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Assembly of First Nations chief challenges Ottawa, provinces over poverty

By Lynda Powless
Editor

YELLOWKNIFE- It's the land of the midnight sun and that may mean the more than 300 chiefs meeting here this week for the Assembly of First Nations 26th annual general assembly won't need to burn the midnight oil as they reach crunch time in setting the path for the future of First Nations.

And it marks the halfway point for leader Phil Fontaine who has reached the halfway point in his three year term and will be under the gun for not only what has he

accomplished, but critics argue, what will it mean to First Nations rights in the long term.

Fontaine took office under a

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Federal government wants to create Cree Nation

QUEBEC (CP) - In what appears to be a major turn-around, the federal government announced Monday it wants to negotiate the creation of a Cree Nation government, granting self-rule to the Northern Quebec Cree.

Ottawa and the Cree reached an "outline for an agreement" on the eve of Canada Day that calls for "a new relationship between the government of Canada and the Cree Nation of Quebec." Bill Namagoose, the chief Cree negotiator, gave credit Tuesday to

Raymond Chretien, Ottawa's head negotiator, for the breakthrough.

Namagoose said previous federal negotiators acted like defence lawyers, maintaining despite years of litigation that the federal

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Six Nations Veterans Association held its annual Decoration Day Services at St Peter's Church Sunday where 32 veterans are buried. The veterans served with both American and Canadian forces. (Photo by Jim C Powless) More page 7.

Six Nations band council faces community heat over water "crisis" plan

By Donna Duric
Staff Writer

Six Nations council is facing criticism from local residents after going ahead with a \$100 million water crisis action plan without first obtaining community input.

On June 29, council held its first public meeting since October concerning the quality of water of certain wells on Six Nations, which studies have shown are highly contaminated with various bacteria such as e-coli and coliform. About 20 per cent of wells are contami-

nated with e-coli, and 80 per cent are contaminated with coliform bacteria.

The public meeting came almost a week after band council approved a \$101 million plan to pipe the whole reserve and decommission wells and released the information to off reserve media.

In the past 10 months, council has hired engineers to conduct an extensive hydrogeological study on 104 wells throughout the reserve and based on the findings, came up with an action plan to deal with

immediate water concerns, as well as work out an ultimate solution to Six Nations water woes.

Council's preferred plan of action is to create 69 km of new water-main and extend it to non-water bearing areas across the reserve. It will cost about \$47.5 million and construction is hoped to begin in three years.

Some residents felt slighted in that they should've been consulted on the action plan before making any recommendations to Indian and

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By 2017, one in 5 Sask. people will have aboriginal roots: Statistics Canada

REGINA (CP) - One in five Saskatchewan residents will be of aboriginal origin within little more than a decade, figures released this week by Statistics Canada suggest.

That projection is much higher than the national average, which will increase to one person of aboriginal ancestry for every 25 people, or about four per cent, by 2017.

Ontario will also see a sharp increase in its First Nations population. In all scenarios projected by Statistics Canada, Ontario and Saskatchewan will add

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AFN general assembly to set future governance blueprint

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promise of reconciliation and getting down to business with the federal government after the AFN had alienated itself from the federal government tables.

This week chiefs from across the country will be laying the groundwork for a controversial fall First Ministers meeting that could set the future path for self government, health, education and housing in First Nations communities.

This week's agenda is packed not only with big ticket items but with big guns.

The Minister of Indian Affairs Andy Scott isn't here due to ill health, instead MP Ethel Blondin will be in attendance. New Democrat Leader Jack Layton will also address the assembly.

Tuesday morning Fontaine told the chiefs there have been "some very significant developments and events," in the past year.

Fontaine said told the chiefs for the first time aboriginal leaders have attended a federal cabinet meeting on aboriginal issues, there has been movement on residential school compensation, albeit no money has been agreed to, and leaders will be attending a first ministers meeting on health care in September.

Fontaine points to these as pinnacle achievements, saying under his leadership the AFN has been "successful negotiators."

"I don't know how any could argue against all that we've been able to achieve," Fontaine said. "We've been effective negotiators. We did very, very well."

But he warned the assembly the only stumbling block to their success would be internal bickering.

"The only thing that could possibly slow down progress now is political instability in national politics. However, the situation appears to have stabilized and we have political momentum heading into the fall First Ministers' Meeting," he said.

But warning signs have gone out to some regions.

The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) are warning Ontario's 134 First Nations to be leary of signing any agreements while political organizations with no legislative base, like the National Aboriginal Women's Association or friendship centres or urban groups who are at the table. The COO worries the result could be a denigrating of First Nations rights.

The COO aren't the only ones proceeding with caution. Critics say Fontaine's biggest achievement has been to reopen federal funding taps for aboriginal organizations at the expense of the assembly's principles.

"They've managed to work with the Liberal party to secure a funding base for aboriginal organizations in exchange for aboriginal organizations becoming a rubber stamp for government policy," said Taiaiake Alfred, director of the indigenous governance program at the University of Victoria.

"(Fontaine) was elected to deliver more resources to band councils and national aboriginal organiza-

tions, and he's been able to do that quite effectively."

Critics point out that it will still be years before any compensation is paid out to victims of residential school abuse, despite hopes a final agreement would be achieved last spring.

As well, Alfred says Fontaine has moved the assembly from insisting on a government-to-government relationship with Canada to one that fits within existing institutions.

"What they're advocating right now is fair treatment within the framework of Canada," Alfred said.

Oneida band council chief Randy Phillips agrees with Alfred. He said



Taiaiake Alfred

he is concerned about the approach the AFN is taking.

He said as the elected chief of Oneida he is comfortable dealing with programs and services, "but on nation to nation issues, we have a very strong Oneida traditional council here that I feel should be dealing with these issues."

Phillips said he is also disappointed that the AFN is expected the chiefs to make decisions on major items with little input or chance to analysis the material. "We'll be seeing this material on education, health, housing, self governance, for the first time in Yellowknife and be expected to make a decision on a major policy change or move. I'm just not sure how effective this meeting will be."

In his opening address to the assembly Tuesday Fontaine said "we have reestablished our organization as an effective, credible and "powerful" political voice for First Nations in the country. This is how we are seen by others - in politics, business, media and internationally as well."

He said in his two years "we have made the most significant progress we have ever been able to achieve on a number of key issues."

Fontaine said the number one priority for his first two years has been the Recognition and Implementation of First Nations Governments (RIFNG).

"Through the Canada - Aboriginal Peoples Roundtable Process we developed a holistic, inclusive and comprehensive policy agenda with RIFNG as the overarching theme and the Reconciliation and Healing of the Legacy of Indian Residential Schools an important component of addressing past injustices.

He said during those talks, "We have consistently and aggressively maintained that achieving the full expression of our inherent right of self-determination, as recognized



National Chief
Phil Fontaine

and affirmed through Treaties and Aboriginal rights and title, international law and Canada's Constitution, we will be able to move beyond the Indian Act and eradicate the poverty our people live with."

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He told the chiefs, "we can recreate our own systems of government, including our own governing institutions, with our own law-making powers that will provide us with both the jurisdiction and machinery of governments that will be recognized and respected



Randy Phillips
Oneida elected chief

by other governments. We will be able to give full effect to engaging with other governments on a true, equal, nation-to-nation and government-to-government basis."

Fontaine said a series of seven national meetings were held last fall and early this year. The AFN represented its national policy positions and plans at each of the tables.

Fontaine said the AFN made "significant gains in policy and inter-governmental affairs."

He said in addition the AFN has also been involved with:

- * RIFNG Report and Special Chiefs Assembly to address the RIFNG Report;
- * First Ministers' Meeting on Aboriginal Health;
- * 2004 AFN pre-Budget Submission and the investments for First Nations contained in the 2005 federal budget;
- * Special Meeting of the Federal Cabinet with Aboriginal Leadership;
- * Political Accord between the AFN and the federal government on Indian Residential Schools;
- * Successful lobbying efforts to ensure the Specific Claims Resolution Act was not proclaimed

into force and to actively pursue amendments to the SCRA;

- * Political Accord signed between the AFN and the federal government on May 31, 2005, which renews the political relationship between the federal Crown and First Nations and outlines a collaborative and cooperative approach to future First Nation policy development;

- * Ongoing efforts to have the federal government reverse its decision to tax post-secondary assistance provided to First Nation students;
- * Providing political and legal assistance to Mackenzie Olsen and his family which resulted in his medical treatments being continued;
- * Establishment of a joint AFN - Canada Revenue Agency Advisory Committee to advise on taxation issues affecting First Nation people and communities;
- * Establishing or re-establishing the AFN Women's, Elders' and Youth Councils;
- * Ongoing work of the AFN Renewal Commission which will issue its final report and recommendations in the fall of 2005;
- * Ongoing preparations for the first non-constitutionally mandated First Ministers' Meeting on Aboriginal issues that will take place this fall;
- * Development of the AFN Housing Action Plan and lobbying activities;
- * Securing \$700 Million in additional investments in First Nations health and a commitment to develop a First Nations Health Blueprint, in consultation with First Nations, as well as a commitment to address First Nations health sustainability through the negotiation and funding of an escalator;
- * Ongoing work with federal government to address First Nations concerns with chronic under-funding, unfair and unfounded myths about lack of accountability of First Nations to their citizens, INAC's intervention policy, unfair reporting burden on First Nations and the need for the government of Canada to start being accountable to First Nations for its fiduciary and legal obligations to First Nations, including the development of a First Nations Auditor General and First Nations Ombudsperson;
- * AFN's response to the Tsunami relief efforts, including partnering with CARE Canada to send an AFN team to assist in the rebuilding efforts that has resulted in an ongoing partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago (AMAN) in Indonesia;
- * Ongoing work to assist the Indigenous Peoples in Argentina to host the Second Indigenous Summit of the Americas that includes political, business, trade and cultural components
- * AFN interventions at the Supreme Court of Canada to defend our inherent, Aboriginal rights and title, and Treaty rights on Marshall and Bernard for logging,

- * AFN support for the Haida and Taku River Tlingit decision by the Supreme Court of Canada which addresses Aboriginal rights and title and the duty of governments and private companies to consult with First Nations; and
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- * Successfully lobbying the federal Minister of Environment to conduct a review into the Bennett PCB incinerator project in New Brunswick which poses a threat to the rights and health of First Nations in the Atlantic;

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Its AFN crunch time, Confederacy needed

For National Chief Phil Fontaine it's crunch time.

He's half way through his three year mandate and while there has been a lot of window dressing and photo ops over the past year, there has been no commitment of funds from the federal government to help struggling First Nations and even the much prized Residential School agreement was a photo op with no commitment of dollars or resolution. Instead Canada appointed a judge to come back with yet another report in 2006.

The AFN is meeting in Yellowknife to discuss how it will proceed on the coming discussions with the federal government and provinces over First Nations issues including health, housing, education and even governance.

At the same time the federal government is bragging how they plan to work with the Cree Nation to re-create the Cree Nation, together.

One has to ask, since the Six Nations elected band council is not taking these rights issues seriously, (they sent two councillors to Yellowknife with no mandate and no direction, just pick up the files, for that we could have had them mailed and saved the airfare) it's time for the Confederacy to wake up.

Starting this fall the federal government will begin discussions with its band council governments over how to make changes to them and how much power the feds and provinces will allow them to have.

Added to that scenario is the federal government downgrading the authority or power of its Indian Act band councils by allowing aboriginal organizations at the table.

The unfortunate side effect is while Fontaine may think he has made progress, he is treading in dangerous waters.

Anything the AFN does could be treated in the same light as signing a program proposal for an organization.

What's happening this fall is not nation building. It's department re-organization.

As long as "First Nations" sit at the table with organizations, they cannot profess to represent the rights of the first peoples of this land. They merely represent programs and departments.

And that's what makes the fall meeting so dangerous.

Equally so for Six Nations, a people with written treaties and documents and rights. A people with a basis in its constitutionality and its lands.

And because of that, it is time for the Confederacy to move and make sure those rights are protected.

The Six Nations band council has been unable to produce anything under elected chief Dave General other than debts.

This council can no longer blame the previous council for its antics. Now their errors are on this council's plate and cleanup time is long overdue, including the land claim that the previous council, without consulting this community, took out of court and put on a negotiating table with a novice lawyer. But this council has managed a few things, getting new business back on the agenda and planting a few tulips.

They haven't taken issue with the platform the AFN is pursuing, they have made no attempt to get legal opinions on whether this is the right direction for Six Nations and they have made no attempt to consult with the Confederacy and provide funding to the Confederacy to take the helm on these issues.

And that is where these issues belong. In the lap of the Confederacy. It's time Confederacy chiefs started realizing the AFN is moving ahead without us and if we don't voice our opinion now, Six Nations could end up just another "band" department in Canada.



Letter: Water Crisis reader not happy

I am fresh off the June 29 (one of the few) residents that went to the elected council's water crisis information and community input meeting. Though, it did not seem to be too much into community input. It seems council has already been in talks with INAC about the solutions to our water problems, such as it may be. Come to think of it council and their engineers did not have any clear cut action plan. The few residents that stood up and asked questions or voiced opinions were rather abruptly cut short. Seems that in the interest of time, due to the "crisis" only, the learned engineers should be doing the talking. But I was rather impressed by our residents, they did have very good comments and questions. Some that stuck out was this feasibility study with the potential of getting lake Erie water piped in, studied. It seems that a few years ago water was piped in as far as New Credit, and we were asked if we wanted to get in on it, but council said no. I understand there are plans to run a 22" water

line from Lake Erie right through our Six Nations to Kitchener. Are there plans for us to be hooked up to this water line? A few of our youth said they had attended a week long conference on water up north. A little while ago, experts from across Canada were there when the youth told them of our water crisis. The experts were aghast as to why no one in council or the water engineers did not think it important enough to attend. I believe with all these experts willing to offer free advice it makes me wonder who is steering this ship. Floyd Montour also raised a good issue. Seems he had been plagued with undrinkable water for years and a few years ago invested in a water purification system that gave him 100% drinkable water in just seven days. He gets his water checked four times a year. It is always 100 per cent. It seems even council has been impressed by his system, even though he has to buy water at times, his water still checks out 100 per cent. His system was not

in the feasibility study. I wonder why not? I heard the word potential thrown around a lot. I am wondering for 100's of years we used open wells and outhouses. We had the potential to be ecologically and coliforming ourselves to death, but most of our people lived to be a ripe old age. How would the experts explain this? Now were the hazards still there but we did not know about it and drank the water with all the potential hazards and lived rather healthy or not? I think the word "crisis" is being used to rush something through that we will be sorry for. I believe that if we are "really" thinking of our next seven generations we will delete the word crisis and get back to the tables with a "real" feasibility study, with "real" community input, and some "real" experts, ie from university and some other reputable water engineers. Please let us be prudent and patient.
*Nye wek Kowa Da Nah Tho
Cameron F. Staats, Rakhwiosjohns*

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AFN general assembly will deal with health, education, housing

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* A public apology by the Prime Minister;

* Improved Alternative Dispute Resolution process for claims of physical, sexual and severe emotional abuse;

* Assurance that the sick and elderly receive payment as soon as possible

* And a national dialogue for truth sharing, healing, reconciliation and commemoration.

On May 30, 2005, former Supreme Court Justice Frank Iacobucci was appointed federal negotiator of residential schools, with a very broad and flexible mandate. His final report is due on March 31, 2006, however, we are encouraging this work to be concluded earlier."

Fontaine said he is "confident that Mr. Iacobucci will conclude our negotiations quickly and efficiently, based on sensitivity, fairness and justice for our people.

The political agreement, he said, is the result of discussions regarding the federal government's response to the AFN's Report on Canada's Dispute Resolution Plan to Compensate for Abuses in Indian Residential Schools and its recommendations.

"Our Report advised Canada to change its entire approach. Under the federal plan, it would have taken 53 years to settle all outstanding claims, costing billions of dollars in fees and administration, with only a fraction amount going to survivors in settlements. Our approach will result in far better results for survivors. Perhaps most significantly, survivors will receive a public apology from the federal government and, if they choose, they will be able to testify to their experience in a Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

"This is not merely a political

issue for me, it is one I have fought hard for many years to have addressed once and for all, as well as a matter of my own personal healing journey.

He told the assembly they made history with the Canada - First Nations Political Accord.

First Nations political leadership met with the Prime Minister and his Cabinet in a Special Cabinet Retreat Meeting earlier this year. He said major commitments were secured,

Fontaine said the political accord on First Nations governments is needed to establish "important principles to guide the parties as we establish a new and better political relationship"

The accord, he said will allow First Nations and Canada a mechanism through which we can begin to give greater effect to our Treaty relationship between the federal Crown and First Nations, the spirit and intent of our Treaties, our rights, self-government and the setting aside the concept of extinguishing our rights in negotiation processes.

He said the accord sets out a new framework that will guide future negotiations of all federal policies, programs or decisions that affect First Nations, including the development of new policies through joint efforts and collaboration.

"We will be talking about how to achieve this through jurisdiction and control by First Nations for First Nations.

Fontaine said Tuesday "We have been told that there will be substantial commitments and specific investment announcements for First Nations to be made at the

upcoming First Ministers' Meeting this fall. These commitments



Grand Rapids Chief
Ovide Mercredi
"The Contender?"

would include investments to



address the crises in areas of First Nations education, housing, economic opportunities, and further funding in health.

The Prime Minister has committed his government to an agenda of transformative change and the accords deliver on this commitment," Fontaine said

This week is also assessment time for Fontaine who was elected grand chief in 2003 on an understanding

he'd be able to use his Liberal party and government contacts to improve a relationship that had become frayed under then-chief Matthew CoonCome.

Next year will Fontaine will be facing re-election and observers at the assembly are already watching Ovide Mercredi, recently elected chief of Manitoba's Grand Rapids First Nation, to assess whether he'll be mounting a bid for the grand chief's job at next year's election.

"I don't know what Ovide's intentions are," said Fontaine, who has tried to contact his longtime rival.

"I think it's good that Chief Mercredi is going to be more directly involved. We see him as an important contributor."

As well, Ed Morgan, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress is among those expected to speak.

Aboriginal leader David Ahenakew strained relations between Jews and First Nations in 2002 by appearing to praise the Holocaust, and Fontaine said

Morgan's address is an attempt to build bridges between the two communities.

We see the Canadian Jewish Congress as an important ally in our struggle," he said. "We need to influence public opinion and we believe the Canadian Jewish Congress can be an important ally in bringing about this."

Assembly members will accept the congress's invitation to visit Israel later this year, Fontaine said.

Late last week in Winnipeg, Fontaine challenged Ottawa and

the provinces to commit to a 10-year goal of eradicating poverty on Indian reserves, says the Winnipeg Free Press in a report out of Ottawa.

Phil Fontaine called poverty a straitjacket preventing progress for the people he represents. He pointed to the United Nations human development index which shows Canada holding the eighth-highest ranking while First Nations are ranked 63rd.

"We need to close this gap completely within 10 years if our people are to be truly equal to other Canadians," said a copy of Fontaine's speech delivered behind the closed-door meeting.

"I believe 10 years is a challenging but achievable time frame to make significant progress in addressing the poor socio-economic conditions affecting First Nations peoples."

Fontaine's plea got a strong show of support from ministers gathered to plan a meeting of the prime minister and premiers this fall which will be devoted to aboriginal issues.

"There are all kinds of indicators that tell us aboriginal people have a long way to come in order for that gap to be closed," said Manitoba Aboriginal Affairs Minister Oscar Lathlin, a former native chief.

"I support Phil Fontaine's position of having a 10-year plan because I think it is important for us to measure progress."

Federal Indian Affairs Minister Andy Scott also appeared on side with Fontaine.

"No one talked in a way which could be construed as negative, and that includes myself," said Scott.

"We have to establish some time line which is credible and I have no aversion to 10 years being such a time line."

Federal government to help create Cree Nation in northern Quebec

(Continued from front)

government was living up to its obligations under the 1975 James

Sask aboriginal population booming

(Continued from front)

well over 60,000 aboriginal people to their populations by 2017. Statistics Canada is predicting Saskatchewan's total aboriginal population will increase by 67,000 people in the next decade, but only about 12,400 of those people will live in metropolitan areas such as Saskatoon or Regina. The vast majority, nearly 50,000 people, will live on reserves, the agency says.

About half of Saskatchewan's aboriginal people now live on reserves, says Indian Affairs spokesman Trevor Sutter.

The addition of 50,000 people to Saskatchewan's reserves may worsen the existing on-reserve housing shortage, Sutter said.

But the increased aboriginal population could also be a valuable resource, as Saskatchewan looks ahead to a shortage of qualified workers in nearly every industry.

Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement.

The federal initiative comes 30

years after the signing of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement and three years after the Northern Quebec Cree resolved their differences with Quebec through the Paix des braves accord.

The Cree took Chretien on a tour of their nine northern Quebec communities shortly after he was named Ottawa's negotiator in May 2004.

Chretien, who has served as Canada's ambassador to France, the United States, Mexico and Zaire, is a respected diplomat.

"I think they like this approach, which also brings to the table a higher level of authority," Chretien said in a telephone interview Monday.

Chretien noted that Prime Minister Paul Martin is committed to resolving longstanding aboriginal claims and has given him full authority to negotiate a deal on self-government with the Quebec Cree.

An agreement with the Cree on self-government could pave the way for similar agreements with

First Nations across Canada, he added.

"We're not there yet," said Chretien, the nephew of former prime minister Jean Chretien.

"If there is a Cree government up north in Quebec functioning as a real government, with far more authorities and powers, it will be looked at very carefully across Canada."

Plans call for reaching a draft agreement by Sept. 30, with the goal of signing a final 20-year accord by the end of the year.

The provincial government agreed under the 50-year Paix des braves to transfer powers to the Cree

Nation and to pay \$3.5 billion over the term of the pact.

The agreement between Ottawa and the Cree Nation would include funding "commensurate with the funding provided by the province of Quebec under the Paix des braves."

Once a final agreement is reached and ratified, the Cree plan to spend three years drawing up a Cree constitution.

Kevin Dobie, spokesman for Geoffrey Kelley, Quebec's native affairs minister, said Monday that Quebec will monitor talks between Ottawa and the Cree.

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Six Nations residents criticize water contamination action-plan

(Continued from front)

and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). "I believe they turned a deaf ear to what I had to say," says Fifth Line resident Floyd Montour, who suggested installing individual purifiers in people's homes after he purchased one for \$3,000 and it removed 100 per cent of e.coli and coliform bacteria from his water.

However, councillors say that system would require the homeowner to work at maintaining it, and they don't want to subject homeowners to that.

But Montour says he's concerned that council's \$100 million solution will fall on deaf ears at INAC, and if not, the wait for the funding could take a long time.

"That's a lot of bucks. Whether or not

contaminated water until a more permanent solution is established.

One of the solutions is to distribute two jugs of bottled water per week to every home with water supply concerns at a cost of \$5 to \$6 million over three years. The water is to be used for cooking, drinking and washing dishes. Residents will also receive coolers to hold their bottled water.

Onondaga Chief Arnie General questioned the practicality of this solution.

"Only two jugs a week? (People) will dehydrate."

He also expressed pessimism with the proposed \$100 million action plan.

"The government is taking so damn long to negotiate anything. We'll be dead before they come up with anything."



Jan Longboat led a Walk for Water to the community hall last week (Photos by Donna Duric)

not included in the hydrogeological study at \$4.5 million for three years.

-Funding be secured from INAC to investigate septic systems to ensure compliance with federal and provincial regulations (some residents' septic systems are installed too close to neighbours' wells, causing cross-contamination of groundwater) at a cost of \$2.7 to \$5.4 million over three years

-All unused wells be decommissioned, including cisterns, bored wells, and drilled wells at \$1,000 to \$5,000 per well (2,700 wells)

-Funding be secured from INAC to develop a water communications and education strategy at a cost of \$100,000 to \$200,000 over three years.

The hydrogeological study found that the geography of Six Nations makes it difficult to access an abundance of clean, safe groundwater.

domly went to put a well on the reserve, there's only one in four chance you will find water," says Steve Burnett, of Neegan Burnside Engineering and Environmental Ltd.

That's because only 25 per cent of the land underneath Six Nations consists of sand and gravel aquifer, whereas the rest of it is clay overburden, says Burnett. Water does not travel quickly through clay. As a result, 300 homes on Six Nations are without running water.

Burnett listed improperly placed septic systems, improperly abandoned wells, and wells without vermin-proof lids as causes of the contamination. He also said chlorinating wells causes the production of volatile organic compounds, and recommended residents not put bleach in their wells to try and decontaminate them.

Local resident Fred Hill said he's afraid to take a bath in the morning, and has had to take drastic measures to deal with the problem.

"I never thought I'd see the day when I'd have to scrounge around for water.

It's cost me \$1,000 to buy a tank and haul water. Why do I have to do that?"

Elected Chief Dave General said it's something nobody on Six Nations should have to deal with.



Jeff Frazer

"This is a burden to Six Nations residents that's gone on too long. We're here to start making decisions. This is going to move as hard as the community wants it to."

In the meantime, the community is

Native youth rally to take place powwow weekend

By Donna Duric
Staff Writer

Six Nations youth are inching one step closer towards their goal of ensuring the safety of their peers during the upcoming powwow weekend.

Bothered by the recent plague of alcohol and drug-related accidents claiming the lives of Six Nations youth, the newly-formed advocacy group Native Youth 4 Life has been working intently to organize a fun-filled youth rally for the night of July 23 to steer kids away from the temptations of drinking and drugs that nor-

mally dominate the powwow after-parties.

"In the last two months, we've had so many losses and not a lot was said and not a lot was done," says Paula Lang, a native guidance counselor at Cayuga Secondary School, who has been actively involved with the advocacy group since it was formed. "We don't want to see another accident."

The group is planning an assortment of fun activities for youth to participate in, including a Fear Factor-style competition, movies, capture the flag, relay races, and even an open mic session.

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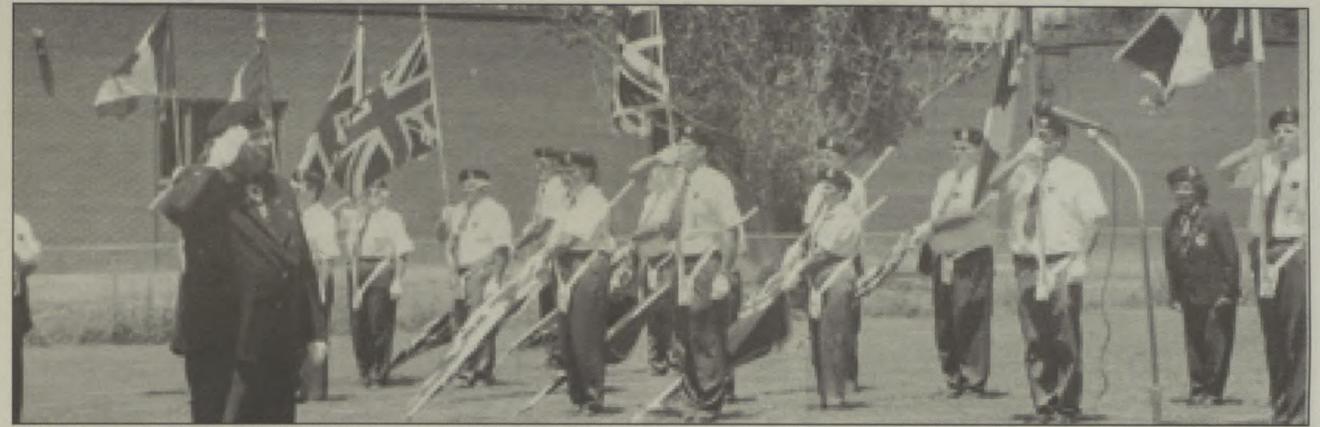
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Six Nations veterans honour U.S



Bob Johnson salutes during Decoration Day services Sunday. (Photos by Jim C Powless.)

By Lynda Powless
Editor

The Six Nations Veterans Association held their annual decoration day service Sunday at St Peters' Church.

The ceremonies recognize veterans who served in both American and Canadian forces.

There are 32 veterans buried at St Peters cemetery. They served in wars from World War One, Two

and the Korean War.

Veteran Nina Burnham said American flags were placed on the graves of American service people and Canadian on the graves of those who were in the Canadian

forces.

Guest speaker was Bob Johnson, Padre Reverend Norm Casey. The veterans parade included the Waterford Veterans Association

who paraded with the Six Nations Veterans.

At least 30 veterans took part in Sunday's services.



Six Nations veterans Nina Burnham, Lickers and Bob Johnson laid the wreath during Sunday's Six Nations Veterans Associations Decoration Day services remembering Six Nations veterans who served with both American and Canadian forces.



Six Nations Veterans Association president John Monture welcomes the small crowd to Sunday's services and remembers the fallen veterans.



The Waterford Veterans Association joined the Six Nations Veterans in decoration day services Sunday.



Remembering



Mohawk singers sang hymns during the service.



Relatives of veterans and local residents line the driveway during Sunday's services.

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Arrows Express defeat Toronto and Ottawa to remain in first place tie

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter
SIX NATIONS—The Six Nations Arrows Express defeated the Ottawa Titans and the Toronto Beaches Sunday and Monday to remain in a tie for first with Orangeville.

Six Nations dominated the first period leaving Ottawa scoreless going into the second period. Cody Jacobs earned both Arrows Express goals in the first period and Craig Point, Aronkake-Tha Elijah, Jacob Kicknosway-Loucke and Andy Secore earned assists. Ottawa managed to score one goal at the beginning of the second period but it was all Six Nations for the remainder as they went on to score four more goals from Secore,

Arrows double Titans' score
Ottawa made the trip down to Six Nations and were sent packing when Six Nations doubled their score for the 8-4 win.



Craig Point scored three goals in Sunday's game against the eight place Ottawa Titans. The Arrows won with an 8-4 score. (Photo by Samantha Martin)



Kent Squire scored four goals and three assists when the Arrows travelled to Toronto to face the Beaches Monday night. The Arrows defeated the Beaches 11-8. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

Point, Jacobs and Huey Johnson. For the first time in the entire game Ottawa dominated the floor out scoring Six Nations 3-2 in the third period. Point scored Six Nations' final two goals.

Arrows nearly lose game in third period
The Arrows travelled to Toronto

Junior A Standings
as of July 4, 2005

Team	G	W	L	T	Pts
Six Nations	19	17	2	0	34
Orangeville	20	17	3	0	34
Whitby	19	12	6	1	25
K-W	19	12	6	1	25
Brampton	19	12	7	0	24
Peterborough	19	12	7	0	24
Toronto	21	10	10	0	20
Ottawa	20	9	11	0	18
St. Catharines	19	6	13	0	12
Orillia	19	4	15	0	8
Burlington	18	2	16	0	4
Mississauga	20	2	18	0	4

Monday night to face the Toronto Beaches and after dominating the first two period they nearly lost in the third period.

Six Nations out scored Toronto 5-1 in the first period with two goals from Kent Squire and single goals from Jacobs, Callum Crawford and Isiah Kicknosway.

The Arrows out scored Toronto 2-1 in the second period also with goals from Squire and Crawford. The Arrows had a 7-2 lead going into the third period but Toronto went on a scoring blitz and scored five back to back goals in the first 15 minutes of the third period tying the game at 7-7.

Six Nations came back with three goals in two minutes from Elijah, Crawford and Squire.

Toronto scored one more goal with 49 seconds left and Six Nations did the same with a goal from Crawford with 17 seconds left on the clock to win the game 11-8.

"The boys kept trying the whole game and it almost paid off. Six Nations has a very deep line-up. They are very talented, a very physical team with a lot of discipline and they have a nice defensive system. We were able to get in on it a couple times but it wasn't enough," said Toronto Beaches coach Ian Wailes.

The Arrows Express are in action again this Sunday at 7 p.m. against Burlington at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena.

This will be the Arrows Express last game of the season before play offs get under way. If the Arrows keep their winning streak they will finish in first place in the Junior 'A' Standings.

When asked about the play-off situation Arrows Coach Randy Chrysler said "It doesn't matter who we play, and it doesn't matter what their style, we're ready."

OTHER LACROSSE NEWS: The Mohawk Stars were victorious in their last game of the season. They defeated the K-W Kodiaks in Waterloo 12-4 on Saturday.

The Six Nations Rebels are in play offs in a best of five series against Windsor. Windsor took game one with a 6-4 win and Six Nations took game two with a 10-9 win. Game three will be played in Windsor and game four will be played Sunday at Six Nations at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena at 2p.m.

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Six Nations Chiefs in three way tie for second place after weekend wins

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

SIX NATIONS — The Six Nations Chiefs are in a three way tie for second place after two weekend wins over St. Catharines and Akwesasne.

Chiefs narrowly defeat St. Catharines
The Chiefs hosted the St. Catharines Athletics Friday night at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena and were victorious with a narrow 8-7 score.

The Athletics started out strong with a goal in the first half of the period but Six Nations answered back with two back to back goals, one on

a power play, from Kim "Kimbo" Squire and Delby Powless at 12:07 and 15:31 to take the lead going into the second period.

Roger Vyse earned an assist on both goals and Powless and Squire earned assists on each other's goals. The Chiefs opened up the second period with two more back to back goals from Troy Bonterre and Brock Boyle at 2:01 and 3:52.

Tom Montour, Stew Monture and Squire earned assists. Chiefs captain Clay Hill received a two minute penalty for slashing at 6:04 giving St.

Catharines the extra man advantage. They scored the first of two power play goals at 6:26.

St. Catharines scored another goal at 8:35 before Six Nations' Powless scored his second of the game with assists from Monture and Squire and went on to score his third of the game at 17:58 with an assist from Darryl Gibson.

The Chiefs led 6-4 going into the third period and were close to being defeated after St. Catharines took the lead scoring three back to back goals in the first half of the period.

Six Nations managed to come back and score at 14:30 with a goal from Cam Bomberry and assists from Gibson and Ken "Monster" Montour. The Chiefs took the win with a close 8-7 score.

Chiefs defeat Akwesasne
The Chiefs travelled to Akwesasne after their game on Friday and came home with a 17-3 win.

Mike Longboat and Roger Vyse scored five goals each. Montour and Rayce Vyse scored two goals each. Boyle, Bomberry and Eli Hill scored single goals.

The Chiefs are tied for second place with Barrie and Peterborough with 14 points a piece. However the Chiefs have played more games than both



Cory Bomberry gets on defense Friday night at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena. The Chiefs narrowly defeated St. Catharines 8-7. (Photo by Samantha Martin)



Eli Hill scored a goal at Saturday night's game in Akwesasne when the Chiefs won 17-13. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

Barrie and Peterborough with their seven wins and six losses in the season.

The Chiefs only have five more games until the regular season ends on July 24. One against Peterborough and two against both Barrie and Brampton. All teams in the top four spots of the major lacrosse standings.

The Chiefs need more wins if they want to stay in the play offs race. Only the top six teams head into play offs.

2005 Senior 'B' Standings

WEST DIVISION FINAL

Team	G	W	L	T
Owen Sound	14	9	4	1
Mohawk	14	9	5	0
Arthur	14	7	7	0
St. Clair	14	3	10	1

2005 Major Series Standings
up to and including games played Sun July 3

Team	G	W	L	T	Pts
Brampton	11	9	1	1	19
Peterborough	10	7	3	0	14
Barrie	11	7	4	0	14
Six Nations	13	7	6	0	14
St. Catharines	14	5	8	1	11
Akwesasne	13	4	9	0	8
Brooklin	12	2	10	0	4

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MAIN DIAMOND		Storm vs Clarkson 8-10 pm		Squirt Boys prac 2-4 pm			
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These beautifully dressed grads from Emily C. General wait intently for their names to be called and to receive their diplomas. Outside of the school on sweltering summer night, a limo awaited to whisk the students away for some graduation night fun. (Photo by Donna Duric)

Onward & Upward GRADUATES!



(Above) Jamieson Elementary senior kindergarten graduate gives a thumbs up at the ceremony held last month. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)

At right, grade-six Jamieson students pose for a group photo after their graduation ceremony. They looked every bit the scholarly grads in their caps and gowns. (Photo by Donna Duric)

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Kawenni:io/Gaweni:yo student James Martin, above, expresses his excitement at finally receiving his high school diploma. (below) Beautiful Jamieson Grads hold a pose at their graduation last month. (submitted photo)



OMSK's 2005 afternoon, senior, kindergarten, graduating class wait patiently for the big moment when they receive their diplomas advancing them to the first grade in a ceremony held last month. (Photo by Edna J. Gooder) (below) OMSK students, wait to receive their diplomas. Six students graduated from grade eight this year. (Photo by Donna Duric)



Two grade six Jamieson grads pose happily for the cameras, clutching their awards and proudly wearing medallions they received for their achievements. (Photo by Donna Duric)



These two Jamieson grads, dressed in dapper tuxedos, pose for the camera. (Submitted photo)



L.S. King students, left, at their graduation ceremony. Chief Bryan LaForme attended, and the Little Eagle Feathers performed an opening song. (Photo by Donna Duric)

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Cayuga Language Award-Tiffany Thomas

French Language Award-Rodd Squire
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Arts Award-Tiffany Thomas
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Rachel Bomberry

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Jerrica Hill
Landon Martin
Rodd Squire

Rachel Bomberry
Tiffany Thomas
Jerry Martin Memorial Award-Amber Silversmith, Jerry Hill
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Doxtator Family Graduates Carolyn and Tim congratulates Jared for graduating from the Broadcasting-Radio Program at Fanshawe College, London; Gordie for graduating from the Mechanical Techniques- Mouldmaking course at St. Clair College, Windsor; and Lindsey for graduating from the Photojournalism course at Loyalist College, Belleville. Jared has accepted a position with the Aboriginal Voices Radio 106.5 FM in Toronto. Lindsey will be returning to the University of Western Ontario to continue her studies. Gordie continues his search for an apprenticeship position. We're proud of all of you!

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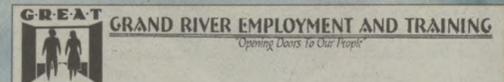


Congratulations to Dakota "Coco" Brant on your graduation from Assumption College School O.S.S.O. Grade 12. Dakota received the prestigious "Assumption Lion Award", for High Academic Standards and contributions to school sports and community involvement. We wish you well as you pursue an Honours Degree Program at McMaster University in Humanities and Modern Languages and have fun studying abroad in the future.

All our love Mom, Theda, Tawnya, dad Rick Brant, Aunt Lynda, Jimmy, Arthur, Martin and grandpa Jim Powless.

Congratulations to Jesse "Bean" Brant on your graduation from Assumption College School O.S.S.O. Grade 12. You have worked very hard and have done very well in your senior sciences. We know you'll have fun in 2006 when you pursue a career in Physical Education at McMaster University. Have fun as you continue with your dream.

All our love Mom, Theda, Tawnya, dad Rick Brant, Aunt Lynda, Jimmy, Arthur, Martin and grandpa Jim Powless.



From all of us @ GREAT to all of you, Our 2005 Graduates. Well done! We are proud of you! Enjoy a much deserved summer break!

Congratulations CLASS OF 2005

Oneida Standing Stone Grads



Standing Stone's Grade Six class take to the stage, while awaiting the reception of their diplomas.

By: Denise Desormeaux

Oneida Settlement - It was a day to remember! Students of Ms. Peters' Grade six class put on their finest, most dazzling formal wear, and took to the stage for an evening of celebration. On June 27th, families gathered at the Standing Stone School gymnasium to rejoice in their children's success. Most of the students had received a majority of their elementary school years' education at Standing Stone School, while some also attended other schools, such as Tsi Niyukwaliho't Learning Center (culture and language

school), in Oneida.

Upon completion of grade six, the majority of the students will be attending off-settlement schools, such as M.B. McEachren P.S., and Duffield P.S., both in Lambeth (a twenty minute drive from the Oneida Settlement).

Grade six teacher, Nancy Peters, in cooperation with John Van Kessel, School Principal, and Betty Summers, OKT Education Representative, presented the graduates with their diplomas and a gift.

Valedictorian, Brennan Nicholas, spoke softly and humorously as he acknowledged

his teacher, Ms. Peters, his class helper and sports coach Mr. "C" (Comelius), his other sports (hockey, basketball, and football) coach, Mr. John, his Oneida language teacher, Mrs. Perkins, and his classmates.

In closing to his speech, Brennan shared, "There were some rough times and some good times. All the rough times, we were there for each other to help each other. And the good times we all got to enjoy together and have a great time." Brennan concluded, "Some advice for all of my classmates is to try to make some new friends when you go to Lambeth, or where ever else you go. Try

to stay out of trouble. And remember to be proud of who you are, a young Haudenosaunee. And remember to carry on our culture and teachings to your children when you grow older."

Brennan's dream is to be a world champion kickboxer when he grows up. In his school yearbook, alongside the phrase, "People will remember me by:" Brennan added, "The one that everyone doubted, but he did it anyways."

To kick off the evening, students (most of the girls) put on their dancing shoes and had a marvelous time, at their grad dance.

Anishnabek Education Institute Graduates

By: Denise Desormeaux

Chippewas of the Thames - They rejoiced and shed tears of happiness as they celebrated yet another milestone in their lives. On June 22nd, graduates of the Anishnabek Educational Institute - Muncey Campus, received their Diplomas at the convocation that took place at the Chippewas of the Thames Community Center.

The Eagle Flight Drum Group sang a Grand Entry / Honour song as the graduates entered the gymnasium. All present, stood in honour of the graduates. Mary Deleary, Site Co-Ordinator,

Indians, shared an opening address and greetings from the Anishnabek nation.

The "Social Service Worker (Native)" Graduates received their diplomas from A.E.I. staff, in partnership with Canadore College representatives.

The "Native Community Worker" Graduates received their diplomas from A.E.I. staff, in partnership with St. Clair College representatives.

Adult students attended the Deleary, Site Co-Ordinator,

Diploma Programs, from the surrounding communities of Oneida, Rama / Mnjikaning, Chippewas of the Thames, Muncey-Delaware, Moraviantown, Kettle and Stony Point, Walpole Island, Chatham, and London. Upon graduation, students would be eli-



Native Community Worker Graduates (back, l-r) Cynthia Workman, Dianna George, Gabriel Kicknosway, Shelly Doxtator, Yulanda Sturgeon, Jaynelle Edwardson, (front, l-r) Sherlyn Doxtator, Cynthia Henry, Velma Noah, Pauline French.

Cynthia Workman received the St. Clair College Faculty Academic Award. Cynthia Henry, of Kettle and Stony Point, received the Student Leadership Award. A moving Valedictorian address was shared by Sandra Albert, of Oneida / Chippewas of the Thames.

Thames. To complete the afternoon's address, Denise Desormeaux shared a humorous, heartfelt, and moving, power point presentation, to celebrate her colleagues' success and reflect upon the learning and healing journey that she and her classmates had embarked on.

Six Nations signs Minto Cup agreement with OLA, lacrosse council

By Donna Duric Staff Writer

The air was filled with excitement at Iroquois Lacrosse Arena yesterday during a press conference where all the players in the 2006 Six Nations Minto Cup bid signed the agreement that spells out the official rules and regulations of the highly anticipated historical event that will take place next summer.

"It's really an historic event," said Six Nations Arrows Lacrosse Association President Lewis Staats. "It's certainly an achievement the whole community can be proud of. The Six Nations community needs to be congratulated."

Numerous people from the community and those involved in the Minto Cup bid came out to the press conference to celebrate, including elected chief Dave General, members of the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA), Iroquois Lacrosse Arena co-owners Delby Powless and Curt Styres, and Dreamcatcher Fund Chairperson Wellington Staats. OLA President Charles "Chuck" Miller said it was fitting to host the

cup on the territory where the game of lacrosse originated.

"It started with aboriginal people and now we're back hosting the event on aboriginal soil."

Dean McLeod, commissioner of the Ontario Jr. "A" Lacrosse Council, said playing the game on the territory where it was created will add a whole new dimension to next year's Minto Cup.

"I feel this is going to be the most successful Minto Cup held in Ontario. We know that the arena will be packed every night. We're hoping that national T.V. will be here."

Staats said he is confident that the Arrows will win next year's cup, not only because of having a home floor advantage, but because the community is providing overwhelming fan support.

"With that kind of support, it will be the best Minto Cup ever."

Arrows Head Coach Randy Chrysler said he's confident his team and coaching staff are heading towards victory.

"We're on a good pace now.



From left, Ontario Junior "A" Lacrosse Council commissioner Dean McLeod, Arrows President Lewis Staats, and OLA President Charles Miller sign the agreement. (Photo by Donna Duric)

We're going to have even more depth next year. I think we have the best goaltenders in the league."

The bid had a lot of help from the community, namely Curt Styres, who donated \$50,000 out of his own pocket, and Wellington Staats, who donated \$50,000 on behalf of the Dreamcatcher Fund.

"We could not think of a better place to put our dollars than into this kind of a venture," said former band council Chief Staats. "We're very happy to have contributed \$50,000 to help bring the Minto Cup to Six Nations."

The signing agreement between the S.N.A.L.A., the O.L.A., and the Ontario Junior "A" Lacrosse Council deals with

such aspects of the event as renovations to the arena, security and ticketing.

S.N.A.L.A. President Staats says the agreement guarantees at least 1,000 fans per night during the 10-day event, or they will pay the difference in ticket sales.

Staats says the competition to host the Minto Cup "was pretty stiff", but the fervor with which Six Nations pursued the bid won out.

"We said yes to everything-to do whatever it takes to host it."

That includes the community. Staats says people are coming up to him in coffee shops asking how they can volunteer to help out with the event.

"There's a great following for lacrosse out here-great fan support," said Staats.

Elected Chief General said the event will be a great opportunity to bring Six Nations lacrosse talent into the limelight.

"The Six Nations community is so proud of its lacrosse heritage. Here's an opportunity for us to showcase our talent."

Toronto Rock leave prominent players unprotected for July 13 expansion

The Canadian Press

The National Lacrosse League-champion Toronto Rock have left three prominent players unprotected for the July 13 expansion draft to stock new Edmonton and Portland, Ore., teams.

Matt Shearer, who with 17 goals and 21 assists was fifth in Rock scoring last season, and veteran defencemen Glenn Clark and Dan Ladouceur weren't protected.

GM-coach Terry Sanderson did,

however, protect seldom-used Tim O'Brien and Jim Quinlan, who each dressed for only eight of the team's 16 regular-season games last season. O'Brien is known more for his fists than any scoring talents. But both are younger than most of the players Sanderson left unprotected, and age along with contract status were factors in the reasoning.

"We had to make some tough decisions," said Sanderson.

"We've only got so many spots.

The fact (Shearer, Clark and Ladouceur) are unrestricted free agents had to be taken into account. Even if we'd protected them, they could still accept an offer from another team tomorrow."

Each of the nine teams who will lose players can lose a maximum of only two men.

Other players left unprotected by the Rock include Sandy Chapman, Rusty Kruger, Luke Forget, John

Rosa, Nick Trudeau and backup goalie Phil Wetherup.

The Arizona Sting, who lost the title game to Toronto, didn't protect Cory Bomberry, who was fourth in regular-season team scoring with 24 goals and 23 assists. Also unprotected are 13-goal scorer Jason Clark and veteran defenceman Mark Cochrane.

Among players exposed by the Calgary Roughnecks were defencemen Jeff Moleski, Rob Williams and Rich Catton, backup goalie Andrew Leyshon, and veteran forward Ted Dowling, who came out of retirement last season.

Regular starters Rich Kilgour, Aime Caines — a 13-goal scorer — and Bryan Kazarian were among those exposed by the Buffalo Bandits.

All-star defenceman Pat Coyle and veteran forward Del Halladay weren't protected by the Colorado Mammoth.

Rochester, starting a new era with

the departure of coach Paul Day who'll be behind the Edmonton bench, dangled defencemen Regy Thorpe, one of the original Knighthawks, Pat Cougevan and Marshall Abrams, and forwards Ken Milin and Mat Giles.

Jamie Taylor, who played 15 of Minnesota's 16 games and scored nine goals, was left unprotected by the Swarm. His 36 points were sixth best on the team.

Philadelphia didn't protect defencemen Jeff Spano and Kevvin Galbraith.

Darren Reisig, who played all 16 games on defence for San Jose, wasn't protected by the Stealth. Forwards Scott Ranger, Brad Dairon and Spencer Martin also are being dangled. Goalie Rob Blasdel also is available.

Each team was allowed to protect 13 of its runners and one goaltender or 10 runners and two goal-tenders.

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Backyard grilling not just for men anymore

By Edna J. Gooder
Staff writer

I don't know about you, but cooking isn't my strong suit, although, my late husband Tom, God love him, tried to eat anything and everything I attempted to make. So I was very intrigued with the assignment my editor gave me concerning cooking in the great outdoors.

Now, I know men love to cook



Here I am manning the tongs as I grill flank steak on the family barbecue last weekend. (Photo by Christa Gooder-Graham)



Although, the smoke was thick at times I did produce a tender steak. (Photo by Thomas A. Gooder)

outdoors, but do women and if they want to give it a try can they wrangle the tongs away from their husbands long enough to try it.

I was pumped, but there was just one, little problem that stood in my way - I don't like to cook that's right you heard me, I don't

like to cook be it indoors, or outdoors just thinking about it bores me to tears, but I was determined to accomplish this task, so off I went to break into this male-dominated area.

Armed with my Weber's Girls' Guide to Grilling (WGGG) I headed to the local grocery store and found myself standing in the fresh

fruit section I thought it'd be a good idea if I had an inkling of just what I might prepare, so I quickly looked through the recipe section of the guide and eureka - I found the easiest recipe to follow. I gathered what I needed, went home and proceeded to toss a salad together, which was quite enjoyable because, with a salad you can just mix in what you'd like, so I threw in strawberries, sliced almonds,

dried cranberries and raisins plus garlic croutons then mixed and drizzled olive oil and apple cider vinegar over a bed of baby, green, leafy lettuce - yummy. I then pierced and brushed the flank

steak, with olive oil and seasoned with sea salt and pepper. I couldn't go wrong because the directions were just that simple to follow.

I watched the gauge on the barbecue and (Photo by Edna J. Gooder)

when it indicated the temperature was just right I tossed the marinated steaks onto the heated grill searing in the succulent juices turning once on each side and in a matter of minutes I created a nutritious and mouth watering meal - wow.

I plated the sizzling steak, put a huge helping of the salad on the side and enjoyed each bite as I watched the sunset - yummy.

I found the recipes in the WGGG very simple to follow and I do mean simple because anyone from seasoned griller to novice can throw a meal together with little

effort. I found, with just the flick of a button I experienced the world of grilling on a gas barbecue and for someone who doesn't like to cook it was definitely easier and clean up was a breeze.

Hurray - I successfully completed my assignment and would encourage other women to try their hand at the time-honoured culinary skill. Just make sure you stay out of the smoke and use lots of bug repellent.

Outdoor grilling is an art and for someone who isn't that skilled a cook I think I did pretty well and if I can master the grill, anyone can. So come on girls, give it a try. I will certainly make use of this handy little recipe booklet and will probably try grilling again. Perhaps I'll grill some tender veggies, such as zucchini, peppers and mushrooms, or fruits like peaches, or pears, but that's for another time. Until then, happy grilling and enjoy the long, hot and lazy summer ahead.

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Winnipeg parents allege their son victim of racism
WINNIPEG (CP)- The parents of a disabled aboriginal boy are threatening a lawsuit against his school, alleging he was the victim of racism in a video project by two Grade 9 students. Myrna and Vernon Bushie and about a dozen supporters carried placards and protested outside Arthur A. Leach School on Tuesday. "We haven't so much as received an apology yet," said Myrna Bushie. "We've been patient, but this has been going on for two months and there has been nothing done." The Bushies pulled their son, Spencer, 11, out of his Grade 8 class in April and have been home schooling him. Myrna Bushie said the seven-minute video, completed as a class project, was designed to look like an advertisement for an energy drink. She said the commercial asks if you're lazy, slow or stupid and then later shows her son as someone who could benefit from the drink. Spencer has an undiagnosed disability similar to autism and requires a full-time teacher's assistant. Myrna Bushie said her son was used in the video without his consent and she believes his special-needs designation and the fact that he's aboriginal were the reasons he was targeted. "We believe this is racism," she said. "The treatment of us as pariahs and community members has been extremely disrespectful." Paul Moreau, superintendent of the Pembina Trails School

Ruling next week in trial of aboriginal leader charged with inciting hatred

SASKATOON (CP) - A ruling in the trial of a prominent aboriginal leader charged with inciting hatred has been set for July 8, the third and final delay, said Judge Marty Irwin.

David Ahenakew's Victoria-based lawyer, Doug Christie, is in a trial and couldn't make it into the city for the decision to be given Thursday. Irwin said sentencing, if necessary, will take place the same day, refusing Christie's request for a postponement if Ahenakew is convicted so he could prepare his arguments for sentencing.

The delay irked Crown prosecutor Brent Klause, who has been "ready



Ahenakew

to go" for two years and was opposed to the request for another adjournment.

Ahenakew, 71, represented himself at Thursday's brief hearing. He

at silently and didn't speak to reporters outside the provincial courthouse.

Ahenakew is a former grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations. He faces a maximum of six months in jail or a \$2,000 fine for allegedly making anti-Semitic remarks during a Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations health conference in Saskatoon in December 2002.

His trial wrapped up April 7. Irwin set the ruling for June 10, but had delayed that to Thursday at Christie's request.

Police did not single out Dudley George to be shot

FOREST, Ont. (CP) - A suggestion that the provincial police had chosen to shoot native protester Dudley George is "preposterous," an OPP commander told the Ipperwash inquiry on Tuesday.

"I don't believe that for one moment," said Deputy Commissioner John Carson, who was incident commander Sept. 6, 1995, when George was killed by a police sniper at Ipperwash Provincial Park.

Lawyer Anthony Ross, representing residents of the former Ipperwash army camp known as Aazhoo'dena, asked Carson if George had been singled out to be shot.

Ken Deane, a member of the police tactics and rescue unit, maintained during his trial that George had a gun. Deane was convicted of criminal negligence causing death. Carson has testified the availability

of guns to park occupier was one of the reasons the unit was called into play on Sept. 6.

But when questioned Tuesday by Ross, Carson, who was in his 18th day of testimony, said he didn't believe any of the park occupiers would turn a gun on police.

Carson also agreed with Ross that it would be "totally out of character" for park occupiers to resort to gunplay. He said there is no evidence the OPP had been fired upon during the Sept. 6 confrontation, although he had issued a press release hours after the shooting stating police had only been returning fire.

By 1995 Carson had been dealing with park occupiers for two years. In 1993 they had occupied the former Ipperwash army camp. During that time an army helicopter was hit by a bullet as it flew over the camp. Earlier inquiry testimony had a First Nations witness say a camp occupi-

er admitted to firing a shot at the helicopter. But there was no evidence that shot hit the craft.

Once Carson had ordered officers in riot gear to march on the occupiers, an altercation took place in a parking lot just outside the park.

Ross suggested that fight was prompted by officers severely beating Kettle and Stony Point band councillor Cecil Bernard George in the parking lot. Other park occupiers have testified they went into the parking lot to rescue George.

When asked by William Henderson, the lawyer representing the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, if the 28 blows described by doctors treating George was excessive, Carson said "it would appear to be."

It was shortly after the beating that Dudley George was shot. Carson's testimony was to continue Wednesday.

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Sharon, Shannon, C.G. & Brenda, Brent and grandchildren.

THANK YOU

The Six Nations Benevolent Association would like to thank member Lynda Powless for sponsoring all Euchre ads for the Benevolent Assoc. for the past year. We will be closing for the summer. The Benevolent Association is looking for new members 5 years to 55 years Contact Marion Martin 445-2371 or Terrylynn Brant 445-0654 regarding death benefits for self or new members wanting to join. **July 8, 2005** All members are invited to a presentation regarding the historical research project for the Benevolent Association.

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Two Haudenosaunee Positions

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Applications will be welcomed for two of the Haudenosaunee positions on the Board. The applicants should be Haudenosaunee, and should be interested in cultural, archaeological, environmental and social understanding. Each application will be carefully and respectfully reviewed without regard to the applicant's gender, residence, religion or political views.

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General Duty Clerk/General Services Clerk	Canada Revenue Agency, Kitchener	T.B.D.	July 11, 2005
Executive Director	Kenjgewin Educational Institute, M'Chigeeng	T.B.D.	July 29, 2005 @ 12 noon
Aboriginal Seniors Project Researcher	Anishnawbe Mushkiki, Thunderbay	T.B.D.	July 8, 2005
Invoice Clerk	Canadian Forces, Ottawa	T.B.D.	July 11, 2005
Community Consultation Lands/ Membership Officer Trainee	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, New Credit	\$7.45/hr	July 11, 2005 @ 4 pm
Mess Manager	Canadian Forces, Ottawa	T.B.D.	July 14, 2005

SIX NATIONS COUNCIL

POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Animal Control Officer	Health Services (New Directions)	Full Time	\$23,484 - \$36,694 per annum	Wed., July 20, 2005 @ 4:00 p.m.

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