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Ontario consults?

Ontario green belt plan points development and crowds to Haldimand Tract

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Ontario's much touted Greenbelt plan and "Places to Grow" legislation are pushing development and an expected four million new immigrants onto lands within Six Nations Haldimand Proclamation.

And that has Six Nations Confederacy chiefs worried, current negotiations could be masking Ontario's move to push development onto contested lands.

Cayuga sub-chief Leroy Hill told a McMaster University audience last week, Ontario is heading into a direct confrontation with Six

Nations over its lands by pushing development onto them without permission.

He told the audience, "developers are telling us they are being pushed to develop on our lands. Ontario has two plans, a Greenbelt that surrounds Toronto, and a Places to Grow

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Cold snap leaves village without water, boil water first

By Donna Duric
Writer

About 500 Ohsweken homes and businesses throughout the village were without water Sunday when three water mains broke public water distribution system.

A boil-water advisory is still in effect.

Six Nations Public Works employees had repaired the breaks by Monday, but the advisory remains in effect for at least three days due to a lack of pressure in the water tower, which increases the risk of contamination, said Public Works Chair Helen Miller.

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Ice Cold conditions effect everything

A boil water advisory is still effect today after watermains in Ohsweken broke during Sunday's cold snap that combined with aging pipes caused three breaks in the village. (Photo by Jim C Powless)

Why do fallen trees trump fallen women, ask memorial marchers

By Stephanie Levitz

VANCOUVER (CP)-Families of missing or dead Vancouver women decried Wednesday a society that rushes to save its fallen trees but not its fallen citizens.

Hundreds gathered to commemorate and celebrate the lives of the close to five dozen women who have gone missing from Vancouver's Downtown Eastside since the early 1980s.

Most prominent among them are the women for whose murders Robert Pickton is now on trial.

But though the spectre of the trial loomed over the 16th annual Missing Women's Memorial March, it was the perceived indifference of people to the plight of the missing women and the fate of

those still living on the streets that hung heavy in the sage-filled air.

"That the city of Vancouver can raise \$8 million to save the trees in Stanley Park yet do nothing to raise the level of the poverty that people are facing on the Downtown Eastside is absolutely deplorable," said Lillian George, president of United Native Nations.

"They should be ashamed of themselves."

Many of the women who've disappeared from the alleys of Canada's most infamous neighbourhood were known as prostitutes and drug

addicts, but their families begged Wednesday that they also be remembered as mothers, sisters

and daughters.

"The reason I cry is because society looks at them as so useless," said Pauline Johnson, who has lost a daughter, a sister and a niece to the clutches of the Downtown Eastside.

"We fought so long and we still can't see the changes in people caring."

Nobody wakes up one morning and decides to be a drug-addict or sell sex to feed their habit, said Maggy Gisle, who spent 16 years living on the streets.

"I never met anyone who wanted to be here," she said. "If they had the means and the opportunity to get out, they would."

The march began Wednesday

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Local

Council approves Mohawk Chapel image for brochure

The front page of the 2007 Brantford/ Six Nations Tourism Discovery Guide will feature the image of the stained glass window from Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks. Kim Hill, of the Brantford/Brant County/Six Nations and New Credit Marketing Collective, brought the request forward to band council recently saying the image will promote Six Nations in a positive light this tourist season because it depicts

the history of friendship between Six Nations and non-native settlers. She said last year's tourist season on Six Nations was dismal after it received negative media attention regarding the land reclamation in Caledonia. They are going to start printing 140,000 copies of the guide beginning this week.

Freezing temperatures cause water-main breaks, damage to mansion

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Miller and Public Works Director Dayle Bomberry are blaming the breaks on the recent cold snap and aging pipes, which are over 40 years old. The breaks occurred near Six Nations Human Resources, at the Chiefswood National Historic Site and the village plaza.

The break near human resources caused about 50,000 gallons of water an hour to leak from the pipe. "It's probably because they're old," said Bomberry.

He also added that the shifting of the ground due to frost contributed to the breakages.

He said there have been about 13 breaks in the public distribution system in the last month.

Residents had to boil their water for at least three days while public works waited for the tower to refill with water. Public works then had to

get three clear water samples from a lab before lifting the advisory. Bomberry says that although the pipes need to be replaced, public works will have to settle for simply making repairs because it doesn't have the funding to replace them. It's the latest in a long line of Six Nations water woes, from contaminated and poorly constructed wells to an aging water tower and continual water main breaks and leaks.

"We have no funding to fix the (pipes)," said Miller. "We have to start pushing INAC (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) for money."

Miller said Public Works runs in a continual deficit because INAC does not provide the department with any core funding. The department relies on band support funds, which are meant to pay for the administrative costs of band depart-

ments.

Unlike municipalities, she adds, Six Nations has no tax base in which to pay for the public works department.

In late 2005, Brant County MP Lloyd St. Amand announced that the Liberal government would provide \$10 million for a new water treatment plant on Six Nations, but that commitment has yet to come through.

"I don't know what the status of that is," said Miller. "That was all gobbledygook. They were just trying to impress people."

The announcement had come on the eve of an election call from the Conservative government.

Besides, says Miller, \$10 million wouldn't be enough.

"Ten won't do the job. We need 20."

That's just to replace the water



A break in the sprinkler system caused severe water damage in the Chiefswood Mansion kitchen with water pouring out the windows. (Photo by Donna Duric)

tower. The amount wouldn't cover the cost of replacing water mains throughout Ohsweken, said Miller.

Six Nations also needs money to provide safe drinking water throughout the entire reserve. A landmark 2005 Six Nations Groundwater Study showed high levels of bacterial contamination in private wells, prompting the suggestion of extending water mains throughout the whole reserve, which would cost \$100 million.

Miller said Public Works had been trying to press former INAC

Regional Director Bob Housam for more funding, but that request went nowhere.

"The last time we met with him, he said no to everything."

Miller and Bomberry are meeting today with new INAC Regional Director Deborah Richardson in Toronto to push for more funding, and to submit Bomberry's proposal for funding for a new water plant.

However, Miller is not optimistic. "I'm not expecting to get any money," she said.

Murdered women not forgotten

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afternoon at the Carnegie Community Centre at the heart of this beleaguered community.

Steady drumbeats masked the sound of the raindrops falling as the marchers slowly moved down Hastings Street, tracing a route that wound solemnly past spots where many of the women were last seen. One of the most colourful person-

alities on the streets had been a woman named Sarah De Vries, who is among the 26 women that Pickton has been charged with killing.

Her sister Maggie faced the crowd Wednesday to share her thanks for being able to join with the community in the face of daily news reports on Pickton's current trial on six murder charges, her sister's not being among them.

"It's wonderful to be able to come to a place filled with people who knew, loved and cared about the women who have been murdered," she said. "It is wonderful to come to the community where my sister lived for many years."

A stretch of Highway 16 in northern B.C. has also become a black hole for possibly as many as 30 women in the province.

Tamara Lynn Chipman is one of

them.

She disappeared along the highway between Prince Rupert and Prince George, now known as the Highway of Tears, in 2005.

Chipman's aunt, Gladys Radek, said she has made it her mission to find out what happened to those women.

"I pray that some day we will find out where she is and if anything has happened to get closure and lay her to rest," Radek said of her niece. "And find some way to protect our beautiful young women from the predators who are running rampant in this country."

First Nations women are represented disproportionately among British Columbia's missing and murdered women. Phil Fontaine, grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations called on Canadians to become more aware of those who have disappeared.

"To fix this terrible wrong we need support from governments, from the private sector, we need support from people that are fair-minded, because this is simply unacceptable," he said. "This kind of situation should not exist."

In Edmonton, about 100 people gathered Wednesday on a bitterly cold night for a similar march through the same inner-city streets that are often walked by women who live high-risk lifestyles.

At every street corner, the line of placards of missing women came to a halt as someone who had lost a loved one to violence placed a single white carnation in the snow.

An ongoing RCMP task force investigation called Project Kare is looking into the disappearance of dozens of women in Alberta, many of them involved in the sex trade.

March organizer Danielle Boudreau was a friend of 19-year-old prostitute Rachel Quinney, whose mutilated body was found in 2004 in woods east of Edmonton.

Thomas Svekla, 38, is charged with second-degree murder in the deaths of Quinney and Theresa Innes, 36, another prostitute whose body was found in an Edmonton-area home last May.

But Boudreau stressed the march was not focusing on the lifestyles of the victims.

"I want it to (draw) attention to violence against women because I don't care what they did," she said. Boudreau noted that not all female victims of violence live high-risk lifestyles, pointing to Nina Courtepatte, a 13-year-old who was viciously beaten and raped before she was bludgeoned to death west of Edmonton, and Liana White, a pregnant woman whose husband was convicted of her murder.

Joseph Laboucan, 21, of Fort St. John, B.C., and Michael Briscoe, 36, of Edmonton, are on trial for first-degree murder in Nina's death.

Many of those who walked said it was important the public is aware about the number of women who have vanished.

"This could happen to anybody and until it happens to their family, people don't understand how important it is," said Boudreau. Kathy King, whose daughter Cara's death is under investigation as part of Project Kare, said the more people know, the more likely someone will discover a missing link.

"I'm just hoping that the more the murders are kept in the public consciousness, there's a chance more clues will come in and there's a chance the murders will be solved," she said.

Const. Sonia Joyal of Project Kare agreed.

Area students strike gold at public speaking finals

Cassandra Hill, Elizabeth Bradley and Catherine Porter turned in award-winning performances at the Six Nations Schools District Oral Communications Festival held at J.C. Hill Elementary School in Ohsweken, last week. Hill, who attends O.M.S.-K., placed first in the

Primary division, ahead of runner-up Brent Beauchamp, of E.C.G. Bradley, also of E.C.G., topped the field in the Junior division. Runner-up was Ty Logan, of E.C.G. Porter, who attends I.L.T., clinched the Intermediate title, finishing ahead of second-place Heidi Hill, of O.M.S.-K. First-place fin-

ishers now advance to the regional finals to be held in Hagersville. Judges for the district finals included: Mrs. Deneen Montour, Mrs. Candy Browatzke and Mr. Dan Dunnigan. Sponsor of this year's event was PSAC.

Ontario's green belt and places to grow, don't include Six Nations

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Grow, plan." Those plans, he said, push developers outside the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and right onto "our lands in the Haldimand Tract."

Drawing a map on the blackboard, he explained, when you push development outside of Toronto, where are you pushing them to, our lands." He told the audience, "we have had developers come to us and tell us they are being encouraged to build in Brantford, or Kitchener or Cambridge, right up the (Haldimand) Tract," he said.

He said there is more than \$1 billion in development planned for lands Six Nations has rights over. Developers are already running into problems getting clear title to their lands.

David Gerofsky, chief operating officer for FirstGulf, which is building a multi-million dollar super-centre in Brantford told Confederacy council recently he does not have clear title to the lands.

He told the council when he researched the title, "it was made crown land, back in about 1844, it was just made Crown land. I don't have clear title."

Gerofsky, himself met with Brantford's mayor, and both Ontario negotiator Jane Stewart and federal representative Barbara McDougall a week ago.

Cayuga subchief Leroy Hill said developers are coming out of nowhere to speak to the Confederacy. "They know there is a question with the titles they think they hold to our lands."

The problem is Ontario did not consult with Six Nations about the plan. "Ontario did not speak to us and we have concerns about the development," subchief Hill said.

Patty Munce, press secretary to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing John Gerretsen said there was broad public consultation at the end of 2003-2005 on the plan. The plan was released Feb., 28, 2005.

She said as part of consultation process aboriginal groups were invited to participate in regional workshops that included municipal representation.

She said Aboriginal groups were identified based on advice from Ontario's Native Affairs Secretariat.

The Greenbelt plan contains a provision Section 5.1 that states the policies of this plan do not affect any aboriginal treaty rights recognized or affirmed by the Constitution.

It also says consultation will take place with any First Nations about any decisions made on crown lands or resources within the Greenbelt boundaries, but it does not discuss the effects of the development bumped out of the Greenbelt and onto lands under claim or subjected to aboriginal and treaty rights.

The Greenbelt plan, does not affect Six Nations land rights, Barbara Koney, of the Greenbelt office, said because Six Nations lands are out-

side the Greenbelt. She said consultation was offered to Six Nations band council, despite the fact that the boundary does not include the Six Nations areas.

She said in 2004, under the band

act pushed development onto lands under claim by Six Nations. The aim of Places to Grow was to direct population growth."

Tang is right. As part of that plan the province is

The "Places to Grow campaign includes key goals, -To protect farmland, 40 per cent of all new growth must be contained within existing built up areas by 2015

Hill tells us, "when you look at a map of where they are encouraging development, it's right on the Haldimand Tract."

And he says, no one consulted with Six Nations about the province's plan.

He said Confederacy chiefs do not believe the Grand River Valley can sustain anymore human habitat. "Our water is already affected, the land is affected, there isn't enough space. We have concerns about moving this number of people onto our lands."

The annual report from Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller agrees with Hill.

It suggests the current rate of population growth is not sustainable and is putting undue pressure on the natural environment and on society.

"Unchecked growth affects not only a myriad of environmental issues but can also shape the character of Ontario irrevocably," the report says.

It urges the provincial government to undertake further consultations before committing to the "burgeoning growth" of the population.

Ironically, the report comes on the heels of an announcement by federal Immigration Minister that immigration targets are being raised from 245,000 people to 255,000 and could go over 300,000 in the coming years.

The environmental commissioner's report takes aim at the Places to Grow Act, passed by the Ontario Legislature.

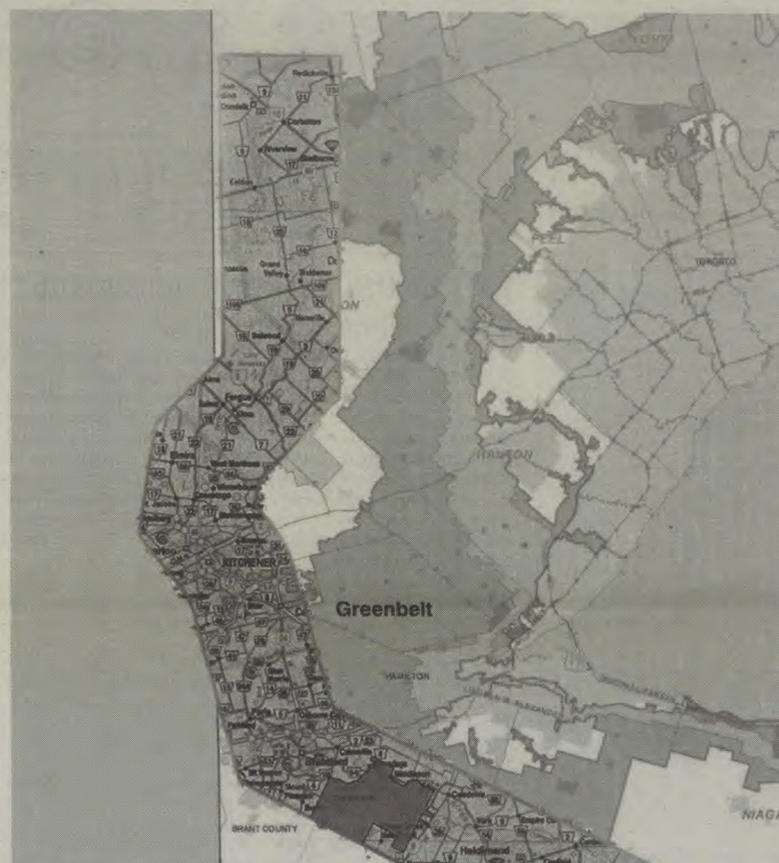
The act is a companion to the greenbelt legislation. It bans development in a belt of land around the Golden Horseshoe; the Greenbelt allows for increased development in the lands encircled by the greenbelt.

Three-quarters of the 4.4 million new residents forecast for Ontario over the next 25 years are expected to settle in the greater Golden Horseshoe area. The Places to Grow Act is an attempt to accommodate them without contributing to urban sprawl.

Miller's report questions the very premise of the act, noting it just assumes population growth "is a sound policy choice."

"From a strictly traditional economic perspective, this approach might be sound. From an ecological or sustainability perspective, this planning approach will fail in the long term."

The problem, is sub-chief Leroy



council leadership of then chief Roberta Jamieson, a letter of invitation was sent to Six Nations, but no formal response was ever received by Ontario. The invitation was to attend stakeholder workshops along with municipalities, and organizations.

In fact, Barbara Konyi, Greenbelt policy adviser said none of the First Nations groups she says that were invited participated.

Konyi said if there are concerns, "like everyone else they can write to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and raise their concern, or request meetings from our field staff and regional office in London. Staff would be pleased to discuss their concerns or we can request a meeting."

The Greenbelt plan has to be reviewed every 10 years and amendments can be proposed.

The "Places to Grow" legislation falls under Minister David Caplan's office, in the Ministry of Public Infrastructure/

The Minister's press secretary Amy Tang said extensive consultation did take place at the time the legislation was being considered.

"I'm not sure the "Places to Grow,"

providing funding to targeted cities like Brantford, Cambridge, Kitchener and Guelph to improve roads and highways and infrastructure. "Those are cities all on our lands," Hill said.

The plan is to move the 4.4 million people expected to move into Ontario over the next 25 years outside of the Golden Horseshoe area that extends from Niagara Falls to Toronto to Peterborough and north to Collingwood.

Without the plan, Ontario says there will be increased commuter time, loss of farmland and an increase in smog.

Leroy Hill



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Ontario ignores First Nations

Cayuga sub-chief Leroy Hill is taking great pains to remain patient.

Like the chiefs surrounding him as the first anniversary of the Reclamation draws near they look at what has happened over the past year and how far Ontario and Canada have pushed Six Nations.

And nothing has become clearer to him and others than Ontario's Greenbelt plan and Places to Grow Act.

The two provincial plans were really meant to come to the aid of Ontario's environment and resources by spreading the population away from immigrants most treasured living places, Toronto, Niagara Falls, the Golden Horseshoe area.

The problem is, as Hill tells us, as soon as they came up with a Green belt around the Golden Horseshoe and stretched it all the way to Collingwood, they gave developers no choice but to look to more agricultural and rural areas to put up their massive housing developments (like at Caledonia) and supercentres.

And to encourage them to build in cities like Brantford, Guelph, Cambridge up and down the Grand, Ontario even came up with incentives in the form of public infrastructure dollars geared directly to these targeted cities.

The results, As Hill tells us, development is being pushed onto Six Nations lands and lands Six Nations has rights over.

And that has everyone concerned.

Ontario claims it consulted with Six Nations.

It sent us a letter, they say.

It invited us to join with other "organizations" who might have concerns about the Greenbelt or the Places to Grow Act.

When Ontario received no response from any First Nation in the entire province, it went ahead anyway with its plans in spite of the fact, the province knew better.

Six Nations people are directly affected by the legislation they have put in place and sending out a simple letter just isn't good enough.

Six Nations is not just another stakeholder or organization that may have an interest in their new plans, Six Nations is the title holder to lands up and down the Grand, to lands within the Nanfran Treaty area that are directly affected by the Greenbelt plan and are titleholders to the City of Toronto (sorry about that New Credit).

Ontario has an obligation to consult with the people who live in this province and they seem to have no problem with consulting with the non-native population of the province. They send out notices, they advertise in dailies, ethnic newspapers, on tv, and radio. They hold public sessions and not just one, but dozens.

For Six Nations and other First Nations in the province... well, we apparently got a letter.

And that's just not good enough, but it isn't surprising. Ontario Ministry's forget that life not only exists outside of Toronto but outside of the towns and villages and cities that non-natives live in. In the lands surrounding those built up areas are the First Nations and they deserve more than just an afterthought.

And it isn't just with the Greenbelt or Places to Grow Act.

Every single ministry within the province is numb to the fact that they have an obligation to inform First Nations people of this province about everything they are doing, just as they do the non-native population.

But for some reason the province ignores the First Nations people of this province and then wonder, when a housing development is stopped or a roadway is shutdown.

After all...they sent us a letter..

...we think!



LETTERS: Reader disagrees with "Mohawks of Grand River" court action

MOHAWK ACTION FILED IN COLONIAL COURT AGAINST IROQUOIS CONFEDERACY Feb. 18, 2007. A \$4.3 trillion Notice of Action was filed in Brantford at the Supreme Court by a group calling themselves "stewards of the Haldimand Treaty".

There is no such treaty. It is against those individuals and political organizations who they think are undermining the authority of the "Mohawk Nation of Grand River", which also does not exist. We are a nation and Grand River is one of our communities.

A national meeting of the Mohawk Nation is where these people can discuss their concerns. The colonial courts have no jurisdiction over this matter. It is violation of the Two Row Wampum and Silver Covenant Chain.

Canada should disregard these people. They have gone outside the Mohawk Nation and Six Nations Confederacy. They have alienated themselves. In the Great Law it says if the Confederacy sees that individuals are confused, they have a duty to bring them back into the circle. By going to this foreign court they have gone astray. As soon as they have come back and use the law, we will resolve these problems.

The Haldimand Tract of 1794 was not "granted by King George III to the Mohawk Nation". Nobody can grant us our own land. It is a promise of protection from all encroachment of our people who live on the Tract. The Tract is part of the vast Six Nations land. The "Mohawks of Grand River" are part of the greater Mohawk Nation. We, the Kanionkehaka/Mohawk are the "eastern doorkeepers" of Turtle Island, from as far east as Sorel of so-called Quebec, all the way out to the Grand River territory, all the way down to south of Albany, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The British did not keep their promises. In 1924 Canada attacked, threw out the Confederacy Chiefs and installed

the illegal "Indian Act" band council system. The Mohawk have not been left out of "present and past land dealings with the Crown and with the Canadian and provincial governments". Canada and the Indian Act band council have disregarded us. When anyone joins the "Indian Act", they give up their birthright.

Those Kanionshoni'onwe who decide to follow the colonial way can only take their bodies with them. The land, names and birthright remains with the people. Mohawk Confederacy Chief Alan McNaughton sits on the Chiefs Council who receives the concerns of our Nation.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy is on track. Such an internal matter doesn't belong in the Canadian court system to be decided by a colonial judge. This violates the Six Nations constitution, the Kaianereh'kowa. They are welcome to attend meetings. The "fire" is the voice of our people. We have a peoples' fire, a council fire, a clan fire, a women's fire, a men's fire and the chief's council fire where our voices can be heard. Everyone has a responsibility to place their ideas into the discussions.

The Mohawks and other Six Nations too want a complete restoration of the original Confederacy and the Kaianereh'kowa. Many of our nations are attending Confederacy Chiefs meetings to unify our people. Our birthright and our freedom to travel throughout our homeland without inference is our foremost concern.

We are an intelligent people. We have our instructions to follow. We are working to preserve our constitution and trying to live it. We are working towards being the people we were meant to be.

Those few men who sit on those long house benches do not have all the answers. If they did, the Kaianereh'ko:wa would never have prescribed any duties to the clan mothers, the women's council,

men's council or the clan council. These fires have been rekindled. We have to be responsible.

We support the men on the Confederacy Chiefs' Council. The Rotiyane/chiefs are trying to do a big job, to guide us to do our work. No free egalitarian truly democratic nation in the world can put all the weight on the shoulders of their leaders. We have to work with them, support them, advise them and help them stand up for our constitution. This is how our nation will continue to exist. As we always say, the door of the longhouse is always open for anyone to find their way inside.

No one can sell or give away our land. Any land of the Rotinonshonni'onwe involves the whole Confederacy. If any of the nations no longer want to retain their territory, then it reverts to those remaining nations who continue to adhere to the Kaianereh'kowa. Kanionshoni'onwe means that the house belongs to those who follow the ways of the longhouse. As long as we adhere to our law, we remain the title holders to the land.

Canada continues to fraudulently create sales of our land. They are proving once again that they never can legally claim what belongs to us. All they can do is to continually steal from us.

These individuals have taken internal issues of the nation and the Confederacy to a foreign court. We remind the foreign court that it has no jurisdiction to entertain this matter. It is out of their jurisdiction. No nation has a right to judge another nation. Canada, we remind you that there is a law that governs all people that must be respected, our laws, your laws and international law. Leave this matter to the appropriate authorities, which would be the Mohawk Nation and other Rotinonshonni'onwe. Sovereignty is our birthright. Use it or lose it.

Kahentinheta Horn,
Mohawk Community of
Kahnawake

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Letter: \$4.5 trillion notice makes Six Nations a "laughing stock"

Once again Six Nations is the laughing stock.

Seems everybody and his uncle is jumping on the band wagon these days.

First we had Trustees of the Mohawk Nation Grand River filing a Notice of International Commercial Claim Administrative Remedy against G. Bruce MacDonald Real Estate LTD. demanding \$110 Million and signed by Bill Squire and lawyer C. Justin Griffin at the height of the land reclamation.

Now we see from a story in a local newspaper last week that Ellis Hill and his little following (represented, again by lawyer C. Justin Griffin) have filed a \$4.3 Trillion Notice of Action in Brantford's Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The action names several individuals along with the Iroquois Confederacy, elected band council, Six Nations Police Commission, and the five Nations: Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora and inadvertently the Mohawks.

At the same time Hill and his followers are asking for \$4.3 Trillion

the story reports that according to the group "concerns about money couldn't be further from the truth." Rather they say it's about "restoring the Mohawk Nation to its rightful place." Who does Hill and his followers think we are: Dumb and Dumber? Of course it's about money. Why else would they be asking for \$4.3 Trillion?

Hill goes on to say that "we can no longer sit back and watch as Mohawk land is sold, other deals are being made on passports and their (the defendants) general consenting to a foreign power, adding that "under Wampum 58 of our law, that is an act of treason" Hello! Isn't filing a lawsuit in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice "consenting to a foreign power"? Is this not giving recognition to the provincial government?

Through hearsay I'm told Hill and his followers were asked to attend the current land claim negotiations but refused to participate as long as band council was at the table. Yet when it comes to money they see nothing wrong in working with an entity (superior court) of the provincial government.

I have many concerns with the action Hill and his followers have taken. First of all, did they consult with the Mohawk Nation? No. Did



Helen Miller

they consult with the community? No. Then who authorized them to be "stewards of the Haldimand Treaty"?

Secondly, was the lands governed under the Haldimand Treaty not given to the Mohawks and others? I question also if Hill and his followers are real Mohawks (maternal line) or are they INAC Mohawks (paternal line)?

Fourthly, the internal power struggle and internal squabbling could adversely affect our land claims. The infighting is playing right into

the government's hands. For gawd sakes, what difference does it make who sits at the negotiating table and whom the government deals with as long as our land claims are settled so that the entire community benefits.

What worries me is that all the hard work, sacrifice and suffering over the past year to bring recognition to the injustices of our land claims may now be for naught. Thanks to Hill and his followers, I believe Six Nations can say goodbye to any land claim settlement. The questions we need to ask ourselves is: Will the federal and provincial governments agree to a land claim deal with a lawsuit underfoot challenging the authority of the Main Table participants to make agreements regarding Six Nations' land? Will the federal and provincial government sign an agreement if they believe that agreement will be challenged in court?

Finally, if Hill and his followers really want to do something constructive, they should be suing Prime Minister Steven Harper and Indian Affairs Minister Jim

Prentice for their "assimilist and discriminatory policies". Or they should be suing the federal government for stealing our land and our money. What is to be gained by suing their families, neighbours and friends?

We know Six Nations can speak with one mind. When it came to supporting the land reclamation people from all parts of the reserve came together as one. We were all in the same canoe so to speak. Today, with the land negotiations happening there is the same importance to work together.

But let's call a spade a spade here. I don't believe Hill and his followers came up with this idea on their own. I believe they are merely pawns and greatly influenced by outsiders who see the opportunity for a money grab. These outsiders do not have the best interest of the community at heart.

Unfortunately if Hill and his followers don't come to their senses, it's the community and future generations who will suffer the consequences.

Helen Miller
Mohawk Nation, Turtle Clan

With a little help from our friends... OMSK students reach out to Amazon rainforest kids

By Donna Duric
Writer

OMSK students are partnering with schoolchildren in a remote village in the heart of the Amazon rainforest in order to learn about other indigenous nations.

And this June, a delegation of chiefs, shamans and an interpreter from the village are going to be visiting Six Nations in a quest to learn more about their indigenous brothers and sisters of North America.

For the last year, OMSK students

nous cultures)."

She says the partnership is teaching the students how other kids their age live - a far cry from the modern world of Playstations, Gamecubes and computers that Six Nations kids live with every day. "I felt sorry for them," said grade-six student Emily Maracle after she saw pictures of what the students' school looked like - a clay building with a thatched roof and a few wooden benches.

Brant explained that the children of



OMSK teachers from left to right, Lana Henhawk, Paula Laing, and Diane Hill, serve up mounds of spaghetti in order to raise money for a group of elders from the Warao nation in Brazil to visit Six Nations this June.

an idea of their culture. The two schools were partnered after Dr. Dawn Martin-Hill, a Six Nations professor of indigenous studies at McMaster University, made a trip to the remote village last year and introduced them, says Brant.

Martin-Hill had brought back a gardening staff from the village, a gift to the OMSK kids from the Warao tribe. "This is the only gardening tool they have," said Brant. "Every morning before they go out and garden, they sing for about an hour."

The students had gathered extra school supplies that they had, including scissors, pencils, pencil crayons, paper, books and erasers. They placed them in sealed plastic bags because, Brant says, they don't know how the supplies are going to get there and they don't want them to get damaged. And they didn't have to do any fundraising for the supplies,

because the reality is, they have lots of extras, says Brant. "Our kids have a tendency to have excess," says Brant. "This is our mid-winter gift."

Kindergarten students are also getting into the spirit of learning about the Warao and are in the midst of decorating a glass display case like a rainforest, complete with hand-drawn parakeets, three-toed sloths, and exotic fish.

This May, a group of elders from the village are coming to visit Six Nations, and Brant says they're

hoping they'll bring along a youth. The school held a spaghetti supper fundraiser last weekend to raise money for a youth to be able to make the trip here, which Brant estimates will cost about \$3,500 simply for round-trip airfare. The official language in their country is Portuguese, although only a few elders in the Warao village of 300 know how to speak it in addition to their traditional language.



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The Four "Kings"



Rick Hill historian

By Rick Hill Historian

In 1710, four men from our aboriginal territory ventured forth on a great mission of mercy, hoping to see the female ruler of England. I often wondered what it was like for the four emissaries to who braved the Atlantic to walk on British soil and gave a great wampum belt to the Great Queen. I have to wonder, because all we have to go by is what the English wrote of their visit. We do know that the Queen commissioned portraits to be painted of them, so we have some idea of what they looked like. The English press commented on what they saw as brutish and barbarous "American kings."

Queen Anne was an ardent Protestant and took this opportunity to offset the influence of the French Catholics among the Haudenosaunee. Remember that the colonization of the Americas was fueled by religious zeal as much as it was by gold lust. This visit helped to set that stage.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was incorporated in 1701 to serve the Majesty's new "subjects." 1701 was the same year of the Nafan Treaty whereby the King William III of England put his hand over our beaver hunting grounds to protect them from the French. John Nafan was the royal governor of New York and signed the treaty on behalf of the King on July 13. William III died eight months later, and Anne was made Queen in 1702. This makes the visit of the four diplomats even more important, as they sought to renew our ancient ties with the new head of state. We must ask: Were the "Four Kings" really sachems or condoled leaders? Were they collaborators in the missionization process of the English? Were they pawns in colonial power play? Were they just trying to look out for what was best for their people? Let's look at what took place and you can judge for yourself.

The formal portraits painted of them by artist John Verelst were reproduced as prints and marketed as The Four Kings of Canada, the first popular images of Aboriginal people produced in Europe. One painting is of Tee-Yee-Neen-Ho-Ga-Row, later known as Hendrick, a Mohawk said to have been born a Mahican. His actual name was

Four Kings or Four Traitors?

What is the real story behind the royal visit to Queen Anne in 1710?

Deyohinhohkarakawenh, but he was also known as Theyanoguin. In 1698 Hendrick accused Dutch pastor Godfrey Dellius and Peter Schuyler of fraudulently obtaining his and other Mohawk signatures on a land deed the previous year. The deed was eventually declared invalid and Dellius was suspended as a pastor. Why would Hendrick now trust Schuyler and be doing his bidding?

The painting of Hendrick shows him holding a wampum belt with eleven crosses that might have been one of the belts given to the Queen to document their concerns. We don't know how many belts were given, or if any were returned. Hendrick is painted conveniently dressed like an English dandy, in a waistcoat, linen shirt, breeches, tight stockings and buckled shoes.

Upon their arrival in Portsmouth, the Mohawk delegates were whisked away to be redressed in the English fashion. They were given long black "under-clothes" to wear and then covered with large red or black capes. Behind him is painted a wolf, most likely the Chief's family clan. At his feet is cast a tomahawk that was acquired by trade with the English, representing his peaceful intentions to put his weapon aside.

The other "sachems" were named Sa Ga Yeath Qua Pieth Tow (who was said to have been baptized with the name Brant, and was the grandfather to Joseph Brant), called King of the Maquas; Ho Nee Yeath Taw No Pow, baptized as John, and called King of the Generethgarih or Ganajahore; and Elow Oh Kaom (baptized as Nicholas, called King of the River Indians). Maquas was an older form of Mohawks, and The River Indians were likely to be Delaware or Mahicans. Col. Peter Schuyler (first mayor of Albany, NY) and Col. Francis Nicholson (former governor of Maryland and Virginia) accompanied the four sachems. Abraham Schuyler, a cousin to Peter, served as interpreter for the trip. They started out in December 1709 and finally met the Queen on April 19, 1710.

Why did these four sachems visit the Queen? Their purpose is clouded by history. We often read that the splendor and might of England was meant to impress the sachems and encourage them to continue their support for the British. Second, the British officials hoped to encourage the Five Nations to have missionaries instruct them in their own villages. The sachems reportedly made the following request:

"We have undertaken a long and tedious Voyage, which none of our Predecessors could ever be prevailed upon to undertake. The Motive that induc'd us was, That we might see our GREAT QUEEN, and relate to her those things we thought absolutely necessary for the Good of Her and Us her Allies, on

the other side of the Great Water. . . We need not urge to Our Great Queen the weight that depends on the Reduction of Canada, & Mount Real, so hope for the performance after which we shall enjoy peaceable Hunting and have much Trade with our Great Queen's Children, and as a sure Token of the sincerity of the six Nations, We do in Our own and in the Names of all, present Our Great Queen with these Belts of Wampum. . . We shall not add more than the necessity we really labour under (that is) provided Our Great Queen should not be mindful of her promise, that We must be forced with Our families to leave Our Countreys and seek another to dwell in or stand Neuter [neutral], either of which would be much against Our Inclinations. . . Since We were in Covenant with our Great Queen's Children, we have had some knowledge of Savior of the World, and have often been importuned by the French by Priests and Presents, but ever esteemed them as men of Falsehood, but if Our Great Queen would send some to Instruct us, they should find a most hearty Welcome."

Those words are these? How rehearsed was this speech? We do not know if the Queen promised to attack the French. We do know that she supported the Society for Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts' proposals, and gave orders for the erection of the fort and chapel in the Mohawk country near Albany. The fort was considered necessary to safeguard the missionaries against attack from hostile Indians. The Queen also authorized the expenses for two missionaries to live among the Haudenosaunee, as well as many gifts of cottons, woolens, kettles, mirrors, scissors, knives, hair combs, one gun, gunpowder, and a pair of pistols for each visiting sachem. For the use at the chapel, the Queen gave a set of Communion Plates inscribed with the royal coat-of-arms, and the words: "The Gift of Her Majesty Anne, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland and of her Plantations in North America, Queen, to her Indian Chappel of the Mohawks." The Onondagas would receive a similar set.

Yet, other information has come to light to make us wonder about the real story behind this visit. In 1709, war with the French loomed on the horizon. Col. Nicholson was concerned that the colonies could not sustain such a war and he appealed to Queen Anne for assistance. He wanted to invade Canada and destroy the French. Feeling that more aid was needed, Nicholson and Schuyler decided to make a direct appeal to the Queen, and to bolster their request, they would bring along representatives of their Indian allies. This would imply that

the four "kings" would serve as window dressing. Onondaga oral history tells us of yet another interpretation. By 1710, the Haudenosaunee had been devastated by a century of warfare over the fur trade, abuse of alcohol, famine, epidemics and the emergence of witchcraft of the type seen in the Salem Witchcraft Trails of 1692. The Puritans executed some people convicted of practicing witchcraft. Some of those convicted were said to employ what was called an "Indian Light" that would fly around the room. There may have been a real fear by the Haudenosaunee that the colonists would begin to blame all "Indians" for such antics, and use that as further excuses to massacre our ancestors. In 1628 Dutch Reverend Jonas Michaelius wrote that Indians were, "savage and wild, strangers to all decency, yea, uncivil and stupid as garden poles, proficent in all wickedness and godlessness; devilish men, who serve nobody but the Devil. . . They have so much witchcraft, divination, sorcery and wicked arts, that they can hardly be held in by any bands or locks." Not a friendly picture.

In 1705, Thomas Mathew of the English colony in Virginia wrote of how Doegs, an Aboriginal nation from Maryland were told that "Baptism was an Effectuall Remedy against Witchcraft." The Doeg (Doag) are believed to be the Nanticoke, whom New York historian John Heckewelder later noted were, "accused of being skilled in the arts of witchcraft." The Tuscarora calls the Nanticoke, "those who first found witchcraft." Where did they find it? *The modern-day Onondagas believe that the four ambassadors were sent to ask the Queen how the Haudenosaunee can stop the spread of witchcraft*

being practiced by the white colonists that was spreading to their own people. The Queen's response was that only by being faithful Christians could such evil be countered. Usually a purple wampum belt would represent a dark or tragic event. If the wampum belt shows eleven crosses and it has been suggested that it represents the desire for that many missions among the Haudenosaunee. However, the cross in wampum belts does not always symbolize the Christian cross. Unfortunately, that belt has disappeared, so we may never know what it really represents. We do know that in the late 1600s the Haudenosaunee did give permission to the Jesuits to build their missions in each of our national lands. However, the Jesuits themselves were accused of spreading dissent, disease and evil. Father Jogues was executed in 1643 by the Mohawks, reportedly accused of witchcraft. Perhaps there was a request to help stop their influence among our ancestors. We must remember that the 1710 trip was less than 20 years after the French had raided and destroyed Mohawk, Onondaga and Seneca villages. After a month in England, seeing the sights, the ambassadors headed home. Soon after their safe return New York colonial governor Hunter held a council with the Haudenosaunee in Albany to reaffirm that they wanted both missionaries and forts in their territory. Prints of the paintings were delivered to a Grand Council at Onondaga to reaffirm what was agreed to overseas. We do not have a record of that council.

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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)

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Sale of raw tobacco nets local man \$10,000 fine

A Six Nations man has been fined \$10,000 for selling raw tobacco for the production of unlicensed cigarettes.

Glen Styres, 42, pleaded guilty to a charge under the Excise Act. Court was told last week that from July to September 2004 Styres bought raw tobacco from local growers and sold it to an "illegal cigarette operation" at Six Nations.

Haudenosaunee items dating to 1500s may come home..virtually

By Lynda Powless Editor

In the storage rooms of little community museums throughout Scotland, thousands of Haudenosaunee objects are waiting to come home.

There are rattles and moccasins, cradleboards and beaded items. And then there are false face masks and objects of ceremony, at least 31 human remains and 182 grave goods. More than 16,000 Haudenosaunee and First Nations objects are in British collections in 23 United Kingdom museums from as early as the 1500s, and according to Keith Jamieson a local researcher, its time to bring them home.

Jamieson is a member of a group, still in its fledgling stages, the Great Lakes Research Alliance for the Study of Aboriginal Cultures that visited Scotland and England earlier this year.

And their plan is to open the doors to British and Scottish museums to bring First Nations items home..virtually.

Jamieson said, "we need to work in partnership with these museums so we can start the repatriation process." But, because repatriation can take years, Jamieson said his group wants to start it now with computer technology "so we can take photos of the items and bring them home virtually for study."

Jamieson is hoping this group, formed by Carleton University professor Ruth Phillips will be able to

kickstart a move that will eventually see the more sacred items returned.

"If we can start now, working with these museums, get our foot in the door, to see what they have, we can record it and set something up here at home so we can bring this stuff home for our people to study," he said.

The group includes Jamieson from Six Nations, Cory Willmott, a University of Southern Illinois expert in indigenous textiles, Alan Corbiere, Ojibwa Cultural Foundation, M'chigeeng First Nations, Manitoulin Island and Heidi Bowhacker U of T, historian

The group is also planning to launch a repatriation claim for at least three artifacts being held by the National Museums of Scotland and Glasgow City Council.

For Jamieson, a local researcher stumbling over a treasure trove of Haudenosaunee relics and objects dating back to the 1500s was mind boggling.

"It was surprising to see what they had," he said. "This is positive. We have a chance, albeit many people believe the items should be just turned back, the museums don't see it and they got the stuff. This is a game we have to play for a much greater good."

He said the museums are under a microscope. "They aren't interested in confrontation or controversy. This all has got to be a smooth transition. a kind of a friendly thing."

He said the collections are full of items "extremely valuable to us it

would astound you."

The collections, he said, exceed 16,000 objects, from the early, 1500s through 1600s, 1700s and late 1800s, mostly obtained by trade from explorers sent here and collected by people who accompanied them.

The earliest collections in North America are from the 1850 era. "The artistic merits are extremely valuable we can't allow the doors to get shut." Some of the items are ceremonial. "I informed them what items shouldn't be displayed," Jamieson said. Jamieson said he was prepared for the trip and underwent ceremonies here before leaving to make sure he wasn't affected by any items he may be in contact with.

Jamieson said he firmly believes these items wanted to be found. "I believe that, that they want to come home."

On returning, he said he met with historian and former U of B professor, Rick Hill chairman of the Haudenosaunee Repatriation Committee, and member Paul Williams.

"I have informed them of what is there," Jamieson said he would like to see the UK museums as a good will gesture return the sacred items.

"I would like to see the Scottish museum just give back the ceremonial items. That would appease all of the European museums if they saw that kind of gesture. Right now they think they're going to come under attack. They think if they open their

vaults they'll get their head chewed off but they aren't the ones that took it."

He said he would like to see a local committee, created to begin the formation of an archive, "where we can manage this stuff. That's my other concern. It's one thing to get the door open, its another to make sure we have people who can flow into that door. We need our own experts to come in"

He said he'd like to see students involved "They've got to write their thesis when they do graduate studies, why not write it on something we need to know This is just the tip of iceberg."

He said he needs to know the Haudenosaunee Repatriation Committee's priorities. When I'm doing stuff what is their priority. We need to build capacity in the community. We have the bodies and people just not the resources. So, how do we resource this That will be on the table."

He said the Great Lakes group is involved in a virtual repatriation that will see digitized imaging of the objects undertaken.

"Maybe, at sometime the actual artifacts will come here, but in the meantime we can photograph it bring the images here so we can study it. So when we do send someone over there we already know what we're looking for."

It's a cost saving measure. He said he went through 150 objects to find 100 objects related to the

Haudenosaunee and it took six days. "If the images available digitally we can siphon it down to something manageable"

He said it took hours to determine a single cradleboard was Haudenosaunee.

"It was fabulous. We looked at it for a longtime, with a fine tooth comb, I kept saying its Haudenosaunee. I could tell just by looking at design elements. At the end of the day, after hours of looking it over, he said it was put back on the cart, flopped on its back and on the bottom was little tree carved in the bottom consistent with symbols related to Haudenosaunee stuff."

He said the community needs to decide if repatriated items come home, like the wampum belts did from the Royal Ontario Museum years ago, "what are we going to do with them. Absolutely, we need to get it on the table. I don't want to waste those opportunities."

Jamieson is heading back to London, England in early March to attend the opening of the National Portrait Gallery of London's display of the Four Kings (the portraits are normally housed in Ottawa)

Jamieson said he is trying to organize to bring the portraits here in 2010, the 300th anniversary of the kings going to England.

The National Portrait Gallery of London, will be displaying the Four Kings (the portraits are normally housed in Ottawa) and Joseph Brant until early spring.

Six Nations man spends birthday in jail

By Donna Duric Writer

Twenty-one year old Christopher Hill is sitting in jail.

The Six Nations Reclamation site supporter is facing charges of assaulting a police officer after being arrested in connection with the OPP raid April 20, 2006.

His mother Rhonda Martin doesn't want Six Nations to forget him. Today (Wednesday) is his 21st birthday. It's also the day of his pre-trial at the Ontario Court of Justice in Cayuga.

Hill was arrested by the Six Nations Police on Jan. 3 and turned over to the OPP for allegedly assaulting one of their officers during the pre-dawn raid when the OPP tried to evict people from the site.

On Jan. 4, he was denied bail. He's been sitting in jail ever since. Martin recalls the morning she and her son awoke to find the OPP moving onto the site from all directions. He had come there a month before to see what he could do to help his people, she says.

She was sleeping in her van when she awoke to an OPP officer tapping on her window telling her to choose between vacating the premises or going with them. She stepped out of the van and walked to the front entrance of the site on Argyle St. and stood on the

road. It was about 4:15 a.m. Her son had been sleeping at the camp near Thistlemoor St., known as "O-Town" to the people at the site. She recalls watching him run up the long driveway that bisects the former housing development, one of the few men that managed to escape capture from the OPP. She yelled out to him, and the two joined up, walked down Sixth Line Rd.

He stayed with a few others in a tense stare-down with the long line of OPP officers that snaked across the south side of the site on Sixth Line Rd. at the "Silverpines" camp. Martin ran down the road to a Six Nations restaurant and used a pay-phone to get the word out to the territory that it had happened.

"The bottom line really, is that he stood up with the rest of us," says Martin. "He had just turned 20. He wasn't afraid."

She says, while he was at the site, he learned a few things. "He learned about independence, unity and finding that inner self and building on it. It wasn't for nothing. My sister said he found a purpose in his life."

She says he worked hard at the site, pitching tents and keeping things tidy and learning new songs on the water drum. He kept people happy with his social attitude, she says.

"He's kind of a crazy, joking kind of guy. He's really social. He wants to get everyone laughing."

In October, she and her son learned about Hill's arrest warrant. He was in the village on Jan. 3 when the Six Nations Police arrested him. Martin says although she's disappointed she doesn't harbor any ill feelings toward Six Nations police.

She knows they have a job to do. She appreciates the way they treated her son. "I don't have any bad feelings toward the Six Nations Police. They weren't rough with him. It was just really calm. I was sad to see my boy arrested."

She talks to him on the phone every chance she gets. She doesn't drive so she doesn't have many opportunities to visit him in person. But she knows he's lonely.

"He's confused," she says. "He's kind of upset." She's worried about his emotional state in jail and thinks if the community came out to his court appearances, it would bolster his spirits. He had an appearance on Monday and Martin says he was "really low" when he didn't see any community members out supporting him. Today, she's bringing homemade birthday cards to hold up in the court to cheer him up.

"I just want him to keep a good mind." She said she and her son

would appreciate support in any way - be it showing up to his court appearances, with letters, or financial support to cover his legal costs. Anyone wishing to support is asked to call Rhonda Martin at 519-445-1696, or they can write letters to

him at the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre. Financial donations can be made out to her through the Royal Bank, account number 7000755 or to the Reclamation site's legal defense fund

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Shamrox off to a fast start in NLL play

Six Nations duo adds punch to expansion team's attack

By David Kazlovskis
Sports Reporter

When the National Lacrosse League season got underway no one knew what to expect of the new 2007 expansion entry, the Chicago Shamrox. After all, they were the new kids on the block. But after winning three of their first four games year, the Shamrox have established themselves as a force to be reckoned with in the pinnacle of North American professional lacrosse. "There's no doubt we got off to a fast start," said Head Coach and General Manager Jamie Batley, as the team worked out at Iroquois Lacrosse Arena on Saturday. "We were three wins and one loss before we encountered back to back losses to two tough teams in Rochester and Buffalo," he said referring to respective 13-8 and 12-11 setbacks in recent league play. Keeping his team above a .500 winning percentage is one of the Peterborough native's goals this season. Making the playoffs is another. "We've assembled a great bunch of players, we're working hard every game, and we feel that there's no reason we should not make the playoffs this season," he said.

Batley was hired last may to lead Chicago, which along with New York, is one of two new teams facing off in the league for 2007. Chicago and New York were allowed to pick one player from each of the league's existing teams in NLL expansion draft that took place last summer. "We made a trade for Cam Woods, a former all-star from San Jose, and he's our captain and our team leader," Batley outlined. "We also picked Brandon Miller, also of San Jose, who is one of the league's best goal-tenders." Batley is also pinning his hopes for success on the shoulders of Six Nations players Tom Montour and Cody Jacobs. Montour, 24, is a league veteran whose five-year NLL career has included stints with the Toronto Rock, Buffalo and Portland, while Jacobs, 21, is a product of the provincial champion Six Nations Arrows Express Jr. 'A' team who is making his pro debut with the Shamrox. "We're not a team of all-stars," Batley offered. "We're a team of hard workers. We have to put out 100 per cent every day and we can't afford to take a day off." Montour, a defence and transition specialist, appears to have found a comfortable fit with his new team-

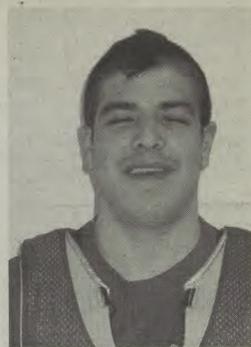


Chicago Shamrox goaltender Brandon Miller reaches to make a save during a practice held at Iroquois Lacrosse Arena on Saturday. (Photo by David Kazlovskis)

mates and based upon his scoring statistics, appears to be complying with his new coach's work ethic. "There's a lot of parity in the league this year," said Montour. "Everybody's got a shot at the league title this year and I think we've got as good a shot at it as anybody else," he said. "There's a lot of guys on this team who are willing to work hard, so winning it all is not out of the question." Montour's contribution to the Shamrox this year has included an impressive four goals and 10 assists, in six games. Jacobs, on the other hand, is living a dream come true. "It's something I've wanted to do since I was young," he said, in reference to signing his first pro contract. "Now that I'm here, I'm just taking it one game at a time." Jacobs has made his presence felt



Cody Jacobs



Tom Montour

by netting four goals and two assists this season.

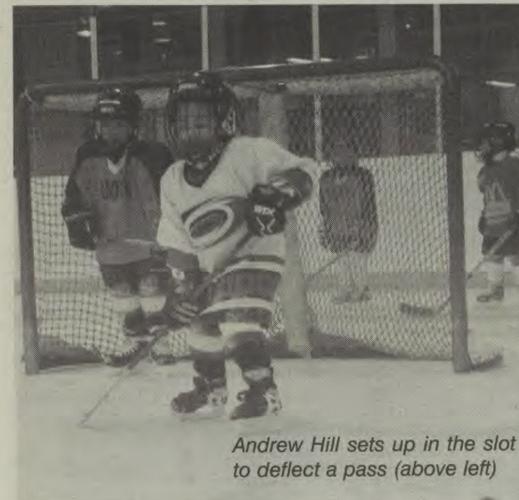
Minto Cup in Calgary

The Calgary Jr. 'A' Mountaineers will play host to the 2008 Minto Cup. The event will take place at Max Bell Arena in Calgary during the last week of August. Host association for the national Jr. 'A' box lacrosse championship is the Alberta Lacrosse Association and the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League.

Lacrosse sign-up slated for March

Registration for the 2007 season of the Six Nations Warriors Lacrosse league takes place on March 4 and March 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Sports Den of Community Hall, Oshweken. Sign-up days are also scheduled for April 1 and April 21. Cost is \$150 per player, plus \$25 fundraising fee. Cost for two players is \$250, plus \$50 fundraising fee. Cost for three players is \$350, plus \$75 fundraising fee. Terms of payment are cash only.

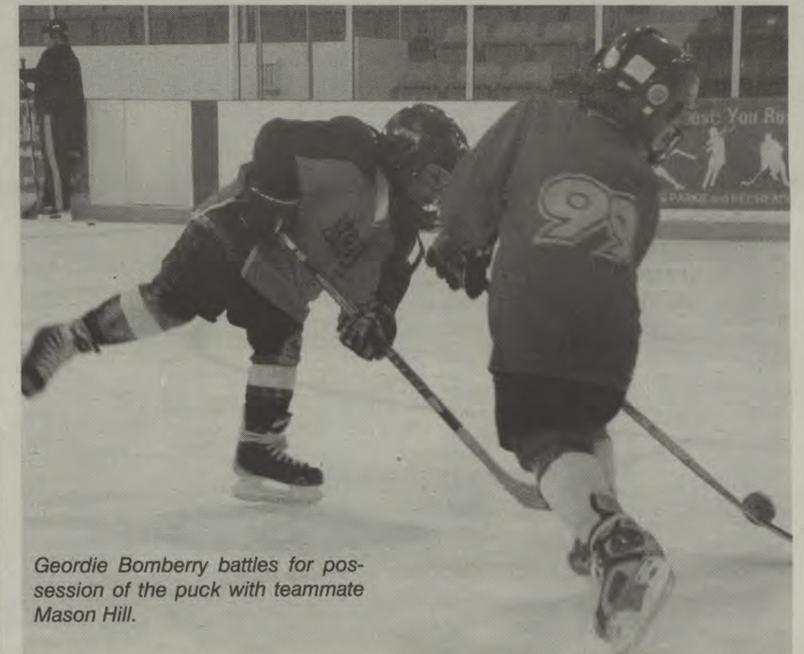
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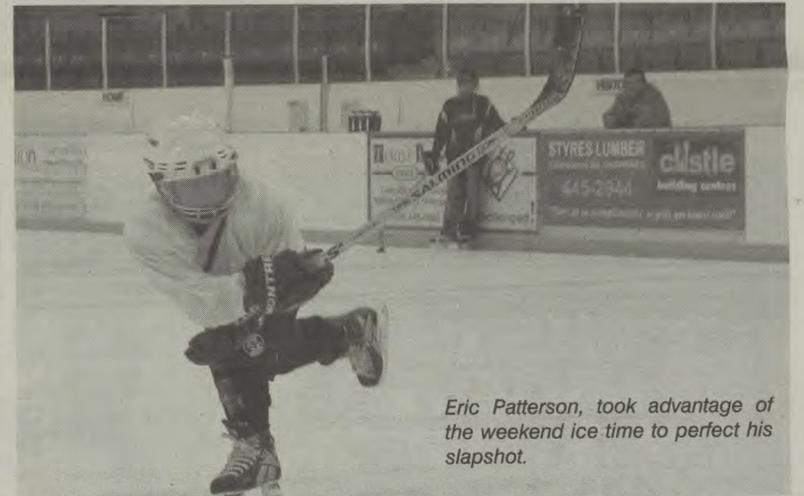
Andrew Hill sets up in the slot to deflect a pass (above left)

Minor hockey association tykes took to the ice for a practice under the guidance of coach Brandon VanEvery at the Gaylord Powless Arena in Oshweken on Saturday afternoon.

(Photos by David Kazlovskis)



Goedie Bomberly battles for possession of the puck with teammate Mason Hill.



Eric Patterson, took advantage of the weekend ice time to perfect his slapshot.

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Moraviantown Captain Cheyenne Hopkins accepts the championship trophy from Terry Lynn Sault following a 3-2 win over Oneida Standing Stone in the Junior Division final of the New Credit First Nation Hockey Tournament held in Oshweken, Friday. (Photo by David Kazlovskis)

Moraviantown cops New Credit tourney title

By David Kazlovskis
Sports Reporter

An unassisted breakaway goal by Cheyenne Hopkins, with less than two minutes remaining in the game, allowed Moraviantown to clinch the Junior Division title of the Ninth annual Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation Hockey Tournament held in Oshweken on Friday. Hopkins intercepted an errant pass in her own end and won a foot race down the left wing to score what turned out to be the game-winning goal in a 3-2 win over Oneida Standing Stone in the Junior final of the one-day event held at Gaylord Powless Arena. Stephanie Sabole had opened the scoring for Moraviantown with an unassisted effort before Oneida responded with a goal by Kingsley Doxtator, on a pass from Ronald Elijah Brown. Jean Hopkins then scored on a set-up by Karleigh Hopkins to make it 2-1 for Moraviantown. Trew Ireland-Christjohn scored with for Oneida, with just under six minutes remaining, to make it 2-2. Netting an assist on Ireland-Christjohn's goal was Landon Doxtator. But Cheyenne Hopkins' goal, with 1:58 remaining, proved to be game-winner as Moraviantown kept Oneida off the scoresheet for

the remainder of the game. The victory allowed Moraviantown to clinch its second Junior trophy in eight years. Moraviantown's last win was in 2005. Moraviantown downed defending champion New Credit 2-0 to advance to the final on goals by Jean Hopkins and Kyle Tobias. Oneida, on the other hand, advanced to the final of the double-knockout event by defeating New Credit 2-1, in sudden death overtime. Netting the game-winning goal was Kingsley Doxtator. Ronald Elijah Brown scored for Oneida in regulation time. Garrett Little scored for New Credit. Earning an assist was Daniel Doxtator. Bragging rights in the Primary Division went to Oneida Standing Stone. They scored a 6-0 win over Walpole Island in the championship game on goals by Joey Doxtator (3), Preston Hill, Jordan Cornelius and Darian Ireland-Christjohn. Earning the shutout in net was Lahnti Smoke. Walpole defeated Wiji 2-1 to advance to the Primary final on goals by Elijah Contreras and Corbin Ermatinger. Scoring for bronze medal-winning Wiji was Taylor Riley. Although each team brought along

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A forward from Moraviantown makes a move on a defenceman from Oneida Standing Stone during final round in the Junior Division of the New Credit First Nation Hockey Tournament held in Oshweken, Friday. Moraviantown clinched the title with a 3-2 victory.



A forward from Wiji - Chippewa of the Thames battles for possession of the puck with a defender from Moraviantown during third round play of the New Credit First Nation Hockey Tournament.

Hopkins nets winning goal with two minutes remaining

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its own cheering section and victory cries could be heard throughout the day, there was more to the New Credit First Nation invitational tournament than just winning said Connie Henry who organized the event along with the help of Terry Lynn Sault. "It's a fun time for fellow First Nation players to get together," said Henry, regarding the event which this year attracted teams from First Nation schools representing New Credit, Walpole Island, Oneida, Chippewa of the Thames, and Delaware First Nation. "A lot of aunts, uncles and grandparents travel along to help support their teams and we try to emphasize good sportsmanship and fellowship," she outlined. "All of the players and coaches receive a meal and every child that takes part receives a prize from our draw table." "Every kid walks away with something," noted Oneida coach Andrew Doxtator. "It's the only time of the year some of these guys get to play hockey, so for a lot of kids this is their only time to shine on the ice," added Oneida co-coach Clint Cornelius. The joy and festivity of this year's event was tempered, however, by the death of 29-year-old Elmer



Moraviantown faced off against Oneida Standing Stone in the Junior Division final of the New Credit First Nation Hockey Tournament held in Oshweken, Friday. Nine teams took part in the one-day event.

Hopkins, a resident of the Delaware First Nation in Moraviantown, only days before the tournament. "We sent our condolences and we even considered canceling the entire tournament," Henry stated. "The death affected all of the communities involved but the kids wanted to play, so we decided to go ahead with it." As a result, the Moraviantown primary team dropped out, reducing the traditionally 10-team field to only nine teams. "We weren't sure if we were going to attend, but I talked to most of my junior team members over the phone and they were anxious to play, so we decid-

ed to come," explained Ron Hopkins, coach of the victorious Moraviantown team, which traveled from approximately 60 miles east of London to attend the tournament. More than 130 students took part in the 2007 event. Primary division players ranged in age from 6 to 9, while Junior division players

ranged in age from 10 to 12. Primary games were 20 minutes in length while the Juniors played 30 minutes. The event is open to both boys and girls. No slap shots and no bodychecking is allowed, noted Henry. According to Henry, the success of the event would not have been possible without the generous sup-

port of several area businesses. Sponsors for this year's tournament included: Come & Getem's, Willy D's, C & C's, Oasis, Mirage, Herkimer's Variety, Royal Flush, New Credit Variety, Godfather's Pizza, Village Cafe, Mumby's Refrigeration, Arnold & Crystal Jacobs, and Vision Wear.

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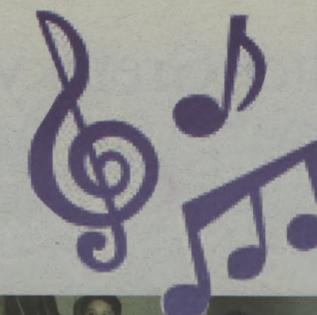
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"Where we rest our feet",



Members of the blues band Corn Bred and traditional women's group Ulali pose for photos backstage after the concert.

By Donna Duric
Writer

BRANTFORD- The music was haunting, the performances were noteworthy, and the message was profound at the much-anticipated Six Nations production "Where We Rest Our Feet" at the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts Saturday night. Under the artistic direction of Six Nations' Sadie Buck, "Where We Rest Our Feet," was a moving por-

trayal of the Haudenosaunee perspective of Mother Earth and the people's everlasting connection to the land. Performed by an ensemble cast of aboriginal actors of all ages, the first half of "Where We Rest Our Feet" showcased the relationship Haudenosaunee people have with the Earth. Faron Johns (of The Pappy Johns Band fame) and Soni Moreno (of award-winning a capella trio Ulali) shined in the central roles of



an eco message that is sweetly operatic

Rattle Man and Grandmother - spirits who help the people take care of Mother Earth.

Children dancers from the Six Nations Youth Performance Ensemble added innocence and freshness to the stage as they used contemporary dance with a traditional flair to plant, till and dig Mother Earth, acting as representations of the earth's physicality.

Johns was a commanding presence in traditional regalia while Moreno, adorned in a red, floor-length, flowery bejeweled number, brought humour and wit to her role as she came to the revelation that Mother Earth needs to be taken care of. She rejoiced in the revelation, until a frazzled man, played by Amos Key Jr., paced about the stage nervously, obviously in a hurry and needing to get things done. He disturbed the equilibrium of Mother Earth - much

like today's fast-paced, hectic world is disturbing Mother Earth. Gone was the peaceful, humorous and staunch presence of Rattle Man and Grandmother.

Frazzled Man eventually calmed down with the presence of Regalia Man, played by Lance Logan Key. The children, Rattle Man and Grandmother, came floating back onstage as they returned to Mother Earth singing a bittersweet, haunting melody. It made you feel as though you were glad to be back, but with the regrettable realization that things will never be the same.

"The whole show was about Mother Earth and we really have to look at how we treat Mother Earth," said Buck, who also composed all the music for the play. "The whole thing was conceived from Iroquoian ideology."

The first act resonated with the music

and sound of the earth, and it was car-



Six Nations country singer Rebecca Miller belts out Martina McBride's "Where Would You Be" during rehearsals Saturday afternoon.

ried into the second act as aboriginal musicians from across the continent performed some of their newest and best hits in a variety of genres.

Bluegrass, country, traditional, folk and blues - there was something for everyone as some of the most well-known aboriginal musicians in North America stepped onstage to entertain the mostly-Six Nations audience. Among the performers were the Old Mush Singers, Ulali, Rebecca Miller, ElizaBeth Hill, the Six Nations Women's Singers, Stoneridge Bluegrass, Robin Maracle, Cheri Maracle, Corn Bred, and the Pappy Johns Band.

The Old Mush Singers, a Six Nations

mainstay, got the mood off to a fun start with some upbeat traditional numbers. Corn Bred was up next performing Mother Earth. Corn Bred is a blues band with a native twist, thanks to the harmonious addition of the traditional flute that accompanies the lead guitar, rhythm guitar, bass, harmonica and drums. Corn Bred, of Syracuse, N.Y., formed in 1999 and has played on such wide-ranging stages as President Bush's 2005 Inaugural Ball and the 100th anniversary of Harley Davidson.

Six Nations group Stoneridge Bluegrass, headed by Cheri Maracle, brought down home comfort to the show with the song Promise, as did

traditional singer Robin Maracle with Listening to the Rain.

The night took on a spontaneous mood when four of the female musicians got together for an unrehearsed and improvised a capella performance. ElizaBeth Hill, Rebecca Miller, Cheri Maracle and Robin Maracle harmonized impressively as each took turns leading the group with her own impromptu melody. Hill, an acclaimed singer and songwriter who spent 10 years in the Nashville songwriting scene, performed a soothing and encouraging song about coming home called Too Long Away in her signature throaty style.



Members of the Six Nations Youth Performance ensemble, who acted as physical representations of the earth during the play, pose for a photo with Choreographer/Stage Director Alejandro Ronceria, centre.

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A Wind for our Life

Walter Gretzky takes up new post as Mayor

By David Kazlovskis
Sports Reporter

Wayne Gretzky's accomplishments in the world of professional hockey have earned him a well deserved nickname: 'The Great One'. Now, the father of 'The Great One' has a deserving nickname, too. In a ceremony conducted before an overflow crowd at Brantford City Hall Monday night, Walter Gretzky became 'His Lordship Mayor Gretzky', as the City of Brantford bestowed upon him the honorary title of mayor.

After altering the course of sports history by raising one of the world's most prolific hockey players, Walter Gretzky has helped make Brantford "the centre of the universe" noted more than one dignitary who paid tribute to the guest of honour.

But there's more to the man than his son, noted the city's current mayor. "Walter Gretzky's acts of kindness and generosity have generated goodwill, acclaim and esteem for the City of Brantford," noted Brantford Mayor Mike Hancock.

The devoted family man, who mentored and coached his eldest son to hockey greatness, Walter Gretzky is respected for his solid work ethic and selfless community service.

"We are certainly very fond of Walter Gretzky," said Lewis Staats, Sr., who was among the many dignitaries to salute the 'new' mayor. "He certainly is a friend of the area and a friend of Six Nations," said the Six Nations council member. "Walter (Gretzky) has been a friend of lacrosse and a friend of hockey to Six Nations."

Also on hand to represent Six

Nations were council members Ava Hill and Helen Miller.

Walter Gretzky was born, in 1938 in the tiny hamlet of Canning, near Paris, Ontario.

He played hockey in his youth and was regarded as a promising player until a life threatening head injury rendered him permanently deaf in his right ear and ended his hockey dreams.

In 1960, he married Phyllis Hawkin and together they had four sons and one daughter. Wayne was born in 1961 and showed great interest in hockey from a very young age.

After many cold nights watching Wayne at neighborhood arenas, Walter decided to put a rink in the backyard. It would become affectionately known as the 'Wally Coliseum'.

His eldest son enjoyed phenomenal success in the hockey rink and achieved world-wide stardom.

Wayne played in the NHL for the Edmonton Oilers, the Los Angeles Kings, the St. Louis Blues, and the New York Rangers. He owns or shares 61 NHL records, has won four Stanley Cups and holds ten scoring titles, in addition to numerous NHL awards.

Monuments to his success abound in his home town. Brantford's North Park recreation centre was renamed in his honour and part of Park Road North was renamed the Wayne Gretzky Parkway.

The joy of being in the limelight as a world-famous hockey dad somehow seemed insignificant in 1991 when Walter suffered a brain aneurysm, which destroyed much of his memory. With the support of his



Walter Gretzky, the father hockey legend Wayne Gretzky, tries on his new robes after being appointed Honorary Mayor of Brantford, at Brantford City Hall, Monday. (Photo by David Kazlovskis)

wife, family, and friends, he bravely faced this hardship and now devotes much of his time to speaking about brain trauma.

Walter Gretzky is a former national spokesman for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In 1996, he was named Brantford's Citizen of the Year and, in 1999, was inducted into Brantford's Walk of Fame — along with Alexander Graham Bell and Emily Stowe. He won the Frank Tomlin Memorial Award in 1997 as Brantford's sportsperson of the year. He received the Order of Ontario in 2003.

Nipissing University recognized Walter Gretzky with an honorary Doctor of Education degree during

the inaugural convocation ceremony for the university's campus in Brantford, in June of 2006.

Today, even with short-term memory difficulties Walter pursues life to the fullest. He spends a good deal of time speaking all over North America on subjects ranging from the pros and cons of being Wayne's Dad to the signs and symptoms of brain trauma. He was the driving force behind the very successful Wayne Gretzky Tennis Classic, which benefits the visually impaired and is the corner stone of the Wayne Gretzky International Hockey Tournament.

Walter and Wayne provide fifteen, \$5,000 scholarships each year to

deserving visually impaired students pursuing post secondary education. Walter insists on meeting each recipient and presenting him or her with their scholarship cheque.

For many years Walter has traveled to hospitals throughout Ontario at Christmas time with members of the Ontario Provincial Police to distribute Teddy Bears and autographed pictures of Wayne to children who must be in hospital over Christmas. Walter Gretzky's selfless compassion for others was perhaps best described during Monday's ceremony by Poet Laureate John B. Lee, when he said Walter is "the one who wants nothing, but gives all".

BUSH LEAGUE RESULTS

Six Nations Men's Hockey Bush League Results
(Week of Feb. 15, 2007)

Spoilers 10, Spirits 6. Spoilers goals: Sandy Porter (5), Trau Martin (2), Cam Sault (2), Trevor Henhawk. Spoilers assists: Porter (3), Jake Hill (2), Sault (2), Cec Hill, Dwayne Dortator, Trau Martin.

Spirits goals: Moe Midgley (2), Trent Hill, Eric Hill, Josh Jamieson, Smitty. Spirits assists: Brandon Hill (2), Gus Hill (2), Trent Hill, Eric Hill, Stu Hill.

Silverhawks 6, Sharks 5.

Silverhawks goals: Tracey Anthony (3), Bob Henry, Ryan Martin, Tim Bomberry.

Silverhawks assists: Stew Montune (2), Tim Bomberry.

Sharks goals: Clayton Porter (2), Jeff Isaacs, Craig MacDonald, Dennis Macdonald.

Sharks assists: Dave Hill (2), Craig MacDonald, Dennis MacDonald, Brad Hill.

Tomahawks 1, Smoothtown 0 (forfeit).

Tomahawks goal: Awarded to Chandon Hill.



Stu Johnson (right), of the Spoilers, prepares to accept a pass during Six Nations Men's Bush Hockey League play at Gaylord Powless Arena last Thursday. Spoilers won the game by a 10-6 margin. (Photo by Jim C. Powless).



Ultimate Frisbee

Intermediate students at I.L. Thomas hope ultimate frisbee will become the subject of a new school team. Despite a scrimmage loss to Emily C. General the students enjoyed the game and the experience.



'Chalked-n-Dangerous'

The 'Chalked-n-Dangerous' Six Nations Haudenasaunee women's pool team racked up an impressive showing on route to a sixth place finish at the CCS Ontario 8-ball championships held in Toronto, last month. Team members included (from l-to-r): Judy Miller, Lisa VanEvery, Phyllis Sandy-Hill, Lanny Green, Charlotte Johnson, and mascot Tyrell Martin, (absent was Sharon Sandy)

MEN'S LACROSSE RESULTS

Iroquois Men's Lacrosse League Results STANDINGS

Team	GP	Wins	Losses	Pts.	GF	GA	PM
Medina	12	9	3	18	121	70	39
Stallions	12	8	4	16	96	69	42
Rez Dogs	12	7	5	14	93	77	71
Sting	12	5	7	10	103	97	34
Warriors	12	5	7	10	67	84	29
Braves	12	2	10	4	39	114	50

RESULTS:
(Week 11 - Feb. 9, 2007)

Game One - Warriors 9, Sting 5.
Warriors goals: Chris Atwood (2), Chancy Johnson, Tim Martin, Mike Daley, Chris Hill, Matt Attwood, Jason Mazachowski, Clem D'Razio.
Sting goals: Randy Staats (2), Dion Jonathan (2), Jeff Van Every.

Game Two - Rez Dogs 12,

Stallions 7.
Rez Dogs goals: Vern Hill (6), Russ Davis (2), Dan Maracle, Davey Boy Maracle, Kevin Johnson, Matthew Lonewolf.
Stallions goals: Dalby Powless (4), Roger Vaser (2), Dan Elliott.

Game Three - Medina 17, Braves 2.
Medina goals: Stu Hill (3), Chad Squire (3), Kyle Johnson (3), Carl Hill (3), Andy Jamieson (2), Torrey VanEvery, Staats.

NATIONAL FIELD LACROSSE TEAM TRYOUTS ON TAP

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STAYING HEALTHY AND HAPPY THIS WINTER

Get active and get outside to avoid the February blahs

(NC) Got the February blahs? They may not be defined in any medical textbook, but Canadians especially the elderly know exactly what they are. "Older people suffer more from 'the blahs' than other age groups," says Dr. Barry Goldlist, medical director of the Geriatric Rehabilitation Program at Toronto Rehab, Canada's largest provider of adult rehabilitation services. "For one thing, they feel the cold more. They can feel chilly even at normal temperatures, never mind in bitter February weather." Physical activity is key to overcoming the blahs but being active is harder in the winter. "For older people, the most common and safest activity is

walking," says Dr. Goldlist. "But walking outdoors is much harder with ice and snow on the ground. For one thing, risk of falling is higher. "However, older people can find many places to walk indoors. Those who live in apartment buildings can take advantage of the long hallways to do

some vigorous walking. Many shopping malls also have seniors' walking clubs. These let older people meet peers and walk

risk-free.

"Some exercises can be done in limited spaces at home - push-ups, sit-ups and running on the spot, or even tai chi and yoga. Before you embark on a winter exercise program, check with your doctor to see what you can safely do." Social interaction is also vital to keep 'the blahs' at bay. "Studies show even phone contact with

those who are house-bound decreases mortality," says Dr. Goldlist. "Older people who can't get out should use a phone to keep in touch. For those who enjoy animals and are used to them, pets can also be a great comfort."

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Chiropractic Adjustments Quell Migraine Pain - Scientific studies show Chiropractic Adjustments may prevent migraine headaches. At the end of a two-month period, 83 migraine sufferers showed a statistically significant improvement in migraine frequency and duration.

Preventing Migraines - The following strategies are suggested in preventing migraines: reduce stress, engage in aerobic exercise, and getting plenty of sleep. Avoiding caffeine withdrawal and food triggers such as Sulfites in red wine, MSG, and Aspartame can also be of great benefit. Chiropractic adjustments can help you prevent, and end migraine pain, naturally. **New Patients Welcome - Dr. Minal Gandhi - Dr. James A. Aldridge**

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Although we may not recognize, or admit, it, one in ten of us goes through an episode of clinical depression in our lifetime. On average, it lasts six months, although fortunately, most depressions can be shortened with treatment.

You may be more at risk if there is a history of it in your immediate family. Also, if you have gone through any of the following in the last year:

- A sudden loss, such as the death of a loved one, or being let go from your job.
- Prolonged or severe stress because of money worries, unemployment, or long-term illness.
- Recently giving birth. After delivery, some women experience post-partum depression.
- Drug or alcohol abuse.
- Medical conditions such as thyroid disease, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, vitamin B-12 deficiency, and multiple sclerosis.

There isn't always an obvious reason behind clinical depression. If you have been feeling unusually down, or don't seem to enjoy life at all these days, it's worth talking to your doctor. Your story, your actions, and how you make a diagnosis. The treatment he or she prescribes to treat your symptoms may be psychotherapy, antidepressant medications, or a combination of the two.

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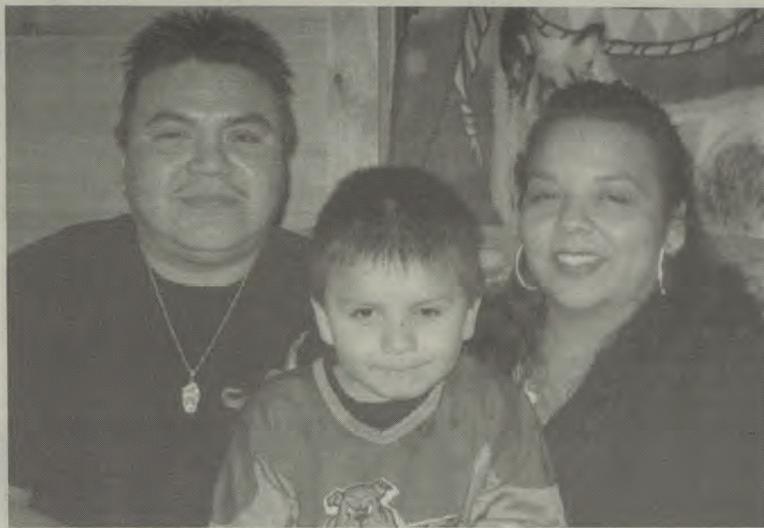
Little Man" will be keeping his eye on the "Game of Life

Story and Photos By Denise Desormeaux

ONEIDA & CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES - Chasing rabbits and enjoying his childhood years, three-and-a-half year old Quentin Albert Jr. looks forward to playing lacrosse and hockey.

"Right now he's cancer-free and he's a crazy little guy! He's so rambunctious and strong! He's a

Retinoblastoma (cancer of the eye) in its advanced stages. Three months of chemotherapy treatment were an option - that would not guarantee complete removal, with a risk of the cancer spreading into his bone marrow and becoming fatal. Surgery to remove the eye and save Quentin's life remained the family's most hopeful option. Doctors explained that



Quentin Albert and Ramaona Doxtator with their son Quentin Jr.,

thetic left eye.

Initially, Quentin's family spent every month in Toronto hospitals as his visits are down to every three months with Quentin undergoing clinical testing of his right eye and check ups

He wears a protective band-aid like patch on his left eye when playing outside and non-prescription, protective glasses, though he often takes them off. Every five years Quentin's prosthetic eye will be replaced, until his growing is complete.

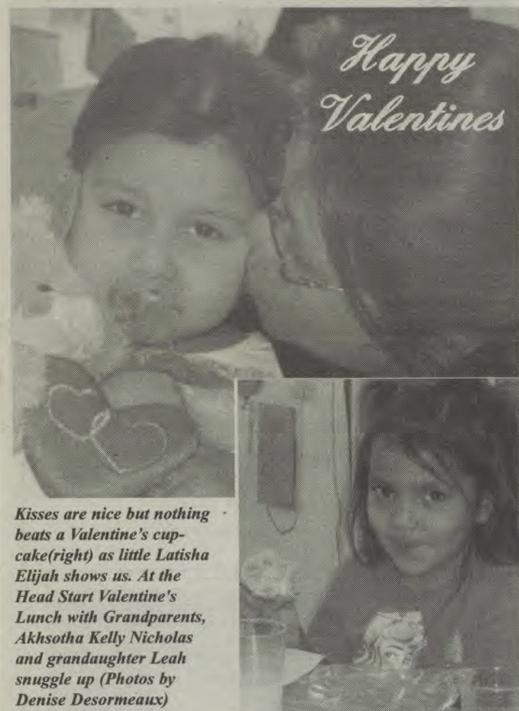
Retinoblastoma, a hereditary condition detectable by genetic screening, is treatable during its

early stages, and can be passed down, or suddenly develop within a generation. Albert explained, "The government doesn't recognize this type of cancer, so they don't pay for medications, or treatments. Doctor Gallie, at Sick Kids' Hospital, the lady that saved my son's life and did his operation, considers her work as 'research'."

During 2005, Quentin was one of four Aboriginal children throughout Canada to be diagnosed with the condition. Children with the disease are usually noticeable within their first year of life. Adults are very rarely afflicted by

the disease. Albert explained, "I know my son would want to help others. We want people to keep a close watch on their kids' eyes, so they wouldn't have to go through what we did."

Doxtator and Albert expressed their deepest gratitude for the extensive support received during their difficult journey, "We'd like to thank family and friends who've supported us financially, mentally, and emotionally, by just being there with their support and prayers, helping us through everything.



Kisses are nice but nothing beats a Valentine's cupcake(right) as little Latisha Elijah shows us. At the Head Start Valentine's Lunch with Grandparents, Akhsotha Kelly Nicholas and granddaughter Leah snuggle up (Photos by Denise Desormeaux)

champion, he's my idol, he's our little warrior - our 'Little Man'," says an excited Quentin Albert about his resilient son. Around age one, Ramona Doxtator and Quentin Albert noticed an unusual glare in their son's left eye, "In the bright light, he would squint a lot. When he had his picture taken, there was a glare from the camera and in the pictures his pupil would appear bigger on one side. It looked like he had one grey eye at a certain light." On February 5, 2005, after seeing two doctors (neither with an explanation of Quentin's condition) he went for MRI (Magnetic Resonance Image) Testing at London, Ontario's Ivey Institute for the Blind. MRI Testing (which uses a strong magnetic field, that enables doctors to detect healthy and diseased tissue in the body) revealed a tumour in Quentin's left eye. At 21 months old, Quentin Albert Jr. was diagnosed with

Quentin was blind and would never regain his eyesight. "It was shocking and hard to believe," said Ramona.

His father said, "We blamed ourselves and wished we could've seen it earlier. We knew what we had to do and we had to get him better." On February 7, 2005 at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, Quentin's entire left eye was removed (the muscles and connective tissues) with no chance for an eye transplant. Doctors said after surgery Quentin's eye would be swollen and darkly bruised (as if he were hit). To the doctors' and Quentin's parents' surprise, once surgery was complete, his eye was perfectly clear, with no bruising or swelling. Albert recalled, "After his operation, doctors said he'd be out for three days, but he wasn't. When he woke up he wanted to run down the hallway, so they put in a portable intravenous." Quentin would learn to live with a pros-

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NATIONAL

Manitoba native group gets intervenor status in smoking ban case

WINNIPEG (CP)- The group that represents native reserves across northern Manitoba is being allowed to join a court battle over the province's anti-smoking law. A Court of Appeal judge has granted MKIO intervenor status in the battle between the Manitoba government and Treherne, Man., bar owner Robert Jenkinson, who successfully challenged the law last year. Jenkinson's lawyer argued the ban on smoking in public places was unconstitutional because it did not apply to native reserves.

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Interim president of First Nations University in Regina gets job

REGINA (CP)-The man named interim president of the Regina-based First Nations University of Canada now has the job officially.

Charles Pratt has been the aboriginal university's leader for the last 1 1/2 years.

He says he wants to look to the future rather than dwell on the past at the troubled institution. Pratt's goals include improving the university's research agenda and expanding to Prince Albert. The university has been embroiled in controversy since February 2005 when two senior administrators were fired over allegations of financial mismanagement.

A spate of resignations followed, with senior staff members alleging political interference in the operation of the university by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and its vice-chief, Morley Watson, who chairs the university's board of governors. Chief Lawrence Joseph of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations said recently that Watson was "enthusiastic" in his actions at the university. But Pratt says he doesn't want to determine who was right or wrong; he just wants to focus on the university.

In November 2005, a task force studying the future of the university recommended several changes, including tighter controls on finances and a smaller board of governors with fewer chiefs.

But some have complained that the university has been slow to act on the recommended changes.

Last June, the national association overseeing post-secondary institutions said it was taking the unprecedented step of reviewing the aboriginal university's membership.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada said a review committee would visit the university in the fall and meet with a cross-section of board members, administrators, faculty, students and alumni.

Lawsuit dropped between former Calgary officer and Indian band

CALGARY (CP)- A former Calgary police officer has dropped legal action against the Tsuu T'ina First Nation over allegations of racism.

Rob Armstrong, lawyer for retired inspector Verne Fielder, said in a letter to the court the matter had been settled.

Fielder spent 30 years on the job for the Calgary police force before becoming chief of the Tsuu T'ina's local police department in May 2002.

"Contraband" Canadian smokes seized

Illegal smokes, from as far as China, make their way into Manitoba

WINNIPEG (CP)- Police and tax investigators in Manitoba say the province is being deluged with illegal cigarettes, some smuggled into Canada through ports in B.C. from China.

"There's been a tremendous increase in Manitoba in the past six months," Manitoba Taxation Division special investigations unit manager David Couprie said of counterfeit and contraband smokes.

"Someone has opened the floodgates."

Canadian Border Service Agency

spokesman Carl Jarvin said officials are seeing an increase in cheap cigarettes sold in counterfeit packaging to look like they were legitimately produced in Canada.

Jarvin said these cigarettes appear to have been made in China and come into Canada through major sea ports. "We have no idea where some of this tobacco comes from," Couprie added. "You could be smoking floor sweepings. You could be smoking rodent droppings."

About 400 cartons of counterfeit cigarettes were found at a Winnipeg

house on Jan. 17. Couprie said they're believed to have originated in China. Police said organized crime groups have been getting into the tobacco trafficking business lately, with Asian-based groups shipping illegally-made smokes into the country for other groups, including bikers, to distribute.

Authorities in Manitoba have also recently seized contraband cigarettes which originated in eastern Canada.

On Thursday city police and RCMP seized two big suitcases containing 100 cartons of contraband cigarettes

(20,000 cigarettes in total) at Winnipeg's downtown bus depot.

They had been shipped from Eastern Canada to an unknown recipient in the city, police said. Charges are unlikely.

Saunders would not comment on where the cigarettes in the two seizures originated, but they appear to be professionally produced with Canadian tobacco.

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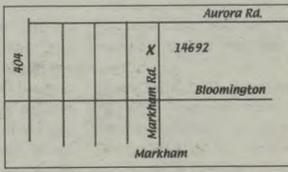
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RCMP investigate allegation of Edmonton police dropping off homeless

EDMONTON (CP)- The RCMP will conduct an investigation into allegations that Edmonton police rounded up homeless people, drove them around for hours, and then dropped them off kilometres away. A lead investigator has not yet been chosen. Nine

homeless people, many of whom are aboriginal, were allegedly picked up by police in a van on May 20, 2005, held against their will for two hours in overheated conditions, and then dumped off in a northside neighbourhood.

Oakes says the RCMP will appoint a "respected member of the First Nations community" as an independent observer.

The incident came to light after the Criminal Trial Lawyer's Association filed a formal complaint.

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His lawsuit had alleged he was forced to quit in March 2004 over harassment because he is white.

The band and police commission member Bruce Starlight had filed a statement of defence denying that racist comments had been made.

Armstrong said he could not talk about details of the resolution of the case.

Stolen mask returned in brown paper bag

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)-The mask is back. The native carving was stolen off a wall at city hall last week.

It was dedicated to retired fire chief Gerry Zimmermann for his role in the Okanagan Mountain Park fire in 2003.

City hall spokeswoman Karen Cairns the mask was left in a brown paper bag during an open house at city hall this week.

"It came back without the frame, but otherwise it appears to be undamaged," Cairns said.

The mask was a gift to Zimmermann from the first nation in Alert Bay. Zimmermann says he was delighted and surprised when it was returned.

"I thought with all the publicity, whoever took it might just destroy it."

The mask has been appraised at a value of \$1,000. The reception desk at city hall will be moved so the attendant has a view of the area where the mask is displayed.

Sask., woman freezes to death after walking from snowbound pickup

REGINA (CP)-Weather is being blamed on a sixth death in Saskatchewan this winter after Mounties found the body of a 49-year-old woman who walked away from a snowbound vehicle.

The RCMP said the woman was in a pickup truck that went off a rural grid road west of Melfort, Sask., during a snowstorm late Wednesday.

"She did make it a fair distance down the road," Sgt. Brad Kaeding said Thursday in an interview from his Regina office.

"But unfortunately due to the cold weather, it was below -20, and the blizzard-like conditions, it's believed that she just succumbed to the elements."

An autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death. Authorities said the woman from Maskanaw, who is not being named, and a 45-year-old man were travelling between the communities of St-Brieux and Maskanaw when the crash occurred.

The man stayed with the vehicle and survived after he was spotted by someone driving down the same road.

"He alerted the RCMP to the fact that the woman had walked away and still hadn't come back," said Kaeding.

Searchers took about two hours to locate the woman's body, which was found near a community pasture office about three kilometres from the stuck vehicle.

The man was taken to hospital where he was treated for frostbite to his feet and other extremities.

Five other people have died in Saskatchewan due to poor weather this winter.

On Jan. 10, two people froze to death on the side of the road on the Onion Lake First Nation, north of Lloydminster, on the Alberta-Saskatchewan boundary. A day later, a woman was found dead after her car overturned on slippery roads just east of Shaunavon.

A 38-year-old Bjorkdale man disappeared during a snowstorm Jan. 9. His body was found almost two weeks later.

And at the end of January, an 81-year-old man was found dead after his truck became stuck in a snowy field. His body was found 50 metres from the vehicle near Southey.

Minister Prentice and Anishinabek Nation sign governance agreement-in-principle

NIPISSING FIRST NATION, Ontario (February 16, 2007) - The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief John Beaucage, today signed a Governance Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). 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."

The Agreement provides the framework for the establishment of the Anishinabek Nation government and for the recognition of First Nation governments with law-making authority in four core governance areas: leadership selection, citizenship, culture and language, and management and operations of government.

The Agreement also reflects the Government of Canada's support for replacing outdated provisions of the Indian Act with a modern legislative framework for First Nations governance. It provides a practical 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.

The Agreement-in-Principle concludes the second of a three-stage

negotiation process, and is not legally binding. A Final Agreement becomes legally binding on the parties only once it has been approved by the participating First Nations' citizens and brought into force through federal legislation. An Anishinabek Nation Framework Agreement on Governance was signed by the parties on November 26, 1998. As negotiations proceeded, the Province of Ontario has been kept apprised of developments.

The Anishinabek Nation and the Government of Canada have also been negotiating toward a "Final Agreement with Respect to the Exercise of Education Jurisdiction." An Agreement-in-Principle on education was signed by the parties in 2002.

The UOI is the oldest First Nation political organization in Ontario. It was incorporated as the secretariat arm of the Anishinabek Nation in 1949 and traces its roots back to the Confederacy of Three Fires which existed long before European contact. The Anishinabek Nation has a population of approximately 50,000 citizens, and comprises one-third of all First Nation communities in Ontario.

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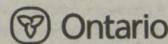
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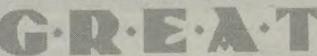
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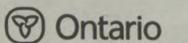
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Six Nations Elementary Schools Junior and Senior Kindergarten REGISTRATION September 2007

will take place in the schools throughout the month of February.

Children who become four years of age in 2007 are eligible for junior kindergarten and five years of age in 2007 are eligible for senior kindergarten. Cayuga language immersion for JK/SK may be offered at I.L. Thomas School. Any parent interested in JK/SK Mohawk language immersion should contact Oliver M. Smith School. Offering language immersion is subject to sufficient enrollment. Remember to have your child's Birth Certificate, Record of Immunization, Status Card and Ontario Health Card at the time of registration.

We encourage early registration in order to prepare for your child's entry into school.

Call your nearest school for details and to pick up an enrollment form.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre
 Has an opening for an:
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre is seeking a full time Executive Director to promote and demonstrate Aboriginal Traditional Culture, Medicine and Healing and Wellness.

De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre assists Aboriginal people in accessing culturally appropriate healthcare programs and services. The Health Centre focuses on holistic preventative and primary healthcare that includes Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Traditional Healing, Mental Health Support, Naturopathy and community health supports - Advocacy, Outreach and Health Promotion and Education Services. The Health Centre serves all Aboriginal people, regardless of status and offers assistance to outside service organizations to provide care in a culturally sensitive way.

The Executive Director will work under the direction of the Board of Directors.

Responsibilities

- Administer all aspects of both Health Centre sites, including budgets, accounts, maintenance and all matters relating to staff;
- Develop short and long term strategic plans;
- Monitoring and evaluating programs and services;
- Ensures that the Health centre operates within budget and seeks additional funding as required.

Qualifications

- Masters degree from a recognized university in business, public or health administration.
- Eligibility for a membership in the College of Health Administration.
- Minimum 7 years experience in progressive management responsibility in health administration.
- Proficiency in developing, implementing and evaluating healthcare programs;
- Expertise in negotiating, developing and implementing budgets;
- Expertise in financial management and accounting;
- Expertise in administering a medical facility;
- Human Resources Management experience (hiring and terminating staff);
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills;

Knowledge/Abilities

Demonstrated Ability to work with aboriginal people, communities, and organizations.
 Demonstrated ability in working with mainstream organizations, funding agencies and government organizations.

Please forward your application, references, and copies of required certifications to:

Human Resources Department
 De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre
 678 Main Street East
 Hamilton, Ontario L8M 1K2
 Fax: 905-544-4247

Closing Date: February 16, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

Preference will be given to qualified applicants of Aboriginal descent.
 Nya weh to all applicants. However, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

BIRTHDAY

Happy 1st Birthday to baby Danika Rose Greene Feb 21st

Happy Belated 11th Birthday to Jocelyn Rae Greene Feb 12th

Love, Daddy, Mommom, Shy & Jaycee

BIRTHDAY



Happy 1st Birthday to Kallym Anthony on February 24th

Love Mom, Dad, Chantel and Shae

OBITUARY

DOXTADOR: VICTORIA JOANNE
KA-WA-YONH of the Oneida Bear Clan at the age of 48 years went home to the Creator on February 14, 2007. Dear friend of Lynden Hill, loving mother of Jack, Jerry and Dustin. Special grandmother of Dalton, James, Sierra and Ashton. Daughter of Frank and the late Grace Doxtador. Vicky will also be sadly missed by sisters and brothers Sandra, Jack, Polly, Shane (Sharon), Virginia (Rick), Francine, Steve (Jan), Dixie (Bill) and nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by sister Laura and brother Larry (Doxy). Rested at her son's home, 6th Line Rd. Thursday. Funeral Service and Burial was held at Onondaga Longhouse, Six Nations on Friday, February 16, 2007. Arrangements by Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken.

IN MEMORY

Sandy, Sydney-Rae
In memory of our little angel who left us last year Feb. 22/06 What would I give to be able to hold you in my arms again. To sing to you our Favourite song I will always remember the last time I sang to you. When I put your hair up in pony-tails, little did I know that would be the last. That morning while I sang to you, little did I know that was a good-bye, the great big tears that fell down your cheeks, while I sang your song. It was the hardest thing in the world to be so strong, to give you courage, not to be afraid. So rest in peace, free from pain In our hearts your memories will always stay.

Love you always Auntie Sharon & Family

IN MEMORY



In Memory of my Mom, **Lavonne Bomberry**, who left us too soon on **February 16, 2006**. Mom, one day I took a picture of the setting sun and there you were, showing me you were still a part of my world, you were smiling in the trees, and swaying in the wind.

And Mom I heard you say "Nothing was left undone. As you see me smiling down on you I do not want you to be blue. I heard you tell me you'd be okay For now that has to be the way I will always be with you to help see you through all life has to offer Good or bad, I am there, I know you loved me and did the best you could I will live on forever in your heart And in your baby's very soul So do not weep for me and live your life until we are together again."

Mom it has been a year And the ache is as real as the day you left You are remembered everyday For just the other day, my Baby girl asked when you were coming back And it broke my heart to have to tell her you weren't coming back When I cry myself to sleep at night You sit at the end of my bed And stay until I go to sleep I know you hug me when the gentle wind blows and every time I hold my little son's hand I feel you beside me, whenever I hear the word "Baby", I know you are there, for that's what you called my baby. You said "I miss you, but I am happy here in Heaven" Mom I miss you so.

Connie (Kani) & family

IN MEMORY

Farmer: Beatrice "Bea"
In loving memory of a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother who passed away on Feb. 20/84 As the years go past, and we know you're not here but the love for you in our hearts will never change. We will love you forever and always.

Love Always, Stan, Heather, Ashley Bea, Amanda, Stanley, Judy & Jillian

IN MEMORY

Elizabeth Irene Lindstead nee: Clause
July 15, 1952 - February 25, 2006

The Creator saw she was at her happiest, and someone would not let that be. So he put his arms around her and whispered, "Come with Me". With tear-filled eyes I watched her, suffer and fade away. Although I loved her deeply, I could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, a hard-working body put to rest. The Creator broke my heart to prove, that "He only takes the Best"

I miss you sister, Love Rosa Skye

IN MEMORY



In Dear Memory of our beloved Granddaughter **Dear Sydney Rae Sandy**

One year has passed, since that lonely day, February 22, 2006 Dear is the grave, where our darling is laid Sweet is the memory, that never will fade. The cup was bitter, the loss severe To part with the one, we loved so dear. Her little sweet soul, so pure and sweet Will blossom at the Creator's feet.

Missing your precious smile, Dudda Ma Philly & Pappa Bryan

IN MEMORY

Sydney Rae Sandy
There are times when I think I am strong But there are times I know I am wrong Telling myself that you're in a happy place But how can I when I can't see your face It's been a year since you've been gone Again, the tears fall and my heart aches Always missing your precious smile

Forever in our hearts, Auntie Sandra, Katie and Jordon

IN MEMORY

SYDNEY RAE SANDY
JUNE 23, 2005- FEBRUARY 22, 2006

One year has passed since our "Dolly"/"Bips-Girl" was taken from us to walk that path filled with strawberries, sunshine, health and joy. This heartache and pain - WHY remains unanswered, precious memories are treasures, so many broken plans, yearning too great mention - this is one time, "love can fix anything" didn't work. If we could only turn back time, to see her smile, hear her laugh, going splash-splash in the water with her curly pig-tails. We know our little angel is in good hands, healthy and strong far away in a beautiful land. We know we'll see her in awhile, until that day we will do our best to take care.

Always in our hearts, we miss you and love you, Your mom and dad, Ricky & Ashley Dwayne, Keri, K-Babe & Meadow

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