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RCMP misled Six Nations police over cigarette raids, organized crime associates spotted here

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Police Chief Glenn Lickers says RCMP "blatantly misled" Six Nations police when they were told a January RCMP raid on two local smoke huts was based on a criminal warrant not a custom and excise tax warrant.

In an interview Friday, Lickers told Turtle Island News, the Six Nations Police department did not learn until a week later that the search warrant was not for a criminal matter, but for an excise and tax

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High Natural Gas rates blamed on client debts and overhead costs

By Lynda Powless
Editor

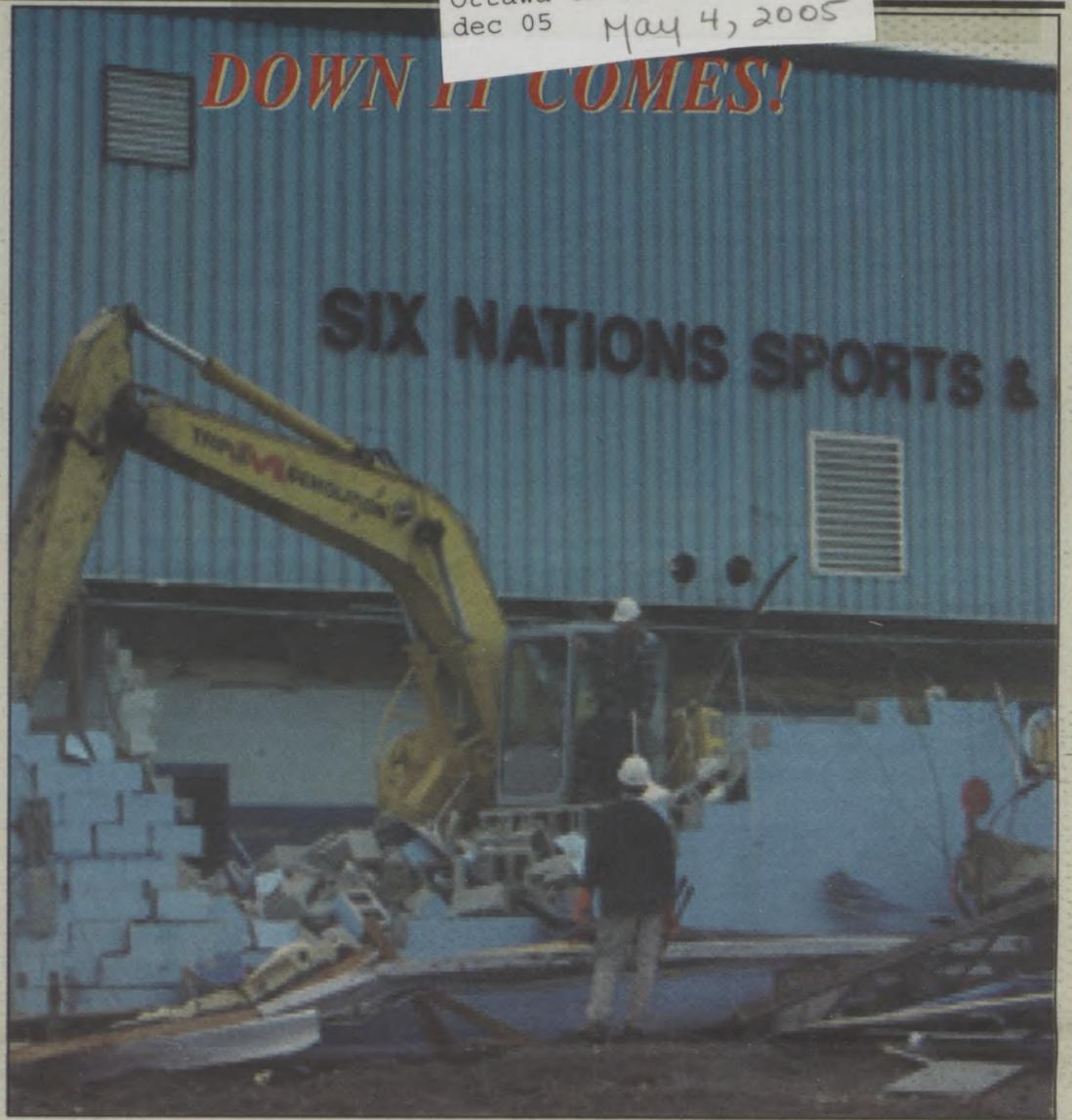
Six Nations Natural Gas Company customers are facing higher rates largely because their neighbours may not be paying their bills.

Only about 20 people turned out to the first ever Six Nations Natural Gas public meeting held last Wednesday at the community hall to find out why their bills were so high.

And they found out one reason is about one third of Six Nations

Natural Gas clients are deadbeats it turned their anger into surprise. With the warmer spring weather hitting manager Nick Petrozella said the gas company "just shut off alot of people in the past two weeks". Company customer

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Six Nations Parks and Recreation have begun demolition of the front of the arena to make way for full scale renovations to the complex. (Photo by Donna Duric)

Couple seeking financial aid to stay with child at Toronto Sick Kids

By Donna Duric
Staff Writer

A Six Nations infant has been struggling to survive at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Kids and his parents are asking for the community's financial help in enabling them to visit him while he gains his strength.

On April 24, 22-year-old diabetic Becky Maracle gave birth seven weeks premature to 3lb. 14 oz. James Edrick Anthony Maracle-General. James was born with a heart defect called Tetralogy of Fallot, basically meaning his heart is underdeveloped.

Becky was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at the age of nine. She has

to inject herself with insulin several times a day.

"She takes quite a bit of insulin every day," says Crystal Maracle,

Becky's sister-in-law. "She's had a rough go of her diabetes."

Becky, daughter of Melvin and

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Ted Nolan is back..! Head coach of Moncton Wildcats

MONCTON, N.B. (CP) - Ted Nolan is finally stepping out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

The Moncton Wildcats confirmed rumours by introducing the former National Hockey League Coach of the Year as their new head coach and director of hockey operations during a news conference Tuesday.

Nolan, 47, is the highest profile head coach in



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Smoke hut industry drawing criminal elements, police chief says

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Lickers said the RCMP are fully aware the Six Nations police will not engage in "collecting taxes," at Six Nations.

Lickers said "our position has not changed since the force started." He said they had been told by the RCMP that the search warrant "was for a criminal matter."

"We were told it was a criminal matter. That it involved copyright infringement."

He said the products did involve tobacco products. "But it was clear to us from the RCMP that this was not an excise and tax matter. It was a criminal matter. It was a trademark situation."

He said they were told it was "a counterfeit issue. For us that is a huge difference. It was criminal not custom or excise taxes."

Lickers said the raid has "caused us concern."

Lickers said he is concerned that some members of the community may not be being properly informed on what did occur with the raids or the Six Nations police position.

"Tax collection is not in our mandate. It never has been. Customs and excise is the mandate of the RCMP. The RCMP are a federal police force who take the position that they have jurisdiction to enforce tax matters."

Lickers said over the years the RCMP have frequently come to the Six Nations police with warrants to execute on excise and tax matters. "In the number of years that our police forces has been around you can count on one hand the number of excise or tax raids that have taken place. It's ironic that we are being accused of aiding the RCMP in this tax matter, when in most cases, we are the only thing standing between the community and the RCMP."

Lickers said in a number of cases RCMP have wrong information. "We've tried to get them to understand that when they come into our community with one of their raids they leave behind a community in turmoil."

He said it affects the local police force. "We are left as the Six Nations police to clean up the aftermath."

He said the RCMP "have to understand the impact they can leave and a lot of the time the information on their warrants is inaccurate."

He said there have been times when the RCMP have acted "more aggressive in their enforcement manner and this was one of those times."

He said when community members saw the Six Nations Police at the site of the raids, "it was not because we were supporting the RCMP in their raid. We were there to keep the peace and make sure none of our people, or the RCMP for that matter, got hurt. We're not there to support the RCMP."

He said two Six Nations officers were there to defuse any problems that may have arisen."

He said when they learned the warrant was for excise and taxes,

"we weren't too happy about that."

He said "we don't want the impression that we support or don't support the tobacco issue. But, we were blatantly misled by the RCMP. They told us one thing that turned out not to be true," he said.

He said he has spoken to senior members of the RCMP. "We have made our position known to the senior members of the RCMP that we are very upset that they would do this to us."

He said "my impression was the Custom and Excise unit from Milton decided to aggressively push this. They almost operate into themselves there. They have their own agenda. They do their own thing."

Lickers said he understand the RCMP at the Hamilton-Niagara detachment are not happy with the move. "They aren't happy with Milton either. We have a protocol

with the RCMP that we have worked on very carefully over the years. But this was a case of Milton didn't care about any protocol or care about what they left in their wake."

Lickers said they are still awaiting an explanation for "why the raid happened, and why Six Nations Police were lied to by the RCMP."

He said "we haven't gotten an explanation on how this happened or if the RCMP were going to hit smoke shops why they did it the way they did."

He said hitting two small shops on the fringe of the community is suspicious.

"They just hit two small shops on the border of our territory. They were discovered what they were doing. Like a smash and grab."

RCMP Acting officer in charge of Customs and Excise for the Greater Toronto Area, John Morton told Turtle Island News he wasn't sure if he was in a position to comment on why Six Nations Police were told the warrant was for a criminal matter and not excise and tax.

"I think that's a discussion of

symantics on what is a criminal warrant and what isn't."

He said "It's very important that we have a good relationship with everyone on First Nations and that we try to communicate in the best way we can."

"We were blatantly misled by the RCMP... they told us one thing, that turned out not to be true." Glenn Lickers Six Nations Chief of Police

He said "if there have been misunderstandings we try to avoid those to the best of our ability."

RCMP communications officer Corporal Howard Adams said the warrant was for a criminal matter. "It was for counterfeit products."

He said the products were seized under the Customs and Excise Act. "They were products believed to not have had proper duty and taxes paid on them."

He said the products were from the U.S., or were products not bearing proper identification as made in Canada.

He said some of the products seized were unlicensed, without stickers required in Canada that identify products as made in Canada and by whom

He said meetings are being held by RCMP officials and Custom and Excise Tax officials about First Nations tax rights.

"We will continue to take direction from our superiors once a decision is made as to how we proceed on this matter."

But he said, in the meantime, "there will be no further searches going on at Six Nations till we have clarification."

He said that does not mean Six Nations is off limits to the RCMP. "We will continue to investigate and monitor criminal activity at Six Nations. It is not a case off limits."

Accusations are flying in the community that elected Chief Dave General knew about the raid.

General did not return Turtle Island News calls.

But Police Chief Glenn Lickers said he didn't think General knew. "I know people are accusing Dave (elected chief Dave General) of knowing about the raid but I don't think he did know. We knew about it because we met with the RCMP. But it happened too fast for him to have known."

The issue of taxation and potential cigarette raids on smoke shops throughout the reserve has been raised by a small group identifying themselves as concerned community members who held a meeting at the tourism building April 28.

After the RCMP raided two cigarette huts this past January, concerned smoke shop owners along with a hastily formed tax-protest group have asked the Six Nations Elected Council, Six Nations Confederacy Council and Six Nations Police Commission for help in preventing future raids.

For the past few months, the

groups took the diplomatic route by issuing letters to the authorities and holding meetings to try and see what could be done to prevent future raids.

"It seemed with the police that it was put on the shelf," says Delmor Jacobs, chair of the protest group Indigenous People Against Taxes (IPAT). "We didn't see any action being done. Although letters were sent out, there was nothing else being done."

Jacobs, who did not attend the meeting, says he does not advocate violence and that "the next step would be to continue with diplomacy."

However, he adds, although he doesn't advocate violence, historically it seems it's the only way First Nations have gotten their point across, citing standoffs such as Oka and Ipperwash.

"That to me is discriminatory in a land that is supposed to be free." Jacobs mentioned cigarette manufacturer Grand River Enterprises and the fact that it pays about \$120 million a year in excise taxes. "I would like to see both governments on Six Nations see that that money stays here in the form of a trust fund. I'm looking to try to resolve it for the benefit of the people."

Since the raids in January, rumours have been frequently cropping up that another raid is going to take place. Jacobs says it has created paranoia in the reserve.

Tabby Jamieson, owner of Angel's smoke shop on Hwy. 54, was one of the store owners at the meeting. Jamieson says the article in the Brantford Expositor that quoted him as saying at the meeting, "If those guys come and try and fight with the guys down here, it will make Oka look like a pillow fight" was blown out of proportion.

He says he does not advocate violence of any sort and that he was "just joking," when the reporter, he said overheard a private conversation between himself and a couple of friends.

Jamieson says if he knew the RCMP was planning on conducting another raid, he would go the diplomatic route.

"The first thing I would do is approach the confederacy council and the band council to try to find a peaceful way to stop it."

Jamieson says the RCMP had no evidence to show his products came from the United States.

"I felt they shouldn't have come there in the first place without coming to our local governments and actually having some real evidence that what I was selling was contraband. They had no legal right to take that money."

Jamieson says even if the cigarettes did come from the States, treaty rights protect them from having to pay duty taxes.

He has also consulted a lawyer, Michael Swiwood, who deals specifically with Native cases and sovereign rights, who told him he saw nothing that would legally permit the RCMP to conduct the raids. Jamieson has not yet been charged with anything, and says he cannot get any information from the RCMP about the raids, because of the fact that he has not been charged.

He continues to sell Natives and rollies at his store and says he waits every day for another raid to take place. However, he says, violence of any means would only cause more worry for the people of Six Nations.

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Managers Petruzzella said if they

Six Nations Natural Gas prices up as some clients don't pay

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increased the service charge and lowered the delivery charge "the only people who will see a savings are the larger customers."

He told the group he would look into hold an energy efficiency show in the fall, and check out prices for more energy efficient furnaces.

But the major problem, he said, is with a limited population base, limited commercial and industrial base. The only way the company would be able to lower costs is, "if people pay their bills."

Six Nations wrote off \$24, 142 in bad debts in 2004, in March 1, 2005 it had \$250,000 in bad debts and by March 31st that debt dropped to \$80,000 in bad debts.

He said in the case of Six Nations Housing rentals, any gas bills left outstanding by tenants who move out are only paid if Housing has money on deposit.

"If they move out and leave a gas bill, we pay it if there's deposit money left. Or we pay whatever we have in the deposit on the bill."

But Hill said for private renters, the property owner is left holding the bill. "I don't think that's right I think the bills should follow the person."

Gas manager Nick Petruzzella explained Six Nations Natural Gas company is following council instruction

He explained the policy came when the gas company attempted, a few years ago, to tighten up on collection of arrears at Six Nations Housing.

"Housing clients were then, and still are our biggest offenders. We had sent a memo to Six Nations Housing telling them they have to start paying for people who welch on us."

He said a special meeting of band

ants who leave a bill behind for a rental unit "get no more help from Housing. If they're name came for a housing loan, and if they owed us money they won't get a housing loan for a new house, or a RRAP. They have to pay it first. Then they to qualify for it. If they owe money, or if their names in the credit bureau they might not get a housing loan."

Hill said he wants to re-visit a proposal that came to council's attention several years ago to establish their own in-house collection agency to help Six Nations Housing, public works Six Nations, Natural Gas and recreation collect on arrears.

"It would work so if you owed

money to any one of these groups your name would go to a central computer. If you went to public works for water or sewer services and it showed you owed \$50 at recreation for ice, we can't help you out until you pay recreation."

He said the different departments were talking about it at one time but no one took the lead on it. "We need to look at this again."

Managers Petruzzella said if they



Carolyn Beaver questions why there are so many delinquent accounts at public session last Wednesday. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

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Only 17 people turned out to the Six Nations Natural Gas company's first public session last Wednesday. (Photos by Jim C. Powless)

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INAC Minister to respond to Auditor General's criticism of education today

Minister of Indian Affairs Andy Scott will table his Ministry's response to the Auditor General's criticism of the ministry's handling of aboriginal education before the government's Public Accounts committee today (Wednesday).

Scott's press secretary Campbell Morrison told Turtle Island News the Minister will present the department's response this afternoon. Along with the minister, in attendance will be Paul LaBlanc, INAC senior assistant deputy minister regional operations support and services and Line Pare INAC director general education branch

Last November Auditor General Shiela Fraser criticized the Ministry of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for its handling of aboriginal education in her Chapter Five, Education Program and Post Secondary student report.

Auditor General Shiela Fraser and director Andre Cote are both expected to be in attendance at the public accounts committee.

Morrison said the Fraser is expected to comment on whether or not INAC's response "satisfies their criticism of the department."

National Chief Phil Fontaine is expected to respond after seeing the report, said AFN press adviser Nancy Pine.

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Threats to liberties why World Press Day exists

World Press Freedom Day 2005 came and went yesterday (Tuesday) more with a whimper than any kind of a bang.

Probably because most journalists were busy protecting the public's right to know by working.

World Press Freedom Day is an occasion intended to highlight awareness of censorship and the persecution or the slaughter of journalists who reveal information that governments or criminals (sometimes its hard to distinguish between the two) want to suppress.

In most, so called "civilized" countries, like Canada, the day means an acknowledgement of another righteous issue. There will be a luncheon and a journalist will speak about press rights and everyone will go home happy in their Bay Street suits that they did something to ensure the public's right to know is safeguarded. They did lunch.

Meanwhile in third world countries and in aboriginal communities in both Canada and the U.S., indigenous journalists forget lunch and deal with more common day-to-day frivolous pursuits than tea time, like surviving dictatorships and banana republics or as we see right here in Canada, an Indian Act band council system that exists to persecute and quell human thought, rights and progress.

In civilized societies like Canada, even their press are complacent and take the government of day at their word, particularly in indigenous issues.

That is until recently when mainstream press became outraged when all of a sudden one of their colleagues is brought under the gun.

And that's what makes these countries even more dangerous.

It is a danger aboriginal journalists in this country have been trying to get the mainstream press to support and acknowledge for decades.

Instead they go to lunch and talk about China where a journalist was jailed and barred from resuming his job after he revealed the outbreak of SARS. In the Philippines a newspaper columnist who crusaded against corruption, was shot dead in her home, in front of her child. In Cuba the jails are filled with media and political opposition. At least 23 journalists are in Castro's prisons.

In Canada journalists live in this surreal reality that since they do face extreme incidents, press freedoms are not as endangered as we see in third worlds. But ask an aboriginal journalist.

Instead aboriginal journalists here face not just subtle threats to freedoms like a gunshot to the head or in Turtle Island News case to our building.

Here aboriginal journalists toil in almost obscurity as they try to protect the very freedoms mainstream journalists have the privilege to take for granted. In our communities aboriginal journalists face threats, a woman in the north had her home burned, we've been shot at, jailed and even more insidious is when the attack comes from within when all of a sudden journalists are barred from their communities, or face blacklisting for housing loans or face harassment from a band council chief and his council with an unending barrel of money at their disposal.

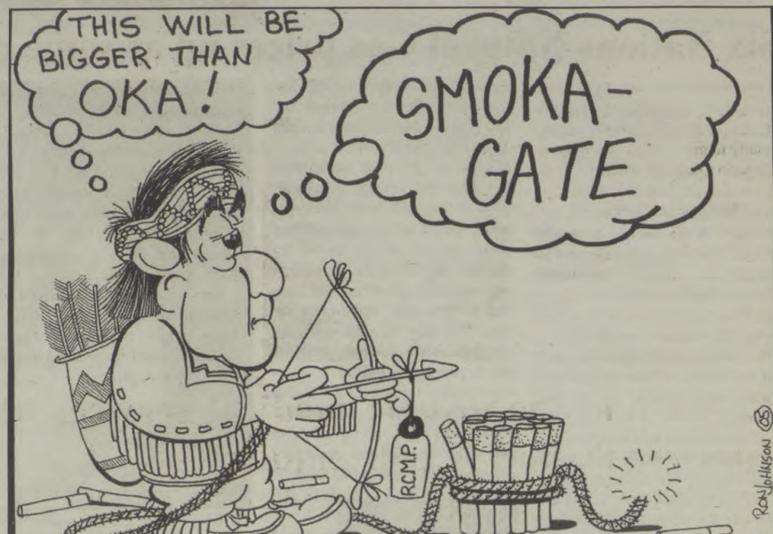
In our communities the lack of public scrutiny and public bodies to act as watchdogs gives government the ability to flout the public's right to know in favour of official secrecy over the public interest.

In Canada in recent months mainstream journalists have begun to wake up. They have begun to see the harassment and information control that is legendary aboriginal communities.

While in a democracy the government has to protect the privacy of its citizens, it is not at the danger of the greater good.

Perhaps it took the recent RCMP raid of the offices and home of Ottawa

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From the Band Council Table: Councillor challenges colleagues and staff to Kick the Habit!



By Helen Miller
District Four Councillor
March 4th, 2001 is a day that will be etched in my memory forever. That's the day I smoked my last cigarette. Not by choice mind you, but because I came to a crossroads in my life.

After a visit to the doctor I was warned that if I didn't quit smoking I would be dead within a few years.

You see after smoking a pack of cigarettes a day for 43 years, many times two packs, I was on the verge of getting Emphysema. All I could think about was not being around to see my grandchildren grow up.

Over the 43 years, the only time I quit smoking is when I was pregnant. That's because the smell of cigarettes made me sick. But the day the baby was born I started up again.

For 23 years I was okay but then I started hacking and coughing every morning for a good half hour. I'd get Bronchitis two-three times a year. My sinuses were bad and my gums were red and often bleeding and my teeth were starting to loosen. On top of that I huffed and puffed after the least exertion.

In reality, cigarettes controlled my life. I wouldn't do anything or go anywhere if I couldn't smoke. I didn't like riding with people if I couldn't smoke in their car. Once I had a chance to go on vacation with my cousins but I didn't go because they didn't allow smoking in their RV.

Believe me quitting cold turkey wasn't easy. The last thing I did every night and the first thing I did every morning was to smoke a cigarette. Whenever I wanted to relax or have a cup of tea I would sit down and have a cigarette.

For the first six weeks I was a nervous wreck because I didn't know how to relax without having a cigarette. I soon realized the habit of smoking was just as difficult to kick as the addiction itself. What really saved me is the rekindling of my passion for reading. Whenever I felt like relaxing or having a cigarette I would read a book. In six months I read seven novels.

The road to recovery wasn't duck soup by any means. Even though I watched my diet I still gained

30 pounds, which wasn't good given that I am Diabetic. The extra weight put my sugar level out of whack and after 30 years of controlling my Diabetes with diet I had to start taking pills. So I not only had to kick the addiction and the habit I worried about my Diabetes.

Another problem was coughing. In the first year I coughed all the time. The doctor said the coughing was normal because that was my body's way of starting to clean all the gunk from my lungs.

The craving for a cigarette was really bad at times. Many a night I dreamt I was smoking a cigarette and how much I savored the taste. My dreams were so vivid that in the morning I wondered if I really did have a cigarette. But every time I wanted a cigarette I thought of how precious my grandchildren were and how much I would miss them and they would miss me.

Four years later the worse is over. I don't crave cigarettes near as much. My lungs are getting healthy, my gums no longer bleed, my teeth are strong and my goal is to lose the added pounds and hopefully lower my sugar level so I can stop taking the pills.

Today, I have a renewed zest for life. Last fall I retired but instead of staying home and enjoying "my golden years" I started a new career in politics. As District 4 Band Councillor I am busier than ever.

For the rest of my life I will be a recovering addict but I can live with that because I know how much my life has changed for the better.

What bothers me the most is that I exposed my children and grandchildren to secondhand smoke and to the nasty smell of cigarettes without any thought of what my habit was doing to their well-being.

As leaders of our community and as frontline workers, I encourage my colleagues, the program directors and managers, who do smoke to consider quitting. We should be setting a good example for our young people to follow.

District 4 Councillor Helen Miller

Ed Note: From the Council Table is a feature Turtle Island News offers to any member of the Six Nations B and Council or Confederacy Council who wish to reach their constituents on various issues.

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journalist Juliet O'Neill to wake up the country's media to the fact that every day aboriginal journalists in Canada face a threat to human rights. There is nothing unusual about bureaucrats at any level of government attempting to find ways to "exempt" files from Freedom of Information requests.

But when governments, government leaders and bureaucrats, police or courts use their positions of power to harass or prevent the press from pursuing information that is in the public's best interest, it is not just press liberties that are being attacked.

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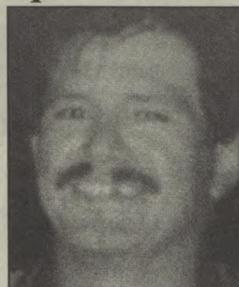
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Man guilty in Squire manslaughter, faces sentencing in July

BRANTFORD--A Kahnawake man charged in the death of W. Craig Squire two years ago pleaded guilty to manslaughter at Brantford Ontario Court last Thursday (April 26).

Melvin John Phillips, 37, was charged in the death of William Craig Squire, 38, after the two got into a fight during a stag and doe party at the Lions Park on April 26, 2003.

He had originally been charged with second-degree murder, but the prosecution decided to accept the



Craig Squire

Police had inadequate medical services at Ipperwash, doctor tells inquiry

FOREST Ont. (CP) - Native protesters seriously injured in the September 1995 confrontation with provincial police at Ipperwash

Provincial Park were met by inadequate on-scene medical services, the Ipperwash inquiry heard Wednesday.

Police expected serious injuries but did not arrange adequate medical services, said Dr. Elizabeth Saettler, a general surgeon who was at the Strathroy, Ont., hospital when three injured protesters arrived near midnight on Sept. 6, 1995.

Saettler said the best initial treatment for such wounds would have been intravenous fluids and blood pressure stabilization. A rapid evacuation to a trauma centre in London, Ont., also should have been available, she said.

In the case of Dudley George's fatal chest wound that tore a pulmonary artery, London was the closest place where the needed surgery would have been available.

None of the Ministry of Health ambulance paramedics on standby near the park had the training or equipment for intravenous treatment.

Some paramedics based in Sarnia, Ont., and London had that training, as did a medic working with

the provincial police that night, the inquiry was told.

References made at the inquiry to the police medic indicate his only involvement with the casualties was an assessment of one of them. Saettler had been finishing paperwork when George, who had been shot by a provincial police sniper, arrived at the hospital.

Doctors could not resuscitate him, saying it appeared he arrived at least 10 minutes after his heart had stopped.

The former owner of the Forest ambulance service, Mac Gilpin, said provincial police Sgt. Wade LaCroix told him that gunfire was a possibility at Ipperwash.

Gilpin also said the police medic asked to borrow a portable stretcher.

The plans called for the medic to bring casualties to the ambulances at a parking lot adjacent to the park.

At about 10:45 p.m., 30 to 40 provincial police officers dressed in protective gear marched towards the park, Gilpin said.

About 25 minutes later, he heard police radio chatter about a possible shooting.

As victims were heading to the Strathroy hospital, doctors got just 10 minutes notice that two casualties were coming.

Saettler said it would have been

plea of the lesser charge of manslaughter thereby avoiding a murder trial for the accused. Phillips was remanded out of custody until sentencing July 15.

At the party, the two men had been arguing inside the hall when they decided to take the fight outside. They fought for about one minute when Squire was sent to the ground, whereupon Phillips kicked Squire in the head.

Later, Squire briefly regained consciousness and tried to stand up but staggered and fell.

Friends found him lying on the ground, confused and took him back to his Bateman Line home.

Friends did not realize how badly Squire was injured until the next morning when his common-law partner found him sick and unresponsive.

He was taken to Hamilton General Hospital where he received emergency surgery. He died nine days later as result of a blood clot in the brain.

It has not been determined what caused the clot-the fight or the fall to the ground.

Phillips eventually turned himself in.

Squire played lacrosse for many Six Nations teams and worked as an ironworker. He left behind two children.

His mother Cheryl Squire said she as "relieved" to see the guilty plea.



Melvin John Phillips

"Now we just have the sentencing to go through," she said.

New fire trucks coming

By Donna Duric
Staff Writer

The Six Nations Fire Department is vamping up its facilities and will be adding three new state-of-the-art fire trucks costing almost \$1 million to be in operation by March 2006.

"These vehicles will replace aging equipment," says Six Nations Fire Chief Mike Seth. "It means that our department will be one of the most modern and up-to-date departments in the area."

Half the funding for the fire trucks came from the Six Nations Band Council, and the other half came from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

Some of the features on the new

trucks include roll up compartment doors, high volume tanks, emergency scene flood lights, foam system, a custom cab with the ability to carry six firefighters and a hydraulic ladder lift.

"We have been working long and hard to get our equipment upgraded," says Seth. "We really needed to replace those old vehicles for a long time."

However, the new fire trucks will not be able to fit into the existing fire hall, so renovations have to be made to accommodate the new trucks.

"Everything will be done by next year," says Seth. "We have the budget for it."

HEALTH EFFECTS OF SMOKING

WHAT ARE EFFECTS ON INDIVIDUAL SMOKERS?

Unless they quit, up to half of all smokers will die from their smoking, most of them before their 70th birthday and only after years of suffering a reduced quality of life.

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Life expectancy improves after a smoker quits.

In addition to various diseases, smoking also causes the skin to wrinkle and create the appearance of premature aging. Smoking also reduces the sense of smell and taste.

BENEFITS OF QUITTING

Although reducing your chances of premature death and illness is important, they aren't the only benefits of quitting smoking. Almost everyone knows that smoking is bad for you but do you know all the benefits of quitting? For the vast majority of smokers, quitting smoking is the best single thing they can do to improve the length and quality of their lives. Persons who quit smoking immediately begin to reduce their chances of developing heart disease, cancer, breathing problems, or infections.

The message is clear. It's never too late to quit smoking. The sooner you quit the better, but even quitting after smoking for many years will bring an array of important benefits.

All smokers are at extra risk for

- Coronary heart disease (e.g. heart attacks)
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- Aortic aneurysm
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Parents need financial help to stay close to ill child at Toronto Sick Kids'

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Becky, daughter of Melvin and Barb Maracle, and 34-year-old Tony General, son of Barb General and the late George Staats, never planned on having children. Becky says because of her diabetes and sore back that resulted from a car accident in July 2000, she didn't think she should have kids. This pregnancy was unexpected. She knew that her diabetes would pose health risks to herself and the baby when she found out she was two months pregnant, but refused to terminate the pregnancy. She wanted the baby to live. Maracle says doctors discovered abnormalities in James's heart at Becky's five-month check-up.

"They wanted to keep a close eye on the baby. They did an EKG on the baby's heart because she was diabetic. His heart was underdeveloped." James's heart is missing a wall that separates the left side of the heart from the right side. During labour, the baby's heartbeat was lost a few times. "She had a rough labour and delivery," says Maracle, who was also one of Becky's coaches during the labour, along with James's father Tony. It lasted two days. She was supposed to give birth at McMaster University Hospital in Hamilton, but was transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto when she was four centimetres dilated, because her labour was



Little James is hooked up to a ventilator, feeding tube and heart machine at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto.

proving to be long and difficult. Doctors had to use forceps to help Becky deliver James. "That's why his face is all marked up," says Maracle.

As soon as James was born, doctors discovered he had trouble breathing, for reasons other than an underdeveloped heart. His esophagus was also underdeveloped. Nobody knew there was a problem with his esophagus until this point. He was immediately transferred to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto.

In the early morning hours of April 27, three days after he was born, James's heart stopped twice, and doctors had to use a defibrillator to revive him. They made a decision to perform emergency surgery that afternoon to repair his esophagus. Becky held him for three minutes before doctors whisked him away. He had a 50/50 chance of surviving. He pulled through. "He's a fighter," says Maracle.

He is now recovering from the surgery and is hooked up to a ventilator, feeding tube, heart machine, and receives antibiotics and 12 micrograms of morphine every hour.

"It's been good so far," says Maracle. "His heart has been strong enough to keep him going so far." Maracle says he needs to stay at the Sick Kids hospital to gain his strength. The only problem is that Becky has been discharged and she and Tony have nowhere to stay in Toronto while James recovers, so she's traveled between Toronto and Six Nations a few times to see him. But, she is on disability, and Tony only has seasonal work, so the means to travel are pretty thin.

"They want to both be there," says Maracle. "It's hard for them to find lodging down there." "She's pretty upset and tired," says Maracle. "They're (the family) are all mixed up. They don't know where they're coming or going." Becky just found out on Monday that James got an infection from last week's surgery on his esophagus. "It's very hard," says an emotionally drained Becky. "We've only spent two days at home since his birth." The lodgings in Toronto are expen-

sive. Last weekend, Becky and Tony spent two nights at the Delta-Chelsea Motel in the heart of downtown Toronto at a cost of \$250. They've been granted \$500 from the Dreamcatcher Fund, but that only goes so far. They don't know how long James will have to stay in the hospital.

"He has good days and bad days," says Tony. "There are some days that he can breathe without the ventilator."

James has to have surgery to repair his heart, but doctors say it's best to wait until he is at least three months old.

Becky and Tony say it's emotionally draining and worrisome to be far away from their baby at a time like this.

"It's depressing," says Tony. "We want to be there as much as possible but we have to look after things at home as well."

Tony is a proud man who doesn't like to have to ask for help. "I didn't think I'd ever have to be asking anyone for help. You don't plan for this."

However, he kindly says if anyone in the community could help, their generosity would be greatly appreciated. They have placed donation jars at businesses throughout the reserve.

Six Nations learns about healthy eating, lifestyles

By Donna Duric
Staff Writer

Six Nations residents are a little bit more health-conscious after attending a lecture on cancer and well being at the community hall on April 26.

The New Directions group, part of Six Nations Health Services, held the lecture in a balloon-decorated community hall, where a slew of experts talked about smoking, cancer, heart disease, traditional nutrition and overall well being.

To make the night more fun, a volunteer women's group from Hamilton put on a puppet skit talking about the health effects of smoking using a Japanese form of puppetry called Boon Raku. The women dressed in all-black clothing and stood behind the puppets while they worked the mouths and arms of the two life-sized felt creatures.

Six Nations residents were surprised to find out from the puppets that the nicotine found naturally in tobacco plants is secreted to poison insects that try to eat it.

"I don't know why anyone would want to start smoking anyway,"

said the girl puppet. "It makes you stink."

Dr. Jim Morris, a cancer expert and "quit coach" for smokers from Thunder Bay, Ont., spoke about the links between cancer and smoking.

"The main cause of lung cancer is smoking," he said, adding it is well known among the medical community that cigarettes contain cancer-causing "carcinogens."

A carcinogen is a substance that is known to cause cancer. Some are called "Class A" carcinogens, meaning they are notorious for causing cancer, and people who work with these substances need to be covered in head-to-toe said that before cigarette smoking became popular in the early 1900s, some doctors would go their whole careers without seeing a lung cancer case.

Morris said it's very difficult for smokers to quit for numerous reasons. They employ what he calls "self-exempting" beliefs. For instance, the "bulletproof" belief - "doctors will find a cure for cancer before it hits me" or "I can negate the effects of smoking by eating a good diet and exercising regular-



Kids and parents release balloons into the sky at the cancer information night held at the community hall.

ly." He also pointed out that many people continue to smoke because they fear gaining weight if they quit.

He said one smoker he knew put it this way, "I'd rather be a skinny dead smoker, than a fat, live, non-smoker."

Jan Longboat, an expert on traditional diets and health, spoke to the group about the link between diet and wellness. She says humans need 90 nutrients a day for optimal

health and said maple sap is one food that will provide many of these nutrients.

"Maple sap is very high in vitamins and minerals, especially iron." Longboat says in three to five years cancer will exceed diabetes rates in aboriginal communities, according to Cancer Care Ontario.

She says there are 7000 chemicals approved for use in food today. "We are breathing cancer, drinking cancer and eating cancer."

Longboat suggested eating berries for protection against cancer saying they are high in antioxidants, which are substances that fight cancer.

She said the pH of the body is supposed to be 80 per cent alkaline and 20 per cent acidic.

"I realized that the traditional diet was a complete balance of acidity and alkalinity in the body," she said. "Let's get back to the traditional life."



Parents Tony General and Becky Maracle comfort each other during these trying times. They are leaning on each other for support while James gains his strength in the hospital. (Photo by Donna Duric)

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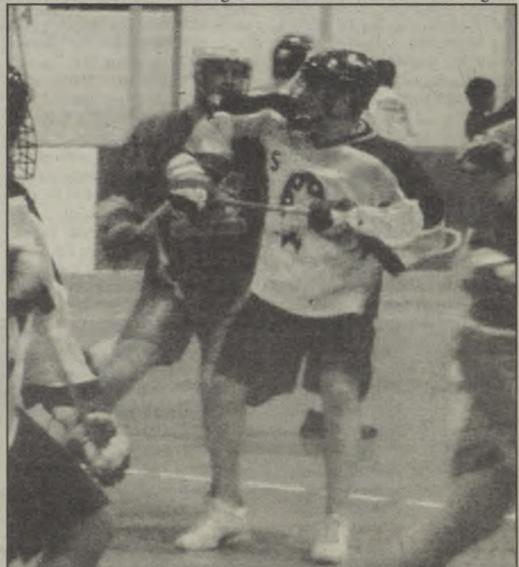
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Mohawk Stars defeat Shamrocks in home opener at Brantford Civic Centre



Jason Henhawk of the Stars made sure he wasn't in the crease before he scored his single goal of the game in the second period. The Stars won the game 10-5 in the third period. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

the clock to make it 1-1 going into the second period. The Stars played more than half of the second period with a man in the penalty box and were still able to come out on top out scoring Ennismore four goals to three. Derek Campbell, McDonald, Myers, Jason Henhawk and Vern Hill all spent time in the penalty box. McDonald scored their lead goal early in the second period unassisted to give them a one goal lead but Ennismore quickly tied it up once again less than 30 seconds later and took the lead for the first and only time of the game with their goal seven seconds later. The Stars quickly tied the game up with Hill scoring the equalizer and Henhawk scoring the lead goal. Landon Miller, Tyler Bomberly and Hill earned assists finishing out



A Stars player gets a quick elbow in when the referee's weren't looking in Saturday nights game against Ennismore. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter
BRANTFORD — The Mohawk Stars held their home opener on Saturday at the Brantford Civic Centre, defeating the Ennismore Shamrocks. The Stars took the lead early in the first period with a goal at the 4:19 mark from Dus Nanticoke with assists from Glenn McDonald and Weh Myers. It was the Stars' lone goal of the period. Ennismore scored the equalizer with less than five minutes left on

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the second period with a one goal lead over the Shamrocks. After evenly played first and second periods the Stars took their one goal lead momentum and scored five more goals, leaving Ennismore in the dust. Hill stepped up his game scoring three of the Stars' five goals in the third period with single goals coming from Garrett Ball and Jim Henhawk.

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Arrows defeat Chiefs to win last exhibition game before regular season

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

SIX NATIONS — The Six Nations Arrows Express defeated the Burlington Chiefs to win their final exhibition game of the pre season.

The Arrows travelled to Burlington Monday night and came home with a 10-6 win.

The Arrows took a large lead in the first period out scoring Burlington six goals to two goals.

Mitch Nanticoke led the period with his two goals and three assists. Cody Jamieson scored one goal and three assists in the first period. Nathan Gilchrist, Ben Powless and Holden Vyse scored one goal a piece.

Single assists for the period came from Grant Crawley, Craig Point, Huey Johnson, and Murray Porter.

Both teams managed to rack up only four penalty minutes in the first period with a roughing and high sticking penalty for Six Nations.

The Arrows continued to score playing a more evenly matched second and third period with two goals a piece in the second and third periods.

Jamieson and Powless added their second goal of the game in the second period bringing the score to 8-4 going into the third period.



Murray Porter held onto the ball as he made his way around a Whitty Warriors player Thursday night at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

Point and Powless scored the Arrows Express final two goals in the third period giving the Arrows the 10-8 win over the Burlington Chiefs in their final exhibition game.

Nanticoke and Jamieson finished the night with two goals and three assists.

Powless scored three goals and earned one assist.

Single goals came from Vyse, Point, and Gilchrist while single helpers came from Crawley, Vyse, Ely Longboat, Gilchrist, Porter, and Cody Jacobs.

The Arrows were in action last Thursday taking on the Whitty Warriors in a rematch of the 2004 Ontario Finals the Arrows Express won to go on to the Minto Cup last August.

They defeated the Warriors 6-2 at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena.

Arrows Express point getters were Keegan Hill with two goals, Craig Point had one goal and one assist with other single goals coming from Vyse, Johnson and Nanticoke.

Powless added two assists and once again Ben VanEvery and Grant Crawley were solid in goal for the Arrows Express.

Ted Nolan returns

(Continued from front)
in Moncton franchise history. He's a hired gun who's coming here on a one-year contract as the Wildcats prepare for next season when they host the 2006 Memorial Cup.

"Next season is a huge one for the organization. We'll be hosting the Memorial Cup and it's a major commitment on the organization's behalf to take on this challenge," said Robert Irving, owner of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League club.

"We know we need to have the right personnel on and off the ice with regards to our team. We have been aggressively looking at what changes we need to make to our organization to ensure we have a successful season. We believe the hiring of Ted Nolan is a step in the direction we need to take."

Nolan was working for the Buffalo Sabres when he won the Jack Adams Award as NHL Coach of the Year in 1997. The Sabres then offered Nolan a one-year contract, which he turned down. Buffalo did not come back with a counter-offer and the two sides parted ways. He hasn't coached professionally since.

"I haven't been nervous like this for quite some time, but I think that's just part of the excitement I'm feeling," said Nolan. "I would like to thank Mr. Irving for giving me this opportunity to get back into coaching. I'm really, really excited about being here."

"Since I left hockey, there was never a day that I didn't stop thinking about getting back involved. I've been offered a number of positions over the past few years, but I wanted to come back with the right

people and the right situation. That was always a priority for me.

"When Mr. Irving called me and talked to me about this opportunity to come to Moncton, he felt that I was the guy that could get the job done for him. When somebody shows that much confidence in you, it makes you feel wanted so that's probably the No. 1 factor (why he took the job)."

Nolan was head coach of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds in the Ontario Hockey League for six seasons. His club played in the Memorial Cup tournament three times and won the trophy on home ice in 1993.

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Six Nations Skating Club hold annual awards banquet Sunday afternoon



Cassie North was presented with the Muriel Porter Memorial Trophy for Skater of the Year by Helen Miller. (Photos by Samantha Martin)



Skating coach Meryl DeJong presented Jodi Jamieson with the Six Nations Skating Club Trophy for Most Improved Novice Skater.



Suzanne Corupe presented Kathryn Montour and Calvin Hill with the Sharon-Anne Martin and Adrienne-Hildebrand Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Primary Skaters.



The Dreamcatchers synchronized skating team was presented with the Presidents Award for their improvement over the skating season. Pictured in no particular order, Sandra Hill (manager), Kari Hill, Brett Lickers-Earle, Andrew Martin, Ronnie Hill, Stacey Hill, Suzanne Corupe (coach), Cassey North, Tia Porter, Sidnee Miller, Harlee Skye, Dristen Monture, Rain Richardson, Brittny Elliot, Ryanna Miller, Kylie Miller.



Laura Mt. Pleasant received the Presidents Award for her work as a Six Nations Skating Club Executive.

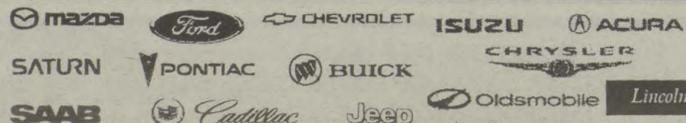
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Sandra Hill (Dreamcatchers manager), Fern Burning (Iroquois Traditions manager) and Suzanne Corupe (coach for synchro teams) presented Stacey Hill with the Most Improved Synchronized Skater award.



Karen Jacobs (far left) and Kari Hill (second from right) were presented with the Most Dedicated Synchronized Skaters awards for their dedication to the Master's Synchronized skating team the Iroquois Traditions and the pre-juvenile Dreamcatchers team. Sandra Hill and Suzanne Corupe presented the awards.



Kim Hill was brought to tears after being surprised with her award for the Adult Volunteer of the Year award for all her work with the Six Nations Skating Club.

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A Special Day for Mother! With this Mother's Day around the corner, celebrate with simplicity, style and ease.

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Invite Mom to go with you for a Walk. Go to your local park or

walk in your neighborhood. Enjoy the talk and the spring scenery. Even surprise her after the walk with a fresh bouquet of spring flowers - that you wrapped in tissue and a big silky ribbon.

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But please don't ever open it
Just leave the ribbon tied
And hold it tightly near your heart
Because my love for you's inside!*

If you prefer to use bows over ribbon, simply adjust the poem to read:

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I filled it with a special gift
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But please don't ever open it
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And hold it tightly near your heart
Because my love for you's inside!*

Using bows, of course, is easier than the ribbon for little ones. To dress up the poem, use pinking shears to cut out the poem you have written or printed out, then glue that to another piece of posterboard or construction paper of another color (for a border effect).

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Small sponge brush
Acrylic craft paints in white and 2 or 3 colors that coordinate with the silk flower
Sea sponge
Piece of 1/2" thick Styrofoam,

- slightly larger than the diameter of the flowerpot
- Bic Classic Stic ball point pen
- Green floral tape
- Silk flower with leave, in color desired
- 24" long piece of chiffon ribbon or wire edged ribbon in color that coordinates with silk flower
- Tacky glue
- Handful of Spanish moss
- Paring knife



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Instructions:
Spray outside and bottom of clay flowerpot with white primer paint; let dry. With sponge brush, brush outside and bottom of flowerpot with lightest of darkest acrylic paint color; let dry. Dip sea sponge into second acrylic paint color and, with a very light touch, dab paint on outside of pot, turning sponge to

vary pattern; let dry. If using a third acrylic paint color, apply in same manner as second acrylic paint color; let dry. Use the sea sponge to lightly dab white acrylic paint over other colors to show through; let dry.
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scissors
glue



DREAM PILLOWS

1. Insert a chenille stick through one hole in a button and back through the other. Twist the ends together under the button to make a stem.
2. Cut out several petals from posterboard and glue them together. When the petals are dry, glue

them to the back of the button.
3. Bend short pieces of chenille sticks into leaf shapes and twist them onto the stem.
Begin a few days ahead. These homemade, natural pillows make great gifts or wonderful accents for your own home.
With pinking shears cut out 2 rectangles 6"x4" of flannel or your favorite material.
combine together

1 cup of lavender
1 cup of patchouli
1 cup of lemon balm
1 cup of hops
1/2 cup of rosemary
Mix in another container
4 drops of Sandalwood EO or
Fragrance oil
6 drops of Lavender eo
6 drops of orange eo
Allow these things to sit for a day and then combine together and let the mixture sit for another day in an air tight jar. Now glue you fabric together on three sides. Stuff the pouch with your herb and eo mixture and then glue your fourth side shut.
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Dance to the death, ceremonies taking their toll on today's unhealthy First Nations people

BRENTWOOD BAY B.C.-Marianne Edwards had received her song from the other world and now, up on Mount Newton, she stripped and backed into the black, frigid pond to purify her body and cleanse the human odours that would offend the spirits.

If the spirits were pleased, they would accept her as a Spirit Dancer, which Edwards believed could ease her torment from arthritis and kidney and liver problems, according to her family. She had heard the stories of miraculous cures brought about by the ancient antive ritual and begged to become a dancer.

Once, twice, three times she immersed herself, witnesses recounted. The razor chill of the February air cut at her skin. Fir trees soared above her. She stepped heavily from the water onto a carpet of spongy green moss. It muffled the sounds of the forest and cushioned her all as she collapsed to the ground.

Edwards, 36, was not the first to die during initiation to the Indian Spirit Dance on Vancouver Island, off Canada's west coast. Nor was she the last. Her death in February 2004 was followed by that of Clifford Sam, 18, who died in a ceremonial longhouse just after Christmas while fasting during the once banned Spirit Dance rites.

The uproar over their deaths has worried some native leaders. In the public outcry from beyond their reserves, they hear an echo of the past, when the secretive Spirit Dance was outlawed in a prolonged wave of anti-native hysteria from 1884-1951.

"Every time the white man shows up, we lose something more," said an aunt of Edwards, who like many people interviewed here spoke on condition of not being named. "We keep this secret because we are afraid of losing everything we have."

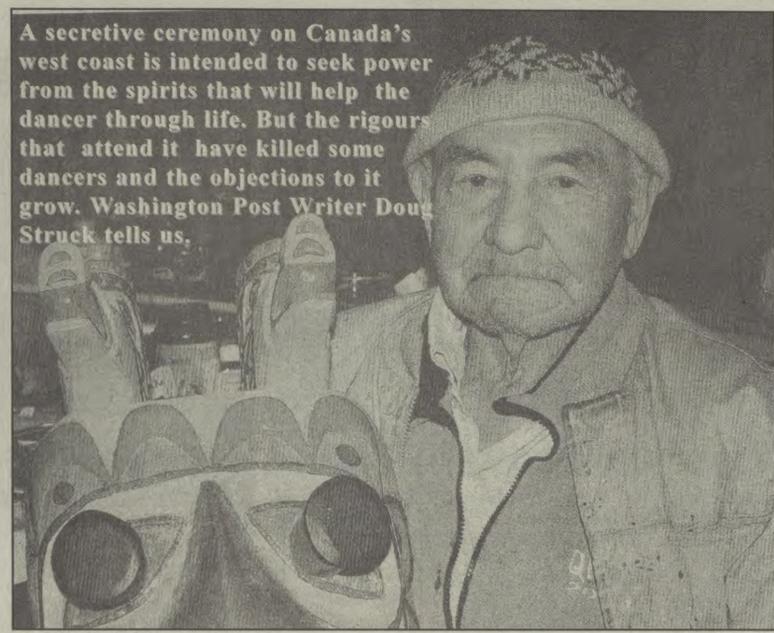
Outside critics—and even some within the First Nations—are asking whether the closed ceremony fits the modern age. It often begins with a kidnapping, followed by days of forced fasting and the rigours designed to produce a trance, such as the ritual winter purification that preceded Edward's collapse.

"We have to adapt. We have to make changes to accommodate the modern society in which we live when there are chances that there will be tragic accidents," said Doug Kelly one of the chiefs of the 54 bands of Coast Salish who practise the Spirit Dance.

The RCMP say no crime was committed and both deaths resulted from health complications. But the controversy has been stoked by historical frictions and what many First Nations people see as a legacy of mistreatment that shuffled them onto reserves where they are poor and unemployed.

To them, a major symbol of discrimination was the Indian Act of 1884. The law banned the Spirit Dance and the traditional potlatch gatherings where it was practised. The ban was dropped in 1951 and

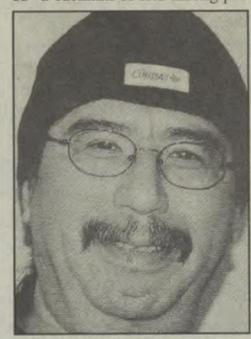
A secretive ceremony on Canada's west coast is intended to seek power from the spirits that will help the dancer through life. But the rigours that attend it have killed some dancers and the objections to it grow. Washington Post Writer Doug Struck tells us.



Carver and elder Simon Charlie, 85, has fond memories of his younger years of the Spirit dance but says today's young natives may now be too unhealthy to withstand it. (Photos by Doug Struck)

the Spirit Dance has since surged in popularity among the Coast Salish here and along the western fringes of the Canadian mainland.

Supporters see the dance as a way to continue their traditions and increasingly as a remedy for the modern evils of alcoholism, drug abuse and poor health. But the deaths, Kelly concedes have created "a backlash of fear among peo-



Dave "Rocky" Thomas

ple who wonder "What the hell those damned Indians are up to."

Participants are reluctant to discuss the ritual. "You are prying. You are unwelcome here," said Wayne Morris, the chief of the Tsalilip band, with whom Edwards came to dance. But a few non-native experts have been invited to witness the practice. One was anthropologist Pamela Amoss who described the practice in her 1978 book, Coast Salish Spirit Dancing.

A potential dancer seeks a trance state, Amoss wrote, to receive a vision from the supernatural. The dancer translates that vision into a chant-like song and dance, accompanied by native drums. The song represents a virtue or power bestowed by the spirits that will help the dancer through life.

"Everyone is born with at least one gift," Kelly said. "Your job in life is to learn about it, take care of it

and practise it for the benefit of others."

Some people seek that spiritual turning point voluntarily, but others are forced into it. They are grabbed by men with black-painted faces and carried to the longhouse at the behest of other dancers or family members who feel the person needs reform.

Dave "Rocky" Thomas was one of the involuntary initiatives. A laconic part-time logger and admitted drinker, he merged from a shower in February 1988, and found a group of men in wait. His girlfriend, Kim Johnny, had arranged to have Thomas taken to the longhouse.

"Rocky had such an anger problem...I thought if Rocky could get rid of what's inside him, we would be okay."

Johnny now, Thomas' wife said in an interview in their apartment in the town of Duncan. "It was the biggest mistake of my life."

Thomas was carried to a waiting van and taken to the Cowichan longhouse, a wooden building where logs burned on constant fires, venting smoke from a hole in the roof. There, he was placed inside a tent for four days without food and with little water.

He was doused with cold water and restricted to talking to a helper. If he struggled, he said, he was threatened with a pole fastened with dried deer hooves made red hot in the fire.

Each morning and evening, eight men surrounded him and repeatedly lifted him horizontally to their shoulders, digging their fingers and teeth into his sides and abdomen, he said.

The biting practice varies from one longhouse to another. Some so-called "helpers" blow on an initiate to transmit some of their spirit to his. Others try to cause pain, believing that will hasten the spiritual experience.

"They want you to scream," Thomas said.

He had an ulcer and the dehydration took its toll. He passed blood, vomited and then convinced his helpers to take him to the hospital. There, he pleaded with the doctors not to send him back to the longhouse.

Once free, he sued for assault and false imprisonment against those involved.

His wife testified for the defence, but the British Columbia Supreme Court ruled in his favour in 1992 and ordered seven defendants to pay him \$15,000.

"It's never been the law of this

province that any person had a right to subject another person to assault whether or not it is done under the umbrella of some tradition of longstanding or an aboriginal right," wrote Justice Sherman Hood.

Thomas, now 49, never got the money. For his breach of tribal loyalty, he said he was beaten, threatened and shunned by those in his band.

He and Johnny moved away for years and returned only recently to be near family "There are still people out there who hate me," he said.

Still, he believes his challenge to the Spirit Dance abductions was right. "It has to be changed," he said. "People are dying."

Cases like Thomas' have put Canadian authorities, who are wary of treading on a minority's traditions, in a delicate position.

The police have drawn up a form letter that natives can sign, stating they do not wish to be abducted for the Spirit Dance ceremony, says Cpl Nedge Drgastin.

She said a handful of natives sign each winter at her post in Sidney, which is near several reserves.

On the reserves, some natives acknowledge the rites should be under stricter medical watch.

"It's too bad about the deaths," Simon Charlie, 85, a renowned carver said in his shop near Duncan, cluttered with tools and paint brushes, eagle feathers and blocks of wood from which fearsome faces emerge for ceremonial masks.

He remembered the Spirit Dance fondly from his early days, but said he worries his tribesmen are now too unhealthy to stand it.

"They really should talk to a person's doctor before they do it."

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There are many different reasons for you to start volunteering: to help others, to learn about an activity or organization that interests you or to beat boredom. Your reasons for volunteering are as individual as you are, but no matter what your reasons you can get a lot out of volunteering.

Community centres, social agencies, non-profit organizations, and sports organizations all need volunteers. Are you thinking about volunteering overseas but do not know how to get started? The Seniors Canada On-line website (www.seniors.gc.ca) is an authoritative and trusted government information source for seniors and provides innumerable links to help you find a volunteering opportunity that fits your personality.

At Seniors Canada On-line, the Life Events section can greatly reduce the time required to search for information related to specific significant situations such as

Retirement where information on pre-retirement or information on transition to retirement can be found.

But retirement doesn't always mean a complete separation from paid work. Multiple options for working after retirement exist. If you are an older worker, the Seniors Canada On-line takes you to the www.jobsetc.ca. Web site where you can contemplate such questions as:

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So regardless of which Web site you use, Seniors Canada On-line or JobEtc.ca, you will gain access to the same employment, retirement, and volunteering information relevant to you

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The Seniors Canada On-line and JobEtc.ca Portals can also be accessed, alongside other topics of interest, on the Government of Canada Web site, www.canada.gc.ca.

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Finding support in your community

(NC)—Being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease is perhaps one of the most overwhelming and life-altering moments one might ever experience. There are so many questions and concerns running through your mind - how is Parkinson's disease going to change your life and the lives of the loved ones around you?

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People with Parkinson's disease face a daily reality of living with symptoms such as tremors, slowness, stiffness, impaired balance, difficulty walking, fatigue and weakness. Parkinson's disease doesn't have to be isolating. For many, support groups can provide hope, encouragement

and a sense of community. Joining a support group is easy and the benefits to your psychological and physical well-being are numerous.

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- Help for particular groups of people living with Parkinson's disease such as newly-diagnosed, young onset Parkinson's, caregivers and older adults. Denise Murphy, RN with the Health Science Centre's Movement Disorder Clinic in Newfoundland, says her interaction with Parkinson's patients inspires her to devote as much time as she can to the fight against Parkinson's disease. "The people I meet constantly amaze me with their strength and what they achieve," she says.

Parkinson Society Canada and its Regional Partners can connect you with one of the many support groups across the country. They can also provide help for those looking to start a new support group. For more information, visit www.parkinson.ca or call 1-800-565-3000.

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Native Women's centre opens in Hamilton with tree planting and hope

By Donna Duric
Staff Writer

HAMILTON—Women and children affected by domestic violence in Hamilton will now have access to a two-unit, geared-to-income transitional home thanks to the efforts of the Native Women's Centre and a \$260,000 grant from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The announcement was made April 28 at the Native Women's Centre in East Hamilton complete with a tree-planting ceremony and attended by local public figures

such as Mayor Larry DiIanni and MP for Hamilton East Tony Valeri. The second-stage home, located in Central Hamilton, will be able to house two families and is the former home of the previous Native Women's Centre. The funding will go towards renovation of the old home, which does not include decorating and furnishing costs. Six Nations elder Sarah Smith began the ceremony with the burning of sweetgrass and a few words on the symbolism of the tree planting. "The tree to us is symbolic of all



From left to right, Hamilton Mayor Larry DiIanni, MP for Hamilton East Tony Valeri, and Native Women's Centre executive director Linda Ense throw seeds into the soil. (Photos by Donna Duric)

life," said Smith. "We look at it as a tree of hope; a tree of blessing. We will see that tree flourish as we hope we will see our future flourish." The Niwasa pre-school amateur women's drum group performed a song dressed in traditional clothing before everyone headed outside to plant the cedar tree in the centre's garden. "Today marks another special milestone for the Native Women's Centre," said Linda Ense, executive director of the centre, adding the new home will help women, "make a successful move to live independently and free of domestic violence." Mayor DiIanni says providing families with transitional housing is a win-win solution for every-

body. "Every single person that we're able to help is a contribution to this country and a contribution to each other. It's a community issue. The Native Women's Centre has recognized that." DiIanni says a transitional home is "hugely important" in ensuring women and children live their lives free of domestic violence. "It's something unfortunately that is all too common. Unless we provide them with a centre such as

this, people will never break that cycle." The home will only house women and children. It will provide private living quarters, as well as common areas. "If this tree is the seed, then we are the gardeners," said Taunya Laslo, co-chairperson of the Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC). "I challenge you to make each day count and make this project flourish."

Bread and Cheese event to be held in hall and tent

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations 108th annual Break and Cheese will get a new look this year. With renovations to the Gaylord Powless arena underway, the annual May event will be held in the new community hall with a tent pitched in the parking lot for elders. Six Nations Parks and Recreation

portfolio holder, councillor Levi White said the decision to erect a tent was made to provide convenience for elders. He said the Bread and Cheese will be handed out in the new community hall with people lined up to go through the main entrance and out the side doors of the building. Bread Cheese attracts thousands of Six Nations band members and area residents.

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National Briefs

Lobster traps of N.B. fishermen, natives, cut
 TABUSINTAC, N.B. (CP) New Brunswick fishermen, many of them Mi'kmaq who've battled for their rights, found their lobster traps cut loose on Monday.
 Fishermen from Burnt Church First Nation, as well as the non-native communities of Neguac and Lower Neguac had attempted to lay traps off Tabusintac, in the mouth of Miramichi Bay.
 They claim other fishermen are attempting to keep outsiders from setting traps in a zone traditionally used by people from the Tabusintac, Brantville and Val Comeau areas.
 Larry Dedam, a band councillor at Burnt Church First Nation, said Monday he lost 44 traps. He knows of another person who lost 100, and another 10.
 Not only aboriginal fishermen lost traps. One Acadian in Neguac lost 30. The traps cost \$80 apiece.
 A lobster licence allows a boat owner to fish anywhere in Lobster Fishing Area 23, off the New Brunswick coast from Dalhousie to Point Escuminac.
 However, fishermen from different communities have informal arrangements, some in place for generations, about who fishes where. Fishermen take a chance when they cross these lines, even though they have no legal force.
 Dedam said that Tabusintac Gully has a rocky bottom which lobster like, so fishermen set their traps there, especially in times of declining catches.
 This leads to trouble such as happened last year between Tabusintac and Val Comeau, and Burnt Church and Neguac. Last year, fleets from the neighbouring communities confronted each other on the water on the opening day of the season. Boats were rammed and traps cut.
Investigators build evidence against suspect in eagle parts case
 VANCOUVER (CP) Three weeks after calling for the prime suspect in the North Vancouver eagle-parts trafficking case to come forward, conservation officers are now trying to track him down.
 The suspect ignored calls to turn himself in, so the case will have to be built the hard way.
 "We're still gathering evidence," said provincial conservation officer Rick Hahn.
 "We can't proceed without sufficient information, the legal requirements that go into making a justice of the peace satisfied that you have all the information to issue a warrant," Hahn said.
 Provincial officials have said they have a good idea who is behind the stash of body parts of as many as 50 bald eagles discovered on Squamish band land in North Vancouver.
 Lance Sundquist, manager of B.C.'s Conservation Officer Service, has said the suspect is a Vancouver resident and member of a First Nations community.
 Conservation officers, working with their U.S. counterparts, are trying to determine whether eagles from throughout the province were channelled through their suspect for illegal export.
 The eagles had been tossed down an embankment near a park and are believed to have been killed for their tail feathers and talons. Such body parts command high prices on the black market in the U.S., where the bald eagle is an endangered species.

Ganienkeh Mohawk Nation

All Women of the confederacy are being asked to attend a women's meeting on the 14th May of 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at the Akwesasne Longhouse.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and the set up of a Women's Council throughout the Confederacy. We need to put a stop to the illegal selling of our lands, our sovereignty, our rights, our children's future, the survival of our people.

As the Women of the Confederacy and the Title Holders, the Progenitors to the Land it is our responsibility and right to protect what was given to us!

We have let too much happen, and we need to remind the people that we are still here. It is time they start dealing with us.

Everyone is welcome, we will be serving lunch and all comments and concerns are welcomed.

Please attend, we all have a voice!!!

Kahnawake, Que., Mohawks sign deal with Microsoft to put language on disc

KAHNAWAKE, Que. (CP) The Kahnawake Band Council has reached a deal with Microsoft to put the Mohawk language on software but some residents of the reserve near Montreal fear the computer giant is just out to make a buck.
 Proponents of the move see it as a way to preserve the language but several Kahnawake residents suggested Microsoft is profiting off their language and culture by developing software allowing people to use Windows in Mohawk.
 "They own the whole world, why would we want them owning us?" said Selma Delisle, one of the opponents.
 But band council members, who recently reached a tentative deal with Microsoft to develop the software, say they saw it as just another way of immersing people in a language they're trying to preserve.
 Tom Scott, the director of community information technology in Kahnawake, contends people are making a fuss for nothing.
 "This would just be another facet of the language's preservation," he said.
 "In this day and age, why not use the tools available?" Microsoft contends the whole kerfuffle is an unfortunate misunderstanding.
 "We don't have any intention of buying the language," said Mina Garbi, Windows international program manager. "You can't own a language."

Mba chief shares Passover lunch

WINNIPEG (CP) The head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs shared a Passover lunch on Friday with Jewish leaders in an effort to ease tensions caused by racist remarks made earlier this month.
 Dennis White Bird, grand chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, said it was the second time he has met with Jewish leaders following controversial comments by a native leader.
 The most recent controversy came when Chief Terrance Nelson of Roseau River First Nation said that Jews were somehow implicated in an alleged media conspiracy against natives.
 "We want to do all we can do together to make sure racism of all sorts is fought against," said Neil Duboff, president of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.
 White Bird said educational exchanges between Jewish and aboriginal schools were being planned to help deepen the bond of understanding between the two groups, which have both suffered because of bigotry.
 White Bird said he met with Jewish leaders before when David Ahenakew, a former senator with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, said he understood why the Nazis did not like Jews.
 Ahenakew is being prosecuted under hate-crimes legislation in connection with the remarks.
 Duboff said the comments of Nelson and Ahenakew were individual viewpoints and don't represent the nature of the relationship between Jews and aboriginals in general.
 "They were speaking for themselves," he said.
 However, Duboff said he defended their right to speak their minds within the boundaries of criminal law.
 Nelson, who wasn't invited to yesterday's meeting, has said Jewish leaders were welcome in his community for a dialogue on Jewish-aboriginal relations.
 Duboff said plans for such a get-together are being worked out.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Police investigate killing of eagles
 An entire eagle carcass can be worth \$2,000 to \$3,000 on the black market. The trade in eagles could be worth as much as \$1.5 million a year.
 A Time magazine report said last month that as many as 500 eagles are slaughtered in B.C. every year by smugglers.
 Conservation officers aren't blaming all the estimated 500 eagle deaths a year on one trafficking ring.
 Under the province's Wildlife Act, penalties for poaching or trafficking in eagle parts can be as high as \$50,000 for a first offence. Under federal legislation for illegal export, penalties can be as high as \$150,000 and five years imprisonment.
 In 1999, a Vancouver Island man was charged in the United States with a similar eagle trafficking offence and received fines and a two-year jail term.
 Several groups and governments, including the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation, have pledged a total reward of \$12,000 for finding those responsible.
 When the first eagle carcasses were discovered, a First Nations leader said the birds are revered by natives, who use parts from carcasses found by the provincial conservation office.
 Chief Bill Williams of the Squamish First Nation said natives don't go into the wild and take eagles.
Manitoba Metis say don't need permission to hunt
 WINNIPEG (CP) A group calling itself the Metis Rights Coalition says it doesn't need anyone's permission, not even the Manitoba Metis Federation's, to go hunting.
 The federation and the government of Premier Gary Doer have been at loggerheads over hunting rights. Last year, the federation began issuing their own harvester cards at \$10 each, plus an annual \$25 fee, saying the province's Metis no longer needed provincial hunting licences.
 But coalition spokesman Charles Vermeylen said the Metis federation doesn't have the authority to set the rules and regulations for hunting either. "I think the MMF is getting way out of their league," said Vermeylen, who said he's been hunting near his home in Roblin, Man., since he was eight.
 He said the federation should stick to delivering programs like job training instead of making laws.
 Federation president David Chartrand said the majority of Metis in the province, including a group of elders, support the issuing of harvester cards. Chartrand said the cards should not be seen as giving rights but instead protecting them.
 "Nothing is being taken away," he said.
 Vermeylen said his group has about 100 members, most of whom live in the Duck Mountains area.
 He said it doesn't cost money to join but added they have been soliciting donations to pay the legal costs of some members who've been charged under the Manitoba Wildlife Act.
 Vermeylen was charged in January 2004 with illegal possession of elk meat after he took the animal's head and lungs to natural resources offices to get tested for tuberculosis.
 A 2003 Supreme Court decision said that Metis had a constitutional right to hunt for food unlicensed and outside provincial hunting seasons, like status Indians.

Teenager arrested in mother's death in Montreal

MONTREAL (CP) An 18-year-old man is expected to be charged Thursday with killing his mother inside their turbulent home.
 He was arrested Wednesday morning in the bottom part of a duplex where he lived with his 57-year-old mother, police said. A neighbour who knew the family said the victim was originally from Nanisivik, an Inuit village in Nunavut. The man is suspected of beating his mother to death sometime between Tuesday night and 8 a.m. Wednesday morning when the victim's body was discovered by her daughter, said Const. Anie Lemieux of the Montreal police. One neighbour said: "They fought every day. The cops were there five times a week."

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Director Education Jurisdiction & FN Governance	Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa	T.B.D.	May 13, 2005 @ 5:00 pm
Income Tax/Excise Tax Auditor	Canada Revenue Agency, Kitchener	T.B.D.	May 5, 2005 @ 11:30 am
Various Positions	Canadian Forces, Across Canada	T.B.D.	ASAP

SIX NATIONS COUNCIL

POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Senior Administrative Officer	Council	Full-time	T.B.D.	Wed., May 11, 2005 @ 4:00 p.m.
Land Use Officer	Lands & Research	Contract (one year)	\$28,000 - \$35,000 per annum	Wed. May 25, 2005 @ 4:00 p.m.
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Tell us that you are still here.

All the memories that you've left
us
The loving stories we've been told
All the battles that we fought for
you
Are all of ours to hold.

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angel now
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every day
And whatever happens in days to
come
We know you'll lead the way.

Be at peace Craig. Rest easy
knowing that the strength of your
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you and the many lives that you
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Every May, Sexual Assault Centres across Ontario engaged in activities to raise awareness in their communities about the issues of sexual violence. Above are statistics offered by the Ontario Women's Directorate that attempt to describe the reality of sexual violence in Canada.

1. Sexual assault is vastly underreported. Studies indicate the fewer than 6% of sexual assaults are reported to police.

2. 80% of perpetrators are known to their victim, and the assault occurs somewhere that one feels relatively safe.

3. An estimated 572,000 women in Canada were sexually assaulted in one year alone. That's more than one per minute!

4. Over one third of adult women report being sexually assaulted since they were 16 years old.

For many who have experienced sexual violence, it is a story that they tell no one, out of fear that no one will believe them, or that the onus for the violence will be

placed upon them. Sexual violence can take the form of sexual assault (defined as any unwanted sexual act ranging from unwanted kissing to forced sexual intercourse), sexual harassment, or childhood sexual abuse. There is no statute of limitations on sexual assault, and a survivor can choose at anytime to go to police to report the assault no matter when it happened. A hospital exam (Rape Kit) can be conducted within 72 hours of an assault to collect evidence, tend to injuries, and provide the morning after pill. For those who know someone who is a survivor, it is extremely important to believe them and support their choices. Sexual assault is a reality for many women and men in this province, and also to raise public awareness around issues of sexual violence.

The Sexual Assault Centre of Brant offers support and

counseling to survivors of sexual violence. We provide support for anyone who chooses to have a hospital exam after a recent assault. For those who choose to go to the police, we will accompany them to the police station, and to any future meetings (ie., with the Crown Attorney and any court appointments). The Centre offers a 24-hour crisis line for all survivors of sexual violence and their support people. Our counseling programme is open to women over the age of 14, who are survivors of recent of past assaults. Referrals for male survivors of sexual violence and children under 14, as well as a resource library are available. All the services of the Centre are free and confidential. Please contact our Centre for more information. *Courtesy of the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant*

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