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New P.M. sends message to Canada on importance of aboriginal issues

By Lynda Powless
Editor

OTTAWA-Prime Minister Paul Martin has sent a clear message out to Canada that aboriginal issues get front and centre attention in his government.

Martin is the first Prime Minister to be sworn into office with an aboriginal smudging ceremony, has also hired the first aboriginal person to work in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), appointed a new Minister of Indian Affairs and will chair a cabinet committee on aboriginal issues, himself.

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Phil Fontaine welcomed the new prime minister by paraphrasing the Prime Minister's own statement made to aboriginal leadership last summer at an AFN meeting.

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New Credit re-elects Bryan Laforme in landslide

By E. J. GOODER
Staff writer

NEW CREDIT- The Mississauga's of New Credit have re-elected chief Bryan Laforme for a second term in what turned out to be a landslide victory.

Chief LaForme, who was sworn into office Monday won his bid with a resounding 178 votes for a second two-year-term as Chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit Reserve. Four incumbent councillors also won their bids for reelection and three first time newly elected councillors were added to the band council.

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Christmas basket elves get ready for giveaway!

Caroline Miller of the AGAPE Food Bank youth project hugs a giant bear looking for a new home as part of Six Nations Christmas baskets program. The baskets are being given out this weekend. (Photo by Edna Gooder)

Andy Mitchell

New Minister of Indian Affairs will take "comprehensive approach" to issues

By Lynda Powless
Editor

OTTAWA-In his first media interview since being named Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs MP

Andy Mitchell told Turtle Island News he plans to take a "consensus" styled approach to dealing with aboriginal issues and people. Mitchell, appointed in Friday's

swearing in ceremony said in the immediate term he is going to will be "interacting with my officials and getting briefed on particular short term files."

He said they will be undergoing discussion on the approach to take to a variety of issues, including the controversial legislation, Bills C6, C-7 and 19.

"We will hold discussions on the approach we take and that includes the legislation."

He said the "legislation and legislative approach will be the subject of discussion both here in the department and in a broader sense, the government's overall legislative agenda cabinet will discuss," he said.

Mitchell in a quick interview with Turtle Island News between meetings

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Six Nations band council hires development company to fill industrial park and GRM bill

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Band Council has entered into an agreement with King and Benton Developments to develop and lease out the Grand River Mills Building in the Oneida Industrial park.

In a press release issued at press time, Six Nations Band council said it would be working with the Brantford company to try to attract business here.

Construction has already begun to finish the building and details will be presented in the new year, the press release said

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New Prime Minister begins changing "things" in Ottawa with smudging

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Paul Martin saying he was going to change the ways things are done in Ottawa started with his swearing in ceremony Friday by bringing in an aboriginal elder to perform a smudging ceremony cleansing the new Prime Minister of any bad spirits and negative energy.

Martin, himself, asked for the ceremony. He stood in front of his ministers, Governor General Adrienne Clarkson and visitors and grinned nervously while an Ojibway elder performed a first-ever smudge ceremony on an incoming prime minister. Martin even winked for the cameras during the ceremony.

The ancient native ritual was performed at Rideau Hall as the Governor General and Martin's new cabinet looked on.

Using a white eagle-feather fan and the smoke of burning sage, Elmer Courchene helped drive out damaging influences.

The solemn process lasted about three minutes, as he patted Martin about the head, front and back with the ceremonial feathers, at times drawing chuckles from the curious crowd.

"It's cleaning the whole spirit and

everything that surrounds him," Courchene later said. "So his spirit is cleansed to begin work."

Asked about the length of the ritual, he laughed. "It takes longer than that, sometimes."

Courchene, 67, performed a similar rite for Phil Fontaine, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, after he was elected last July. Both men are from the Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba.

Martin's office had asked the national native rights group to recommend an elder, said assembly spokesman Don Kelly. "I thought it was a pretty powerful signal."

Andy Mitchell, former junior minister for rural affairs and northern development, replaced Indian Affairs Minister Robert Nault on Friday.

Nault had clashed with the assembly in recent years over fruitless attempts to impose new electoral codes and fiscal reporting on First Nations.

Mitchell said Friday he'll take a more collaborative approach with a focus on aboriginal self-government.

Martin has repeatedly vowed to lift native living standards. And he



Sakeeng First Nations elder Elmer Courchene held a cleansing ceremony for Paul Martin as he was sworn in as Canada's 21st Prime Minister Friday.

announced Friday a special cabinet

committee on aboriginal affairs that he will lead.

Fontaine and other leaders hope to start fresh and focus on fulfilling treaties and native rights as recognized in the Constitution.

"If we can seize the opportunities that our times offer us, we can break the cycle of poverty, indignity and injustice in which so many aboriginal Canadians live," said Fontaine, quoting Martin's own words.

"We share this goal."

Fontaine said "If we are serious about solving the many issues before us today, we need to fully understand and recognize the Treaty rights as entrenched within Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution and give continuing life to our government's recognition of the inherent right to self-government." (Paul Martin July 22, 2002 speaking at the AFN Annual General Assembly, Kahnawake)

Fontaine said he hopes to develop a "collaborative working relationship with the Prime Minister and his government."

Fontaine said he hopes to work with Martin "to improve the social and economic conditions facing First Nations citizens and to begin the work of giving life to the Treaties and the recognition of the inherent rights of Aboriginal peoples."

"We are hopeful that today marks the beginning of a new era and a renewed relationship between First Nations and Canada," said Fontaine.

"First Nations across the country are optimistic that we can work in partnership with the new government to boldly create transformative and lasting change that benefits our people as well as all Canadians."

The National Chief noted the new Prime Minister's recent statement that "if we can seize the opportu-

nities that our times offer us, we can break the cycle of poverty, indignity and injustice in which so many aboriginal Canadians live."

"We share this goal and see it as being directly connected to the fundamental work of implementing the Treaties and the full expression of the rights of First Nations peoples," said Fontaine.

"Giving life to the Treaties and Aboriginal rights as recognized in Canada's Constitution are not just political issues — they are the foundation on which First Nations can build their economies, strengthen their governments and re-vitalize their citizens. This work is central to economic development, social development, health, education and the full spectrum of issues we must address."

Fontaine welcomed the appointment of Andy Mitchell, Member of Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka, as Minister for Indian Affairs and Northern Development. "The fresh perspective provided by a new Cabinet and Minister of Indian Affairs gives us an opportunity to proceed on an agenda for real change," said Fontaine.

"I am hoping to meet with the new Minister immediately to discuss areas where we can work together. I want to raise immediate priorities like a new housing strategy for First Nations, education, training and building capacities among our people. Mr. Mitchell's commitment to community-based economic development, infrastructure in rural communities and the environment provides him with an understanding of the issues facing First Nations."

Fontaine said "We anticipate a strong, respectful and mutually beneficial relationship with the new Prime Minister, the Minister of Indian Affairs and the entire federal government."

New Credit elects council split with new and veteran faces

(Continued from front)

Swearing in of the new Chief and council was held at the Lloyd S. King Elementary School on Onondaga Rd.

Elder Lloyd S. King performed the swearing in ceremony Monday

Chief Bryan LaForme held an eagle feather as he repeated the oath of office. The seven new



Chief Bryan LaForme, speaking at his swearing in, says he was "humbled" by the outpouring of support

councillors were sworn in and repeated the oath of office

The incumbents returning for a second two-year-term were Kerri L. King, who won with 180 votes, Marvin K. LaForme, who won with 140 votes, Cecil Sault won with 178 votes and R. Stacy LaForme won 130 votes.

The first term councillors elected to a two-year-term are Maureen S. LaForme with 110 votes, Janice

Sault won with 103 votes and Adam Sault won with 199 votes.

Chief LaForme, 58, said he will concentrate on community issues, such as a new sub-division, "good, safe water, an Elder's residential home and keeping the community informed of meetings and council activities.

He said he was surprised by the large margin of the votes. His closest competitor was Warren B. Sault with 68.

He said it was a "humbling experience" to have the confidence of the people. He adds he was happy the people of New Credit approved of the work he had accomplished in his first term as Chief. "It means," LaForme said, "the voters understand what work had to be done in council." Smiling, he said he wanted to thank his "wife Liz" for her support and all the people who had faith in him.

He said he enjoyed his first term as Chief, "it was the fastest two years. It went, so fast."

Incumbent Kerri L. King said she couldn't believe she won with so many votes. Smiling, she adds, the first time she won with 103 votes, so she guessed people were happy with what she accomplished in her first term. She stresses that during the next two years "we have a hard road ahead of us."

King stresses the new council will succeed if they work together for the community's benefit. She wanted to thank, she said, all the people who came "out to vote."

Marvin K. LaForme also thanked the people for coming out to vote and to all the people who support-



New Credit's new council: (back row) Marvin LaForme, Adam Sault, Stacey LaForme, Cecil Sault, (front) Janice Sault, Maureen LaForme, Chief Bryan LaForme and Kerri King (Photo by Edna Gooder)

ed him during his last term as councillor. LaForme said he wanted to "congratulate all the new councillors" and foresees a successful two years as a unified band council.

LaForme stresses he will "work to the best" of his ability for the people have placed their trust in him.

Adam Sault said he was "shocked" he won. Sault adds he was "really surprised" to see all the people who came out to vote. He was, he stresses, "pretty excited and nervous" about winning and "I'll do my best." Smiling, Sault said, he wanted to thank the voters for giving him a chance to "show what he can do."

Janice Sault said she was "pleased and overwhelmed that I got in." Sault said she is "proud to represent New Credit." She adds she also wanted

to thank those who came out to vote.

Cecil Sault also thanked the community for voting and wanted to "congratulate the incumbents and welcome the new councillors." Smiling, he adds, the election was a success. "It was a good election."

Stacy LaForme said he wanted to thank King for coming out to administer the oath of office and thanked all the people who voted. LaForme said he is looking forward to "working together and accomplishing many things" as a member

of the new council.

He adds the strong words he read in the oath were very poignant, for he hoped he would never forget their meaning.

The results of the other candidates running for election were: Christina Brant 73, Sharon Bonham 91, Leslie E. King 91, Lonnie F. King '56, A Dianne LaForme, (Sue) 42, G. Blain LaForme 82, Stephanie L. LaForme 50, Andrea Sault 85 and Brenda M. Sault 57.

Cabinet List Regions

OTTAWA (CP) — A regional breakdown of the 39-member federal cabinet, as appointed Friday by Paul Martin, newly installed as Canada's 21st prime minister:

ATLANTIC (5)

Claudette Bradshaw: Labour, homelessness

Geoff Regan: Fisheries and Oceans

John Efford: Natural Resources

Joseph McGuire: Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Andy Scott: Minister of State (Infrastructure)

QUEBEC (9)

Paul Martin: Prime minister

Pierre Pettigrew: Health, Intergovernmental Affairs, official languages

Lucienne Robillard: Industry, Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec

Irwin Cotler: Justice, Attorney General

Jacques Saada: House leader, minister responsible for democratic reform

Helene Chalifour Scherrer: Canadian Heritage

Liza Frulla: Social Development

Denis Coderre: President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada,

federal interlocutor for Metis and non-status Indians, La Francophonie, Office of Indian Residential Schools Resolution

Denis Paradis: Minister of State (Financial Institutions)

ONTARIO (17)

Bill Graham: Foreign Affairs

Stan Keyes: National Revenue, Minister of State (Sport)

Jim Peterson: International Trade

Bob Speller: Agriculture and

Agri-Food

David Pratt: National Defence

Tony Valeri: Transport

Andy Mitchell: Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Judy Sgro: Citizenship and Immigration

Joe Volpe: Human Resources and Skills Development

John McCallum: Veterans Affairs

Aileen Carroll: International Cooperation

Albina Guarneri: Associate Minister of National Defence and Minister of State (Civil Preparedness)

Mauril Belanger: Deputy Leader of the Government in the House

Joe Comuzzi: Minister of State (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario)

Carolyn Bennett: Minister of State (Public Health)

Gar Knutson: Minister of State (New and Emerging Markets)

Jean Augustine: Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Status of Women)

PRAIRIES (4)

Anne McLellan: Deputy prime minister, public safety and emergency preparedness

Ralph Goodale: Finance

Reg Alcock: Treasury Board

Rey Pagtakhan: Western Economic Diversification

BRITISH COLUMBIA (3)

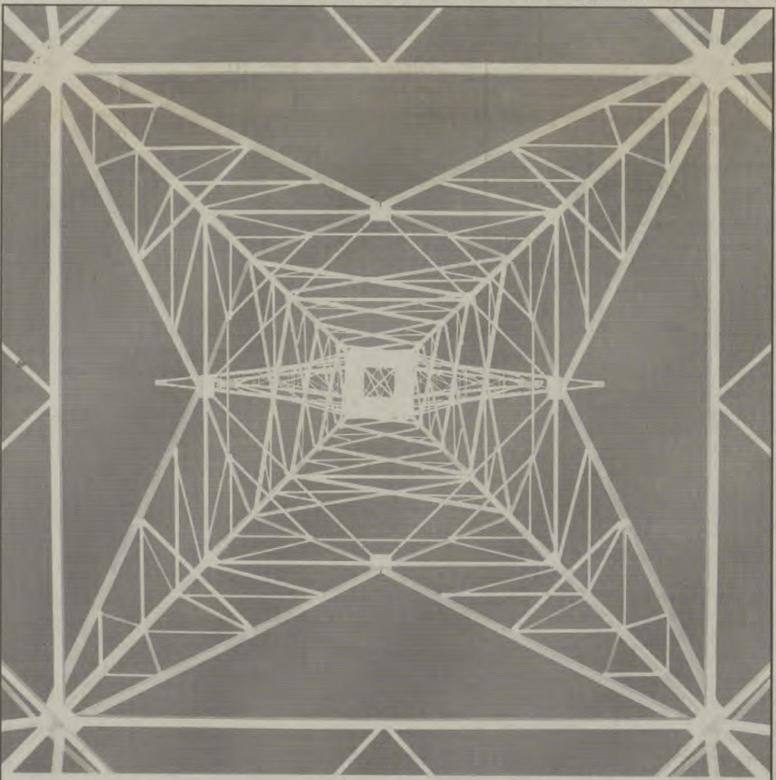
David Anderson: Environment

Stephen Owen: Public Works and Government Services

Jack Austin: Leader of the Government in the Senate

TERRITORIES (1)

Ethel Blondin-Andrew: Minister of State (Children and Youth)



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A new beginning...again with new government

Canada has a new Prime Minister and in Paul Martin we've already begun to see he is living up to his promise that things are gonna change in Ottawa.

It already has.

It began when he was sworn in. For the first time in Canada's history their national leader recognized aboriginal roots in this country by asking the Assembly of First Nations to include a smudging, cleansing ceremony to the Prime Minister's swearing in.

How unusual. How surprising. And how refreshing.

The Prime Minister is always sworn in amid elaborate ceremony recognizing the "two" founding nations of Canada, the English and the French, ignoring anyone was here before them.

But Martin added to the ceremony by acknowledging not only aboriginal culture but by undergoing the smudging first, before the chains of office so elaborate in English and French culture, he acknowledge the aboriginal roots of this country come first.

But it wasn't just window dressing as we have seen so many times in the past.

Martin also announced not only a new Minister of Indian Affairs in Andy Mitchell, who has worked with aboriginal communities in the Grey-Bruce area and Cornwall, but he has created a new government monster, a special cabinet committee on aboriginal affairs and he will chair it himself.

Martin said he is determined to get rid of aboriginal poverty in Canada. He has good reason to, other than for humanitarian purposes. Economically, the poor living standards of aboriginal people here drag Canada's standing in the world's listing of the best countries to live in down to eighth position. Not a good sign. The only way to move back to the top is to deal with the issue that is dragging its reputation and standings down, the poverty of aboriginal people.

By creating a special cabinet committee on aboriginal issues, Martin is sending out a signal that he is ready to tackle the problem. The question is will it be good news or dangerous to aboriginal jurisdictions and land claims and treaties.

We hope the signal Martin is sending isn't just lets create some more social programs that don't work.

Remember government promised millions of dollars for aboriginal health care, headstart programs and special education just a scant six months ago and what happened. None of it made its way to aboriginal communities. It got to the regional offices of Indian and Northern Affairs and they snagged the money and applied it against a deficit they claimed had been running in the regions.

Once again dollars destined to help aboriginal people, to help aboriginal children never made it past the bureaucracy of Indian Affairs.

Martin is sending out a signal he wants cooperation, he wants to work with aboriginal people, he wants to tackle the issues, but let's not forget the former finance minister will always look at the bottom line.

And while we welcome the high profile aboriginal issues will take with the new Martin government we can only hope the energy being put into a new government will mean real new developments for aboriginal people, a continued push to making band council's accountable, more dollars for economic development for private enterprise, we've seen band councils fail too many times at business. We need to see a fresh start based on real initiatives not just more promises that won't make it past the government's own bureaucracy



AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine's opening remarks at Confederacy meeting

This will be our final meeting of 2003. As always, we gather as a Confederacy in December to plan and prepare for the coming year.

But this is not a typical time for First Nations or for this country. The year 2004 could be pivotal in our history.

The political landscape is changing. By the end of this week we will see a new Prime Minister and a new Cabinet.

Our leadership has also changed. We had our election in July and a number of regional elections since then. There are a number of new faces amongst our Regional Chiefs.

The future holds not just a new year but new possibilities. We are facing new challenges and new opportunities. 2004 holds the promise of a new government and the possibility of a new relationship.

Tomorrow marks an important date. December 10th marks the beginning of the final year of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

We can look back at the last ten years and we can point to many struggles and many setbacks. But we can also point to many accomplishments and many bold steps forward.

Our people can be proud of the Penner Report; the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples; Canada's Statement of Reconciliation; Supreme Court decisions like Delgamuukw, Marshall 1, and Corbiere; and landmark agreements like the Nisga'a and Tli Cho. These achievements did not come easy. They are borne out of energy, commitment, determination and collective strength.

Yes, there is much more work to be done. But I believe we can learn from our setbacks and build on our successes.

We can demonstrate to the Government of Canada and to all Canadians that we can work together to address the First Nations agenda.

It is an agenda as old as the Royal Proclamation yet still as vital and relevant as our sacred Treaties. Our agenda is articulated in the words of our Elders and swept forward by the energy and hope of our youth. The First Nations agenda is Canada's agenda. Our agenda is the implementation of Aboriginal Title and the

mentation of Aboriginal Title and the Treaties. We can do this by building our own institutions and exercising our inherent jurisdiction in areas like Housing, Health Care, Education and Resources.

We have already won many court victories that affirm our inherent rights and title and compel Canada to recognize our jurisdiction. There are six principles of law that guide negotiations and court proceedings:

- o Aboriginal title and Treaties are an exclusive interest in the land and resources;
- o Aboriginal title and Treaties are the right to choose how the land can be used;
- o Aboriginal title and Treaties include an economic component;
- o The Crown and third parties must consult and accommodate First Nations interests;
- o The Crown bears the burden of justifying an infringement;
- o Courts can nullify permits and approvals if the Crown cannot justify their infringement.

We can use these principles and all other avenues open to us to ensure we move forward on our vision of Nation Building. 2004 may mark the end of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples but it can also mark the beginning of a new era, an era of real change and real progress. It's unfortunate that we've lost time over the past few years resisting and fighting initiatives that are not ours. We have won most of those battles. The Governance Act is dead. But winning those battles only leaves us with the status quo. And we all agree that the status quo must change.

2004 is the year when we can focus our energies on designing our own plans, implementing our own agenda and working with government and any other parties to move this country forward. Now is the time to focus on Getting Results. Key Opportunities

We must focus our energies and seize the opportunities before us. We need to be ready. The new government will be in place by the end of the week. This means a new Prime Minister and a new Cabinet. A new Speech from

the Throne and a new Federal Budget. And we know that in the Spring there will be a call for an election.

We will work vigorously to influence the Speech from the Throne and ensure that it reflects the priorities and long-term goals of our people and our governments. The Speech from the Throne will be a real indication of the government's commitments to change. In the past the government has shielded away from the lofty rhetoric of its inaugural speech. The new Prime Minister has stated he wants to "hit the ground running". We'll help him by clearing a path forward and pointing him in the right direction.

The new government and First Nations have one legacy from the last session of Parliament to deal with and that is Bill C-6, which establishes the so-called Independent Claims Body and Tribunal.

We all have concerns about this piece of legislation. We know it will not achieve its stated objectives of creating a fair and independent claims process. It will not expedite claim settlements. But even though the Bill is passed we have options. I have raised this issue with the incoming Prime Minister. It is a remnant of the previous government but we will have to deal with it in our discussions with the new government.

We have some options we can explore to address the situation and to ensure Canada upholds its fiduciary obligation to First Nations. We'll get an update on all the legislation tomorrow but here are the options regarding Bill C-6. If you have others then I'm keen to hear them.

First, Bill C-6 has not yet been proclaimed into force. The incoming Prime Minister can delay this until we've fixed the problems and created an improved and useful Bill. Another opportunity is for the new government to call for an immediate joint review of the Bill by First Nations and Canada. The Bill as it is calls for an automatic review after three years. We do not need to wait three years. We can review it now.

We can also put forward some necessary and crucial improvements to the processes outlined in the legisla-

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Local

NAssembly of First Nations, National Chief Phil Fontaine address

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tion. For example, appointments to the Claims Body and Tribunal are at the sole authority of the federal government. This goes against the Joint Task Force recommendations calling for joint appointments. But we can still push for joint appointments. Bill C-6 doesn't insist on it but it doesn't prevent it either. It would send a powerful signal about the new Prime Minister's willingness to renew the relationship if he worked with us on joint appointments.

Still, it would send a more powerful signal if the new Prime Minister were to withhold the Bill until it's improved so it can achieve the objective it was set-up to address. Otherwise, the process will not be truly independent and it will not reduce the backlog of claims. It will force more First Nations to the Courts and that will cost all of us - First Nations, the government and all Canadians - a great deal of time, money and good will.

Our immediate priority is to prevent the legislation from being proclaimed. We are told that seeking an immediate review may be our best option. I look forward to hearing your suggestions and recommendations.

Another issue that we will continue to work on is the Health Client Consent Forms.

Progress is being made in resolving the consent form initiative with Health Canada. As you know, many First Nations leaders across this country are concerned that signing a consent form means signing away your Treaty Rights or giving away your personal information to anyone who wants it.

We are working with Health Canada on a Privacy Code that ensures your right to privacy remains protected. Our objective is also to ensure that the forms in no way affect our Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

All First Nations leaders are concerned about patient safety, particularly in relation to prescription drug misuse and abuse. That is what the consent form is all about.

This is a problem that affects all Canadians. In recent months, six people have died of overdoses in Newfoundland because they became addicted to painkillers and were able to get prescriptions from more than one doctor.

The Minister of Health and I reached an agreement to extend the consent form deadline from September 1st to March 1, 2004. This deadline could be extended further if the AFN and Health Canada feel there is still work to be done.

We will hear a full presentation on this issue shortly, and we will continue to keep you informed of our work on this important issue.

Upcoming Opportunities I believe most of us are hopeful that the new Prime Minister will honour his commitment to a new way of doing business with First Nations. We will be quick to remind him of the commitments made when he spoke to you at the 2002 General Assembly in Kahnawake.

We will work to influence the next Speech from the Throne and will pay close attention to the words and commitments made in that speech. But most of all, we will base our judgments on actions, not words.

A new federal budget is in the works and we must be ready to influence the many decisions surrounding that process.

As many of you know, I presented a Pre-Budget Submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance in late October.

I was surprised by some of the concerns that were raised about my appearance at Committee. The AFN has made a Pre-Budget Submission every year for the last five years, beginning with my first term as National Chief and continuing through my predecessors' term. Our Pre-Budget Submission is about new resources and does not take away from any existing programs or initiatives. It was shared with you at our meeting in Squamish. The Pre-Budget Submission has never been subject to a resolution.

The Pre-Budget Submission had to be presented on the day we were scheduled. I maintain that to NOT present a Pre-Budget Submission would have been the height of irresponsibility. To remain silent or to delay would have given the government an open opportunity to say: "We do not know what First Nations want because we did not hear from them. So we'll decide for them". Our silence would have left a void that other parties would be happy to fill. The Canadian Taxpayers Federation presented on the same day as the AFN - should they be influencing government policy on First Nations as we sit silent?

We have been talking about renewing and restructuring the AFN for some time now. It was being discussed in my first term and it is being discussed today. There are many resolutions calling for an open and inclusive process to examine the way we do our business.

The AFN's been around for more than 20 years. That's a time when a lot of organizations - and a lot of people - look at where they've been and where they want to go. It's a natural time to talk about how we want to do our business and structure our dialogue.

We will hear about our renewal initiative later today. I am pleased to announce that the Co-Chairs for our renewal initiative will be Joe Miskokomin and Wendy Grant-John. They'll be operating at arms-length from the organization to ensure an independent and objective process.

We want this to be a broad and wide-ranging dialogue amongst all our people. They'll convene regional forums across the country and be canvassing people far and wide for their ideas and opinions. We need to hear from everyone. We need to be inclusive.

Our goal is not to tell you how you should fit into our organization - it's about you telling us how this organi-

zation should fit you. We'll enter into a dialogue region-by-region and Nation-by-Nation.

This is an exciting process for exciting times. It's a leading edge of our Getting Results Agenda

You will recall that the full Getting Results Agenda was presented to you at our Special Assembly in Squamish. I hope you've all had an opportunity in the past three months to review it.

We'll have a full discussion on it later today, but I want to say here that the Getting Results Agenda is not radical. It builds on past resolutions from the Assembly and long-standing concerns of First Nations citizens. It was crystallized during my travels across the country during the campaign. I listened to Chiefs and Councilors, men and women, youth and Elders.

Getting Results is about eradicating poverty and building hope. It's about reducing dependence and exercising our own jurisdiction. It's about fostering strong and healthy vital First Nations citizens who can build strong and revitalized First Nations.

First Nation jurisdictions are a priority. Court decisions have recognized our rights. However, there is no clear strategy or political will by other governments to define and implement them.

The work does not stop with a Court decision. We shouldn't expect other government to implement our rights. The Courts simply give us a building permit. Now we must build the house on the foundation of our rights and Title.

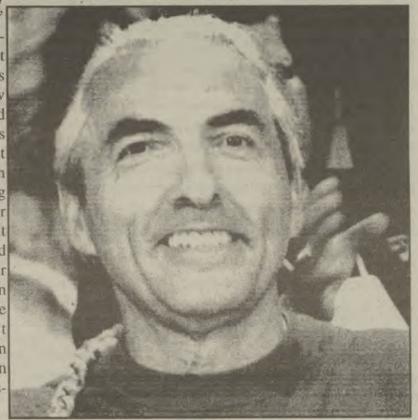
We need to spark economic development and control our own programs and services. This is directly related to implementing the Treaties. It is directly related to Aboriginal Title. It is directly related to a fair and rightful share of the lands and resources.

You all know that I believe we can work with government. But we do not need the government to tell us how to run our lives. We do not need the government to "empower" us - we can compel the government to do the right thing and we'll empower ourselves.

We can create our own governments that are accountable and responsible to our citizens, and that are seen as accountable by all Canadians.

We are not afraid of accountability. The recent pilot project funding on governance is proof of the fact that we want to work on these issues. Now that the Governance Act is off the table First Nations are jumping at the chance to create their own systems for accountability and transparency. They are working on their own codes for financial accountability, elections and employment policies. It's clear that we believe in best practices. Our people simply did not want to do it under the weight of a prescriptive template like the Governance Act.

You may have heard that an Aboriginal Governance Centre was announced last week in Vancouver. Our former Regional Chief Satsan will be involved and was on-hand for the announcement. There are still details to be worked out, but I supported the creation of the Centre on the basis that it can assist First Nations in building capacities in order to exercise their rightful jurisdiction. My focus is on how this



Fontaine

Centre can be structured so that it meets our priorities and our goals.

Our expectations are no different than what Canadian's expect. We believe government should encourage economic growth and provide high quality, accessible and cost effective services.

This is directly related to implementing the Treaties and recognizing Aboriginal title. Our Rights and Title must be defined in the currency of jurisdiction, adequate land base and through access to revenues and resources.

There must be a clear division of powers among First Nation, provincial and federal governments. Governments must stop finger pointing and live up to their responsibilities concerning First Nations.

That is how we will give life to Section 35 and recognize the spirit and intent of the Treaties. That is our vision. And in carrying out that vision we must take a hard look at the realities facing our people on reserves, as well as in towns and cities.

We must ensure our people have clean drinking water, safe roads and sewer systems. We must improve the quality of education for our people, raise housing standards and make social services and health care more effective and efficient.

Our young people are seeking opportunities. Many of them are forced to leave their communities. I don't believe in any kind of "on-reserve/off-reserve" divide. I believe in creating an environment where they have a choice; where they can choose to stay in their communities and still enjoy a bounty of opportunities. If they choose to move to cities or towns, they can do so as citizens of their Nations. The key point is that they have a choice and it is their choice to make. We don't want to see people moving because they are forced to move for social or economic reasons.

Simply put, the Getting Results Agenda is about change. We were all elected to bring about change. We were all elected to Get Results. We all share the same overarching goals.

I want to work with you and I want to work for you to make real progress. We are diverse peoples - diverse cultures, diverse traditions and, yes, diverse opinions. But that diversity is our strength. It gives us a wide-range of teachings and a wide-range of wisdom to draw on.

In order for a new process of dialogue to commence we have to agree amongst ourselves that we will practice it, beginning with this Confederacy. I am fully prepared to participate in a new dialogue with you to experience positive results, both in our own deliberations and in our discussions with the Government of Canada.

We owe it to the people who founded this organization to build the best AFN we can, based on respect and consensus. We owe it to ourselves to have an open and honest discussion about where we are and where we want to go. And we owe it to the children seven generations down the line to foster a new covenant with Canada based on mutual respect, mutual recognition and reconciliation.

It is in that spirit that I welcome you here today.

zation should fit you. We'll enter into a dialogue region-by-region and Nation-by-Nation.

This is an exciting process for exciting times. It's a leading edge of our Getting Results Agenda

You will recall that the full Getting Results Agenda was presented to you at our Special Assembly in Squamish. I hope you've all had an opportunity in the past three months to review it.

We'll have a full discussion on it later today, but I want to say here that the Getting Results Agenda is not radical. It builds on past resolutions from the Assembly and long-standing concerns of First Nations citizens. It was crystallized during my travels across the country during the campaign. I listened to Chiefs and Councilors, men and women, youth and Elders.

Getting Results is about eradicating poverty and building hope. It's about reducing dependence and exercising our own jurisdiction. It's about fostering strong and healthy vital First Nations citizens who can build strong and revitalized First Nations.

First Nation jurisdictions are a priority. Court decisions have recognized our rights. However, there is no clear strategy or political will by other governments to define and implement them.

The work does not stop with a Court decision. We shouldn't expect other government to implement our rights. The Courts simply give us a building permit. Now we must build the house on the foundation of our rights and Title.

We need to spark economic development and control our own programs and services. This is directly related to implementing the Treaties. It is directly related to Aboriginal Title. It is directly related to a fair and rightful share of the lands and resources.

You all know that I believe we can work with government. But we do not need the government to tell us how to run our lives. We do not need the government to "empower" us - we can compel the government to do the right thing and we'll empower ourselves.

We can create our own governments that are accountable and responsible to our citizens, and that are seen as accountable by all Canadians.

We are not afraid of accountability. The recent pilot project funding on governance is proof of the fact that we want to work on these issues. Now that the Governance Act is off the table First Nations are jumping at the chance to create their own systems for accountability and transparency. They are working on their own codes for financial accountability, elections and employment policies. It's clear that we believe in best practices. Our people simply did not want to do it under the weight of a prescriptive template like the Governance Act.

You may have heard that an Aboriginal Governance Centre was announced last week in Vancouver. Our former Regional Chief Satsan will be involved and was on-hand for the announcement. There are still details to be worked out, but I supported the creation of the Centre on the basis that it can assist First Nations in building capacities in order to exercise their rightful jurisdiction. My focus is on how this

Centre can be structured so that it meets our priorities and our goals.

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Company hired to fill industrial park and GRM

(Continued from front)
King and Benton developments spokesman Kevin Lennon said the two will work to get tenants into the building. "We have agreed to work on that. There is one existing tenant there now. We will be initially completing construction and working to re-develop the property and bring new business there."
The agreement band council chief Roberta Jamieson says is a long-term commitment. "The combined strength of one of Canada's

most progressive and most populated First Nation's community and the largest private industrial developer in the city of Brantford and Brant County will create many opportunities for community members and local businesses. Working together we will begin development of the park for the benefit of the community."
Lennon said there is no new business slated to go into the park at this time and he could not predict when that might happen.



A Scarborough man was taken to Brantford General Hospital with minor injuries after a one car accident in the village of Middleport, near Caledonia, Ont. Constable K. York OPP officer at the scene said, the accident occurred at 10:10 a.m., Tues. Dec. 16. York stresses the accident is still under investigation. The driver, he said, of the late model blue, Venture, Chevrolet van was the only occupant. He adds the man was conscience, but complained about pain in his knees at the time of transport. York said he will be talking to the man "sometime today," but didn't know when.

Christmas baskets ready

BY E. J. GOODER
Staff writer
The spirit of the holiday is alive and well on the Six Nations, for more than 600 families will have a wonderful Christmas because of the generous contributions and the hard work of a network of volunteers.
The annual Six Nations Christmas Basket and Food Drive was held at the new community centre on Dec. 10, 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Christmas, food baskets will be available at the centre and given out on Sat. Dec. 20 from 9 a.m., to when ever all the boxes are gone.
Pat Porter a 10 yr. volunteer said the Christmas Basket and Food Drive is "free to the public" and anyone can come in and register for the yearly event.
Sharon Martin of Six Nations is the coordinator of the drive and has been since 1972.

Martin said for three weeks in December she not only coordinates the annual Christmas drive, but keeps up her duties as manager of the Six Nations Welfare Department.
Six Nations band council, Martin said, donated \$3000 for this year's event and Six Nations Bingo Hall donated \$2500 as well as donations from individuals help make the event a success. The total cost for this year's drive will be about \$50,000, Martin said. Besides donations \$20,000 was received from the National Child Tax Benefit. (NCTB) Martin stresses a portion of this funding would be used to help pay for the yearly event, but this funding is also used for other projects, so what isn't used will go back into the NCTB.
Smiling, Martin said, no family, nor child has been turned away from receiving a gift, or a basket of food. Chuckling, she adds, one year they ran out of turkeys, so she began handing out \$20 to families, so they could buy their own turkeys. Brown eyes flashing, Martin stresses, there has "always — been enough toys," but if there are toys left over they are packed and stored away until the following year. Although, she said, turning and pointing to the tables holding the clothing and winter wear — these will be all gone.
Tables that were piled high a few days before were thinning out quickly, for many community members took advantage of the Christmas gesture. Serenely smiling Martin looks about the room and said, "this is my Christmas." "I get more joy out of doing this."

Urban centres to get funding

TORONTO (CP) - *Aboriginals living in Winnipeg and three Ontario communities should have local access to federal funds for job training programs instead of having to apply through their homereserves, the Federal Court of Appeal has ruled.*

"The court has said that the government of Canada has to realize there are such things as urban native communities," Chris Reid, lawyer for the aboriginal groups, said of this week's decision.
Currently, when urban aboriginals apply for job training funds through Human Resources and Development Canada, they have to negotiate with their home band.
In October 2002, Judge Francois Lemieux ruled that Canada had discriminated against aboriginals in Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton and the Ardoch native community in the Ottawa Valley by making it difficult for them to access training funds.
He ordered HRDC to renegotiate funding for those groups.
An appeal of Lemieux's decision was brought by the government, but a three-judge panel upheld his ruling Wednesday.
That opens the way for off-reserve aboriginal centres like Toronto's Mizive Biik to draw on federal money for training programs, regardless of the applicant's home band.
"It has a huge impact on the ability for our community to provide employment and training services," said centre director

Nancy Martin.
"There are many reasons why people aren't necessarily attached to their reserves. A lot of people who live in Toronto have never lived in their home community."
Finding the home-band employment office, negotiating over the telephone and paying long-distance charges are roadblocks for aboriginal clients in cities.
"The government of Canada gave control over employment training funds for aboriginals to the reserve-based band councils," said Reid. "Why wouldn't you do the same thing with urban communities?"
Although the same issues could apply to aboriginals living in cities across Canada, the court's ruling was contained to the four commu-

nities mentioned in the original suit.
"It doesn't automatically mean that HRDC will have to recognize and deal with the aboriginal communities of Vancouver, Regina or Saskatoon," said Reid.
But future cases brought from other urban aboriginal communities could possibly benefit from the decision, he said.
Wednesday's ruling can be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. It was unclear whether that would occur, as calls to the attorney general's office were not immediately returned.
Representatives from HRDC, which was divided into two new entities on Friday by Prime Minister Paul Martin, were also not available for comment.

Jamieson makes federal committee...for now

TORONTO- Six Nations Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson has been chosen to sit on a national health council. She was nominated by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty. She was one of two appointments to the council.
However officials in Health and Long-Term Care Minister George Smitherman's office are investigating whether an RCMP investigation into the sale by Six Nations Band Council, including chief Jamieson, of community stock will have an effect on the appointment.
The official said, "we weren't aware of any RCMP investigation. But we are looking into it now."
Minister George Smitherman said last week, "Our government strongly supports the new National Health Council's mandate to foster greater public accountability in our health care system."
Jamieson recently returned to Six Nations from attending an aboriginal tourism conference in Whistler B.C., where she received \$500 a day in honoraria to attend the four



Jamieson

day event last week. Jamieson also receives a \$60,000 a year full time chiefs salary at Six Nations.
In the past band council chiefs have turned honoraria for committees and speaking engagements over to the band. However, Jamieson has refused to comment on the issue, Jamieson has also been asked to provide a list of all outside committees, commissions or boards she sits on. She has refused to provide the list. Jamieson had just returned from a two week vacation in Australia. While in Australia she appeared as a guest speaker at a national public administration conference in Brisbane.

Styres puts us in the Christmas mood with her festive creations

By E. J. GOODER
Staff writer

Confections of velvet ribbons, gold and silver ornaments nestled among greenery inside a variety of containers fill the atrium of the G.R.E.A.T., building with the sound and decorations of Christmas.

Florence's Styres, 44, of Six Nations owner of Rosewater Crafts on Fifth Line Rd., is the creator of the beautifully, crafted ornaments and centerpieces on display in the gaily lit atrium. Upon entering the building people on their lunch breaks are strolling about the displays admiring the various crafts coming from Styres fertile mind.
Styres a Tuscarora of the Turtle Clan is married with five children and is a well known artisan.
She started her home-business seven-years-ago and has about 16 people helping her create her visions of exquisite decorations. Smiling, she adds, she creates centerpieces for every occasion and will make made to order pieces as



Florence Styres and her sister put everyone in a jolly mood at the skills centre these days.

well.
Styres said she uses both dried and artificial materials in her pieces, or what ever the customer wants. Eventually, she stresses, she would

like to enlarge her business to include native accented furniture and designs.
Styres said she has been involved in many projects around Six

Nations, such as the clan mural surrounding the main floor of the G.R.E.A.T. building and wreaths hanging in building.

She received funding through Two Rivers Community Development Centre at the C.R.E.A.T. training centre and her business is "booming," Styres said she has customers from all over the region and does big jobs as well as smaller ones. She adds her company is indeed a family business with everyone pitching in.

She adds, Brenda Staats is "a big help" because she helps organize and "goes to craft shows. She helps, Styres adds to setup and helps where ever she can. Of course, she stresses, her children help a lot "in her shop," sorting the materials used in the centerpieces.

Her sister Lorrie Gallant of Brantford is an author, an artist publishing a children's book titled "Bread and Cheese." Her character little Lorrie tells about going to get bread and cheese at the community hall, when she was little girl.

The book, she adds, is doing well. Gallant said she will be writing a series of children's books about her life as a child and the celebrations she experienced.

Smiling, she adds, her second children's book will be about NO-IA a Mohawk word for New Year and what her Tuscarora traditions include in this holiday.

Gallant said she applied to the Canada Council for the Arts for a grant to write her next book and expects to hear from them in the New Year. She adds her series of children's stories will concentrate on "native celebrations."

The green-eyed woman said she wants children to understand that growing up on the reserve isn't much different then growing up anywhere else. Smiling with a sparkle in her green eyes, she stresses, she is "proud" of who she is and where she came from.

Both women said they have no specific training other than the innate ability the Creator gave them.

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Bush League is here, who do you know playing Thursday?



Silverhawks



Spoilers

By Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter
Bush League is back.
Bush League has been back at the Gaylord Powless Memorial Arena since October.

There are two games every Thursday between the four teams: Silverhawks, Spoilers, Spirits, and Martins. The first game is at 8pm and the second game is at 9:20 pm.

The teams are made up of people who live here on Six Nations and like to play hockey. I guess it can be described as a drop-in mini hockey tournament once a week.

I admit, not a lot of people go to Bush League. I don't really understand why. Sports are big on the reserve; everyone who lives here knows this. So why don't more people go out to support our boys on Thursday nights?
I started going to Bush League about three years ago. Then, it wasn't exactly 'the' place to be on a Thursday but there were quite a few people there, definitely more than those who attend now.

Bush League was a place to go to hang with your friends, and watch some hockey. So what happened? I know when I go now, what goes through my head is, "I got nothing better to do so why not go watch hockey?"
Before I used to be excited to go to Bush League. People would actually be in the stands cheering for their friends or family members.
Now, when someone scores a goal, the only people that really cheer are the players on the bench, if there are any.
That's another thing. Sometimes, a team doesn't even have a goalie, or they only have enough players for one shift so the people that are

doing to come out and play a game of hockey, with people watching who aren't even really paying attention to the game.
The fact of the matter is I like watching hockey. I will most likely keep going to watch Bush League on Thursday's. I will most likely be the one wanting to cheer when one of my friends or family scores a goal but won't because I will probably be the only one clapping.
It's strange to see how far something has gone downhill in such a short period of time. It went from, "So I'll see you Thursday at Bush League," to, "There's nothing else to do so I guess I'll just go to Bush



Spirits

dedicated to playing are stuck playing the whole 60-minute game.
It seems kind of unfair, but then I think, it is really only for fun so why should they drop what they are

League."
I think you should go, just once. Just to see if you like it. Chances are you know someone playing, so go and cheer them on.



Martins

Jordin Tootoo to stay up with Nashville Predators for now

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Jordin Tootoo will be able to enjoy the successes of the Nashville Predators for at least a little longer.
The 20-year-old rookie, who is the first person of Inuit descent to play in the NHL, has seen his ice time cut significantly recently. He was scratched from the lineup four times in seven games before playing in Thursday's loss to Los Angeles.
Talk surfaced that the hard-hitting Tootoo might be headed to Milwaukee of the AHL.



"It's been discussed and I've talked to Jordin about it and making sure that he's still progressing," Predators coach Barry Trotz said. "We've always been about developing players, and we don't want Jordin to regress."
"He's fine. He's not going anywhere now, or right now anyway. And he brings a real dynamic element to our hockey club."
Tootoo's ice time hovered in the four-to-seven minute range, before he played just under 11 minutes in the loss to the Kings.
That was Nashville's second consecutive

defeat following a team-record six-game winning streak.
If the lineup gets back to full health and it appears Tootoo won't get necessary playing time, then a trip to the minors might be the next move.
"We've been going pretty good and he's lost a little bit of ice time because Scott Walker has come back and now we have Andreas Johansson close to coming back," Trotz said.
In 23 games, Tootoo has a goal, an assist, 38 penalty minutes and

a big hit on Radek Martinek that left the New York Islanders defenceman with a concussion.
Johansson has been out since Oct. 25 due to a concussion, and Walker missed six games in which the Predators went 4-2. Nashville entered the weekend 14-12-1, nine points behind Central Division-leading Detroit.
"I was a little bit concerned that we would not get off to the start we needed. But our players really pulled through and it feels good," Trotz said.

Brantford Blast and Brantford Golden Eagles Statistics and Line-ups



Brantford Blast

Brantford Golden Eagles Line-up

- #1 - Adrian Barber
 - #5 - Jason Pavao
 - #6 - Joel Seguin
 - #7 - Geoff Killing
 - #6 - Andrew Ferguson
 - #9 - Eric Hill
 - #10 - Mike Nemeth
 - #11 - Blake Berkhout
 - #12 - Tim Stewart
 - #13 - Josh Renneboog
 - #14 - David Cianfrini
 - #17 - Nathan Gilchrist
 - #18 - Peter Montour
 - #19 - Johnny Weedon
 - #21 - Geoff Fullerton
 - #22 - Eric Britton
 - #23 - Kris Krolouski
 - #24 - Mike McKinley
 - #30 - Andrew Duncan
- Andy Secore
Staff
President, CEO, General Manager: Nick Pellegrino
Vice-President: Al Spooner
Head Coach: Ron Coleman

Six Nation Council Christmas Hours:

DEPARTMENT	Monday Dec 22	Tuesday Dec 23	Wednesday Dec 24 X-Mas Eve (statutory holiday)	Thursday Dec 25 Xmas Day (statutory holiday)	Friday Dec 26 Boxing Day (statutory holiday)	Saturday Dec 27	Sunday Dec 28	Monday Dec 29 Council Shutdown	Tuesday Dec 30 Council Shutdown	Wednesday Dec 31 New Year's Eve (statutory holiday)	Thursday Jan 1/04 New Year's Day (statutory holiday)	Friday Jan 2/04
Administration and Finance	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Ambulance	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Open 8:30-4:30
Animal Control Services	Closed	Closed	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Emergency call SN Police	Closed
Birthing Center	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Closed-Midwives O/C	Open 8:30-4:30
CIH's	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Open 8:30-4:30
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Community Health Clerks	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Community Support	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Dental	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Health Promotion	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Healthy Babies	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
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New Directions	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Closed-Super. O/C	Open 8:30-4:30
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School Nurses	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Social Development	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Record Management System	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Environment Office	Open 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Public Works Departments	All departments will resume regular business hours on January 2, 2004											
Water/Sewer Dept.	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
(This includes the Septic Service. There will be no septic calls during this time)												
Landfill	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Open	Open-closing at 2pm	Open
School Maintenance	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Roads Dept.	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Mechanic Dept.	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Public Works Admin. Office	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Parks & Rec.	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open 8:30-4:30
Gaylord Powless Arena and Community Hall	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Housing Dept.	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Social Services	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Daycare	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Professional Development Day for staff
Correctional Services	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Child & Family Services	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Secondary Services	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Technical Services	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Policy Analyst	Closed December 15 - January 2											
Computer Systems	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
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GAYLORD POWLESS ARENA	Public Skate 12:00 pm	Steve Redden 12 pm	Jamieson School 10 am	Atom AS 7 am	Peewee L.L. #12 7 am	BLAKE McBLAIN 9 PM
	SNMHA 3 pm	Immersion 2 pm	J.C. Hill School (game) 11 am	Atom AS prac. 8:30-9:50 am	CMHA-Peewee A.S. 8 am	ICE MAINTENANCE 8 AM-4:50 PM
	Tyke L.L. vs Hag. 5 pm	SNSC 5-7:50 pm	Public Skate 12 pm	Bantam AS prac. 10:00-12:50 pm	SNMHA-Novice AS 9 am	CHARLIE MILLER 12:15-50 PM
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	Peewee L.L.#12 #13 8 pm		Immersion High School 3 pm	Peewee #12 vs Cay. 2 pm	Atom AS vs Waterford 3:15 pm	SNMHA 5-10:50 PM
	Bantam L.L. 9 pm		Carolyn Longboat 4 pm	Peewee #13 vs Glanbrook 4 pm	Bantam AS vs Port Dover 4:30 pm	
	Midget A.E. 10 pm		SNSC 5-9:20 pm	Bantam L.L. vs Caledonia 4 pm	Bantam AE vs Waterford 5:45 pm	
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RAPTORBALL Coaches and volunteer meeting on Jan 7 @ 7:00 pm @ IL Thomas School.

Health career fair becoming popular spot for youth on career search

BY E. J. GOODER
Staff writer

The gymnasium was packed with students looking for information in health careers. At the annual Six Nations Health Services Health Careers Fair held at J. C. Hill Jr. High School on Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

About 25 health field displays were set up with lots of information for the young minds to absorb, such as nursing, practical nursing, speech therapy and optometry.

Students strolled about the gymnasium stopping periodically to listen to explanations of programs, such

as Optometry from Dave Bobor of Brantford. Bobor an optometrist said he has many clients from the Six Nations and the biggest health problem is the effects of diabetes on the eyes. He said he is able to view the vessels in the eyeball, when the pupil is dilated. Diabetes, Bobor stresses causes the vessels in the eye to leak and swell and the scarring left after the leak heals causes the person to start loosing vision. Once diagnosed, he adds, he sends the patient to an ophthalmologist who lasers the leakage thus stopping the scarring. Bobor said the University of Waterloo has



Health care professionals pointed out different jobs to students who attended. (Photos by Jim C Powless)

a four-year Optometry program Brandy Doxtater, 16, of Six Nations came with a group from her school Tollgate Technical Skills Centre in Brantford. Doxtater said she attends Pauline Johnson Secondary School in Brantford in the afternoon, where she is in 11 grade. She adds she was thinking about a career in the nursing profession. Then, Doxtater said, she would specialize in mid-wifery.

Erica Jamieson, 15, of Six Line Rd. attended the job fair with her classmates from Cayuga Secondary School. Jamieson said she is thinking about a career in

nursing, but wants to go to B.C. to attend university.

Besides the mainstream professions there are non-mainstream professions, such as the Universal Energy Training and Learning Centre in Hagersville. Danielle Burning said partners Jane Burning and Michele Thomas are just getting the business "on its feet." Burning said the treatment helps the client "feel relaxed." The centre offers treatments in Reiki, Holistic healing and wellness workshops. Reiki is an energy source that helps the body to heal itself.

Young students also toured the displays, such as 12 year-olds Dallas

Fuller and Leeman Turkey. The J.C. Hill seventh-graders enjoyed looking at the different displays. Dallas said he would like to be an artist because he "likes to draw" people and cartoons. Sher Martin is a recruiter at Mohawk College's Aboriginal Access and Student Services. Martin said there is a shortage of aboriginal nurses in the healthcare field thus Mohawk College in conjunction with Six Nations Polytechnic is offering a new program. She said the new Practical Nursing with Aboriginal Communities program is slated to begin in November 2004.



The gym was packed with students from across Six Nations and area high schools checking out possible health careers

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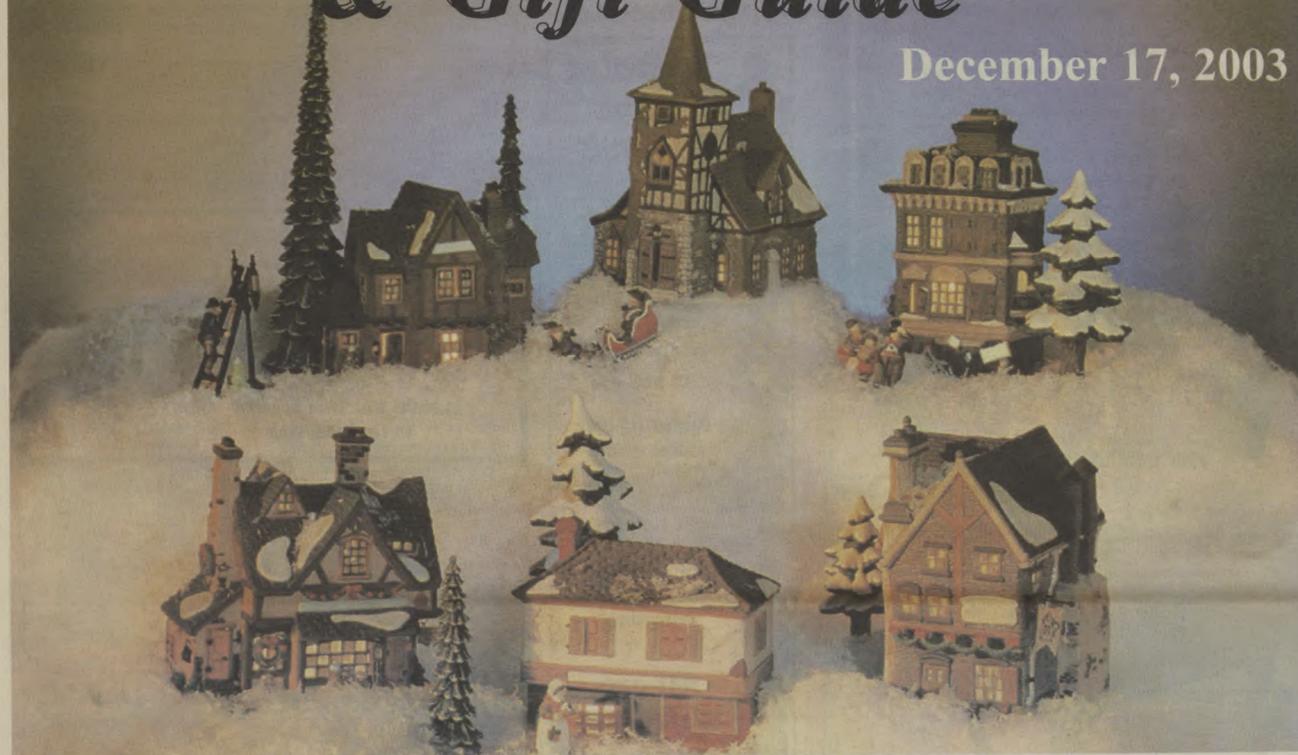
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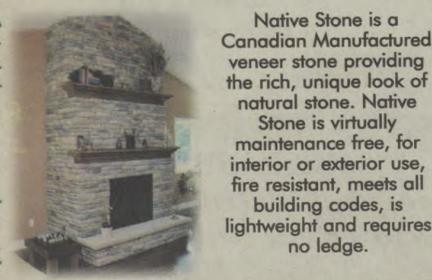
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5L popped popcorn
120ml Becel (1/2 cup)
454g bag of tasty white marshmallows
500g small gummy bears
Preparation: Put popcorn in large bowl.
Melt Becel margarine in large pot over low heat.
Add marshmallows.
Stir until melted smoothly.

Pour slowly over popcorn. Stir with wooden spoon until coated.



ed. Cool.

Cover pizza pan with foil. Shape mixture into large ball using palms greased with margarine.
Place on pan.

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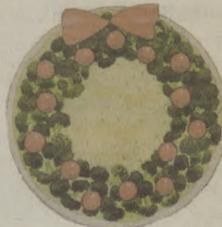
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 From the Chief & Council of
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Too Pretty to eat! Veggie Wreath

Broccoli never looked or
 tasted so good. But don't
 try to hang this wreath!

500g container of ranch dip
 1 large or 2 small heads broccoli,
 cut into bite sized pieces
 1 pint basket of small cherry



tomatoes, halved
 1 red bell pepper, trimmed into 2
 large triangles

PREPARATION: Spread dip
 evenly over a large round platter
 of pizza pan.
 Arrange broccoli into wreath
 shape around outside edge.
 Place tomatoes cut sides down, as
 ornaments
 Put pepper triangles together to
 form bow at top of wreath.
 Refrigerate until serving.

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**FEAST ON FESTIVE
 FUNNIES...**
 What smells like milk and
 cookies?
 Santa burbs.

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Candy Cane Bark

This pretty bark will look great
 on your cookie plate. It will keep
 for two weeks in a sealed con-
 tainer.

4 red and white candy canes (15
 cm long)
 225g white chocolate, chopped

PREPARATION: Line cookie
 sheet with wax or parchment
 paper. Put canes in tightly closed
 plastic bag.
 Crush with rolling pin.
 Melt chocolate on low in
 microwave, stirring in candy cane
 bits and pour on to prepared cook-
 ie sheet.
 Smooth with a spatula.
 (Don't worry if it does not reach
 edges.)
 Refrigerate 30 minutes or until
 hardened. Break into pieces with
 your hands.

Caramel Fruit Dip

For a sweet treat, arrange
 apple and pear slices around
 this dip.

250g package plain cream cheese
 180ml of brown sugar (3/4 cup)
 60ml granulated sugar (1/4 cup)
 5ml vanilla (1tsp)

PREPARATION: Using electric
 mixer, blend all ingredients in
 medium microwavable bowl until
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Feast on festive funnies

Which reindeer has bad table manners? Rude-olph
What kind of cookie does Mrs Claus bake for the elves?
Shortbread
Where do the reindeer stop for a snack?
The Deery Queen
What did the Gingerbread Lady put on her bed?
A cookie sheet
What does Santa have for breakfast Christmas morning?
Mistle-toast
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News Canada

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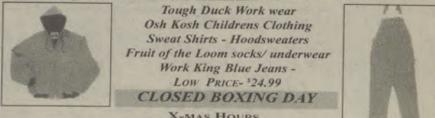
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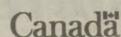
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QUALIFICATIONS: Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work and/or related discipline or equivalent combination of knowledge, skills and work of life experience. Work experience, paid or volunteer, in the provision of services for individuals experiencing family violence.

DIRECTION: Closing date: December 19, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work and/or equivalent combination of knowledge, skills and work or life experience. Experience, either paid or volunteer, in the provision of services for women, men and their children. Must be able to provide reputable character references.

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Health/Social Advisory Board Coordinator	Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI), London	\$32,000-\$34,000	Tues., December 19, 2003 @ 12:00 pm
Health Department Administrative Assistant	Oneida Nation of the Thames, London	\$26,000	Wed., December 24, 2004 @ 4:00 pm
On Call Public Works Operator	Mnjikaning First Nation, Rama	D.O.E.	December 29, 2003
Weekend Crisis Intervention Worker	Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter of Native Women, Hamilton	\$11.65/hr	Monday, December 29, 2003 @ 4:00 pm
Executive Director	Aboriginal Tourism Team Canada	T.B.D.	December 31, 2003
Early Childhood Educator Assistant	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Hagersville	T.B.D.	Wed., January 7, 2004 @ noon
Life Long Care Program Trainer	Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres, Toronto	\$40,000-\$50,000	Wed., January 7, 2004
Director of Facilities (Internal & External)	Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, Hogsburg, NY	Exempt Salary	Thurs. January 15, 2004 @ 4:00 pm
Director of Table Games (Internal and External)	Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, Hogsburg, NY	Exempt Salary	Thurs. January 15, 2004 @ 4:00 pm
Director of Human Resources	Akwesasne Mohawk Casino, Hogsburg, NY	Exempt Salary	Thurs. January 15, 2004 @ 4:00 pm
Executive Director	N'Amerind Friendship Centre, London	T.B.D.	January 23, 2004 @ 4:30 pm

SIX NATIONS COUNCIL

POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Housemother (Birthing Centre)	Health Services	P/T Permanent	\$13.26/ hr	Wed. Dec. 17/03 @ 4 pm
Intake Worker	Ganohkwra Family Support	PT	T.B.D.	Dec. 19, 2003 @ 4 pm
Shelter Counsellor	Ganohkwra Family Support	FT	T.B.D.	Dec. 19, 2003 @ 4 pm
Health Counsellor	Health Services	Contract (1 year)	\$18.74/hr	Tues. Dec. 23 @ 4pm

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DEATH

Maloney, (Maracle) Irene
Passed suddenly at the Port Colborne General Hospital on Tuesday December 16, 2003 at the age of 82, Loving wife to Jack for 4 years. Devoted mother to Hazel Collins (John), Doug Maracle, Jean Ferrara (Pasquale), Don Maracle (Beverly), Virginia Seguin (Jack), Sandra Penny (Jack), Sherry Shisler (Terry), and Debra Maracle. Irene will also be dearly missed by her step-children Janice Egero (Duane), Michael Maloney (Tracy), Patrick Maloney (Joanne), John Maloney (Annette) Paul Maloney (Betsy), Lisa Schreyer (Rick), and Ann Benner (Dan). Irene will always be remembered in the hearts of her many grand children, great-grand children, great-great-grand children and her many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Irene's family will receive friends at the **ARMSTRONG FUNERAL HOME**, 179 Clarence Street, Port Colborne from 7-9 PM on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 and from 2-4 PM on Thursday December 18, 2003. The funeral service will be held on Friday December 19, 2003 in the Armstrong Chapel at 10:30 AM with Rev. Gary House to officiate cremation to follow. Interment of Ashes to be held at a later date. If so desired, memorial donations can be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

THANK YOU

On December 7, 2003, the Six Nations Volunteer Fire Department held a Skate and Pizza Party at the Gaylord Powless Sports and Cultural Centre for family and friends of the department. This annual event was in appreciation of their valuable time spent in serving the community. It was well attended and fun was had by all. We thank the following for their generous donations to help make this event possible: Barry Hill and family, Frank Jamieson and family, Fire fighters, Station 1, 2, 3, 4, Six Nations Fire Dispatchers, Village Pizza, Wahta Water, Lee's Variety, C&S Water, Cayuga Convenience. And all the fire fighters that sold tickets and the participants that purchased tickets for the 50/50 draw and turkey draw. The winners were:
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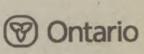
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By Dr. Colin D' Cunha, Ontario's Commissioner of Public Health (NC)—The winter season brings with it the holidays – that special time of year for socializing, celebrating and simply spending time with family and friends.

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Christmas scenes from around Six Nations puts you in holiday mood



Mohawk singers Norma Martin, Eleanor Hill, Lisa Farmer and Lillian Montour sing Christmas carols at the Mohawk Chapel Saturday. (Photos by Edna Gooder)



Little angels Orenda and Kierra Powless of Six Nations performed their parts to perfection in the annual Christmas play at Christ Church on Cayuga Road.



The cast of the Christmas Story at Christ Church were a big hit as they opened and closed to rave reviews. from the left Dallas Bomberry, 7, Tom Powless, 13, Mikey Bomberry, 7, and Lenny Powless, 7. Standing in the back are Jasmine Powless, 12, Orenda Powless, 5 and the littlest angel is Kierra Powless.



Santa's helpers Caroline Miller, 22, Tela Hill, 17, Reva Staats, 16, Darryl Styers and Pam Bomberry, 19, of the AGAPE food bank youth program volunteered their time at the annual Christmas Basket Food Drive held at the new community centre in Oshweken.

Turtle Island News
Christmas Tree Decoration Contest

HELP decorate our tree!
 Make a decoration and bring it to Turtle Island News and hang it on our tree and you could win some cool prizes for the most creative, funniest and most traditional.

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Contest open to all children 12 and under.
 To enter, bring your in your decoration to Turtle Island News @ 2208 Chiefswood Road, Oshweken, ON (519) 445-0868
 Contest deadline December 18th 5:00 pm
 Prizes will be awarded Dec. 19th