

Life expectancy five to 10 years shorter for aboriginal people in Canada

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hood obesity.
“(But) it’s not a good thing to be stabilizing at such a high level.”
The report showed that physical activity rates for children were stable or increasing. Still, four of

five Canadian teenagers weren’t active enough to meet international guidelines for optimal growth and development in 2000-01.
Entitled *Improving the Health of Canadians*, the report was produced by the Canadian

Population Health Initiative, a division of the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

Largely aimed at policy makers, it focuses on the health of children, Aboriginal peoples and the enduring disparities between Canadians of different income levels. It also makes recommendations on how to improve conditions for all.

The chair of the health initiative said governments have to play a role if obesity rates and other ongoing threats to the health of Canadians are to be addressed.

“Yes, the choices that you make as a person are important for the shape of your health,” said Cam Mustard, who is also president of a not-for-profit Toronto-based think tank called the Institute for Work and Health.

“Physical exercise is important. Eating right? Yeah. And then you’ve got your DNA, which you got from your parents — and that has something to do with it too.

“But from the perspective of a society, the choices that people can make are very much determined by the world that they’re in.”

The report found that while Aboriginal peoples are making some health gains, they still live shorter lives and have higher suicide rates. Aboriginal peoples have three times the rate of diabetes and 16 times the rate of tuberculosis than other Canadians.

They’re also at far greater risk of dying in an accident. A chart in the report showed the years of life lost due to accidents were nearly five times greater among First Nations people living on a reserve than for people in the rest of the country.

Mustard said these numbers may improve as the impact of policies to transfer authority for provision of health programs to local First Nations governments takes hold.

“We’ve got some problems to

work on but the piece that is optimistic about the story ... is in the transfer of control over the health file from Health Canada to First Nations,” he said.

“We on the council think that is an extremely powerful institutional reform that’s going to change the trajectory of aboriginal health status.”

The report reconfirms what researchers have known for a long time: being poor is bad for your health.

It finds that rich people are healthier than the middle class who in turn are healthier than low-income earners.

It also found that income seems to affect obesity rates in adults in different ways, depending on gender. Affluent men ran a higher risk of being overweight or obese whereas with women, the better off a woman is, the less likely she is to be obese.



A Pikangikum man carries water pumped to a public water point from a lake, back to his home. The community, 300 km northwest of Winnipeg has had the highest suicide rate in the world. (CP-Photo)

Harper apologizes for wishing aboriginal people a happy “India Day”

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lost looking for India,” wrote federation president Rick Lobzun in a letter dated Wednesday.

“Look what has happened to the aboriginal population ... since then.”

India Republic Day each Jan. 26 marks the day in 1950 when India’s constitution took effect, cementing its independence from British rule. It is a major annual celebration that heralds the sacrifices of Mahatma Gandhi and other freedom crusaders.

It has nothing to do with aboriginals in Canada.

Although the federation took almost a month to respond, Lobzun wrote to express his “shock and outrage.”

“It is shameful, Mr. Harper, that you as a potential leader in this country choose such off-hand forms of communication which make you guilty of possessing a poor briefing staff at best and racist approaches to policy at worst.”

Harper’s spokeswoman, Carolyn Stewart Olsen, blamed an administrative glitch.

“It’s not a big story here, it’s just a simple clerical error. It’s unfortunate and we are apologizing. We just heard of this yesterday.”

On House of Commons letterhead dated Jan. 26, Harper extended his greetings to the federation “on behalf of the Official Opposition in Canada’s Parliament.”

“As you partake in cultural festivities and events, which honour

our ancestors and celebrate your heritage, I am pleased to pay tribute to the members of the Indian community in Canada. I salute you for your important and long-standing contributions to the economic and cultural vitality of our wonderful country, and offer you my best wishes for the year ahead.”

Lobzun’s response dripped sarcasm.

“As aboriginal people, hope is rapidly fading that we will be able to make ‘important and long-standing contributions to the economic vitality of our wonderful country,’” he wrote.

“Facing barriers such as grinding levels of poverty, high teen suicide rates, low levels of education

attainment and poor labour market participation rates, aboriginal people find it difficult to be successful.”

The former Canadian Alliance, once headed by Harper and now part of the new Conservative party, angered many native people with its stance against the pivotal Nisga’a land claim in British Columbia.

It also stirred resentment with arguments against what it called “race-based” treaty privileges for aboriginal people.

The latest gaffe highlights an old pattern, said New Democrat MP Pat Martin, critic for aboriginal issues.

“What a bunch of buffoons,” he said. “This type of Freudian slip is

just an indication of the esteem in which they hold aboriginal people.”

Conservative organizers were also on the defensive Thursday for a radio attack ad on the Liberals that some say is an offensive mockery of Barbadians.

The ad, which was expected to run in March, is narrated by a man with a mellow Caribbean accent who refers to tax breaks enjoyed in the Barbados by “Mr. Paul” — Prime Minister Paul Martin.

“There is a group of Canadians that should be insulted,” said interim Conservative Leader Grant Hill, in defence of the ad. “And those are the individuals that have paid the taxes that our prime minister has managed to (avoid) offshore...”

Statistics Canada planning to collect blood, urine samples

OTTAWA (CP) — The next time a Statistics Canada pollster knocks at the door he may be out for blood. The federal agency plans to collect

blood and urine samples from volunteers beginning next year in a radical departure from its usual question-and-answer checklist

approach. The \$20-million project would involve a battery of lab tests on the blood and urine of up to 10,000 Canadians in search of dozens of key health indicators.

Researchers would look for diabetes, cholesterol levels, lead, pesticides, SARS, HIV, herpes, West Nile virus and many other measures of the health of the general population.

The survey would also include direct measurements of weight, which people tend to underestimate when answering pollsters’ questions, blood pressure, fitness, back strength and many others.

The urine and blood samples and possibly saliva samples may also be stored for years so other tests that have still not been developed can be performed later.

“There’s enormous potential for this to inform policy at all kinds of levels,” says Mark Tremblay, one of the directors of the four-year project known as the Canadian Health Measures Survey. “It’s very, very important.”

The last such national survey in Canada was carried out in 1978-79, but many other countries have routinely collected bodily fluids for testing, including Britain, New

Zealand, Australia and some European countries.

The United States runs the most sophisticated program, which determined among other things that the American population had high blood levels of lead. The finding was instrumental in getting lead additives banned from gasoline in that country.

And in the late 1980s, Australia’s national survey discovered that the number of diabetics in the general population was double previous estimates that had been based solely on questionnaires.

“For every known case of diabetes there, they had an unknown case,” says Tremblay. “So their estimates based on self-reporting health questionnaires ... were off by 100 per cent.”

“And so you can imagine the importance of that in terms of projecting future health-care costs, demands for services, etc.”

Such fluid-sample surveys also record statistics for healthy individuals, who frequently don’t appear in existing medical records of hospitals and doctors, allowing statisticians to analyse the effect and importance of healthy habits.

Participants for the Canadian survey would be volunteers who are

representative of the general population in terms of age, sex and other demographic factors. Residents of native reserves, members of the military and people residing in institutions such as prisons will be excluded.

The samples are to be gathered in clinical settings, such as a mobile clinic, and participants would not receive payment, though they will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses such as travel.

The amount of blood extracted would be between 50 ml and 80 ml, or about one-tenth of the amount taken during a blood donation. Results of the tests would be shared with each individual. A pilot project is to be carried out next year, with full sampling expected in 2006, perhaps following the scheduled

Canada-wide census that year. Tremblay cautions that planning is still tentative.

“There are a lot of complicated features to this, and details to iron out,” he said. “We’re in the early design phase.”

For one, the project still needs the approval of Canada’s privacy commissioner, as well as privacy officials in the provinces, he said.

Six Nations birthing centre celebrates first baby of 2004

By Lynda Powless
Editor

He was not only the first baby of 2004 to be born at the Tsi Non:we Ionnakeratstha Onagrahsta’, but he



Dredan Layne Bomberry

was welcomed into the world by his grandma.

Little Dredan Layne Bomberry, a seven pound eight ounce little boy born to Abby Carpenter and Nate Bomberry made his appearance February 13th at 3:24 p.m., just one day before Valentine’s Day.

And he came as a surprise for mom and grandma!

Grandma, Brenda Carpenter is a second year midwife at the centre.

She was present at the birth, assisting the midwife when the midwife allowed her to catch her own grandson.

“It was really special,” she told Turtle Island News.

“In this field and having the opportunity to learn what there is to learn. But for Abby to come here and learn and then be able to catch my own grandson. I



The birthing team included Brenda Carpenter, Lori Jacobs, Janet Homer, Kristi Hill, Cecile Akiwenzie, Shani Martin, Peter Garlow and Dawn Martin and Ruby Miller the centre director. Also of course are mom, Abby Carpenter and dad Nate Bomberry holding his new son Dredan. (Photo by Tacey Martin)

feel like it’s a gift,” she said.

Centre supervisor Ruby Miller

presented Abby and Nathan with gifts from the centre and some community members.

Minister of Indian Affairs visits Six Nations and tours community

(Continued from front)

Indian Affairs hasn’t dropped in on Six Nations since band council chief Roberta Jamieson took office. Jamieson was at odds with former Minister of Indian Affairs Robert Nault.

Mitchell’s communication’s director Christina Aquino says there “was nothing secret about it. At least not from our end.”

She said the Minister did not ask for a “closed” meeting or tell band council not to invite the press.

However sources told Turtle Island News the minister’s visit came as a surprise to the majority

of band councillors who weren’t told about the pending visit until late Thursday and were told “it was to be kept quiet because Roberta (Jamieson) didn’t want any protests while the minister was here.”

Jamieson’s public relations officer, Scott Cavan said Monday he didn’t know if a statement from Jamieson would be coming about the visit.

No comment was received by press time.

But Wilson said, “No there was no secret. From our end he went down for a meeting with the band council

and senior band administration staff they did a presentation on several issues. He has been touring since his appointment.”

He added “from our end, it was open. It was not a secret operation.”

The Minister discussed issues including, water supply, Six Nations wants to launch a study for a new system. They talked about waste management, housing, fiscal resources, the funding formula...”

He said “one of Six Nations issues is that the funding formula puts constraints on them because of

their larger size. It’s been a continued complaint over the years but this presentation was a little more specific.”

Mitchell had met with Jamieson shortly after his appointment in Ottawa. The short meeting discussed the First Nations Governance Act.

“The Minister had met with Chief Jamieson in Ottawa on a more larger scale. They talked about the FNGA.”

He said the Minister has been hearing some of the same issues at a majority of the communities he has visited.

“Some issues do come back housing, responsibility accountability, plus local issues.”

He was in Timmins last week where he attended the NAN Winter Chiefs Assembly and held a roundtable with 50 band chiefs. He said the major concerns were water, sewer, housing and accountability.

Minister Mitchell talked about narrowing the gap between aboriginal and non-aboriginal

Canadians, taking a collaborative approach to issues, the need to begin building productive relationships and partnerships, the recent Speech from the Throne commitments and the importance placed on aboriginal issues by the new Prime Minister.

Aquino said the chiefs raised issues including: the importance of youth in First Nations communities, concerns regarding housing, safe drinking water and road

access, the need for economic development strategies in First Nation communities, rebuilding relationships with the Government of Canada, and the need for infrastructure.

The Minister will be visiting the Atlantic communities this week and then to northern Quebec. Plans are in the works for him to visit British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

He said his visit to Six Nations was kept short. “He had an event in north bay to attend.”

March Coming Events

TRADITIONAL PARENTING WORKSHOP

March 7, 2004 from 10 am - 4 pm
at the Birthing Centre 1350 Sour Springs Road.
Parents must attend with their children.

CHILDBEARING WORKSHOP

March 9, 2004 from 7 pm - 9 pm
at the Community Centre- Sports Den in Ohsweken.
Traditional information for women in their childbearing years.

NEW SESSION OF MOM & TOTS

March 11, 2004 from 10 - Noon
at the Birthing Centre 1350 Sour Springs Road.
First session on Thursday and the remainder of sessions on Friday mornings.

NEW SESSION OF PRENATAL CLASSES

March 10, 2004 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm
at the Community Centre Sports Den in Ohsweken.

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Minister Mitchell comes to town, but no one gets to say hi!

The Minister of Indian Affairs came to town Friday...but nobody got to know.

Usually whenever any dignitary comes to town the cameras and lights come out but this time, for reasons, not officially known, band council chief Roberta Jamieson decided to make sure the visit was as low profile as you can get.

Some band councillors said they weren't even told until the night before the visit and then told to keep it quiet.

Seems the lady who paid for bus loads of protesters to go to Ottawa and to follow her to Toronto to fight the First Nations Governance Act didn't want a demonstration or protest to greet her boss when he arrived. How unfortunate the community didn't know he was coming.

If they had, maybe he could have answered questions for the community on the workings of his employees the band council.

Maybe he could tell us why after months and months of waiting an election in District Five still hasn't been called, or why even this council choice to thwart its own election code and hire a new elections officer to run the byelection, that is...if it is ever called.

Or maybe he could get us some answers for questions we're still waiting for on last year's audit, never mind this year's. Questions like where did the money come from to send those buses to Ottawa and Toronto.

And what is the \$ 6 million in Rama money council has hidden away in a legal war chest been spent on or being spent on.

And why are we re-arranging community finance meetings just so the band chief can run off to Toronto to attend a fund raiser to pay off her supposed debt from her failed AFN election bid. Which she still has never answered publicly for even though she did promise this community she would provide a full financial accounting of the expense from the chief's office and donors to her campaign.

And of course we are still waiting for a list of all the outside committees and commissions she sits on. A list of all her speaking engagements to determine how many were actually personal events and how many were because she is Six Nations band council chief and any honorarium she earns, (according to her own staff that figure is as high in some cases as \$6,000 per speaking engagement plus travel expenses) and why it is going into her coffers instead of the band coffers, like it sue to.

Jamieson has failed miserably in a public accounting of her time in office, of finances, of questions over finances, or questions about her trips and expenses, of questions about committees commissions.

Had we known the minister was here maybe then we could have gotten some answers on questions of accountability and transparency that are easy to throw into speeches to non-native groups about but pay little lip service here at home when the community is left divided and questions aren't answered.

Jamieson needs to review her last two years in office.

There are only eight months left.

And if she decides to run again she may find herself running last in a field of candidates who only have to bring up a long list of unfulfilled promises, and no substance.

Yes, it is unfortunate the Minister came to town and no one here had a chance to question him on the antics of his band council. But of course, isn't that exactly why the community wasn't told. There's eight months left not only band council members should be thinking about being left without "jobs" but so should political staff be job hunting.



Letters: Reader questions Band Council's Administrator's role

Dear Editor:

I have been watching the council meetings on our local television station and find that it is difficult, at times, to know what the Councillors or staff are talking about.

One thing I did hear was Paulette Tremblay talking about the Residency By-Law. Why does she have the authority of being on that Committee? Is she not the administrator who is to be keeping tabs on all departments seeing that they run smoothly? To me, she has no right to be on any Committees. She should only take her concerns to the Council, who is her and the whole administration's boss.

The Residency By-law is a big issue and it should not be for one person to oversee. The whole community must be involved. To bring this issue to the Victoria Day Holiday (Bread and Cheese) to get people to vote "yes" or "no" for a permit system, should not be allowed. The only people that would be signing would be the Bill C-31s. I understand that we have over 2,000 non-Natives on this Reserve now, most of who are probably the spouses and families of Bill C-31s.

I also recently read in the newspaper that she is also negotiating for the education funding that may be taken over by the Council. There is far too much at stake to consider before a decision can be made on this issue. The most important one to me are the teachers who are Union members. I can't see them giving up their packages for some little pittance or nothing. We will

end up not having the teachers that we have here now.

It also surprises me that Paulette Tremblay is also sitting at the helm with the Chief at all meetings. Most recently she seems to be sitting there with Dave General who has been sitting in the Chief's chair. There have been other administrators in our midst and the only time Council ever heard from him or her was if they had concerns with their duties or any department. Norman said INAC only provides funding for those registered on band lists.

We just start by creating programs and a curriculum that teaches our traditional ways, the Great Law, our six or more languages, our views of family values and for some our spirituality. We must educate our men and women, youth and future generations about who they are, what they re and what they can be. We must empower our youth to be the best that they can be and that as long as they do their best there can be no failure. Much has been taken and stolen from us but that does not mean it's gone or out of reach. We can regain and retrieve what so many consider lost but these things will only be lost if we give up and give in.

Education

Dear Editor:

The recent articles regarding taking back our education system spoke of many things most of them spoke about the inconsistencies and lack of knowledge by councillors and senior staff, INAC funding and blame for inaction.

While our elected officials continually squabble amongst themselves, INAC sits back and watches us for entertainment.

We can no longer allow ourselves

to be ENTERTAINMENT when it comes to our rights.

One of those rights is to control our education system, the curriculum, our history, our language and our spirituality along with our way of life while trying to integrate it into the white educational system. For too many years we were required and forced to do things the WHITEWAY now we have a chance to do things THE RIGHT WAY, OUR WAY.

We just start by creating programs and a curriculum that teaches our traditional ways, the Great Law, our six or more languages, our views of family values and for some our spirituality. We must educate our men and women, youth and future generations about who they are, what they re and what they can be. We must empower our youth to be the best that they can be and that as long as they do their best there can be no failure.

Much has been taken and stolen from us but that does not mean it's gone or out of reach. We can regain and retrieve what so many consider lost but these things will only be lost if we give up and give in.

Our elders spoke of the things and times that we presently find ourselves in but they did not say we could not get them back. It is time we took back control of our and our future generations to come, Destiny, if not we are truly a lost people.

Fred Loft.

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Letters to the Editor

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Residency bylaw changes services to non natives cost of bands

By Lynda Powless
Editor

First Nation band councils imposing residency bylaws that allow non-natives to live in their communities will be responsible for any additional costs associated with those residents, an Indian and Northern Affairs spokesman told Turtle Island News.

Paul Norman, INAC, manager of financial arrangements in Ontario said any costs associated with increases in services to non-natives are a cost to the bands.

He said they would have to come up with those funds from own source revenues or through a taxation scheme.

Six Nations band council is considering changes to the local residency bylaw that will allow a permit system to be imposed here allowing non-band members to reside at Six Nations.

Norman said INAC only provides funding for those registered on band lists.

Who pays for non-natives living in First Nations communities, he says "that's totally up to the First Nation. It's their bylaw."

He said INAC has only two types of funding arrangements long term

five year plans that provide a bit more flexibility and yearly agreements. But those agreements, he said only provide for those on band lists. He said funding is provided for programs for status Indians living on reserve.

"If a First Nation passes a bylaw that allows others to live there, then it would be up to the First Nation to figure out a way to cover off any costs for additional residents," he said.

He said that could come "from their own source revenues, user fees. The process is totally up to the First Nation."

He said Indian Affairs falls under the Indian Act, "the Indian Act rules and regulations apply, it only covers for the delivery of some programs and services through the act. When you read the act, it does not provide the minister with any authority to provide beyond that. So the treasury board approves programs and policies that have to be in line with the act."

He said Indian Affairs has never conducted surveys to determine if non-natives living on reserves are adding any financial burden for services to the bands. "I don't know if it's happened. We have not

done that type of assessment."

He said of the 130 band ins in Ontario around 25 are on five year funding agreements but most are trying to move to multi-year agreements.

He said if a family living on reserve is on social assistance they can receive that assistance through local welfare offices on reserve whether they are band members or not. He said because of the Indian welfare agreement in Ontario, social assistance is provided equally regardless of where you live.

He said any increase in costs for road maintenance water, sewer, "what ever resources or fees they charge would have to pick up the costs."

"So if the band is instituting a bylaw that is going to increase non-members residency they have to look at where the resources are coming from to off set that cost. There may not be any cost, but if there is, the First Nation could charge them taxes or user fees if they are non-members moving onto reserve."

He said INAC programs are not 100 per cent recovering as they currently stand.

Letters: New Group wants byelection

An open letter, band council chief Roberta Jamieson

Dear Chief Jamieson

Re: District Five By-Election

We are deeply disturbed and frustrated by the lack of progress on a By-Election for District Five. Therefore, we request immediate action.

For the Six Nations Council to leave the position vacant since November 2003 is unacceptable. We have an Election Code, dated 1995, on file and this Election Code has been approved by the community and is community accepted.

Furthermore, this same Election Code clearly indicates that the Electoral Officer is in place for three years. The Electoral Officer was available in November and did inform your office of the correct process to proceed. You did not.

We request that you set an election date within one week from today.

Other avenues exist for us to have an Election conducted.

It would serve Six Nations better if we solved our problems together.

Yours truly

On Behalf of the Six Nations Advocacy Group

Roberta Hill

Alva Martin Community member and Election Code committee member

ATTENTION: Community members.

The following is submitted by the Six Nations Advocacy Group, a group of Six Nations residents that have formed to discuss issues here.

(b) "Unlawfully Requesting for Prohibited

There is great concern among some band members about the Six Nations Council's consideration of revisions to the residency by-law. It is therefore important that all members understand what is in the residency bylaw

December 18, 1986

Six Nations of the Grand River Indians

Whereas the Six Nations Indian Reserve No. 40, and No. 40B are for the sole use and benefit of the members of the Six Nations Indians of the Grand River.

And Whereas the Six Nations Council is empowered to enact By-Laws to set and enforce restrictions as to residency, trespassing of frequenting their lands for prohibited purposes;

And whereas paragraphs 81 (1) (p) of the Indian Act authorizes the Council to enact by-laws for the removal and punishment of persons trespassing on the Reserve and paragraphs 81(1) (p.1) and (p.2) authorize Council to enact by-laws respecting the residence of band members to reside on the reserve;

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of Sections 81(1) (p) (p.1) and (p.2) of the Indian Act, the Six Nations Council enacts as follows:

1) In this By-Law (a) "Reserve" means that

the tract of land, the Legal Title to which is vested in Her Majesty that has been set apart by her Majesty for the use and benefit of the Indians of the Six Nations of the Grand River and known as the Six Nations Indian Reserve No. 40 and No. 40B.

(b) "Unlawfully Requesting for Prohibited

Purposes" includes:

(i) habitually entering on in contravention of the Indian Act or any By-Laws made pursuant to the Indian Act.

(ii) habitually entering on with the intervention of committing an act that is an offence contrary to the laws of the Parliament of Canada, and

(iii) entering on after having been convicted of an offence contrary to the laws committed on the Six Nations Indian Reserve. 2) Only a registered band member of the Six Nations of the Grand River Indians shall be entitled to reside on the Six Nations of the Grand River Indian lands.

3) Any other person residing or trespassing or unlawfully frequenting for prohibited purposes on the Six Nations Indian Reserves No. 40 and No. 40B, in violation of any of the provisions of the by-law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding THIRTY (30) days or both.

Approved and passed at a duly convened meeting of the Six Nations Council this 18th day of December 1986.

William K. Montour Chief

Lewis B. Staats councillor

Kerry Bomberly councillor

Kenneth R. Hill councillor

John W. Peters councillor

Dave Green councillor

Lonny Bomberly councillor

E. Glenn Martin

Nina Burnham councillor

W. Graham Smith councillor

Steve Williams councillor

J.B.'s Thrift shop is good for the environment

Joe Bear Curley-Hill always wanted her own business. But she wanted something cozy and friendly. Something, just like her home, a place people could feel at home in. This week, J.B.'s Thrift Shop

The shop features clothing for all sizes from infants to adults and everything from jeans to business wear, shoes and coats. Everything is washed and pressed before it's sold. And if your furnishing a house or looking for household bargains she



Joe Bear has finally seen a dream come true with the opening of her own business on Chiefswood Road

opens its doors on Chiefswood Road, right next door to Mohawk Flooring and she's excited about it.

"I just love my place here. I think its so cute," she said while standing in the shop.

The shop specializes in used clothing and items and features a few new things as well.

But mostly she says she wants to help out those on a budget, stretch that a budget a little further. "I know what its like to have to support kids and have only so much money to spread around," she says.

sells everything from dishes to nick nacks and decorations. The items are donations from friends, relatives and community members.

She said there isn't any thrift stores for local residents in her neck of the rez. "I figured rather than take stuff up to Brantford or off reserve, why not open this place. People can bring their stuff here."

Prices range from \$10 for a complete women's outfit to \$1 for shirts. She says she's helping out the environment. "I'm recycling," she says.

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Hamilton native organizations to go after funding for urban residents

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In Hamilton Monday night a group of about 30 people, mostly from urban organizations, said they wanted to see a local group of the Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Co-alition, (HEDAC) that represents about 16 aboriginal organizations in the city, become their local skills and training funding source.

The meeting at the Self Help Centre on West Avenue was organized by HEDAC.

Chris Reid, a Toronto lawyer, who represented Toronto, Hamilton and three other smaller urban communities told the group the Federal Court of Appeal ruled they should have local access to federal funds for job training programs instead of having to apply through their bands.

He said, the courts did not determine how those funds would be split.

"They did not say it would be new funding." Now we're waiting to see how Human Resources interprets the ruling."

He said they have already been dropping hints. "They are saying things like how will we split the money."

Reid said they managed to convince the courts, "that you are a community not just scatter groups of individuals."

He said aboriginal people, born in the cities were being forced to apply to their bands for skills and training funds.

He said "a lot of people who live in the cities have never even been to their bands or communities. When they applied for funds the bands had no idea who they were or what they needed."

He said an example was a Toronto woman Dorothy Phipps-Walker from Sioux Lookout had to apply to her northern Ontario band for funds to upgrade her secretarial skills to seek employment in Toronto but was denied.

He said she was told she already had a college diploma and previous training provided by the band. "They weren't going to fund life-long students. But what they don't realize is the job market in Toronto. You need to constantly upgrade your skills. Someone with a high school diploma might get a job with the band in northern Ontario but they aren't going to get one in Toronto."

He said urban aboriginal people don't identify with their communities. "There was no evidence brought showing they had any connection to communities outside their urban aboriginal communi-

ties."

He said prior to the change in HRDC funding, area management boards existed in cities and they had a program called Pathways to Success, that was developed in cities to deal with urban skills training needs. He said the success rate of those programs was 90 per cent. He said with the change to forcing urban aboriginal people to apply to their bands, now only 20 per cent of applicants are being successful.

He estimated the amount of money that should be allocated to aboriginal people in Toronto Hamilton and Winnipeg at \$10 to \$15 million. Dollars that are now being allocated to bands.

However Reid said estimates were "guesses". That there are no real population figures for the urban centres.

He said Toronto uses the population figure of 70,000 but has no



Cindy-Sue Montana-McCormick

evidence the population is that large.

But he said, they have now begun issuing "Toronto Indian" cards in an attempt to identify the community.

He said recent elections of the Toronto urban Indian council headed by Roger Obonsawin is attempting to identify the community through issuing of cards.

In Hamilton he said organizations have estimated the urban aboriginal population at 15,000.

He said the Hamilton community had to begin to look at its options for funding.

He said a structure has to be put in place to accept the funds and apply for them. He said negotiations have to take place for seed money to set up the organization and then to go after skills and training dollars. "I don't think you want to fight with the First Nations over funding. So



Toronto lawyer Chris Reid, a Metis, told a small crowd of Hamilton area residents and organizations representatives that Hamilton needs to organize to go after training and skills funding for its urban population

we want to go after new funding"

He said in Toronto they are ready to start negotiations with the federal human resources department. "A structure is in place. Mizwe Biik will be the source. But here we have to look at who will do it."

He said the former Nlagara area management boards have been disbanded when funding was lost. Now he said either a new organization has to be established or he said HEDAC could be used."

Cindy Sue Montana-McCormick a social planner and researcher told the meeting she wanted to see the Hamilton community go after funding.

She said she is from Tyendinaga, "but I think this is a right's issue. It speaks to portability of rights. I have the right to go to my community and vote and to get skills funding in the city where I live."

But she said, "this has to be done with sensitivity. That is very critical."

Allan Loft said he had concerns about the low numbers present for the meeting. "We say we have thousands of our people living here in the city but I don't see them here. I don't know how you can be taking a vote from the whole community if they aren't here. Did they even know about this meeting?"

Reid told him he wasn't looking for consensus. "Consensus doesn't mean 100 percent. I'm looking for a clear majority so we have a structure in place that I can take direction from. I don't think this fight is over," he told them.

Yvonne Maracle told the group they needed to go after funding for city residents. "How many times have you heard well you people chose to live in the city," she told the crowd.

Cathy Staats said Six Nations, Grand River Employment and Training has a worker placed right

in the Hamilton Indian Centre to help Six Nations residents.

But, she said, they help individuals not programs.

Yvonne Maracle said before the change in funding to reserves organizations could use skills and training dollars to help fund their staff.

"Then they would go on to work at our organizations. Our organizations flourished under that. Now it's just individuals who get help and not all of them get approved."

GREAT spokesman Elvera Garlow said GREAT has been providing services to Six Nations residents in Hamilton, "and we will continue to do so."

The group agreed to pursue funding and use HEDAC as a structure to funnel skills and training funding through or the Hamilton Indian Centre. More meetings will be held.



Cathy Staats director of the Hamilton Indian Centre and co-chair of HEDAC says the meeting was aimed at Hamilton's urban aboriginal population event though there were representatives from Six Nations, and Kitchener-Guelph and Niagara organizations present

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Red Hill heating up again

Six Nations Band Council met with city of Hamilton representatives Monday while in Hamilton a Red Hill Creek Expressway protester was arrested after climbing to the top of a wood chip pile at a tree grinding machine.

David Field 62 was arrested by police when he refused to come down. Police said bail will be

opposed when he appears at a bail hearing Tuesday on charges of trespassing. Field, known as 'Santa Dave' has been involved in various protests and demonstrations charged twice with trespassing twice last fall when protesters tried to stop tree cutting. He tried to nail his hand to a tree.

Meanwhile at Six Nations two

more clanmothers have come forward and said they were not approached or consulted before three clanmothers sent resident Jan Longboat to Hamilton city council with a letter demanding Confederacy council negotiations on Red Hill stop.

Six Nations band council would not comment Monday's meeting.

Kanata Village re-opens after fire destroyed village

By E. J. GOODER

Staff writer

After months of hard work, the burned out ruins of the Longhouse at the Kanata Village has been restored to its pristine form.

Aaron Bell assistant manager of Kanata Village said in a phone interview Tuesday morning about 200 people attended the grand re-opening ceremonies held Feb. 28. Kanata Village is located near the Pine Tree Native Centre in the City of Brantford.

The newly built Longhouse, Bell said, would shelter about 50 people and was possible because of the hardwork of labourers and volunteers alike.

Bell said representatives from local and provincial governments attended the ceremonies, such as Dave Levac MPP of Brant County and Jean Stewart former minister of Indian Affairs.

A fundraising fish fry, he adds, was held and the proceeds would be placed in a fund for the building of another Longhouse. Although, Bell said, didn't know when construction would begin. Hopefully, he stresses, in the near future,

Funding, he said, for the re-building of the Longhouse and village came from many sources, such as the federal, provincial and local governments. The public also contributed to the restoration, Bell said, by participating in a fundraiser. He said about \$11,000 was raised in the Adopt-A-Pole fundraiser. Bell said the cedar poles were used in the building of the palisade surrounding the vil-

lage. The poles, he stresses, came from "Cornwall, Ont., just outside of Kingston."

Bell said \$114,000 came from the Human Resources Development Canada, \$25,000 came from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation and \$49,800 from

insurance as well as about \$3,500 from the Royal Bank of Canada's mentorship program.

The restoration to the village was necessary, for one night last May, Bell said, an arsonist set four fires in and around the village. He adds the cedar poles making up the palisade surrounding the village caught fire then spread to the Longhouse and storage area. The unknown arsonist, Bell stresses, was never caught.

He said fundraising for the second Longhouse is in the works, but didn't know when construction would start. He stresses the next Longhouse to be built will have "hydro."

Bell said Kanata Village has tourists from all over the world, such as Ireland, Germany and Scotland as well as visits from local school children.

Security, Bell stresses, is a major concern, so paid security patrols the premises as well as volunteers. He adds everyone who works here "takes care of the site."

Bell adds all the hard work paid off.



Brant OPP closed off Highway 54 last Thursday after a two vehicle accident at Highway 54 and Painter Road caused a morning back up. The accident occurred shortly after 8 a.m. and sent two people to hospital with minor injuries. Police are investigating. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

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Ontario
RP-2003-0033
EB-2003-0043

Hydro One Networks Inc. filed an application dated February 26, 2003, amended January 23, 2004 with the Ontario Energy Board to renew its electricity distribution licence. The Board assigned file no. RP-2003-0033/EB-2003-0043 to the application.

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Blast lose playoff spot to Tillsonburg Vipers

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer

The Blast just miss the playoff spots because of a tie with fourth place Tillsonburg Vipers on Sunday.

The Blast were in action facing Petrolia and Tillsonburg over the weekend and came out of it with a win and a tie. Not a bad finish to an exciting season.

Friday night the Blast travelled to face the first place Petrolia Squires and came home with a win with a score of 4-3.

Period one remained scoreless but in period two Brantford's Corey Waring scored the Blast's first goal of the night unassisted.

Petrolia doubled that score by the time the period was over making it 2-1 going into the third.

Petrolia took an early lead in the

third period but Brantford, with play offs on their minds, didn't stay down long.

Wayne Muir scored making it 3-2 and with just eight minutes left in the third period Blast's Mike Burgoyne tied the score at 3-3 sending the game into overtime.

In the five-minute overtime period, both teams gave it their all to take home the win but with just 13 seconds left, it was the Blast who came out on top with a goal from Dean McIntosh making it 4-3 for the Blast.

The Blast were back in action the next night when they travelled to Tillsonburg to face the Vipers.

With Tillsonburg having an early lead, the Blast's Andrew Yardy tied the score with assists from Burgoyne and Tyler Pelton.

Going into the second period with a score of 1-1, Brantford's Waring scored the goal that put them ahead at 1:26 with assists from Chris Ottmann and Pelton.

Just 15 seconds later, the Blast's Ron Bernacci scored their third goal with assists from McIntosh and Greg Pajor making it 3-1 going into the third.

In the third period, Tillsonburg managed to catch up with two power play goals. One early on from Pat Powers and with just 3:58 left, Keli Corpse tied the game at 3-3.

The game went into overtime but the period remained scoreless sending the Blast home with fifth place in the league and sends Tillsonburg to the playoffs for a chance to go to the championship.



Fayv (Fi-ya) Hadowas Emarthle took home the bronze medal on Saturday at Florin's ultimate Taekwon-Do Provincial Championships International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF). The tournament was held at the Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie, ON. Emarthle's competed in the yellow belt-green stripe level in patterns and sparring for ages 6 to 8. Emarthle is a grade 3 student at I.L. Thomas. He is the son of Alan and Tesha Emarthle.

Volleyball tournament held at IL Thomas on weekend

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer

SIX NATIONS-I.L. Thomas was host to an adult co-ed volleyball tournament as a fundraiser for the Six Nations Pee Wee All Stars

hockey team on Saturday.

The tournament featured 10 teams. The tournament was a round robin which led to the semi-finals and the championship game between JDS Embroidery and All Nations.

The championship was best 2 out of 3 games to 25 points. JDS Embroidery took the first game while All Nations took the second game. It all came down to the third game where each team had the lead at least two times during the game.

The tournament raised over \$800 to help send the Pee Wee AS to the Little NHL that is being held over the March break.

The peewee team is just one of many Six Nations teams that will be heading to compete in the Little NHL in the coming weeks.



The Six Nations Novice AS boys team took the ice against the Aylmer Flames Sunday afternoon at the Gaylord Powless Arena. The last time SN faced Aylmer at home they won but it was Aylmer who was able to take home the win this weekend. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

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Snowsnake tournament comes to the new community hall over weekend

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer

OHSWEKEN - The new community hall was the place to be on the weekend if you like watching snowsnake tournaments.

After many weeks of freezing cold temperatures and cloud covered skies, the weather on the weekend was a teaser for spring.

Normally a great thing for a weekend except when you have a track made of snow that is the main staple in a snow snake tournament.

As the players raced toward the pike, you could hear the splash of the mud that was hiding underneath the snow in the winter

months and you could see that the pant legs and shoes of the participants were covered in mud.

Saturday was all about the kids as the school tournament kicked off with the kindergarten to grade 12 divisions, followed by the Mudcat throws, that turned out to be real mud cats, and a social that was held inside the community hall.

Sunday was sunny, warm, and filled with even more snowsnake action as the 3rd class, 2nd class and 1st class divisions took to the snow track.

The snowsnake tournament drew spectators. Results were not available at press time.



A competitor in the snowsnake tournament at the community hall over the weekend takes aim at the muddy track he has to throw his snowsnake down. (Photo by Samantha Martin)



The participants were out in full force as they watched the competition and cheered on their teammates. Not wanting to get their snowsnakes dirty, they held them up so they would have a smooth run and not have to be re-shined by the shiners at the end of the track until they were ready for the next run.



The warm and sunny conditions may have made a lot of people happy, but it proved to be a slippery and wet run for the participants in the snowsnake tournament that was held at the community hall over the weekend. Shoes were soaked through with mud and water and pantlegs were soaked a dark brown. (Photos by Samantha Martin)

Volleyball Tournament Results						
2	Scone Dogs	20	VS.	5	Emilou's team	25
2	What's Up	25	VS.	5	Burnt Scones	0 (forfeit)
1	JDS	25	VS.	3	RootBears	12
1	Six Nations/Oneida	25	VS.	3	Dig This	18
4	All Nations	25	VS.	2	Scone Dogs	13
4	Solar Power	18	VS.	2	What's Up	25
5	Emilou's team	16	VS.	1	JDS	25
5	Burnt Scones	18	VS.	1	Six Nations/Oneida	25
3	RootBears	10	VS.	4	All Nations	25
3	Dig This	25	VS.	4	Solar Power	22
1	JDS	25	VS.	2	Scone Dogs	22
1	Six Nations/Oneida	25	VS.	2	What's Up	19
5	Emilou's team	25	VS.	3	RootBears	20
5	Burnt Scones	15	VS.	3	Dig This	25
1	JDS	19	VS.	4	All Nations	25
1	Six Nations/Oneida	25	VS.	4	Solar Power	13
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4	All Nations	25	VS.	5	Emilou's team	13
4	Solar Power	25	VS.	5	Burnt Scones	16

Playoff results

Series 1
JDS defeated SN/Oneida 2 games to zero (25-16, 25-23)
Series 2
All Nations defeated Dig This 2 games to zero (25-20, 2nd score unavailable)
Consolation Match
Emilou's Team defeated What's Up 25-19
Finals
All Nations defeated JDS 2 games to 1 (24-26, 26-24, 25-19)

Tournament MVPs

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Male: Dave Sowden (JDS)

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March Break fun on a budget

(NC)—You don't have to travel or spend oodles of money at local attractions during March Break, as long as you summon your imagination. And if you need help in that department, take a look at these ideas, courtesy of Welch's Canada, a name long-associated with fruit juice, jellies and jams — and evidently with the best interests of the Canadian family too. Each year, Welch's Canada participates in Heart & Stroke Foundation events like Ride for Heart and the Mother Daughter Walk. Look at what they suggest for easy fun at home during March Break:



Crawling inside your own sheltered domain is just as popular today with kids as it ever was.

BUILD AN INDOOR FORT

Crawling inside your own sheltered domain is just as popular today with kids as it ever was. To

avoid bumps and bruises use soft or padded chairs for beams and supports, plus sheets and blankets

PYJAMA PARTY

On bad weather days, plan to stay in your jammies all day (you too) and make it a party with board games, colouring and storybook reading — all for prizes if you like. For meals and snacks make it jammie time too with the new, kid-friendly Squeezeable Strawberry Jam. It comes out of the lid through a slit, not a hole, spreading evenly

so no knife is needed. The unbreakable bottle is hand-size for easy grip and kids can make checkerboards on the bread, or draw their initials, a lucky number, or make a red bulls-eye on a toast-bagel.

SHOWTIME

Let your kids and a couple of friends plan a morning and an afternoon show. Choose a room where they can plan and rehearse their talent, then help them gather props and costumes — plus any audience available — and sit back to be entertained. You might be quite

surprised at their collective imaginations.

MOVIE MAGIC

With the lure of a movie marathon ahead, take your kids to a rental store and get consensus on the movies they would like to watch as a group. Relax your rules surrounding television and snacks for just one day and let them slip into sheer movie magic. Between films consider a brisk walk for fresh air and exercise. — News Canada

Here's some fun and easy recipes for March Break

(NC)—Welch's, a name long-associated with family favourites in fruit juice blends, has recently launched a whole new kitchen concept: squeezeable jelly and jam. It comes in an unbreakable bottle and can be squeezed through the lid. The hole is not a circle however, but rather an elongated slit, so when making sandwiches, crackers or toast, it spreads evenly without a knife. Joining the Concord Grape spread is now Squeezeable Strawberry Jam — and it makes for some delicious, easy-make recipes too:

THUMB-PRINT COOKIES

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 2/3 C unsifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 1/4 cup finely chopped nuts
- Welch's Squeezeable Strawberry Jam

Preheat oven to 400° F degrees. In large mixer bowl, combine shortening, sugar, egg, and vanilla; mix well. Stir dry ingredients and add to shortening mixture alternately with sour cream; mix well. Shape into 1 1/4 inch balls; roll in nuts. Place 1 inch apart on greased baking sheets. Press thumb in centre of each ball; fill with jam. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 4 1/2 dozen.

- Peanut Butter and Jam Muffins
- 2 cups flour
- 1/3 cup sugar

- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup of peanut butter
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup Welch's Squeezeable Strawberry Jam

In mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add peanut butter and mix until crumbly. Add milk, egg, and oil; mix just until blended. Pour half of the batter equally into paper-lined muffin tray. Spoon one tablespoon of Welch's Squeezeable Strawberry Jam into the centre of each muffin. Cover with remaining batter. Bake at 400° F degrees for 18-20 minutes, until lightly browned. Serve warm or at room temperature. Serving size: one dozen muffins. NC

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Holland Canadian Tour Exhibition Game

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer
OHSWEKEN - The Six Nations Midget team played host to some international hockey players last week when team Holland made Six Nations on a stop on their Canadian tour.

In an exhibition game against the Dutch team, the Six Nations' boys were put to the test against Team Holland's young players. The ages of the Dutch players ranged from 12 to 15 and their speed kept Six Nations on their toes, or skates in this case.

Six Nations Minor Hockey Association President Daryl Martin presented Team Holland's coach Harry Loos with commemorative plaque, and the teams exchanged

gifts. Six Nations presented Team Holland with beautiful dream-catchers and a big welcome hand-shake.

Buster the police dog was even there with his skates on welcoming Holland during the game and cheering for Six Nations.

Hockey great and Six Nations' own living legend Stan Jonathan was on hand with Miss Teen Six Nations Ashae Annette to drop the puck with Six Nations and Holland's team captains.

Once the game got started, SN Midget boys got a taste of international hockey play.

Holland was the first to score with a goal by Dean Bailey making the score 1-0 early on in the first period.



Six Nations Midget team poses with Team Holland after they won the game 6-2 on Tuesday night at the Gaylord Powless Arena.

Six Nations' quickly answered back with a goal of our own from Ross Martin with assists from Ryan Green and Wade Henhawk.

Just 21 seconds later Holland took the lead once more with a goal from Dago Wihicus making it 2-1 for Holland.

Six Nations' tied it up once more when they scored their second goal from Colton Martin with assists from Ross Martin and Green.

With his second of the game, Ross Martin helped Six Nations take the lead with an assist from Green. The score was 3-2 at the end of the second period.

Taking a break from the game, the ice was flooded and the board for the shoot out took place. Five lucky winners from the audience were able to shoot at hole in the board for a chance to win \$500. Unfortunately no one was able to get it in except for Buster the dog, who celebrated with a lap around the ice.

Next it was time for an exhibition game between tyke teams Six

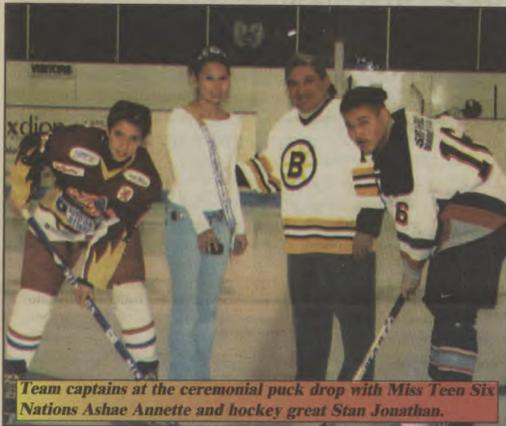
Nations and Hagersville. Hagersville took the win in a game that got more cheers from the crowd than the midget game.

After the tyke game was finished, Team Holland was back on the ice shaking hands with the SN tykes and receiving a gift from them as well.

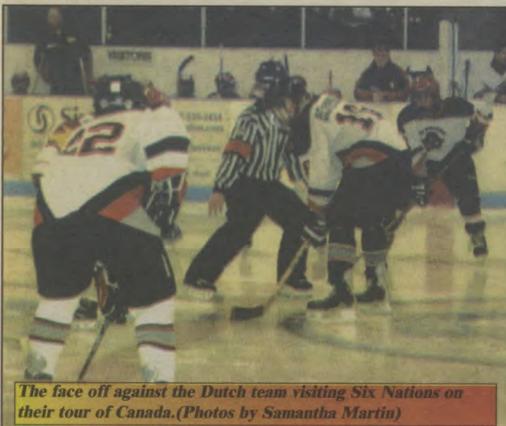
With the tykes gone, the third period began and it belonged to Six Nations as they scored three more goals and goalie Jacob Isaacs keep-

ing Holland scoreless the entire period. Ryan Bomberry was the first to score with an assist from Stu Hill. Rounding out his hat trick, Ross Martin scored his third goal pleasing members of the audience as two people threw their hats off to Martin's hat trick.

The third and final goal of the period was scored again by Bomberry with assists from Jesse Green and Ryan Green making the final score 6-2 for Six Nations.



Team captains at the ceremonial puck drop with Miss Teen Six Nations Ashae Annette and hockey great Stan Jonathan.



The face off against the Dutch team visiting Six Nations on their tour of Canada. (Photos by Samantha Martin)



Ross Martin takes control of the puck on his way to scoring his hat trick in the exhibition game against Team Holland.



Jacob Isaacs making yet another save in the exhibition game

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National Lacrosse League 2004:ROCK Heat up the EAST winning 18 - 15

with Ted Montour

Terry Sanderson got the Toronto Rock doing what they absolutely had to do over the week-end, which is to win games against NLL East Division opponents.

The magic of cable TV brought us both ends of the home-and-home series with the Philadelphia Wings, the team the Rock have to pass if they are to make the 2004 play-offs, as Toronto won Friday night, 18 - 15 at the Air Canada Centre, and again the next evening at the Wachovia Center in Philly, 11 - 10.

While neither team truly impressed in either game, Sanderson certainly ought to be pleased with what he saw from his power play specialists, and his line-up changes.

In the two wins combined, the Rock power play tallied 8 goals in 14 opportunities, versus the Wings' 7-for-11; Toronto broke or countered several runs and near runs by Philly with timely man-up markers. Goalie Bob Watson got his first win of the season Friday night, then backed it up with a strong performance Saturday for another "W". Free agent Matt Shearer, a former Whitby Warrior who

broke into the NLL in 1998 with Baltimore, Washington, Colorado, had an 8-point week-end, including 5 goals Friday, sparking the power play with his passing from the point as well as his shooting.

While he had been lightly used by Comeau and Keenan, dressing for only three games, he made the most of the opportunity given him by Sanderson, and with career stats at nearly 2 goals-per-game and 3.4 ppg, should be a line-up fixture now. Aaron Wilson and Blaine Manning each totaled 6 goals.

It was not the sole reason for the consecutive losses, the Wings felt the absence of All Star Game standout Dallas Eliuk. The Sportsnet commentators (shame, shame Shanny) overlooked Eliuk's absence between the pipes at the Air Canada Centre, even after Toronto opened the scoring; B.C. native Nick Schroeder started, and took the loss. How one could miss Eliuk's distinctive silver metallic headgear and duck-taped throat guard, not to mention his style, is a little hard to figure.

He did start at home, but went down from a Colin Doyle fly-

ing shoulder to the outside of his left knee about ten-and-a-half minutes in, and was done for the night.

Schroeder played well in relief, indeed in both of games, but the Wings seemed to lack the confidence on the ball that they have with their 14-year veteran behind them. The post-All Star Game retirement of Paul Cantabene did not catch the Wings organization by surprise, but the assistant for the Maryland Terrapins men's lacrosse team will be missed. They also missed the inside game and scoring touch of the Seneca Nation's Tony Henderson (7 of 12 goals on the power play), absent from both contests.

Both games were chippy, and hockey broke out on several occasions; although Toronto's Patrick Merrill avoided embarrassing himself again, after last week's one-punch, one-tooth knockdown at the right hand of the Ravens' Craig Conn, it was Glenn Clark's turn in the barrel, as he got rag-dolled around the Wachovia Center floor by the Wings' Tom Hayek, before both were tossed.

Meanwhile, the Rochester Knighthawks continued their mastery of opponents at the

Blue Cross Arena, snapping the Buffalo Bandits' winning streak at six games with a 13 - 12 overtime victory, cutting Buffalo's lead in the East to 2 games. The Bandits uncharacteristically blew a late game lead, giving up 3 goals in the final six minutes of regulation, before Shawn Williams ended it after just 54 seconds of extra time. John Tavares' 5 goals and Chico General's 34 saves weren't enough to salvage this one; Kim Squire has yet to find the net for Rochester, but has contributed 5 assists. I will be more interested to see how he responds to Sunday's news, as the Knighthawks announced the hiring of Ed Comeau as an assistant to Head Coach Paul Day. As one of the two men who judged Kimbo expendable on Toronto, Comeau should expect to be questioned about his "new" relationship with a fellow original Raider.

This latest development can only make Rochester's March 12 visit to the Air Canada Centre that much more interesting.

It was "same old, same old" in the West on this, the busiest week-end of NLL 2004, as Colorado, San Jose and Calgary won, while Arizona, Vancouver

and Anaheim lost. The Mammoth remain atop the West standings, winning both games of their home-and-home with the Storm, although they got a bit of a scare at home as Anaheim ran out to a 6 - 2 first-quarter lead before everyone came to their senses. The San Jose Stealth kept pace with a 13 - 12 win at home over Arizona, withstanding a five-goal fourth quarter comeback by the Sting. The Roughnecks made up the most ground, tying the Stealth at 6 wins (although San Jose holds a game in hand over both rivals) with a perfect week-end, 14 - 7 at home over Vancouver and 14 - 4 in the desert over the Sting.

This week-end Rochester travels to visit the weakest in the West - Anaheim and Arizona - while the Rock and the Bandits square off Friday night at the HSBC Arena, 7:30 p.m. live on The Score. (I'll be watching the tube in Ottawa for fans from the Bush.) The Wings have a nooner in Denver on Saturday, making March 6 a day of picks-and-rolls, give-and-go's and fast breaks, as the Wallace boys, Ben and Rasheed, and the rest of the Detroit Pistons, visit the Denver Nuggets later that evening.

Toronto ROCK beats Philadelphia Wings

PHILADELPHIA (CP) Chris Driscoll scored the winner with 32 seconds left as the Toronto Rock beat the Philadelphia Wings for the second straight night, 11-10 Saturday in action. Aaron Wilson had three goals and two assists as the Rock (5-4) won its third straight game to solidify its hold on third place in the East Division. Blaine Manning, with three goals, Colin Doyle, Ryan Painter, Steve Toll and Darryl

Gibson had the other goals for Toronto, an 18-15 winner over Philadelphia on Friday night. Jeff Ratcliffe, with three, Tom Marechek, with two, Spencer Martin, Mark Frye, Keith Cromwell, Hugh Donovan and Jake Bergey replied for the Wings (4-6) before a crowd of 13,606 at the Wachovia Center. "I figured it would be a low-scoring game, with both teams

running tired," said Wings coach Adam Mueller. "It was a tough one-goal game the entire game. ... We need to start winning these close games. We need to win these tough games." Several fights broke out 10 minutes into the first quarter after Wings captain Bergey drilled Dan Ladouceur into the boards. Toronto's Glenn Clark and Philadelphia's Thomas Hajek each received game misconducts and fighting majors, while two other players on each team were penalized for fighting. Less than a minute later, Doyle received a roughing double minor after colliding into Wings goalie Dallas Eliuk. The goalie left the game and was replaced by Nick Schroeder. INDEX: SPORTS "Command News is a product of The Canadian Press"

NLL player of the week

NEW YORK (CP) Dan Teat of the San Jose Stealth was named the overall player of the week in the National Lacrosse League on Wednesday. Teat, who also earned the offensive player award, scored six goals and added two assists as the Stealth defeated the Calgary Roughnecks 19-12. Cam Woods of

the Stealth was named the defensive player of the week after collecting seven loose balls and recording two goals and an assist. A.J. Shannon of the Buffalo Bandits was named the rookie of the week after scoring one goal and adding an assist as the Bandits defeated the Philadelphia Wings 12-8.

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Healing lodge proposed for Toronto's waterfront

TORONTO- A native healing centre on the eastern tip of Ward's Island is one of 31 recommendations for waterfront renewal that Dennis Mills, Toronto-Danforth MP, presented at a news conference Friday.

"I believe passionately that our First Peoples would have a substantially meaningful presence," he said.

Mills whom Prime Minister Paul Martin appointed last month to recommend ideas for reshaping Toronto's waterfront said the centre would be cultural and educational.

Leaders plea for calm after judge frees man who killed native

KENORA-An Ontario Superior Court Judge stayed a racially charged murder case in Kenora last week, then placed an extraordinary ban on the publication of his reasons.

Mr. Justice P.B. Hambly stayed the charge against Justin Carambetsos, a young white man, midway through his murder trial in the Oct. 4, 2000, death of Max Kakegamic, an aboriginal man who died on a sidewalk after being beat and kicked in the neck.

Aboriginal leaders in the Northern Ontario town led demonstrations of

"If ships come into our port, they are going to see our commitment to our First Peoples."

However, he is one of Toronto's most colourful MPs and has backed away from a plan to use an old tunnel, built during the Second World War, as a pedestrian walkway to link Toronto's island airport to the mainland at the foot of Bathurst Street.

In recent days he floated the tunnel idea, including an underground moving sidewalk, to Mayor David Miller and others, seeing it as a compromise that would satisfy both city council which opposes a

bridge to the airport, and the Toronto Port Authority, which backs a bridge.

Mr. Mills said Tony Ianno, MP for Trinity-Spadina, convinced him to shelve the tunnel plan.

Sources close to Mills said his full plan will emphasize green space at the expense of businesses or houses on the waterfront. That is seen as an attempt to win votes in the next federal election, when Mills will fight for his riding against Jack Layton, leader of the federal New Democrats.

"He's covering his ass from the left," said one source close to

Mills. "Dennis's plan is very socialistic. The developers will not like his plan."

Mills also said he will suggest that Toronto "park" its plan to extend Front Street West from Bathurst Street, where it now ends, to Dufferin Street.

"The cost of the Front Street Extensions has gone from \$120 million to \$320 million for two kilometres of road," Mills said. "I don't think that's fiscally prudent when we can't find money for youth at risk to kick soccer balls or play cricket, so they have to shine gun barrels."

Mills also thinks Toronto should cease, for now, any debate on taking down the Gardiner Expressway.

He said there is a lot of agreement on what to do with Toronto's waterfront.

"So many people have worked as though we were all in one big canoe and if one person jumped out of the canoe it would sink," he said. "Switching metaphors, we are trying to get the train out of the station on the waterfront."

appeals to people to remain calm.

"There was an article in the local newspaper with local aboriginal leaders saying: 'Look, don't go wild in the streets,'" said Gibson.

"In some ways, the repercussions are in suspended animation," he said.

"It's like an explosion that has half gone off."

"You know the other half is coming, but it's not here yet."

"All they know is that he charge is not proceeding, but they don't know why."

"If you were inclined to be suspi-

cious about the system, this could feed your suspicions.

"There is this weird sense of expectancy hanging over us," said Gibson.

The ban on publication remains in place for 30 days, during which the Crown can appeal the judgement. If the Crown appeals, the ban will continue until the appeal is completed.

"It was basically done of the court's own volition," Gibson said.

"We were all kind of left to infer what the judge's reasoning was."

He said that judge Hambly may be

concerned that it would be impossible to put together an untainted jury if the Crown were to appeal and win a retrial.

"I really believe his concern is a bit spurious at this point if that's what it was," he said.

Any retrial likely would be conducted before a judge alone, he added.

Besides, he said, word-of-mouth accounts are inevitable in such a small region.

Ontario native housing conference doesn't reflect reality, chief complains

THUNDER BAY, Ont. (CP) - A conference devised to address housing issues on First Nations communities fails to recognize key problems plaguing the north, an area chief said Tuesday.

The second annual First Nations northern housing conference hosted seminars on issues including home construction and renewable energy.

About 170 delegates attended and found information about wood stove safety and mould, said Richard Habinski of the Windigo First Nations Council. Mould is particularly troublesome in overcrowded residences, he noted.

It causes structural and moisture

problems and homes don't last as long as they're meant to. Habinski said he's seen homes just 15 to 20 years old in need of serious repair.

The issue forced many homes on the Gull Bay First Nation to be evacuated, affecting about 300 people.

However, Chief David Gordon of Lac Seul First Nation complained that the conference topics don't adequately reflect or address the "crisis" in native housing.

Although it's valuable to hear about new building materials and technologies, there's simply no money in remote First Nations to pay for new homes, Gordon said. "Definitely there are success sto-

ries," Gordon said. "But I definitely wouldn't want to take the focus off the real housing crisis in First Nations, particularly the northern remote First Nations."

Gordon said many of the housing success stories highlighted at the conference - things like improved housing conditions - occur at more-accessible First

Nations where people have greater access to jobs and opportunities.

It's a different situation in remote, fly-in communities, where people live in crowded, dilapidated homes.

"The reality is there's just a shortage of money," Gordon said.

"It's great to hear about (high-efficiency) R2000 houses, but when

you're struggling to build a 24x24 two-bedroom, basic, minimum (home), it's hard to think about building R2000 homes."

Gordon said he'd like to see the focus of the conference shift to more practical issues rather than give the public an impression that things are better than they are.

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Conrad Antone looks on and is ready with his lacrosse stick in hand as his mother, Joanie finishes the final touches for his registration with the London Blue Devils. (Photos by Christina George)



Melissa McDougal has her hands full while signing up her youngsters for the Lacrosse Tyke division. There was also a food sale taking place and it was the first fundraising event for the season. More fundraisers for Oneida Lacrosse will be taking place near the end of March after Lil NHL.

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Sim Elijah (left) is the organizer for Oneida lacrosse, he has been encouraging the sport to the kids for the past 15 years. He approached the London Blue Devils with Oneida's initiatives to join the league and invited them to the community to take registration. Ron Elijah (right) is a coach for Oneidas atom age division.

Oneida Nation Of The Thames Band Council Briefs

New staff policies
Acting Executive Administrator, Randy Phillips brought forward the finalized policies pertaining to the work hours for employees of the Oneida Nation of the Thames. Managers and supervisors will be more responsible for employees in their department for such things as signing in, overtime, time off due to weather, lateness and long lunches for clean financial records. There was not enough councilors present at the meeting to make an approval vote and the issue was tabled to a later date.

Still awaiting an answer
The Oneida Nation Of The Thames Band Council may be dealing with a request from Ted Doxtator to rent one acre of land. Doxtator has already placed a trailer and operating a cigarette shop on the land. He moved the trailer there two weeks ago.

The Oneida Band Council has not yet determined possibilities of the future land use. Council directed this to the Land Acquisition Committee to look into the issue further and have a full report by June 1, 2004.

Oneida chiefs approach band council
Representatives from the Traditional Oneida Council, presented a letter to Elected Council wanting to make future arrangements to work together in regards to reestablishing the "Code Of Conduct". Council accepted the letter and will wait for the next presentation from Traditional Council.

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By Christina George
London area Bureau Reporter
SARNIA- Chippewas of Sarnia band chief Phil Maness is getting ready for battle.

The chief of this small Chippewa community abutting Sarnia has called his community to action after another chemical spill in a nearby company floated over their community last Thursday morning. Maness said First Nations People have come to the forefront to be heard. "As Aboriginal People it is our duty to respect and protect our environment, we are also thinking of our brothers and sisters downstream in Walpole."

Just last week at Six Nations, the Integrated Grain Processors Cooperative met with community members to discuss investing in an ethanol plant in Brantford on lands under claim by Six Nations. Chippewas of Sarnia Chief Phil Maness says, "Council has been

Walpole has had their water turned back on after being without it for four days.

And just two weeks ago community members from the Chippewas of Sarnia held a protest Suncor wants to open up a new ethanol plant directly across the road from the community.

The Chippewas of Sarnia first learned about this plan in May 2003, however they were never informed by SUNCOR about their future plan.

The community then reacted and have been fighting against the plan ever since.

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Chippewas of Sarnia Chief Phil Maness stands in the parking lot of the administration building and points out that Suncor wants to put their new plant on, directly across the road.

of Sarnia's Day Care Centre and alerted Environment of Canada.

"When the cold air exchange came in, the odour was really strong in the building," she says.

She said the police told her a fire truck would be coming to take air quality tests. "My first concern is the children in the Day Care, but I have grandchildren at home and there are other children in the community, there definitely are some unanswered questions."

The Suncor company in Sarnia leaked 44 litres of crude oil within its refinery early Thursday morning.

The spill came from a valve in the pipe carrying oil to the tank to the refinery.

It has not yet been determined what caused the valve problem. Crude oil contains hydrogen sulfide and at high concentration levels can cause a person to go unconscious.

The Day Care was told by the Sarnia police that the smell would be gone in a few hours and that they could reopen.

It was the second time in a month that bands along the St Clair River have been hit by environmental concerns.

In February Walpole Island was put on a water alert after a chemical spill was discovered in the river.



The Suncor Sarnia Refinery that sits right next door to the Chippewas of Sarnia.

we are at," he says.

Muriel Joseph-Plain has been the Day Care's Supervisor for the past 24 years. In that time she recalls a number of times that the day care

needed evacuation due to chemical spills. She says that it is not uncommon to have asthma machines in the building.

"That is how we got our new building five years ago because of the health and safety issue. Over 40 per cent of our children had asthma, now we are in a better position at a better location and the numbers have gone down."

There is an Emergency Evacuation Committee that works on the evacuation plans in case of an emergency due to chemical exposure to their community.

Right now their safe locations are at their community centre and at Lambton College.

"One time there was a spill and an evacuation was ordered. The Sarnia police called the O.P.P for help so they came in and blocked off all of the roads. Parents coming from the city couldn't get through to come in and pick up their children, luckily there were grandparents and family there to take care of the children," she said.

"One parent even drove right through the road block to get to their child," she recalls.

Joseph-Plain says it's frustrating for her not to be able to tell parents what exactly happens. She wants more information and better safety precautions provided.

There have been discussions with

Chief Maness on future evacuation arrangements. But for now there is no specific program or funds available for safety precautions at the day care centre. "We should have someone on staff that is trained in air quality testing and we need direct contact from companies, that way we'll be informed right away," she says.

Parents are also feeling the frustration. Nancy Jackson is a concerned parent who brought her four year old son Taylor back to the day care centre Friday morning after the evacuation.

"I feel that we are not informed enough, it's always after the fact that we hear something from the companies, what aren't they telling us? Are they giving us all of the information? We have allergies and respiratory problems, there are trees dying and we can't even plant a garden." She says.

Darren Henry told Turtle Island News that he was pleased that the Chippewas of Sarnia's environmental issues are being recognized.

"This is a time when all First Nations in Southwestern Ontario can come together to address each others environmental concerns, our expertise within our own communities will help each other," says Henry.

But Chief Maness says "Lines are drawn in the sand, attention is high

and happening now. We are gathering information into the after affects of hydrogen sulphide."

He said council will be working with their Environmental Team to lay a plan that includes environ-



Chippewas of Sarnia Day Care Supervisor, Muriel Joseph-Plain, taking in calls from concerned parents.

mental by-laws that will hold outside companies accountable to their community.

And he said, the community will also be looking to find out how Suncor got the land it was to expand onto it the first place.

The lands, he says are unsurrendered.



It was picture day for the children at the day care centre on their first day back to school after an evacuation order was called in on Thursday morning. Some of the children are seen here taking their afternoon nap.

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POSITION	EMPLOYER/LOCATION	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Day Program Leader	SN Special Services for Special People Ohsweken	T.B.D.	March 10, 2004
Early Childhood Education	Mississauga of New the Credit First Nation, New Credit	T.B.D.	March 10, 2004
Education Counsellor	Grand River Post Secondary Education Office, Ohsweken	D.O.Q.	March 12, 2004
Aboriginal Youth Centre Director	Can-Am Aboriginal Friendship Centre, Windsor	\$34,000/yr	March 19, 2004
Consultant	Ontario Aboriginal Sports Circle, Oshweken	T.B.D.	March 31, 2004
Assistant Cook - Part time	Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation, New Credit	\$7.69/hr	March 12, 2004
Data Entry Clerk Casual/On-Call	De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre	T.B.D.	March 26, 2004

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POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Building Maintenance Mechanic	Housing	Full Time	\$12.69-\$19.83/hr	Wed. Mar. 3/04 @ 4pm
Youth and Child Counsellor	Health Services	Full Time	\$29,400 - \$33,600/ yr	Wed. Mar. 10/04 @ 4pm
Network Administrator	Secondary Services	Contract	\$30,000 - \$40,000/yr	Wed. Mar. 10/04 @ 4pm
School Nurse	Health Services	Full Time	\$41,000 - \$55,000/yr	Wed. Mar. 17/04 @ 4pm

A copy of the above Job Descriptions and application procedures for the above noted positions must be picked up at Grand River Employment & Training, reception desk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



THE MISSISSAUGAS OF THE NEW CREDIT FIRST NATION is now accepting applications for the maternity leave contract position of

"Early Childhood Educator"

Closing Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 @ 4:00 pm

Basic/Mandatory Requirements:
Applicant must have an E.C.E. Certificate, or equivalent with some practical experience in a full day nursery program; hold a valid first aid certificate; class F license an asset. Applicant must provide proof of qualifications. Successful applicant must provide the results of a current criminal reference check.

Applicants must mail or fax resume, cover letter and three references (employment related references preferred) to:

Personnel Committee
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
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A copy of a detailed Job Description may be obtained at the New Credit Administration Building. Thank you to all those interested applicants - only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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POSITION TITLE: EDUCATION COUNSELLOR
LOCATION: OHSWEKEN
PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT: Contract Position for 52 weeks (maternity leave replacement), starting April 1, 2004.

- DUTIES:**
An Education Counsellor with the Grand River Post Secondary Education Office reports to and is directly responsible to the Director of Student Services and Counselling for:
- 1.1 the organizational accomplishment of Identified Board ends/policies; and operating within established Board and Operational policies and procedures to accomplish these ends. To do this the Education Counsellor will not fail to:
 - Be knowledgeable about all Board and Operational policies and procedures.
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 - Provide orientation and counselling services to all students within the designated caseload.
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 - Maintain accurate student files for the designated caseload.
 - Provide liaison between the Grand River Post Secondary Education Office and Six Nations secondary school students, post secondary institutions, other educational agencies and institutions.
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 - Contribute to the overall development and coordination of programs and services of the Grand River Post Secondary Education Office.
 - Carry out his/her duties in a professional manner consistent with a team approach.

- MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED FOR THE POSITION:**
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 - University degree with concentration in a relevant field such as psychology and social counselling, and evidence through work history of prior achievement in a related field.
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- College Diploma and evidence through work history of successful capability in social welfare work, directly applicable to the requirements of the position.
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- MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION:**
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PERSONAL SUITABILITY: Willing to take full time commencing April 1, 2004 and additional training as required.

Applicants with previous experience working with Native youth or Native People in counselling services are encouraged to apply. Eligible applicants with a thorough knowledge of the Six Nations community will be given priority consideration.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

CLOSING DATE:
Applicants must submit their resume/curriculum vitae by 4 pm on the closing date of March 12, 2004 to the address below with the envelope clearly marked "Education Counsellor Application". A detailed job description is available upon request from the Grand River Post Secondary Education Office or Grand River Employment and Training.

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Closing Date: Friday, March 12, 2004 @ 4:00 pm

In accordance with the New Credit Organizational Policy and the Day Nurseries Act, the Assistant Cook is responsible to assist with the preparation of quality meals that are appropriate for the operation of the ECC by:

- ▶ Assist in preparing written meal plans according to Canada's Food Guide, assist in the implementation of the meal plans and responsible for the proper cleaning and maintenance of equipment utilized for food preparation.
- ▶ Act in the capacity of Cook in her absence.

BASIC/MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Knowledge of Canada's Food Guide
- ▶ Be familiar with regulations regarding food service for daycare setting
- ▶ Consent to disclosure of criminal reference check
- ▶ Successful applicant must complete a health assessment with proof of immunization
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- ▶ Completion of Grade 10

SKILL & ABILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Relate effectively to children, families and co-workers
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- ▶ Able to work flexible hours
- ▶ Stand for long periods of time and able to lift up to 50 lbs. Successful applicant must provide a doctor's certificate, at own expense, stating ability to perform aforementioned.

SALARY: Commensurate with salary grid, starting at \$7.69 per hour. Applicants must send/deliver resume, cover letter and three references (employment related references preferred) in a sealed envelope, clearly marked to:

Personnel Committee
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For this entry level position, MNCFN band members will be given preference. A copy of a detailed Job Description and Health Assessment Form may be obtained at the New Credit Administration Building. Thank you to all those interested applicants - only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Public Notice
Elections Code Meeting
March 15 @ the Community Hall
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Elections Code meeting is being held to encourage discussion on Revised Elections Code.

A copy of the Revised Elections Code will also be mailed out to all households and made available at the Six Nations Band Administration Office.

Please provide your written comments and concerns to Council Secretary, Lori Harris by April 2, 2004

Mailing Address
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The Final Vote for the Elections Code will take place on May 24, 2004 Bread'n'Cheese Day @ the Community Hall

March is Easter Seals Month

The Story of Easter Seals

Easter Seals has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives for more than 80 years. Whether helping someone improve physical mobility, return to work or simply gain greater independence for everyday living, Easter Seals offers a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

The Birth of the Seal

In the spring of 1934, the organization launched its first Easter "seals" campaign to raise money for its services. To show their support, donors placed the seals on envelopes and letters. Cleveland Plain Dealer cartoonist J.H. Donahey designed the first seal. Donahey based the design on a concept of simplicity because those served by the charity asked "simply for the right to live a normal life."

The lily — a symbol of spring — was officially incorporated as Easter Seals' logo in 1952 for its association with resurrection and new life and has appeared on each seal since.

Easter Seals Emerges

The overwhelming public support for the Easter "seals" campaign triggered a nationwide expansion of the organization and a swell of grassroots efforts on behalf of people with disabilities. By 1967, the Easter "seal" was so well recognized, the organization formally adopted the name "Easter Seals."

Easter Seals Today

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