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Reserves rack up \$300 million in deficits, native leaders blame underfunding

OTTAWA (CP) — First Nations owe more than \$300 million and will be sunk deeper into debt by chronic underfunding, say native leaders.

Documents released under the Access to Information Act show that 245 native communities across Canada have run up cumulative deficits of \$300.3 million. The highest tally is in Manitoba, where 48 bands owe a total of \$94.2 million as of last month.

In Atlantic Canada, 20 bands together owe \$47.3 million, and 50 in Ontario owe almost \$40 million. Indian Affairs stresses that 70 per cent of the country's 614 First Nations have balanced books. Some of the red ink can be traced to loans for new houses, schools or other big projects, says Dominique

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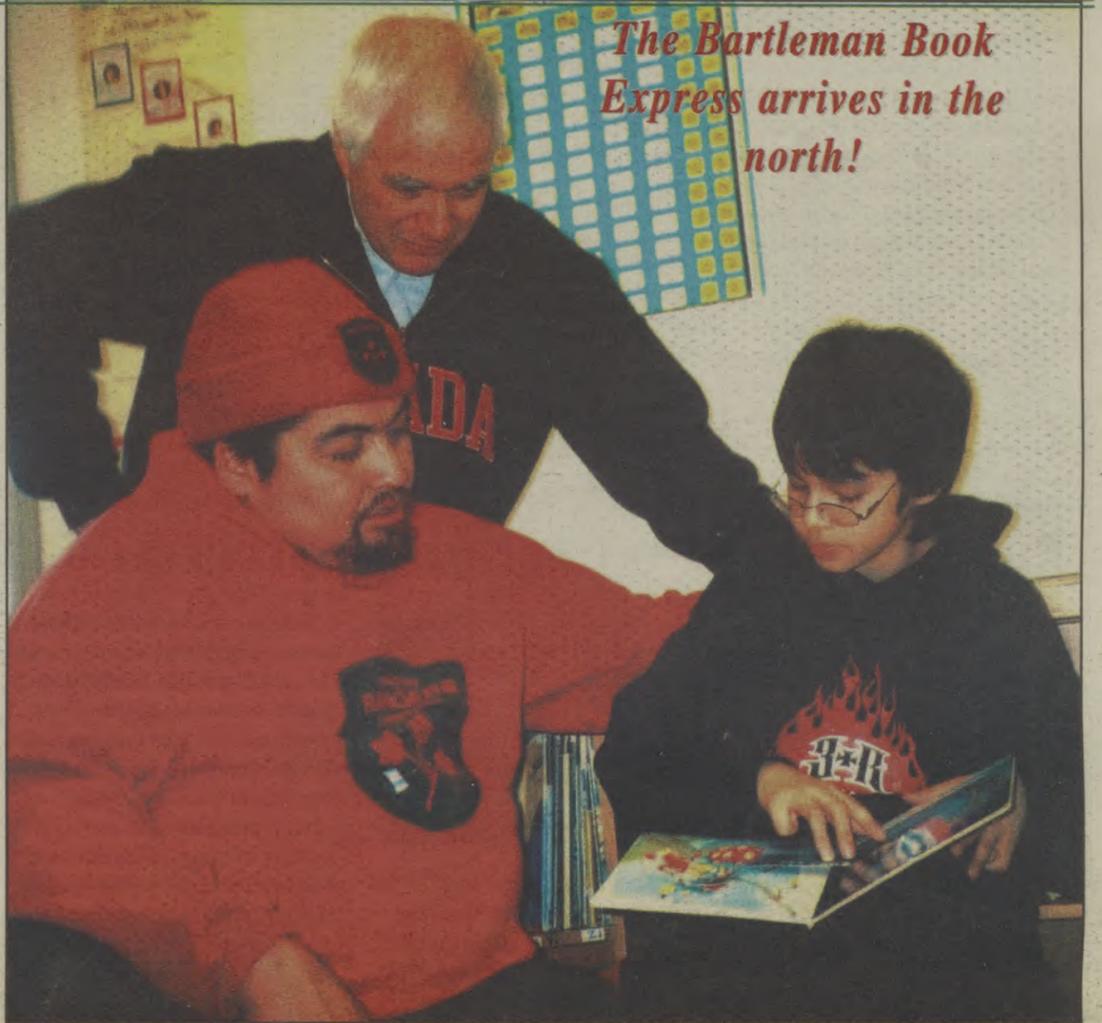
Six Nations education take over price tag huge

Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations band council is poising itself to take over education here within a year and has applied to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for over \$750,000 to hire consultants and to pay education commission expenses and staff during the take over.

With the appointment of an interim education commission made up mostly of educators, and Grand Erie District School board employees and a trustee, Six Nations Band Council approved a "transition plan" submitted by the commission that will mean a take over of the federal system by 2005.

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The Bartleman Book Express arrives in the north!

Chris Kataquapit, a Canadian Ranger and Attawapiskat band councillor, and Lieutenant-Governor James Bartleman watch as Ramsay Wesley, 10, checks a donated book. (Sgt. Peter Moon, Canadian Rangers.)

Convoy delivers books and dreams to northern Cree village children

By Lynda Powless
Editor

ATTAWAPISKAT, ONT., - When a small convoy of army trucks rolled into this remote Cree village on the James Bay coast last week a smiling James Bartleman, Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor and a village of children were waiting for them

"I want to thank you for doing this, this is really wonderful," he told the drivers before climbing into the passenger seat of a 10-ton truck and riding in it as it drove on the bumpy, temporary winter road, crossing the frozen Attawapiskat River and entering the small community of 1,600 people.

It was just the first of 33 communities in Northern Ontario who will be receiving truckloads of books for their children after Lieutenant Governor Bartleman launched an

Ontario-wide appeal to help the children of the north.

"I went to Attawapiskat to meet the Rangers and the armed forces reservists when they and the military trucks came in with the books," the Honourable Lieutenant Governor Bartleman told Turtle Island News.

"To see the faces of the children was just wonderful."

He was in Big Grassy on Monday to launch First Nations Library week and noted the irony.

"There is such a shortage of books in the north. We have 20,000 people in Nishnawke Aski and 70 per cent of them are under 25, but there are very few books and the books they do have are text books."

Lt. Governor Bartleman, who helped unload the books, called the book drive an "overwhelming success. I'm not here to give blame there's enough of that to go around. I want to work at solving the problem."

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Communities caught in Catch 22 by underfunded federal programs

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LaSalle, director of transfer payments for the department.

But a growing number of First Nations are running deficits because urgent needs routinely outstrip funds, says a British Columbia chief who is working with Ottawa to manage his Pentiction band's debt.

"You have a very difficult choice to make," said Stewart Phillip, also head of the B.C. Union of Indian Chiefs, representing 70 leaders.

"Our populations are expanding at an explosive rate, and the needs in our community are dramatically increasing.

"You either meet the need as it arises and eventually start running

a deficit, or you deny the need.

"Unfortunately that's becoming more and more commonplace, where we're turning band members away."

Ottawa is "painfully aware" of the rising costs linked to a native population that's growing at twice the rate of non-aboriginals, Phillip said.

"The health costs alone are rising astronomically ... and that's why they're trying to get out from under their fiduciary obligations."

The federal government, under terms of historic agreements, spends more than \$6 billion a year for native programs ranging from education and social assistance to housing.

Funding for Indian Affairs was not

curbed even in the mid-1990s when virtually every federal department was cut to pay down a \$42-billion deficit.

But funding levels have not been boosted to keep pace with both inflation and population spikes, Phillip says.

"There are thousands of (native) students who really desperately want to go to school or take training and the money isn't there."

LaSalle, of Indian Affairs, said programs are funded according to formulas based on population.

He could not speak to specific shortfalls but stressed: "Choices are made by the communities."

On the Gull Bay First Nation, about 350 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, Ont., Chief Wilfred

King says many of his 500 residents have no choice but "abject poverty."

"We have an 80-per-cent unemployment rate and people are living in ... squalor here.

"There has to be a fundamental shift in policy. I think the federal government owes the First Nations the fiduciary obligation

to ensure essential services are there. The manner in which funding arrangements are drawn up has to be changed."

King scoffed at how fast Canada wrote off \$750 million in debt owed by Iraq while the most isolated First Nations are denied access to natural resources on their traditional lands.

"And we're no further ahead. In fact, we're further in debt."

"It's very difficult to reconcile

what is not."

In fact, the reports do not display even one of the five attributes of good public reporting previously outlined by the auditor general, she said.

Indian Affairs responded that it will make improvements "to ensure an accurate and realistic account of progress on implementation to readers."

Fraser also chided the department for neglecting to follow up on whether land claim deals are achieving their stated objectives.

"We found that with respect to the two claims we looked at ... (Indian Affairs) performance on both counts has left considerable room for improvement.

Public in dark over spending, progress on \$1.2 B in land claims: auditor

OTTAWA (CP) Indian and Northern Affairs has failed to track spending or resolve disputes linked to native land claims worth more than \$1.2 billion, says the auditor general.

Also missing are any milestones against which to measure progress and tangible results, Sheila Fraser wrote in a damning report released Tuesday.

"We expected that the department would have kept Parliament informed of its spending on each of these two claims," she says of the Nunavut and Gwich'in claims in the North.

Parliament's fiscal watchdog also thought "the department would have tracked its direct and over-

head costs and gathered the same information from the other departments involved.

"We were unable to find any such financial reporting for either of the agreements, nor were we able to find any process to capture financial information for management purposes."

An agreement for the Inuit of the eastern Arctic created Nunavut and included \$1.1 billion to be paid out between 1990 and 2007.

The Gwich'in in the Northwest Territories struck a deal with Ottawa to receive \$141 million between 1992 and 2007.

In its reply to Fraser, Indian Affairs says it accounts for most of the money in annual reports.

"The department does not believe it would be possible, or particularly useful, to force federal departments to start keeping track of every operating and maintenance dollar spent on an agreement-by-agreement basis."

But Fraser also took aim at the quality of those yearly reviews. "They focussed primarily on activities and events rather than on useful accountability information," Fraser said.

"We expected annual reports like these to contain information that is useful to stakeholders in holding to account those responsible for meeting the objectives of the claims. They should be able to tell the reader what is working and

Fontaine tells Canada 'accountability, transparency a two-way street'

OTTAWA- In reviewing the federal Auditor General's report for November 2003, Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine noted that, "Clearly, accountability and transparency are a two-way street."

While media and the public are focused on the section dealing with

the federal sponsorship programs, the Auditor General's November report included three sections dealing with First Nations and related issues.

National Chief Fontaine stated: "Taken together, the Auditor General's findings and recommendations support what First Nations

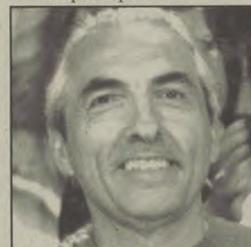
have been saying for a long time. We need to work in partnership with the federal government to streamline programs and policies and increase coordination across federal agencies in order to support First Nations economic development. The Auditor General found that:

- Selection of third party managers did not follow an open and transparent process

of First Nations funding arrangements. It is the highest form of intervention and is intended to be used only in the most serious cases.

The Auditor General examined ten cases in four regions, and visited one of those regions specifically. The Auditor General found that:

- Selection of third party managers did not follow an open and transparent process



Phil Fontaine

-Indian and Northern Affairs Canada did not adequately monitor and assess the performance of third-party managers, even though third-party managers in the region examined are responsible for up to \$50 million per year.

- Third-party managers charge between \$195,000 to \$312,000 per year, which is paid from First Nations funds, but First Nations are excluded from the selection process.

- Only 32 First Nations - less

than 5% - were under third-party management at the time of the report

"The Auditor General's report shows that third-party management is not necessarily an indication of problems within First Nations, but instead points to the governments' lack of transparency and accountability," said Fontaine. "We endorse the recommendations that First Nations must be involved in designing policies and implementing new approaches, and that training and capacity-building are the best way to address this issue."

Fontaine said "Once again, the Auditor General has demonstrated the benefits of working with First Nations to identify the real problems and real solutions. We hope other agencies realize the benefits of working together in a collaborative and cooperative manner. We are awaiting a full response from the federal government to the Auditor General's recommendations in this report and to the recommendations in earlier reports on financial reporting, housing and others. The Auditor General has provided some solid recommendations. What is important now is to move forward and work together to bring about real change."

The Assembly of First Nations is the national organization representing First Nations in Canada.

Education "transition" to cost over \$750,000, INAC asked to fund

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But the Six Nations band council faces a band council election in November just nine months away.

Band council approved the move in a meeting at the community hall two weeks ago despite concerns raised by community members.

Council chairman David General at one point silenced resident Alton VanEvery when he attempted to raise questions about the plan.

VanEvery was just one of several residents who raised questions but the only one stopped from asking his question.

VanEvery asked commission director Claudine VanEvery-Albert "what's the budget for this whole fiasco?"

When VanEvery put up his hand several times to ask a question General stopped him. "I'm not allowing any more questions. Continue with your report," he told VanEvery Albert. Members of the audience yelled out to General to let "Alton ask his question."

One woman told General, "he could have asked his question and got an answer in the time it took you to stop him."

VanEvery left the meeting saying, "what's the point of coming here if you can't ask questions?"

The takeover move comes at a time when many bands are facing education deficits and in one case a northern band has been forced to take Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to court over a gas leak under their schools.

The band took over education from INAC and inherited the problem. VanEvery-Albert said they hope to take over by August 2005. "That will give the elementary staff a month to make the change over from the federal system. We're hoping its going to be seamless."

Councillor Dave Hill asked VanEvery-Albert if they had spoke to the teacher's union. "Those teachers all belong to a union have you talked to them. Are the teachers going to come over?"

VanEvery-Albert said they had

not spoken with union representatives. "If the union tells them its okay to talk to us, we hope to talk to them. If the union tells them not to talk to us, that's a different story."

Hill asked her what happens to the current interim board after the 2005 takeover.

VanEvery-Albert told him no decisions had been made yet on what happens to the commission members once start up has taken place.

"Whether they will need to dissolve themselves and re-form and how, what ever the case is has to be decided yet."

Resident Helen Miller told coun-



Councillor Dave General

cil, "it has been my experience that once you take transition funds from INAC your hooked into the process. How are you going to make sure that doesn't happen. Once you get the transition plan but you don't get the funding then what. You've taken on education."

She warned, "You need to be careful about the steps you're taking and the order your taking them in."

VanEvery-Albert asked the band council to approve recommendations seeking "adequate funding to meet the educational needs of the elementary and secondary students in the Six Nations community; that INAC support the transition plan beginning April 2004 and; that INAC fund the Transition Plan from April 2004 to March 2005."

Miller told her "You need to get 'a' (a recommendation that INAC provides adequate funding to meet the educational needs of the elementary and secondary students at

Six Nations) approved before you do 'B' and 'C'."

VanEvery-Albert told her " if someone wants to fight that political battle with INAC then it will be decided. I think its important," she said to keep the order she asked the council for, to approve the transition plan before funding was secured.

She said they have asked INAC how much they have spent on Six Nations education.

Councillor Dave General said negotiations for an agreement between Six Nations and Ottawa will take place. "Things have to be met. We're working for an agreement."

Buy he said if necessary "possibly we could take a step back or be in a holding pattern until we feel comfortable with the dollar value and human resources."

General said the negotiation team is made up of senior administration, Paulette Tremblay, commission member Deenan Montour himself who have met with INAC representative Kathryn Knott.

Councillor Glenda Porter said she had "alot of concerns" over the take over. I think we can do a lot better job than INAC."

But she said, "we need to make



District Four Councillor Glenda Porter say "we can do a better job but not without proper funding."

sure the monies there first."

"We need to do something but we should only take it over on the condition that we get adequate funding. INAC needs to provide the information so we know what they spend or we don't take over education," she said.

Councillor Dave Hill told VanEvery-Albert "I have a problem with this \$93,000 for administration. You have a whole budget of \$750,000. I can't see paying these pretty high salaries for this position."

VanEvery-Albert told him the top pay for an education administration in any education system today is on a grid and ranges from \$63,383 to \$76,000 or more.

She said consultants are routinely paid around \$90,000 and some receive \$100,000 or more in the province.

Councillor Dave Hill asked her, "if you have all these consultants, then what do you need a co-ordinator for. They're doing all the work."

Councillor Carl Hill asked her, "if we get the money for the transition plan, then don't take it over, do we have to pay the money back."

VanEvery-Albert told him "I don't think so."

She told council "education is very

expensive and we need to go after INAC and make sure they are paying our staff fairly, and that is one thing INAC doesn't do. Other communities have told us, they are counting on Six Nations to get fair funding. In some communities they're paying peanuts."

Councillor Susan Porter said she also wanted to make sure that sufficient funding was in place before Six Nations took over education.

Councillor Dave Hill told



Former band councillor Alton VanEvery was silenced again at a public meeting by a member of band council. VanEvery has been trying, unsuccessfully for the two and a half years of the current council's term to speak at their public sessions and been denied.

VanEvery-Albert she hadn't accomplished what she originally set out to do, establish a working relationship with INAC. "You don't have a working relationship with INAC but you're going ahead to this in 2004. I don't know what you've been doing for two years. There's no working relationship what's going on here?"

Band Council's Senior Executive Officer Paulette Tremblay came to the commission's rescue telling council, "I think there is a relationship. It's not the kind that allows us into the school system to get the information we want. It's not fair to say there isn't a working relationship."

She said INAC was to blame. "They are not giving us access to teachers, or information. They want to control how that's done."

She said they have asked for a detailed accounting. "We want to know what they are getting paid but they aren't providing it. But there is a relationship."

She said "we already know that the money they will provide for band controlled education is more than what we get now but it's not at the same level as the province."

Councillor Dave General said the issue has to be "made more political to make it successful."

Councillor Dave Hill said he wanted it noted in the minutes that he didn't agree with the budget.

The Six Nations Education Commission's transition plan called for a budget of \$750,700 including; \$70,500 for "governance" including commission members honoraria, supplies and meeting costs, professional development for commission members, equipment and furnishings and travel and accommodation.

The budget included; \$328,000 for commission administration staff salaries and benefits a co-ordina-

tor's discretionary fund, supplies and equipment, staff professional development, contracted services, travel and accommodation, legal fees and equipment lease rental and office rent.

It included for four consultants a budget of \$352,200 including consultants salaries and benefits travel and equipment and professional development.

The budget did not break down the lump sum figures.

The transition plan says the commission will hire four "experienced educators" to work as a consultant team under the commission.

The team will work with Six Nations elementary education staff to study the current system "with a view to establishing a strong working relationship and to identify goals aimed at improving elementary education for Six Nations students.

The team will be made up of consultants in programs, special education, native language, human resources and a program administration assistant.

The consultants would also work towards an agreement that would replace the current collective agreement between INAC and its employees in the schools.

The Commission is expected to begin assuming control of the administrative issues relating to high school by the spring of 2005.

They will discuss with INAC, bussing, purchasing and nominal roll. It says the commission offices will remain at the Six Nations Polytechnic building and more space will be rented to house the consultants. The plan also calls for the commission to begin making applications for funding for the "pre-design phase for the eventual construction for a separate office building for the Six Nations Education Commission."

The plan calls for four "undertakings" from INAC.

It calls for "undertakings" from INAC to support the takeover, to provide a written commitment to continue funding the commission through the transition process, provides funding for the consultant team, and that elementary staff be officially informed by letter that the Six Nations Education Commission is undertaking research, development and implementation activities with a view to take over administration and management of elementary education by 2005 and that their co-operation in this matter is requested."

The commission outlined three "undertakings" for the Six Nations council including; council support the next step toward management and administration of elementary and secondary education at Six Nations, that council receive all monies provided for elementary and secondary education and forward it on to the commission without an administration fee attached and develop a memorandum of understanding between the commission and council.

Council approved the recommendations.

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Education, what's the rush

The take over of the federally operated education system at Six Nations has been the subject of debate for more than a decade.

At one point the former Six Nations Education Board came close to a treaty based education agreement, but in the end, INAC and Canada would not sign the agreement.

Community concern and scorn coupled with a refusal from the federal government to sign a treaty based agreement sounded the death knell for the board.

Then along comes a band council election in 2001, a new band council chief who showed Six Nations she can ram any issue she wants through band council and before the community knew what was going on band council agreed to take over education.

In a hastily called meeting at the former tourism turned economic development department building band council put the motion forward had a few supporters speak and it was done.

We were taking over education.

Contrast that with all the hearings for a simple residency by-law, a consultant hired to survey the community, and now even a controversial vote being taken before council approves a permit system here (without any costs analysis) and you have to wonder, what is this council thinking.

Community members were correct to sound alarmed at a recent council meeting when the news that a transition team was being sought and a take over expected by August 2005 was announced.

A year away.

The complete take over of an education system that is so deficit our children are heading into high school two and three years behind off reserve students.

We were told, they don't have estimates on what its going to cost to run the system or even if the teachers are going to work for them or not. And most importantly they haven't even asked the parents of these children who's futures will now lay in the hands of a commission for their concerns.

And do we really need to discuss the make up of the current commission. Employees of the Grand Erie District School Board (GEDSB), a woman who is both a GEDSB trustee and commission employee. Not to mention council appointing Claudine VanEvery Albert trustee without even going to the public for applications. It leaves one wonder who's interests are being served Six Nations or the Grand Erie District School Board. Commission members should know better than try to hold too many hats. But they've got a mentor in band council chief Roberta Jamieson who runs for the AFN leadership, takes on speaking engagements and gets herself appointed to committees, all while on a Six Nations payroll. In nine months a band council election is expected to be held. We say expected because we are still waiting for a byelection in District 5 to be called. At the same time we're hearing the band council's elections committee is exploring changing the current election code to extend the term of office to five years.

And this council does have a reputation for discussion items and before we know it, its law.

Knowing their term is almost up is reason to proceed with caution instead of pushing agendas through so in November this council can say they did something in the past three years other than create confusion, chaos and anger and leave unemployed bodies in their wake!



Letters:

To Status Members of Six Nations. A recent full page ad is of grave concern to me regarding the non usage of the "Jay Treaty 1794" in formal letters provided by the present band council and their advisors.

The Band Council is not upholding our entitlements by deleting the "Jay Treaty" from usage in written form. If this is not used it will become like the language, when not used. In 20 years time users will be unaware of the possibilities. Right now when we use the Red Card we see an explanation on the card. This informs the user and the person at immigration or on the border. Take that away and the person on the order will not know what you are referring to when you say "JAY TREATY".

Consider this as a form of education for the border people and our people that will be lost after 210 years of continuous usage. I do not see this as a credible nor wise move. Please reconsider these actions as they will never ever be allowed to be included in future letters if you leave it out now and future descendants become unaware of this issue. These rights were fought for and provided for us by Mr. Jay and he should, be honoured by status Indians with recognition of his name on any letter enabling us to cross the border. Without Mr. Jay's input we would not be discussing this today.

Also I do not believe blood quantum was a factor in the Jay treaty, as long as we had papers showing we were native and what tribe we belonged to and date of birth used to be written in letters from the DIA. If blood quantum was a factor I am sure the former India agent Col., Randel would have submitted these factors in his letters for us to cross the border in 1945. Using blood quantum today is a process of eliminating our natural rights to the benefit of the U.S. Guess they must be running out of land to keep them in the style we provided for them.

Dear Editor:

I am seething over the mockery Brantford's Crown Attorney Bob Kindon and the provincial court made of our residency by-law by

ordering Pat Holley, a non-native man facing criminal charges, to reside on Six Nations with his non-native mother. What a slap in the face to our community, our band council, our police service and our residency by-law!

As reported in the Turtle Island News, both Holley and his mother, were previously served with eviction notices. These eviction notices had to have been issued by the authority of the band council.

In addition, Police Chief Glenn Lickers said the police had asked that as part of his conditions, Holley not return to Six Nations.

Think about what would happen if we went into Brantford and violated one of the cities by-laws? We would be arrested and charged. Instead of showing respect for our by-law council's authority and the police's recommendation, Kindon reportedly called our residency by-law a "political issue."

No it isn't.

The Six Nations Residency By-law, however flawed and disagreed with, was sanctioned by the community and Minister of Indian Affairs, which makes the by-law legally binding. Despite the push to a permit system, the current residency by-law still stands. The by-law in its present form states that "only registered band members...shall be entitled to reside on Six Nations..." What is it Kindon didn't understand?

Furthermore, the by-law states those "in violation of any provision...shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days or both."

In ordering Holley to live here, Kindon is in violation of our residen-

cy by-law and should be dealt with accordingly. Ditto for Holley and his mother.

In reading the story, the first question that came to my mind was: How can a provincial court order a non-native man to live on a federal Indian Reserve when the Indian Act clearly states (section 18 (1)) that the Six Nations Reserve is for Six Nations band members only (although not in those exact words)?

The biggest winners in the Rama funds draw were Six Nations band council projects with Recreation receiving \$3 million to expand its facilities and the health department getting \$1 million for a new health building.

Other departments receiving Rama funds were: environment who received \$200,000 for program development. Its the third year in a row the council department has been funded by Rama funds. Six Nations Social Development received \$29,975 for a March Break Workshop.

The next largest amounts went to Kawennio Gaweni:yo who got \$400,000 for high school resource development, and another

\$49,695.85 for playground equipment.

The Ogwehoweh Training Centre received \$250,000 for program development. The Onondaga Learning Centre received \$200,000 for program and resource development.

An International Elders Summit being held at Six Nations Polytechnic received \$145,000, a Children's Safety Village in Brantford received \$100,000. Others receiving monies are:

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By-election date still not called, election officers being interviewed

Six Nations band council has not set a date for a byelection in District Five but has appointed a committee made up of a single band councillor and two band staff members to interview election officer candidates.

Band council has appointed councillor Roger Jonathan and senior executive officer Paulette Tremblay and secretary Lori (Martin) Harris to interview candidates.

Six Nations band council put out a call for election officer candidates after claiming it did not have a contract with current elections officer Bob Johnson.

Johnson oversaw the 2001 elections that saw the current band council take office.

A by-election in District Five was called in December, more than two months ago, when councillor Linda

Staats resigned citing health reasons. Turtle Island News learned Staats was facing criminal charges and is scheduled for another court appearance in July.

Staats was charged a year ago in February of 2003 but continued to stay on council until December.

Turtle Island News also learned the Six Nations Police Commission had become aware of Staats charges and sent a letter outlining the information to the Six Nations Band Council.

The letter, sent in December, was sent to council through District Three councillor Susan Porter who is council's representative on the police commission.

However, band councillors said they have never seen the letter. Councillor Susan Porter has not returned Turtle Island News calls

on the issue.

When Staats resignation appeared at band council, Porter did not tell band council a letter had been received from the police commission.

Band Council claimed at the same time that they were not required to hire Election's Officer Bob Johnson to run the byelection.

Councillor Dave General responded at the time that some council members had questions about the hiring. He said it was "a grey area."

According to the Six Nations election code the election officer in charge at the time the sitting band council is elected remains in place until the next general election.

Instead band council claimed it did not have a contract with Johnson and put out calls for candidates for the position.

Johnson is one of the most experienced aboriginal elections officers in Canada even co-ordinating at least two Assembly of First Nations national elections including the election last July that saw Six Nations Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson go down in defeat to long time politician Phil Fontaine.

Band staff has also invited election officers from other First Nations communities to apply for the job including Veronica Jamieson, a New Credit band member who has organized the New Credit election in the past.

Jamieson said she was invited to apply by the band office after learning Johnson had not been hired to run the election.

She said she was told any First Nations member can apply for the

lection officer's position. She said she talked to Johnson about the job. "I didn't want to be put in the middle of something. I know they have called other First Nations."

Johnson learned he wasn't going to organize the by-election when a band employee showed up at his office with an envelop inviting him to apply for the job.

Public relations officer Scott Cavan said councillor "Roger Johnathan, Lori Harris and Paulette Tremblay are screening the Elections Officer submissions following the guidelines laid out in the Elections Code."

He added "there should be an announcement regarding the selection of the Electoral Officer coming shortly."

Community trust doles out over \$5 million to band departments, groups

By Lynda Powless
Editor

The Six Nations Community Development Trust Fund, known locally as the "Rama Trust" have announced they have approved over \$5 million in funding to 23 projects including at least two projects for off reserve centres and a Brantford project.

The biggest winners in the Rama funds draw were Six Nations band council projects with Recreation receiving \$3 million to expand its facilities and the health department getting \$1 million for a new health building.

Other departments receiving Rama funds were: environment who received \$200,000 for program development. Its the third year in a row the council department has been funded by Rama funds. Six Nations Social Development received \$29,975 for a March Break Workshop.

The next largest amounts went to Kawennio Gaweni:yo who got \$400,000 for high school resource development, and another



Ted Martin chairman

\$49,695.85 for playground equipment.

The Ogwehoweh Training Centre received \$250,000 for program development. The Onondaga Learning Centre received \$200,000 for program and resource development.

An International Elders Summit being held at Six Nations Polytechnic received \$145,000, a Children's Safety Village in Brantford received \$100,000. Others receiving monies are:

Emily C General School received \$10,000 for a trip to Ottawa

Pine Tree Native Centre of Brant received \$42,000 for children and seniors transportation, the Six Nations Skating Club received \$7,000 for a First Nations competition, the Six Nations Education Commission's tutoring program received \$33,500, and they received another \$5,000 for a spelling bee

Roots 4 Peace, received \$23,100 for a family conference, the Six Nations Arts Council received \$8,750 to hold the annual Red Barn Camp, Six Nations Special Services received \$35,000 for transportation and programming, Ontario Aboriginal Sports Circle received \$38,354 for the Six Nations Basketball Association,

the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre received \$20,000 for a youth program, Six Nations Minor Lacrosse got \$15,628.48 for coaches training, Six Nations Veterans Association got \$42,000 for transportation, the Two Rivers Community Centre's "marketing Collective" was given \$22,275.

The trust received 54 proposals. He said successful applicants must follow a "stringent monitoring process. This was done to ensure accountability and appropriateness of expenditure."

He said the trust committees has obligations to meet according to its trust act and to the community. He said the over \$5 million is about 20 per cent of the \$16 million in funds the board received.

Board chairman Ted Martin was

not available for comment Tuesday after issuing a press release. He was in Toronto.

Six Nations Band Council has taken \$6 million of the funds to use for its "legal war chest".

Six Nations receives monthly amounts from Casino Rama. Payments are issued on the 20th of each month.

Band Council has yet to decide if the future Rama payments will be funnelled to the trust.

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Nanticoke plant is province's biggest polluter study says

TORONTO- The Nanticoke generating station, a coal fired power plant on Lake Erie, is Ontario's largest single source of air pollution particles that cause summer time haze and respiratory damage, a study to be released soon says.

The study, by Ontario Clean Air Alliance, says that in 2002 the station led the province in emissions of what is called particulate matter, the nearly invisible particle of soot that are considered the most damaging component of air pollution. Also that year, the station's total output of mercury reached its highest level ever reported, and much of the dangerous heavy metal was added to a landfill at the site, according to the report.

Nanticoke, one of the world's largest coal-fuelled generating stations is about 60 kilometers south

of Hamilton.

Most of its emissions are carried on prevailing winds to the Greater Toronto area, other parts of Southern Ontario and adjacent parts of New York State.

"Nanticoke is a major public health threat," said Jack Gibbons, spokesman for the alliance, an organization backed by municipal, public health and environmental groups.

The new Liberal government has promised to shut the Nanticoke plant in three years, even though it is the source of about 10 per cent of the province's electricity.

The government hasn't said how it will replace the output from the station, but Gibbons said the report bolsters the environmental and public health arguments for shuttering it.

"It shows that a coal phaseout is essential to protect public health," he said.

tory requirements that we have for the plant," said James Earl, an Ontario Power spokesman.

which causes acid rain.

The report was based on preliminary pollution release data for 2002 that Ontario Power supplied to Environment Canada.

Federal law required the country's larger companies to report to Ottawa each year their discharges of hazardous compounds.

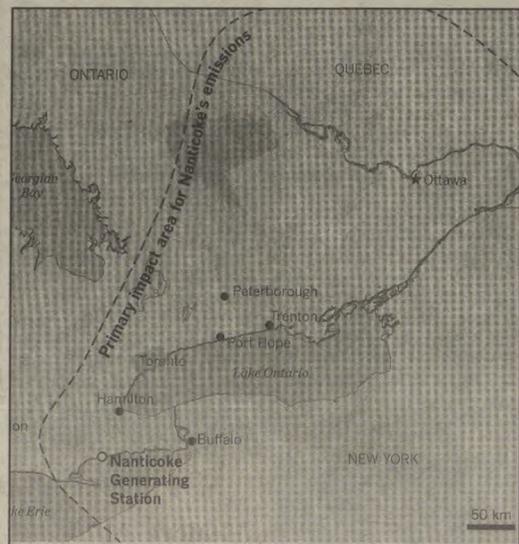
Environment Canada expanded its list of reportable pollutants in 2002 to require figures on emissions of particulate matter of their first time.

These pollutants, known by their initials as PM have been linked to such adverse health effects as asthma and chronic bronchitis, and to premature death.

Recent research has found particulates to be extremely dangerous because their small size allows them to penetrate deep into lung tissue when inhaled, leading to tissue damage.

During 2002, Nanticoke discharged 7,767 tonnes of particulates about 13 per cent of the provincial total.

Particulates are extremely small, only 2.5 microns to 10 microns in size. A micron is one thousandths of a millimetre and it would take a few dozen of these particles to equal the width of a human hair. During 2002, the report said, Nanticoke's air emissions of hydrochloric acid, hydrogen fluoride and nitrogen oxides were the largest in the province.



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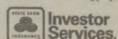
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Jane Stewart leaving politics front runners for her spot...former mayor Chris Friel

OTTAWA (CP) The former human resources minister, who was the federal government's point-person in the so-called billion-dollar boondoggle, is leaving politics for a job at the International Labour Organization. Jane Stewart, who was excluded from cabinet when Paul Martin took over as prime minister in December, says she will not seek re-election after representing her Ontario riding of Brant for 10 years. A federal vote is expected this spring.

Stewart said in a statement that she has accepted a job offer in Geneva "to continue my work in the area of human resources development at the international level." She starts May 1.

"It has been a privilege to serve Canadians," said Stewart, 48, who co-chaired former deputy prime minister John Manley's

leadership bid before he pulled out of the race.

Ex-prime minister Jean Chretien personally welcomed Stewart's 1993 nomination, campaigned in her Brant riding and made her national caucus chairwoman in February 1994 - a huge jump for a rookie MP.

Less than two years later, Stewart was in Chretien's cabinet as revenue minister. She made it to the big-budget Indian Affairs Department in 1997 and was promoted to the \$60-billion Human Resources Development Canada portfolio in August 1999.

In 2000, largely due to circumstance and in part because of poor damage control, Stewart found herself at the centre of a growing scandal over shoddy administration of up to \$1 billion in HRDC grants and contributions.

Stewart is the daughter of Robert

Nixon, a close Chretien friend and former Ontario Liberal leader and provincial treasurer. Her grandfather, Harry Nixon, had a brief stint in 1943 as a Liberal premier of Ontario.

Between father and son, they held their southwestern Ontario provincial riding near Brantford, Ont., for more than 60 years.

Stewart grew up surrounded by politics. The family's 19th century stone farmhouse in St. George, Ont., was a stopping point for political luminaries from Pierre Trudeau and Lester Pearson to Mitchell Sharp and Stephen Lewis.

Stewart obtained a psychology degree from Trent University, a liberal arts university in Peterborough, Ont. She pursued a career in human resources with Imperial Oil, married a telecommunications distributor and had

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Governance committee off to Ottawa?

Six Nation's band council's governance committee may be heading to Ottawa again.

The committee met Monday in the band council chambers and discussed sending representatives to Ottawa to sit in the public gallery of Parliament and watch the legislation. Minister of Indian Affairs Andy Mitchell has announced the First Nations Governance Act has been shelved.

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Valen took home 1st prize in the 9 to 11 age category for her excellent marker coloured cupid.



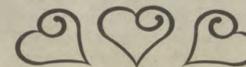
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Ryan got 1st place for his multi-coloured cupid which caught the judges eyes in the 6-8 category.



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Brantford Blast lose to Tillsonburg with only four more games in season

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer

BRANTFORD-The Brantford Blast lost their game against Tillsonburg at home on Friday 9-6.

The first period of the Feb. 13 game against Tillsonburg saw the Vipers score two goals at each end of the period. The first happening within the first two minutes by Chad Patton with assists from Corey Isen and Keli Corpse and the second goal happening with 50 seconds left by Pat Powers with assists from Brad Wilkens and Jeff Hare.

The second period the Blast managed to score three goals. All three happening in the first seven minutes. The first was scored by Chad Martin with assists from Mike

Burgoyne and Six Nations' Craig MacDonald. The second was scored by Burgoyne with an assist from Chris Ottman and the third was scored by Tyler Pelton with assists from Greg Pajor and Will Wellman.

The Vipers also managed to score three goals that period. Corey Matchun notched two and Darryl Candy scored the third. Assists went to Brandon Stubbington, Brad Streib, Tyler Lamb, Dave Stephenson, and Hare.

The third period the Blast scored three more goals.

The first on a powerplay within the first 40 seconds by Ryan Vansickle with assists from Dean McIntosh and Burgoyne.

Vansickle scored again five minutes later with an assist from Paul Pollilo and McIntosh.

Pollilo scored their final goal with assists from McIntosh and Vansickle.

The Vipers four goals in the third period were scored by Wilkens with two goals and an assist, Mike Stevenson with one goal and an assist, and Hare with a goal and an assist. Other assists went to Powers and Corpse.

The final score was 9-6 for the Vipers.

The Blast only have four more games in their regular season.

The Blast's next home game is Sun. Feb. 22 at 2pm at the Brantford Civic Centre.



Chandon Hill of the Brantford Blast tries to make it around a Tillsonburg player in Friday night game. Tillsonburg beat the Blast with a score of 9-6. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

Brantford Golden Eagles make playoffs after a win against the Dutchmen

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer

The Brantford Golden Eagles win two games over the weekend and make it into the playoffs.

Saturday night at the Brantford Civic Centre the Brantford Golden Eagles made a come back after losing the past weekend.

The Eagles faced the Kitchener Dutchmen on Valentines Day and beat them with a 4-2 score.

The first period of a very rough game started with a fight in front of the Dutchmen's net 7 minutes into the game. Eagles' captain Nathan Gilchrist and Peter Montour got two minute penalties for roughing after the whistle and Gilchrist got another two minutes for slashing.

The Dutchmen's Ryan Cote and

Ed Oliver each got two minutes for roughing after the whistles as well.

The Dutchmen's Ben Gingerich was the first to score at 8:51 with an assist from Peter Bolland.

The Eagles wouldn't let them lead for long as Geoff Fullerton scored their first goal four minutes later with an assist from Tim Stewart making the score tied at 1-1.

The second period, the Eagles' Jason Pavao was the first to score with an assist from Andrew Ferguson.

The Dutchmen didn't want to be outdone as they scored their second goal on a powerplay by Devin Galerno with assists from Scott Howells and Matt Smith.

The rest of the period belonged to Brantford however, as they scored



Brantford Golden Eagles in their game against Kitchener Dutchmen Saturday night at the Brantford Civic Centre. The Eagles won their game 4-2, as the game against Elmira Sugar Kings was cancelled. The Eagles have made it into playoffs after their win against Kitchener, putting them in 8th place. (Photo by S. Martin)

their remaining two goals taking the lead with just two minutes left.

Mike McKinley scored their third goal unassisted at 18:08 and Joel Seguin shot a nice goal from the

blue line with an assist from Gilchrist with just 57 second left.

The final score 4-2 for the Eagles. The Eagles were supposed to be in action again Sunday night in

Elmira but the game was cancelled. The Eagles will face Stratford in the first round of playoffs, yet to be announced.

Six Nations Minor Hockey has fans on the edge of their seats in play offs



A bantam AE player waits in front of the net for the puck for his chance to score on the Paris net. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

By Samantha Martin
Sports Writer

OHSWEKEN- As three Six Nations Minor Hockey teams lose their games Sunday, the Midget AS rack up two hat tricks and a win.

The Six Nations Novice AS team gave it their all over the weekend but were beat by the Waterford Wildcats 5-1.

The first period the Wildcats scored two goals, the second period they scored one. The third period, SN's Ty Logan scored at 9:40, but unfortunately that would be their only goal.

Waterford scored two more making the final score 5-1.

In their final game of their playoff series against Paris, the Bantam AS brought out big crowd, complete with signs.

The Paris Wolfpack managed to score two goals in the first period while SN was kept scoreless.

The Wolfpack were the first to score in the second period just 20 seconds in.

The SN Bantam boys made a comeback as VanEvery took a shot from the blue line and scored their first goal. It looked like Paris' goalie didn't even see it go in.

At 6:09, Ryan Sault, with an assist from Matt Sault scored their second goal.

Just about 30 seconds later Ryan Sault scored a nice goal as he shot it past a Paris player and the goalie tying the game at 3-3 with an assist

from Matt Sault, sending the crowd into a big cheer.

With just 1:06 left in the second period, the goalie lost hold of his stick and after many successful attempts at keeping the puck out of the net, Paris eventually got it in making the score 4-3 going into the third period.

Just four minutes into the third period, Ryan Sault made it a hat trick as he tied up the game with an assist from VanEvery.

Scott Martin of Six Nations got the

goal that put them in the lead as he scored with seven minutes left with an assist from Kelly Martin making

That didn't matter when it came to scoring though, because SN took the game with a score of 6-2.

With the crowds support behind them SN tried to keep Paris from taking the game but unfortunately, just 40 seconds into the OT period Paris scored a powerplay goal, making the final score 6-5 for Paris.

The SN Bantam AE team drew almost as big of a crowd as they faced the other Paris Wolfpack team next.

The first period Paris was the only team to score making it 1-0 going into the second period.

The second period, Six Nations' Dustin Montour scored at 9:06 with an assist from Ryan Burnham tying the score at 1-1.

The third period Paris was able to break the tie as one of their players shot and scored right before crashing into another Six Nations player and knocking over the net and the goalie.

As SN pulled their goalie as an attempt to score with an extra man on the ice, Paris shot and made the final score 3-1 with just 23 seconds left.

The final game that was played that day was the Midget AS and the Aylmer Flames.

With the game bumped up an extra half hour, SN only had nine players while Aylmer had a full bench.

The rest of the period remained scoreless but major penalties went to SN Craig Montour as he got five minutes for fighting, two minutes for being an aggressor and a game misconduct as he and a Paris player got thrown out of the game.

Third period saw Johnson score his second goal 43 seconds into the period with assists from Smith and Richard Martin.

Only 28 seconds later, Johnson notched a hat trick under his belt as

if 5-4. Paris tied it up again two minutes later as they scored the tying goal that would send the game into overtime.

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Bantam AS boys celebrate in front of the Paris Wolfpack's net and the home made sign as they scored their tying goals. The boys lost the game 6-5 in OT (Photo by Samantha Martin)

The first period SN Cody Johnson scored the first and only goal of the period with an assist from Brandon Maracle.

The second period, SN got started scoring early as Sid Smith scored 40 seconds into the period making the score 2-0.

Smith notched another goal under his belt as he scored their third goal three minutes later with an assist from Lucas Hill.

Smith made it a hat trick as he scored their fourth goal four minutes later with an assist from Keelan Staats making the score 4-0 for SN.

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he scored SN sixth and final goal with assists from Smith and Hill.

In an attempt to catch up, Paris scored two goals throughout the rest of the period making the final score 6-2 for the SN Midget AS.

The bantam AE team had more action Monday night as they travelled to Paris.

The first period belonged to Paris three minutes later with two goals in the beginning of the period.

The second period, SN put their mark on the game as Dude Martin scored their first goal at 11:56 making it 2-1.

The second goal was scored less than a minute later by Darryl VanEvery making it 2-2.

Paris broke the tie when they scored their third goal making the score 3-2 going into the third period.

The third period, Paris scored the final goal of the game three minutes into the period making the final score 4-2 for Paris.

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Bird Feeding in Winter

THE FEATHER REPORT:
By Rachel A. Powless

This winter has been an especially harsh



Suet Wreath

winter. The temperatures have been bitter, the snow has been plentiful and the winds persistent. All of these unpleasant conditions make it difficult for humans but severe and unrelenting for our wildlife. Our wildlife seeks shelter, warmth and food during these inhospitable short days and even longer nights. Many of our beloved creatures of the forest will not make it through these tough times yet we can make a difference with minimal cost and just a few spent hours in the warmth of our

homes. Our feathered friends can benefit from seed and homemade suet. Seeds are a good source of high energy loaded with carbohydrates, vitamins and some

fat. Black Oil seeds are a popular seed to feed your backyard birds. The striped oil seeds are a larger seed but with less fat. Suet can sustain them through the long nights. Suet is high in fat content and is metabolized into energy much faster and more efficiently than seeds. This makes it easier for birds to maintain their body temperature. Peanuts are a very good source of fat also.

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Rachel outside hanging Suet wreath

mix it will hold solid even through the warmer summer months if you place it in the shade. All birds love suet. By placing it in a cage-like holder those birds with the ability to cling such as woodpeckers, chickadees and nuthatches will especially love your treats. Suet can also be smeared on tree trunks or placed in the crevices of tree trunks. Suet can be packed in pinecones and hung. With my specialty molds, I wrap the suet in bendable wire before hanging. Squirrels will always be there to share in these delights, too.

Stringing peanuts and cranberries can be another source of food for your birds. Blue Jays are crazy



Rachel putting wreath outdoors

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1/2 cup mixed seed or straight black sunflower seeds (optional)
1/4 cup bacon grease (optional)
Melt lard and peanut butter over low heat in a saucepan. Remove from heat and stir in remaining ingredients.

Mix completely. For a thicker suet, just add additional cornmeal. Pour into molds or containers that have been greased lightly. Cool in refrigerator until the mixture is set. Wrap suet in wax paper and store in the freezer until ready to use. I also use old coffee cans then slice off pieces as needed. If your suet is not coming loose from the molds, you can use a sharp knife and run along the edges. Floating the molds in hot water for not more than a minute will release your suet.

Stringing peanuts and cranberries can be another source of food for your birds.

bird feeding store or easily made. The wooden box should include a longer piece of wood for the bird or squirrel to stand and a hinged lid. I have seen jays open the box, take a peanut, fly off, then repeat this scenario for half an hour. A faster alternative is to thread peanuts and cranberries onto a wire that is pliable such as the wire used to hold photo frames and paintings on the wall.

What ever your choice in feeding your outdoor birds in winter, it can become a family project and family entertainment throughout these cold days and nights. Spring Migration is just around the corner. Good Winter Birding.

Rangers and Lt Governor deliver a world of dreams to Cree children

(Continued from front)
Now in Attawapiskat, empty shelves are filled with books. Sgt Peter Moon public relations officer with the Third Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, stations at Camp Petewawa, said the drivers were greeted enthusiastically as they pulled into J.R. Nakogee Elementary School.

He said they unloaded some of the boxes of books, donated by people in Southern Ontario to provide reading material for the children of 33 isolated First Nations communities without permanent road access in Ontario's Far North.

During visits to the isolated Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibway communities, James Bartleman, Ontario's first Aboriginal lieutenant-governor, noted the book shelves in the schools had few if any books.

"I was shocked to see that in most school, all the schools had a shortage of books. Many only had text books yet these same children were going to be facing the Ontario literacy skills exams but had no books. Reading, is such a wonderful thing to be deprived of it," he said.

Lieutenant-Governor Bartleman set to work shortly after his northern visits.

He contacted aboriginal leaders including Phil Fontaine of the Assembly of First Nations and Ontario northern leaders. "They all gave me their support. So we launched an appeal January 10th that runs to February 29th."

He said Ontario began to open its hearts, and book shelves to northern children. "The OPP stepped in to say their detachments would act as reception centres, the Rangers said they would take the books in when they resupplied the communities."

Before he knew it more than 100,000 books had been collected and another 100,000 were on their way.

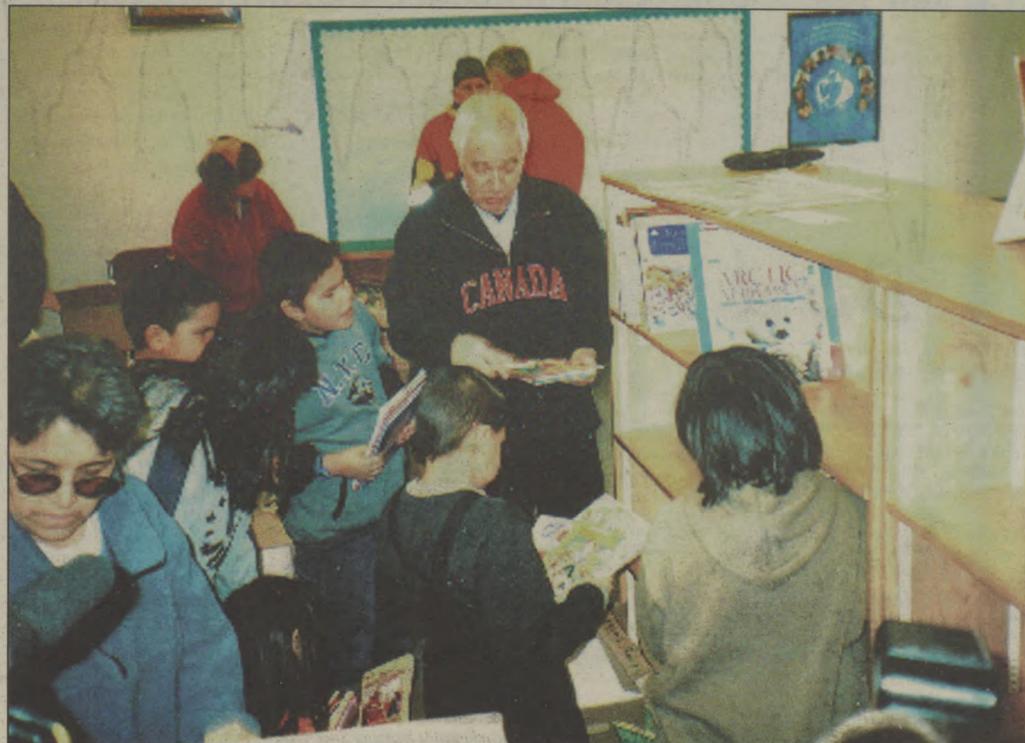
He said he hopes with the books that have been delivered as a start, northern communities maybe able to launch their own miniature libraries. "It is so expensive to buy a book and then have it shipped to the north. It's \$2 a pound just to ship something so I hope this may be a beginning."

The communities could not afford to pay the high costs of air freight-ing books into the North for their children.

Many of the books were taken to two empty hangers at CFB Toronto where volunteers sorted and packed them into boxes.

Military trucks carrying annual supplies over temporary winter roads for Canadian Ranger patrols delivered the first books. The rest are being flown in by Nishnawbe-Aski Police and OPP planes.

The trucks left CFB Borden and took different routes to reach their destinations. The trucks that arrived in Attawapiskat got there using provincial highways to drive north from Borden to Cochrane, where they were put on the famous Polar Bear train that runs between Cochrane and Moosonee on James



Lieutenant-Governor James Bartleman and members of Attawapiskat Cree community unpacking donated books with children at Peetabek Academy in Fort Albany. Some of the children couldn't resist a peek and started reading them right away. (Photos by Sgt Peter Moon, Third Canadian Ranger Patrol Group)

Bay. They drove across the frozen Moose River, dropped off supplies at Moose Factory, and then travelled north on the winter road, over frozen muskeg, rivers and lakes, to take supplies and books into Fort Albany, Kashechewan and Attawapiskat.

The round-trip from Borden to Attawapiskat and back was 4,032 kilometres.

Trucks going to Northwest Ontario had round trips of more than 5,000 kilometres. Crews camped in tents next to their trucks and never turned off their engines because of the severe winter cold that saw temperatures of -30C.

Bartleman said he was privileged to see Canadian peacekeeping operations in Bosnia, Croatia, Cyprus, on the Golan Heights and in other places during his 35-year career as a diplomat "and I saw the tremendous work the military were doing in terms of their civilian assistance efforts."

"When I became lieutenant-governor," he said, "it was a great pleasure to find that the Canadian Rangers, a largely Aboriginal reserve unit, was helping Aboriginal communities in Northern Ontario. When we looked at getting the donated books to Ontario's North, I was very happy that the Canadian Forces stepped in and offered to transport books to 16 communities in the North that have no libraries. It was most gratifying that the unit doing this in Northern Ontario was the Canadian Rangers, because, in a sense, it was Aboriginal people helping Aboriginal people."

"The drivers in the trucks were Canadian Forces reservists, who

did this out of a sense of public service to their fellow Canadians." The drivers came from reserve units in Toronto, Hamilton and Windsor.

"The amount of books we carried in the trucks was outstanding, it

was a lot of books," said Master Corporal Tim Shaw of 21 Service Battalion, Windsor. "Being able to help out like this, it just makes you feel better, that we are able to help our own people here in Canada for

(With files from Sgt. Peter Moon is the public affairs Ranger for 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group at CFB Borden. For more information on 3CRPG go to www.canadianrangers.ca.)

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NLL and Ted: All Stars and holdouts, who my picks are....

By Ted Montour

Friday afternoon, February 6th, I dutifully filled in my NLL 2004 All Star media ballot, looking to demonstrate a little balance, and include at least one player from each team on my personal first team. Here are the final results, compared to my picks (in italics).

East

John Tavares Of course
Colin Doyle The only deserving Rock
Blaine Manning Shawn Williams, doing it all for the K'hawks offence
Mike Hasen Paul Cantabene, the most consistent Wing. Pat Coyle Pat McCready, keying the Bandits' "D".

Pat O'Toole Yup, still got the stuff after his Goalie of the Year season
Head Coach Darris Kilgour, Assistant Coach Paul Day
Manning is not undeserving. I just felt that the Rock's performance only warranted one All Star representative, but Coyle is there just on reputation, plus Toronto fan voting support.

Hasen and my pick McCready are both veterans having a good start to their seasons, and Cantabene is the only Wing I could justify.
John Grant Jr. has already had

surgery and begun rehab on his torn ACL, and did not figure in my selections, or most others, judging by the results.

West

Gavin Prout The no-brainer of all choices Gary Gait Josh Sanderson, leading the way for San Jose
Tracy Kelusky Gewas Schindler, top vet for Arizona Jim Moss Joe Ghedina is still a top "D" and face-off man.
Andy Ogilvie keeping the Ravens respectable

"Gee" Nash Matt King is having just as good a season, without the "O"

Head Coach Jamie Batley, Assistant Coach Chris Hall



Cory Bomberly

Prout is the "John Tavares of the West", balanced offence and a ball hawk to boot. Josh Sanderson is the franchise in San Jose, and Kelusky is only just starting to flash some of last year's form, after the polls

closed. Gewas Schindler gets my nod for his contribution to the franchise ever since his arrival in



Derek General

Columbus, and Joe Ghedina is about the only ray of light so far for Anaheim.

The benches are filled out with selections by the All Star coaching staffs, and include, for the East:

Buffalo tender Steve Dietrich, and team-mates Mike Accursi, Mark Steenhuis, and Kyle Couling, Philly's Jake Bergey, Tom Marechek, Jeff Ratcliffe and Paul Cantabene, Rochester's Derek Malawsky and Andrew Turner, and Jim Veltman and Glenn Clark of Toronto; and, for the West:

Calgary's Ted Dowling, Kaleb Toth and Rob Kirkby, Dan Stroup of Vancouver, Mike Law and Casey Powell from winless Anaheim, San Jose's Josh Sanderson and Cam Woods, Colorado's Jamie Hanford

and Jay Jalbert, and Pat Maddalena and goalie Mike Miron from Arizona.

This is my Indian All Star squad, let's call them the (Ab)Original Six:

Goaltender Derek "Chico" General, Bandits;
Defenders Marshall Abrams, Knighthawks (sidelined at the same



Kim "Kimbo" Squire

time, by the same injury, as Grant), and Rich Kilgour, Bandits;
Attackers Gewas Schindler and Cory Bomberly, Arizona, and Tony Henderson, Philadelphia (honourable mention to Neal Powless, Bandits).

Kim Squire would have made my team hands down, had he started the season for Toronto, but his 4-

assist debut this past week-end for Rochester, in their win over San Jose, is his first appearance in 2004.

I can't help but think that Les Bartley would have handled the situation much differently than did his stand-ins, Ed Comeau and Derek Keenan.

Referring to him as "expendable", after four championships, 65 games, 105 goals and 97 assists (most of them to Doyle), was self-serving, even reprehensible.

Who made him expendable? Josh Bergey, yet to even dress?
Ryan Painter, whose goal production is matched by 37 year-old captain Jim Veltman?

Ken Millin, 46 games, 22 goals and 40 assists in as many seasons as Kimbo, plus a medical file that resembles that of Patrick Swazey's Dalton in the movie "Roadhouse"?
The Rock are winless against East Division opponents, on a three-game losing streak approaching the mid-point of the 2004 season.

Home attendance after four games is down almost 600 per game from last year (that has got to be costing them close to \$30,000 a game).

We'll have to wait until Friday, March 12, when Rochester comes to the Air Canada Centre, to see if Kim can help them to their first-ever win on the Rock's home floor. I am betting that he will.

Doxtator said he is concerned about the non-native agreements that are being made with the Oneida Nation of the Thames con-

Toronto Rock trade holdout forward Kim Squire to Rochester

TORONTO (CP) - Holdout forward Kim Squire has been traded to the Rochester Knighthawks by the Toronto Rock for a second-

round 2004 draft pick and a player to be named later.

Squire of Ohsweken, Ont., spent five seasons with the Rock and

scored 86 goals and assisted on 77 for 136 points in 49 regular-season National Lacrosse League games.

The five-foot-eight forward, 24, missed most of last season while recovering from a flesh-eating disease that afflicted a hand. When he was informed in December that the Rock didn't intend to use him in their season opener, Squire declined to attend practices.

Rochester was in need of an attacker after leading scorer John Grant Jr. was lost for the season following knee surgery five games into the season.

"With the injury to John Grant, Kim will get an opportunity to

step into Rochester's lineup," said interim Rock GM Derek Keenan. "In the offseason, we made transactions to strengthen the depth of our offensive left side, leaving Squire expendable."

"Prior to the start of the regular season, Kim was placed on the holdout list for reasons that have been well documented. We feel it is in the best interest of the Toronto Rock and Kim Squire to part ways."

Squire could not be reached for comment.-CP-

Bandits defeat Rock 13 9 to strengthen grip on first place in NLL East

TORONTO (CP) - Steve (Chugger) Deitrich got hurt but victory helped ease the pain.

The Buffalo goaltender helped the Bandits grab the early lead by stopping just about everything the Toronto Rock threw at him before leaving with a pulled groin muscle in the third quarter. So he was much relieved when his teammates held on in front of backup Derek General for a 13-9 National Lacrosse League victory Friday night.

"I hurt it doing the splits," the Kitchener, Ont., native, poking fun at himself, said of his injury. "I guess what that says is that a 250-pound guy shouldn't be trying to do the splits."

Toronto had a 62-46 advantage in shots on goal. Deitrich faced nearly 40 of them, while the Bandits raced to a 9-4 lead, before he was forced out. "He stood tall," said Mark Steenhuis, the St. Catharines,

Ont., product who scored three for the Bandits. "He made some huge saves on breakaways."

"Once he went down, we knew we'd have to pull together and win for him."

Jonas Derks also scored three goals for Buffalo (5-2), which is atop the Eastern Division. John Tavares had two goals and four assists, and A.J. Shannon, Jason Clark, Aime Caines, Mike Accursi and Pat McCready chipped in with one goal each.

"We're meshing well," said Steenhuis. "Everything is rollin' right now and we just have to keep it going. This is probably one of the toughest spots to play in the league and to come in here and steal one from a team like that is a very big win for us."

Buffalo led from start to finish. "To beat those guys, it's tremendous," said Deitrich.



Smoke shop locates on disputed land, councils to meet on issue

By Christina George
London Bureau

ONEIDA-A new smoke shop on community owned land is creating a heated debate over band council's plans for the land that was bought four years ago but is still awaiting transfer to reserve status.

The Oneida Nation of the Thames bought the land in the northeast corner of the community four years ago and it has remained vacant.

At least until this past weekend when local businessman, Ted Doxtator decided to open a smoke shop on the parcel of land.

Doxtator put up the trailer after waiting for the past six months for band council to answer his request to lease the property.

Doxtator first approached band chief Harry Doxtator and the Land Acquisition Committee with the plan and asked to lease the land some six months ago. He said he was told band council wasn't interested.

Acting Executive administrator, Randy Phillips forwarded a memo to the band council meeting last Tuesday (Feb. 10th) telling council Doxtator was going to put up the smoke shop.

Council decided at last Tuesday's Oneida band council meeting to send a letter to Doxtator explaining the relationship of the band council and the land.

Doxtator said he is concerned about the non-native agreements that are being made with the Oneida Nation of the Thames con-

cerning the land.

He said he wants to know why the band council is allow to enter into non-native agreements over the land, but Oneida people can't.

Doxtator established his independent businesses 40 years ago. He is a community supporter who promotes and sponsors local Native sports teams and events.

"The smoke shop will be employing three community members, it



Ted Doxtator

will be promoting Native brand cigarettes with an average of 90 percent in business sales coming from non-natives. Why can't the Oneida people use that land? The smoke shop will be giving back into the community."

Doxtator first approached Chief Harry Doxtator and the Land Acquisition Committee with his



Doxtator and supporters put up a smoke shop and Confederacy flag at the controversial land site.

idea to rent or lease some land six months ago when he was told that they weren't interested in working together.

The Elected Council has been in consultation with the Traditional Chiefs Council on this issue.

Terry Doxtator sits in the uncondolled position of the Chiefs Council for Sho'non'ses, Turtle Clan.

"The Chiefs Council became involved after the band purchased the land. We are there to observe and assist with proceedings and to make sure all original treaties are maintained."

The Oneida Nation of the Thames is recognized as being unique from any other First Nation community in Canada because of its Sovereignty and Jurisdictional

Title. The land of Onyota'aka was first purchased in 1840 and is also known as The Oneida Settlement. The Oneida people had purchased their land with their own funds.

Although the Oneida Nation of the Thames owns the land the procedure of acquiring the rightful Aboriginal Title on it has been "cloudy".

Indian Affairs has an "additions to reserves" policy put in place when First Nations purchase land to expand their community. It has created a conflict for the Oneida Nation of the Thames and forced the land into the courts.

Terry Doxtator states, "If Oneida signed this agreement, it would make the new purchased land fall under a reservation status with Indian Affairs. One part of Oneida

would be a settlement and the new land would be a reserve."

Elected Chief Harry Doxtator or members of the Land Acquisition Committee were not available for an interview, however they are dealing with this matter and a full report will be made for the community by June 1, 2004.

Elected Chief and Council sent over a letter to the residence of Ted Doxtator advising against his movement.

Terry Doxtator also adds, "Right now there is no plan for the future use of the land, our planning strategies need improvement, we need more sharing of the resources so that the whole community is fully informed about this on-going process. We need to get information packages out."

It's Lil' N.H.L. time at Oneida fundraising starts



A hungry Cody Doxtator, 11, chomps down on a Caesar salad all for the team. Cody plays centre position for the Oneida PeeWee team, heading to the Lil' NHL in Sault Ste Marie in March.

Meanwhile parents Clint Cornelius, Deborah Hill and Lorna George are having fun preparing the evenings meal.

Parents have been fundraising for three teams from Oneida to participate in the Little N.H.L. that is tak-

ing place next month in Sault Ste. Marie during the week of March 14-18.

The Oneida's Pride Novice, the Oneida Rebels Pee Wee and the Oneida Vipers Midget are the teams that will be representing Oneida Nation of the Thames.

Players from Oneida are also playing for the Chippewa Snipers Atom and the Birch Island Bantam teams.

Parents and organizers raised \$350



from the Lasagna and Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Feb. 13.

The next fundraiser will be a Toy Bingo, which will be at the Oneida Community Centre on Feb. 21.

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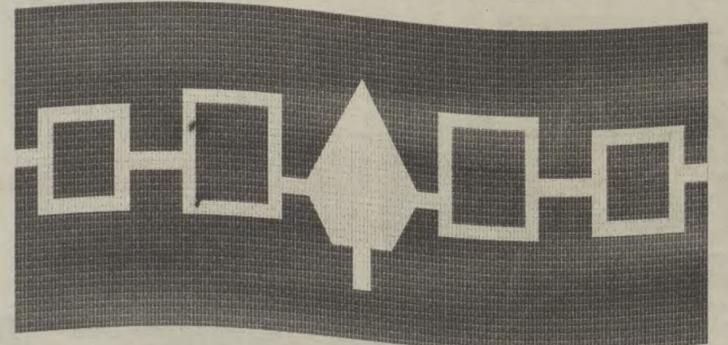
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1814 medal given to chief found in river-bank to be auctioned off to highest bidder

LONDON (CP) — If it hadn't been for a treasure hunter scanning a muddy Detroit River bank with a metal detector, a rare medal believed to date to the War of 1812 may have been lost forever. Although the medal's history is somewhat difficult to trace because of how it was found, experts at Bonhams auctioneers in London believe the silver medallion minted for a Canadian First Nations chief is a rare find.

"They are quite scarce," said Andrew Litherland, an expert on coins and medals at Bonhams. He estimates that only a few hundred may still be in existence — and they rarely come up for sale.

The medal — which depicts George III facing to the right on one side and the Royal coat of arms, crest, supporters and motto on the other — has been valued by Bonhams at 3,500 to 4,000 pounds (\$8,600 to \$9,800 Cdn). It goes on sale Feb. 24. Litherland said putting a price on the medal, which is 75 millimetres in diameter and described as being in "very fine" condition, was difficult.

"There haven't been any on the market for quite a long time, but

we made an educated, what we thought was a sort of realistic estimate," he explained.

What makes this medal particularly unusual is the way it was found by someone searching the banks of the Detroit River for lost objects in the 1990s. The treasure hunter said the medal to an anonymous Canadian collector, who has decided to sell it.

Because the medal is dated 1814, it was probably given to the chief of a Canadian native band for his service to the Crown during the War of 1812. Based on the fact

that it was found on the Detroit River, Bonhams believes it would have been awarded over the fall of Fort Detroit on Aug. 16, 1812.

American William Hull surrendered the fort to the British without a fight, terrified by an artillery barrage from the Canadian side of the Detroit River and the prospect of facing 500 First Nations warriors and 700 of Gen. Isaac Brock's soldiers.

Brock was declared a hero for taking the fort, which boosted the morale of British troops fighting across Upper Canada. The successful attack on Fort Detroit also persuaded many neutral tribes to make alliances with the British.

Litherland said he expects the medal to end up in a private collection because most museums would likely already have examples of similar medals.

And while the medal's recent past may not boost its monetary value, he thinks the way it was found will make it attractive to buyers.

"It's been rescued for the collectors," he said. "It probably doesn't make any great value at the end of the day, but it does make it interesting from the collector's point of view."



Ontario Briefs

One pleads guilty in death of boy, 13

WALKERTON (CP) — One man pleaded guilty Monday in the death of a 13-year-old boy from the Saugeen First Nation.

Jordan Harris Roote, 19, of Kitchener pleaded guilty to racing and dangerous driving causing death.

Jeremy Norris, 22, of Southampton, pleaded not guilty to racing, dangerous driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

According to an agreed statement of facts, Roote was racing Norris when he sped his grandmother's 2003 Ford Mustang GT through a stop sign and hit a pickup truck in Saugeen Shores on June 18, 2003. Aaron Roote, a passenger in the Mustang, died from injuries. The driver of the pickup was treated and released from hospital. Roote will return to court on April 27 for sentencing. Norris was remanded until April 1 for trial.

Water restored

GRASSY NARROWS (CP) — Running water has been restored to homes at this northwestern Ontario First Nation.

Workers were able to make sufficient repairs to restore service by late Tuesday afternoon, after families in about 150 homes on the reserve spent the day without showers or drinking water.

A shipment of bottled water from Kenora arrived before noon, providing some relief to thirsty residents.

Deputy chief Steve Fobister said the reserve tank had been slowly draining, meaning the pumps had to work overtime in an attempt to replenish the supply.

However, he said the leaks had become too large and the pumps had seized after the tank ran dry.

Proposed ethanol plant will double corn production

SARNIA (CP) — The Aamjiwnaang First Nation is protesting a proposed ethanol plant planned for land right near its territory.

About two dozen band members staged a protest outside Suncor Energy's gate after the federal government announced it would chip in millions to help the company build a new plant.

"We're not opposed to ethanol," said Vicky Ware. "We're opposed to it being next to our community."

The infusion of \$22 million in federal cash Friday means Suncor Energy could break ground as early as this summer on a \$120-million facility in Sarnia able to produce fuel-grade ethanol from corn or other grains. The proposed ethanol plant would create 35 to 40 permanent positions and 250 construction jobs in the area.

Tom Ryley, Suncor's executive vice-president, said the project still needs regulatory approvals, final engineering and site selection.

The site near the Aamjiwnaang First Nation is only one of three being considered. The plant proposed would produce up to 208 million litres of ethanol fuel annually, making it by far the largest in Canada.

To supply it with enough corn, Ontario producers would need to boost production to 118 million bushels from 98 million bushels annually, said Don McCabe, an Inwood farmer and director of the Ontario Corn Producers' Association. Corn is grown within a 125-mile radius of Sarnia.

Man charged in death of Canadian native woman says won't get fair trial

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Canadian man charged with the murder of a woman suspected of spying on members of the American Indian Movement says he will not get a fair trial if he's returned to the United States.

John Graham was arrested in Vancouver in December on a warrant from the United States that charges him with first-degree murder in the death of AIM member Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash in December 1975. The frozen body of the 30-year-old Canadian woman was found in February 1976 on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

On Friday, a federal jury in Rapid City convicted Arlo Looking

Cloud of first-degree murder committed in the perpetration of a kidnapping in Pictou-Aquash's death. He faces mandatory life in prison when he's sentenced April 23.

Pictou-Aquash, a Mi'kmaq born in Pictou Landing, N.S., was among the Indian militants who occupied the village of Wounded Knee, S.D., for 71 days in 1973. There has been speculation over the years that Pictou-Aquash was killed by AIM members because she knew some of them were government spies. Others say she was killed because she was herself an informant.

Graham, who plans to fight extradition, called Looking Cloud's trial a "kangaroo court." In an

interview, Graham maintained his innocence despite testimony from several people who said he pulled the trigger.

Witnesses said Graham shot Pictou-Aquash in the back of the head as she prayed. Looking Cloud was accused of helping take her from Denver and eventually to the spot where she was killed.

"You call that a trial?" Graham said in an interview. "Who's trial was it? It's unreal. ... It just reaffirmed my belief that I'm never going to get a fair trial in South Dakota.

"It's just like a show for the FBI. I don't see how they can get away abusing the justice system like that."

In responding to Looking Cloud's statements that Graham shot Pictou-Aquash, Graham said he thinks Looking Cloud was drunk and was coached by the FBI when he took investigators to the crime scene in 1995.

"He didn't know what was happening last week," he said. "You've got to question the guy, pretty insecure, probably scared out of his mind."

Graham, a member of the Southern Tutchone First Nation in northern Yukon, is free on bail and is due back in court March 1, unless a judge revokes his bond earlier.

U.S. Attorney Jim McMahon of South Dakota said he didn't know

Sask. trappers challenge federal, territorial laws

Looking Cloud conviction would affect whether Canadian authorities return Graham to the United States to face charges.

"We prepared paperwork required for the extradition, and in that paperwork we outlined what we thought the case was against Mr. Graham, which is what you heard at trial," McMahon said Tuesday.

Lyse Cantin, a spokeswoman for Canada's Justice Department, said the conviction would have no effect.

"Extradition will proceed in the normal way," Cantin said from Vancouver. "It's up to the extradition judge to decide whether the United States has provided enough evidence to commit Mr. Graham for trial in the U.S."

Pictou-Aquash's daughters, Denise Maloney Pictou and Deborah Maloney Pictou, thanked the people involved in the case and said the conviction was bitter-sweet.

"We are hopeful and optimistic that this is the first step in achieving justice for our mother and revealing the whole story, including those events that led up to her death," they wrote in a statement.

SASKATOON (CP) — Six trappers from northern Saskatchewan are hoping the Supreme Court of Canada will get a chance to hear their arguments that territorial and federal laws violate their treaty and constitutional rights.

The trappers, all from the Black Lake and Fond du Lac reserves, pleaded not guilty last month in Yellowknife to 385 charges but they are hoping the Crown proceeds with the case so that the matter can eventually make its way to the top court.

They were accused under the Northwest Territories' Wildlife Act of baiting traps with caribou meat fit for human consumption and charged under federal law for allegedly transporting illegally taken furs across the territorial boundary.

Saskatoon lawyer Bruce Slusar said when resource officials seized \$20,000 worth of fur pelts from his client, Gilbert Disain, in October 2002, they took his winter's earnings and trampled his rights. Slusar represents all six trappers Disain, 58, his son, Gilbert Disain Jr., Lawrence Adam, Napoleon McDonald, Victor McDonald and Raymond Fern. The Disains came into conflict with the law on their annual trip to their family's traditional winter hunting and trapping grounds near Fire Drake Lake, N.W.T. They chartered a plane, took fuel, snowmobiles, food and supplies to see them through many weeks in a log cabin 200 kilometres north of the Saskatchewan boundary.

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Kanesatake council extends policing agreement at first meeting since standoff

LAVAL, Que. (CP) — In the first meeting of Kanesatake's Mohawk council since protesters barricaded the community's police station, it was the absences that spoke volumes.

Opposition councillors refused to attend the meeting convened Wednesday by Grand Chief James Gabriel to discuss police issues in the 2,000-resident community northwest of Montreal.

Gabriel conceded there are still "major divisions," but said he was trying to take a first step toward reconciliation.

"This is an opportunity for our community to move forward and put the events of last month behind

us," he said. Community elders who attended the meeting at a local hotel told Gabriel the three absent councillors wanted the meeting held in Kanesatake. However, Gabriel said the elders couldn't ensure his safety were he to return.

The council then passed a resolution to ask Kahnawake Peacekeepers to extend their temporary policing agreement, set to expire Saturday. The council also resolved to gradually re-instate eight police officers fired after the disturbances.

Peacekeepers and the Kahnawake council refused to comment, saying the decision is under review.

Opposition councillors couldn't be reached for comment.

Police commissioner Susan Oke accused Gabriel of trying to "stack the deck" in his favour.

Gabriel said it was the element of surprise that doomed his last attempt at installing a new force.

A more transparent process will allow the fractured council to decide on a new force that will take over on April 1, he said.

"We are doing our best to include everyone in these discussions, and we are optimistic that cooler heads will prevail," Gabriel said.

Metis group's board out; audit ordered

SASKATOON (CP) — The board of directors of the Metis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan Inc. has resigned and a forensic audit has been ordered after a government review found inappropriate use of funds.

The review discovered the council spent more than \$458,000 on travel and sustenance in the two years ending March 31, 2003. That was \$225,000 more than Saskatchewan Health provided for that purpose.

An interim professional manager is expected to take over next week and a four-person management committee, approved by Saskatchewan Health, will take control of the agency.

The council employs 75 people and operates in-patient treatment centres in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert.

Health Minister John Nilson said Friday he called for the review after receiving numerous phone

calls and letters about the agency. "We set up this review to look at governance and accountability issues," Nilson said.

The council must shape up or be shut down, Nilson said.

The native group receives about 85 per cent of its budget, about \$2.2 million per year, from Saskatchewan Health. It also has contracts with Corrections Services Canada to operate a halfway house for federal inmates and with the Aboriginal Healing Foundation.

Consultants Darlene Bessey and Ken Pontikes, who did the government review, discovered that many jobs were left vacant in the two years ending March 2003, creating a huge budget surplus of \$659,859.

The consultants said the practice began as an effort to cover past deficits but it also was used to pay \$195,569 more than authorized on "purchased" services.

Purchased services included paying members of the executive committee to do the work of the executive director, who resigned in 2001.

The council also made unauthorized expenditures of \$108,390 for legal settlements, \$47,134 for mortgage payments, \$42,388 for publicity, promotion and donations.

During that period it also under-spent on recreation and education for clients, spending \$14,480 even though Saskatchewan Health allocated \$215,991 for the purpose.

The consultants questioned the need for government to fund the program to the level it does.

"If MACSI can continue to operate without these positions, wouldn't it be reasonable to expect Saskatchewan Health to question whether it is overfunding the organization's staff complement?" Nilson said the department is get-

Federal care programs not geared to aboriginal family

WINNIPEG (CP) — The federal government's compassionate care programs aren't culturally sensitive to aboriginal families, says a Manitoba woman struggling to meet her 82-year-old grandmother's needs.

Under the programs, individuals are eligible for up to six weeks of benefits and eight weeks of leave and job protection if they're caring for a relative who has a significant risk of death within six months.

But the program defines relatives as spouses, parents, children and common-law partners.

People caring for grandparents, siblings and guardians are not eligible for federal aid.

Char Kondakor of Thompson was recently forced to take a stress leave from her job due to the pressures of caring for her grandmother, Annie Chastelaine.

"It's mentally, it's physically, it's emotionally draining," said Kondakor.

In aboriginal cultures, it's not abnormal for grandparents to raise their grandchildren and for grandchildren to return the favour later on, she said.

"It was my grandmother who brought me up," Kondakor said. "She is my mother. There's nobody else that can take care of her." Other members of the aboriginal community agree the government should have taken the aboriginal family structure into account when creating the new programs.

Michelle Boivin, communications director of Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre in Winnipeg, said ignoring that fact is a gross oversight on the government's part.

"They need to change those policies to reflect the reality in society," she said.

Government officials say the compassionate care provisions, which came into effect Jan. 4, are a step in the right direction. Francine Blouin Wilkinson, a spokeswoman for the Department of Human Resources, said the list of which relatives to include came from two years of research on the issue.

"It's not complete, but it's a good start," she said. The federal government estimates that more than \$221 million in benefits will be claimed by 270,000 Canadians this year.

Tseshahat buys land

PORT ALBERNI (CP) — An old elementary school and the land surrounding it has been bought back by the Tseshahat First Nation. The school site was part of a land parcel hacked off the north end of a reserve in 1916, as part of a readjustment of aboriginal lands on the West Coast.

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation also lost land from its Numukamis Reserve.

The Indian agent of the day "decided he could just take away land," said Tseshahat Chief David Watts Sr.

"Now after all these years, we're buying part of it back. It's an interesting concept." Watts was one of the first students enrolled at the school when it opened in the early '60s.

He presented school district chair Pat Dahlquist with a first payment of about \$95,000 on Thursday. Neither was prepared to disclose the total amount of the price.

Suicides of 2 teens just hours apart has northern Manitoba reserve reeling

WINNIPEG (CP) — The suicides of two teenaged boys just hours apart on the Norway House First Nation has left the community reeling, says the chief.

"We have lost two young people. It's a terrible thing we're going through," Chief Ron Evans said Thursday.

"It's so hard to say why these things happen. It is troubling for everyone in our community."

The RCMP said the deaths of a 15-year-old youth and an 18-year-old man on Wednesday night were unrelated.

Corp. Tyler Bates said there were indications the teens had their own separate problems, but he could not elaborate.

"It's a sad coincidence," he said. "It doesn't appear like they had ever talked, or had any type of a pact."

Chief Evans said there have now been three suicides in the community, located about 450 kilometres north of Winnipeg, in the past four months.

"There are so many good things happening here. There is a reason to look to the future," he said. "We are building a new school for 1,500 children. This is a strong community." The older boy had graduated from high school last spring, while the younger boy was not attending school. They were known to just about everyone in Norway House, Evans said.

"It is so hard to understand something like this. They both come from good families, with good parents," he said. "We are a close-knit community. We will get through this." Norway House has a population of nearly 5,000. Evans said

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Doxador: Larry Edward
On Saturday February 14, 2004, Bob (Doxo) of the Oneida Bear Clan in his 56th year went to be with the Creator, Longstanding member of Pipefitters/Welders Association Local 67. Son of Frank and the late Grace (Jamieson). Husband of Linda (Bomberry). Loving father of Peaches (Rich), Grace (Herb), Cherry-Lyn (Bill), and Angel (Kevin). Grandfather to Holly, Leah, Marissa, Brock, Teresa, Alyssa, William, and Griffin. Dear brother of Sandra, Jack, Polly, Shane, Virginia, Vicky, Francine, Steven, and Dixie. Uncle, Great Uncle and friend to many. Predeceased by sister Laura, Grandfather Frank, and Grandmother Alta. The family will honour his life with visitation at his brother Steven's home 3581 6th Line Road after 2 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Service and Burial will be held at the Onondaga Longhouse on Monday February 16, 2004 at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken.

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General : O. Sidney
Passed away peacefully at the Brantford General Hospital on Friday, February 6, 2004 at the age of 84 years. Husband of the late Daisy (Martin) General (1985). Loved father of Sidney General Jr., Shirley Squire, Maxine General and Cheryl Adele Martin. Father in-law of Alice General, Tim Squire, and Art Johnson. Loving grandpa to numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Brother of Bernice Davis, Ruby Martin, and Leona (Tuffy) Martin. Special friend of Lavina Henry. Traditional friend of Derek General. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Trump and Nancy (Cook) General, sister Beulah Hill, brothers Donnie and Alton General. Sid was a member of the Ironworkers Local #736 for many years. The family honoured his life with visitation at his home 1623 Third Line after 8p.m. Friday, Funeral Service and Burial were held at Sour Springs Longhouse on Sunday February 8, 2004 at 12 noon. Arrangements by Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken.

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These days there's a lot of information, new and recycled, about breast cancer. Sometimes the information can be enlightening and useful, and in a few cases, confusing and/or wrong. For example, in October 2002, the journal of the National Cancer Institute published the results of a study that rules our antiperspirants as a risk factor in breast cancer. Until then, doctors had been unable to deny the rumours, which were being spread by email to millions of women.

Antiperspirant notwithstanding, some risk factors have stood the test of time:

- Age (the risk factor climbs with age and most cases occur in women over 50 years of age)
- Gender (less than 1% of breast cancer cases are male)
- Family history of breast cancer
- Family history of cervical, uterine, colorectal or ovarian cancers
- High alcohol intake (a safe amount is: 1 drink per day for women, 2 drinks per day for men)
- Some previous breast disorders (not a breast cyst of fibrocystic condition)
- No pregnancies or having a first pregnancy after age 30
- Early menstruation (before age 12), and later than average (after 51) menopause

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Lately, there's been a lot of interest in hereditary breast cancer. Recent studies have shown it is not common as one might believe; less that one in ten cases of breast cancer are due to an inherited breast cancer gene mutation. Your family doctor can advise you if you are a candidate for genetic evaluation, a procedure that determines whether or not you have the mutation. It's important to note that this course of action cannot predict whether or not you will develop breast cancer, as most of us know, there's no certainty about what causes breast cancer. Factors such as diet obesity, hormone replacement therapy and others are still being studied. Plus, it's possible to not have any known risk factors and still develop breast cancer.

Tamoxifen is a drug that has generated interest for preventing breast cancer. However, according to Health Canada the benefits have been difficult to prove in clinical studies. Also, the drug has serious side effects.

- Eat a well balanced diet that's low in fat, includes lots of fruits and vegetables, as well as fibre and whole grain products
- Don't smoke
- Avoid excess alcohol intake
- Maintain the weight recommended by your doctor
- Have a regular check up with your doctor which included a clinical breast examination
- Have a mammogram (if you're over the age of 50 get one every two years of more frequently if your doctor advises it)
- Give yourself a monthly breast self examination*
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