.

The site sits east of Oneida, in the Township of Southwold, County of Elgin.

Elected Chief Phillips stated that Oneida is in "limbo" with relation to the form of "accommodation" and / or "compensation" that needs

to take place from the Green Lane expansion.

On February 17th, nearly 70 Oneida community members and their supporters gathered at the Oneida Community Centre to discuss ways of establishing effective communication and representation from all community members.

Elected Chief Randy Phillips explained that accommodation and, or compensation needs to be addressed.

He said Oneida's Elected council is concerned with the effects on the community's water, air, and soil.

Drew Hill (Environmental Engineer) and Kathleen Steele Padulo (M.Ed. in Environmental Studies) of "The Abor Group" an independent, Aboriginal owned environmental and energy consulting firm, based in Oshweken, Ontario has been hired to work with other communities in past.

Elected Chief Phillips explained

approval issued to Green Lane, demands that a number of terms and conditions be met.

Those include the establishment of a First Nation Liaison Committee (FNLC). That committee will play a key role in keeping Oneida community members updated on what is happening.

The committee will serve as a forum for the communication and resolution of environmental concerns related to the site, the dissemination, review and exchange of information, including the monitoring results relevant to the operation of the site, between the owner (Green Lane) and one, or more of the Oneida Nation of the Thames, the Chippewas of the Thames, and the Munsee-Delaware that are participating on the FNLC.

Cost will be born by the operator for operating the FNLC, meeting facilities on or in the vicinity of the site and clerical services.

The February 17th community meeting was not considered adequate "community consultation" as too few community members' were in attendance to effectively address the community's concerns as a whole. A step forward in establishing organization has Max



Elected Chief Randy Phillips discussed the Environmental Assessment Act

(Rocky) Ireland, Wanda Antone, Randy Phillips, and Kathleen Steele-Padulo leading the way. All four will collaborate to help get the community organized. The group was not identified as the official FNLC, but rather as a starting point that will lead to its establishment.

Discussions surrounding community organization included the possibility of individuals or groups representing families, clans, and roads, in a manner that would get

feedback and adequate representation of every community member to (1) Identify issues and (2) Explore resolutions.

A capacity of 16 million tonnes of waste will be allowed to fill the Green Lane Landfill Site, operating 24 hours per day and 5am to 2 pm Saturdays, although time periods may be extended to accommodate seasonal or unusual quantities of waste.

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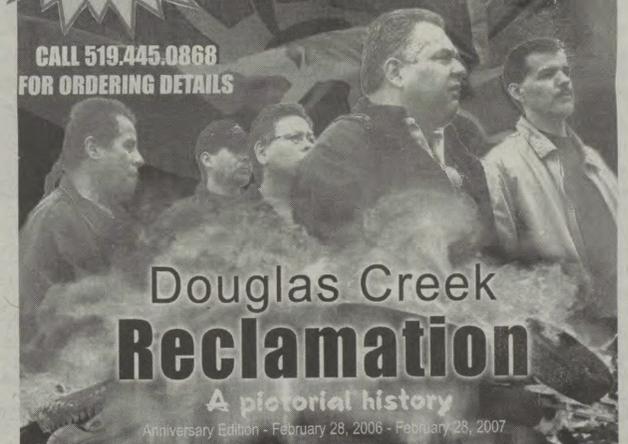
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**PROVINCE PROVIDES MONEY FOR CLEAN WATER, BUT NOT FOR FIRSTNATIONS**

The McGuinty government is providing \$35 million to conservation authorities and municipalities for work to protect local drinking water sources, says Dave Levac, MPP for Brant County. The funding is part of the province's new Clean Water Act. The City of Brantford, County of Brant and local Grand River Conservation Authority received \$182,500 to assist with protecting community drinking water supplies. Ontario's First Nations communities are not included in the funding

## BRIEFS

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tion's primary concern is the budget." Assembly of First Nations files human rights complaint against Ottawa

WINNIPEG (CP) - National native leader Phil Fontaine took a swipe at Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice Friday for what he called "blame the victim" comments about the problems facing First Nations in Canada.

Fontaine's decision to take on Prentice came as he launched a national campaign to end aboriginal poverty - and filed a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission over lack of funding for First Nations child welfare, the Winnipeg Free Press said in a report out of Ottawa.

"What is really disappointing is when someone engages in a blame the victim approach," said Fontaine, head of the Assembly of First Nations.

"It is disappointing and what I find morally reprehensible is to suggest the reason that so many First Nations children are in care is the lack of parental love." Fontaine's remarks came after comments Prentice made Thursday in which he said Ottawa already spends an "awful lot of money" on natives, more than what federal and provincial governments spend on non-aboriginal Canadians.

As part of the national campaign, Fontaine took aim at Prentice for what he labelled the "\$9 billion myth" of spending on aboriginals. Fontaine said government figures show only \$5.4 billion annually actually reaches aboriginal communities. "We want to do everything we can to eradicate mass poverty on First Nations," Fontaine said. "No one can tell me why such poverty should exist in the midst of such wealth in Canada."

The human rights complaint alleges discriminatory treatment of native children in care.

Fontaine said 27,000 First Nations children are in care, and that funding must be high enough so that they have the opportunity to grow up with their families and with their culture. He said they shouldn't have to give that up based on poverty or a lack of access to basic services.

Fontaine is also making the case for billions more in the upcoming budget. He was backed by Canadian Auto Workers president Buzz Hargrove who joined him in taking Prentice to task. "What planet does Mr. Prentice live in? It is absolutely disgraceful," Hargrove said.

## Anishinabek sign draft governance agreement with INAC

NIPISSING FIRST NATION, Ontario-Anishinabek Nation Grand Council chief John Beaucage signed a Governance Agreement in principle (AIP) with Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development last Thursday (Feb. 16th)

The AIP establishes a framework for the Anishinabek Nation, represented in the negotiations by the Union of Ontario Indians, to assume greater control over its own institutions of government.

"Canada's New Government is committed to working with First Nations to support stronger First

Nation governments as a key step in improving the lives of First Nation people," said Minister Prentice. "This important agreement sets the groundwork for participating First Nations to adopt new governance institutions and structures that are more responsive and more accountable to their communities."

"The AIP on Governance is one step toward eliminating the Indian Act, re-asserting our jurisdiction, and re-establishing our own Anishinabe forms of government," said Grand Council Chief Beaucage, who represents the

forty-plus member First Nations of the Anishinabek Nation. "We look forward to completing these negotiations and forging new relationships with Canada that provide practical and effective ways to implement our inherent right to self-government and improve living conditions for our people."

A press release issued by the Anishinabek says the AIP allows for the establishment law-making authority in four areas: leadership selection, citizenship, culture and language, and management and operations of government.

The Agreement provides a practi-



cal approach for supporting First Nations to strengthen their internal governance and solidify the political and financial accountability of First Nation governments to their citizens, while operating within the Canadian Constitutional framework.

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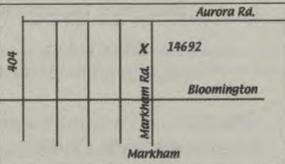
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# NATIONAL



## Cut marks on old skull matched remains on Pickton farm, jury hears

### PICTON TRIAL BRIEFS

**Pickton trial told officer found inhalers with missing woman's name on them**

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) - The Robert Pickton murder trial has heard an officer who searched outside Pickton's trailer in 2002 found four inhalers with the name of a missing woman on them. RCMP Cpl. Stephen Vrolyk told Crown prosecutor Jay Fogel he spent several days with other officers searching a small area outside the trailer where Pickton lived.

In the first week of the search that he began Feb. 7, 2002, the officer testified he spotted an inhaler near the bottom of the garbage can. Further searching located three more inhalers, all with Sereena Abotsway's name on the labels.

The jury heard earlier that another inhaler with her name on it was located Feb. 5, 2002, inside the trailer, where police had gone armed with a warrant to search for illegal firearms.

Abotsway is one of six women named on an indictment charging Pickton with six counts of first-degree murder.

**Syringes, clothing found on land next to Pickton's home, jury hears** NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) - Jurors in the Robert Pickton trial are being taken on a photographic tour of the property next to the Pickton farm.

The land on Burns Road was home to Piggy's Palace, a notorious social club run by Pickton's brother Dave. Jurors are hearing about syringes found in a minivan and men and women's clothing strewn across the property. Earlier, RCMP Sgt. Tim Sleigh testified about sets of handcuffs found during the initial search of Pickton's land. Sleigh said two of the sets were standard police issue and two were toys. Keys were also found that opened both sets. Under cross-examination, Sleigh told the jury that there are still exhibits seized from the scene that haven't been processed.

**Robert Pickton jury told partial jaw found near slaughterhouse** NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) - The Robert Pickton jury has been told the partial jaw of Brenda Wolfe was found near the slaughterhouse on Pickton's property.

RCMP Sgt. Tim Sleigh said on May 5, 2002, he was called to an area near the slaughterhouse that had been used to feed pigs that were kept by the accused. Sleigh said in an area of dirt and debris another officer had marked the discovery of a partial jaw. He said despite all the dirt, he noticed five teeth.

He cleaned some of the teeth and discovered that one had a filling. He said the remains were identified as belonging to Brenda Wolfe. Pickton is on trial for first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of Sereena Abotsway, Andrea Joesbury, Mona Wilson, Georgina Papin, Marnie Frey and Wolfe.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)

- A skull found seven years before police descended on Robert Pickton's farm was cut the same way as remains found on the farm, a jury heard Monday.

Police were never able to find out who the skull belonged to or how it got to an isolated area between a highway and a creek in Mission, B.C.

The case of Jane Doe was a question mark, RCMP Sgt. Tim Sleigh testified, until the remains of Mona Wilson, Andrea Joesbury and Sereena Abotsway were found decomposing on Pickton's Port Coquitlam farm in 2002.

Mission is situated about 40 kilometres east of Port Coquitlam.

The way their skulls had been cut matched the one he'd seen years

earlier.

"Whatever was cutting it is approaching from two different directions and they don't exactly meet," Sleigh said.

Pickton is on trial for their deaths and those of Brenda Wolfe, Marnie Frey and Georgina Papin.

Sleigh, who has been with the RCMP for 26 years, said he'd never seen skulls bisected in that manner before.

The skull was added to the catalogue of at least 600,000 exhibits that were painstakingly seized over months of excavation at the Pickton property, Sleigh told the jury.

"The number of seizures we had anticipated and were staffed for were far exceeded," he said. "There was a huge backlog of

exhibits."

Even today there are some exhibits that haven't been processed, Sleigh said.

To find items in the ground of the search site, huge piles of earth were moved through sifters designed to catch artifacts of varying sizes and areas where exhibits were examined were routinely disinfected and sterilized to prevent cross-contamination.

But though strict contamination protocols were in place that didn't stop some of the items from being tainted with investigators' DNA or some of the evidence sites being tampered with, the jury heard.

There were at least 80 instances of DNA from investigators and other searchers found on exhibits, Sleigh testified.

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### Fewer multiple teen births, but higher rates linked to aboriginals

Teenage girls were far less likely to have two or more children in 2003 than they were a decade earlier, says a Statistics Canada

report released Wednesday. But birth rates among teens remained relatively high in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and

Nunavut — something the report links to a larger proportion of aboriginal residents in those regions. "That probably has something to do with why there are some provincial or territorial differences across the country," said Michèle Rotermann, who wrote the report.

### NATIONAL BRIEFS

**Judge says Man. chief was wrong to buy truckloads of furniture**  
FISHER RIVER, Man. (CP) - A Federal Court judge has criticized an aboriginal chief for purchasing truckloads of furniture prior to winning an election, but has stopped short of calling for a new vote. Judge Anne MacTavish said that said Indian Affairs officials made the wrong decision in not overturning the 2005 Peguis First Nation election results where incumbent Louis Stevenson defeated challenger Glenn Hudson. However, MacTavish said there was little need to send the matter back to Indian Affairs. "In this case, there is little to be gained in doing so, as a new election for Chief and Council is scheduled to be held on March 22, 2007, where once again, both Chief Stevenson and Mr. Hudson are candidates for the position of Chief," she said in her written decision. Stevenson garnered 1,047 votes over Hudson's 1,018. Hudson alleged he lost the election because Stevenson bought votes by handing out furniture, appliances and money during the campaign. He complained to Indian Affairs, but the federal agency later found there wasn't enough evidence to overturn the election. Hudson then appealed to the Federal Court of Canada. Stevenson's lawyer Harvey Pollock said Friday his client did nothing wrong and should be allowed to run in upcoming March 22 band elections. "It's just coincidence he gave out benefits so close to an election," Pollock said. With the decision in his favour, Hudson has asked Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Jim Prentice to intercede and use his powers to bar Stevenson from running in next month's election, and for the next six years. MacTavish said in the 35-page decision that Indian Affairs officials were unreasonable in handling the complaint from Hudson. The judge also singled out retired RCMP officer Larry Dyck, who investigated Hudson's corruption complaints, and Indian Affairs governance board director Brenda Kustra. MacTavish said there was enough evidence presented that should have twigged Dyck and Indian Affairs that something was amiss. She said one was that the band spent \$24,000 on furniture and appliances, 14 semi-trailer loads, for the month of March 2005, more than the amount spent in the previous 30 (Continued on next page)

### Former PM Martin won't run again, will instead work to boost aboriginal grads

VANCOUVER (CP)- Former prime minister Paul Martin says he won't run in the next federal election because he wants to spend a "good portion" of the rest of his life improving life for aboriginal Canadians. "Life's actually pretty busy," Martin said following a speech to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. "I've got a couple of major projects." He said he's been spending a lot of time in Africa after being asked to advise the African Development Bank. But his pet project has been a pilot program in Thunder Bay, Ont.,

aimed at getting more aboriginal youth to finish high school. The project has been successful in 14 other countries, he said, and is aimed at teaching aboriginal youth about business in school and what it takes to succeed. "They get very excited. It's one of the things that keep them in school," Martin said. The project, which he said is having some good results, has the support of the local Chamber of Commerce in Thunder Bay and Martin said he's hoping it will get the national chamber's support. "Something like 41 per cent of aboriginals between the ages of 25 to 34 have not completed high school,



compared to 18 per cent in the rest of Canadian society," Martin said. Martin didn't want to talk about the split among Liberals over whether to renew invasive anti-terrorism clauses that are set to expire Thursday. The clauses were enacted by the then-Liberal government in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, but they included measures that require Parliament to review and extend them every three years.

### Book Drop Forces parachuting in books for children in northern Ontario

FORT SEVERN, Ont. (CP)- Children in one of the most remote spots in northern Ontario have books to read now after a special delivery made in the style usually associated with Santa Claus. A Canadian Forces crew in a Hercules transport flew in low over the aboriginal community on the shores of Hudson Bay on Monday, opened the back and parachuted in supplies including thousands of books for the children. It was the culmination of a mission for Lt.-Gov. James Bartleman who was with the children in the community to watch the books drift down onto the frozen river. Bartleman said the former community school and its library were condemned due to mould, leaving local children without books to read. The next book drop is scheduled for Tuesday in Sandy Lake, in the northwest corner of Ontario. The book drop is made possible through a Forces system of trucking and flying in supplies to Canadian Rangers in remote communities. Canadian Rangers are part-time military reservists working across the North. Bartleman has been the force behind an appeal that has so far collected more than two million books for aboriginal communities. But this most recent drive was aimed at books for children. "It is critically important that we

have books for the kids, especially K to Grade 3 because if you don't learn to read in those years, whether you are native or non-native, chances are you will never learn to read," he said. The books have been sorted, with some destined for communities in the Far North, northern Quebec, Africa and the Caribbean. The book drive is a cause dear to Bartleman, who is a member of the Mnjikaning First Nations Community near Rama, Ont. He also organizes book camps for thousands of native children during the summer and has made literacy a mandate of his term.



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### NATIONAL BRIEFS

(continued from previous page) months for which evidence was tendered. "This appears to be additional household goods that were purchased for distribution to members during the election period, but were not actually distributed when questions began to surface about possible vote buying by Chief Stevenson," McTavish said.

**Mount Allison University cuts funding to First Nations centre**  
SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)- Mount Allison University has cut funding to its First Nations community development centre in a move to save money. According to its website, the Aboriginal Community Development Centre was a campus-wide initiative aimed at creating opportunities for the Atlantic region's First Nation communities. As part of the project, Mount Allison researchers exchanged knowledge and shared resources with those communities. The goal was to enhance research and support for Aboriginal students.

"It was a really good research entity," said Stephen McClatchie, vice-president academic for the school. "It ended up not being financially sustainable." The centre had been running a deficit, he said. In addition to cutting the centre, the university also let the school's research director go as part of a restructuring. The move to eliminate the Aboriginal Community Development Centre upset student Carol-Ann Galego, who called it shortsighted. "It looks good on the website ... and when Mount Allison is talking about a commitment to diversity, but when it actually comes down to funding these projects and ensuring they continue, there's little to no effort put into it," she said. "It just seemed to reinforce my concern that the university administra-

### JAMESTOWN'S 400TH STIRS A NEW VIEW OF THE POCAHONTAS LEGACY

By Steve Szkatok

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - She has the saintly glow of Joan of Arc, the enigmatic aura of the Mona Lisa and more personas than Madonna. In her 22 years, Pocahontas left a legacy that endures in history texts, in stone relief at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda and in a beguiling parable about the settlement of Jamestown by commerce-minded explorers.

But 400 years after America's first lasting English settlement was established in a marshy peninsula on the James River, history's version of the favoured daughter of a powerful Indian leader is being looked at anew, and quite critically. Scholars say the lithe teenager often portrayed with a sexuality beyond her years was a creation of white, English males, who embellished the story of a daring but innocent child. Some Virginia Indians, too, are speaking out on what they

say is the true story of Pocahontas, drawing from oral histories. They say they are reclaiming a narrative that for years was written by people who had little knowledge of their culture and low regard for their generational recollections.

It is more than righting history books, they say. "This is more personal," said Angela L. Daniel "Silver Star," an anthropologist who co-authored a new book, "The True Story of Pocahontas: The Other Side of History," with Dr. Linwood "Little Bear" Custalow. He is a member of the Mattaponi tribe, one of eight recognized tribes in Virginia. "She was part of their family."

The traditional view of Pocahontas is on display at the Virginia Historical Society. The exhibit, which opened in February, comes amid an 18-month state commemoration of the four centuries since



Jamestown's settlement in 1607. The highlight of the 400th anniversary celebration is expected to be May 11-13, when Queen Elizabeth plans to attend "America's Anniversary Weekend" at Jamestown Settlement and Historic Jamestowne.

The short life of Pocahontas is presented in an almost biblical tableau in the Historical Society exhibit. In paintings, prints, sculpture and gaudy popular representations, she is shown rescuing Capt. John Smith in 1607 from an execution ordered by her father, Powhatan; warning Smith that her father was planning again to kill him; being kidnapped by settlers; converting to Christianity and marrying Englishman John Rolfe; and dying in England in 1617.

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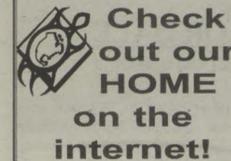
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### BIRTHDAY



HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY MOM & NANA ON FRIDAY MARCH 2ND Love Michelle, Jazz, Dallas & Taysha Your beautiful smile everyday brightens our day.

### IN MEMORY

In loving memory of our dear mother, Muriel Mae (Snow) Silversmith who passed away Feb. 27, 2006. Peacefully sleeping, resting at last, In silence she suffered, In patience she bore, Till God called her home To suffer no more.

You will always be in our hearts, your loving children Paul, Shirley, Charlotte and Annie

### IN MEMORY

In loving memory of our mom, Lavonne Bomberry, who passed away one year ago on Feb. 16, 2006. Loving you and remembering you always, forgetting you never. Til we meet again mom!

Love Always, Candy & Geri

### IN MEMORY

Dwayne Greene February 4, 1961 - March 5, 1977

My heart broke 30 years ago on March 5, 1977 when my brother Dwayne Greene died. Life was really hard going on without you. At that time no one realized how much their words could hurt even a really tough guy.

Then my heart was in a cast again 2 years ago when my dad, Stan Greene (Boots) died on March 5, 2005

I find some comfort knowing that the two of you are together. And when my time comes, you will come for me.

Until we meet again, Love Penny

### THANK YOU

Much gratitude and appreciation goes out to all who contributed donations to our "Sweetheart Dance" held Feb. 10, 2007 at the Army Navy Airforce Club in Brantford. An enjoyable time was had by all. The winner of the Valentines basket was Carolyn General, Congratulations. Thanks to "Cec Sault & Old Chicago" for the "Dancing" tunes.

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### THANK YOU

Joe, Jonathan, Darrell, Dawn & Melissa would like to thank Dreamcatcher Fund for registration for winter lacrosse and for dance.

Nya Weh Martin Family

### THANK YOU

The family of the late Elizabeth Silversmith would like to express a very belated appreciation to all that came and supported us in the loss of our Mom, Gramma, Great Gramma and Great Great Juddah. We would like to express our gratitude to all those that came to honour her life and to give her an honourable send off to be with Shogwayadihsoh and her family that went on ahead of her. She will be greatly welcomed. She will also be sadly missed by her family left behind. A special Nyaweh to Evelyn Jacobs and Maybelle Jewel (Henry) for all your help and for taking such good care of our Mom. Thank you goes to Jeff Martin and the Jay Silverheels staff for being supportive with our Mom over the last couple of years. We wouldn't have been able to keep her home without all of your support. Nyaweh again. From Elizabeth's Family

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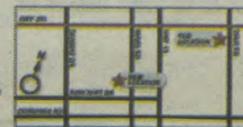
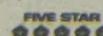
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