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Red Hill Creek Expressway The cutting has begun!



The Red Hill Creek Valley is under the saw. The cutting began last week and will proceed right down to Lake Ontario. The trees above are just below where protesters had chained themselves to trees in a foiled attempt at stopping the expressway from going through. The red line marks the cutting trail. A longhouse was taken down Thursday. More page 3. (Photos by Edna Gooder)

Red Hill Creek opponents arrested, expressway heading through valley

By E.J. GOODER
Staff writer

HAMILTON- They were caught with pancake syrup on their chins.

The protest over the Red Hill Creek expressway was still, going strong, for activists who are just as determined to save the valley.

the Greenhill Street site entrance last Thursday morning eating a plate of pancakes minutes before it happened.

Red Hill Creek Valley activists were hosting a pancake breakfast. Smiling, she said, they invited the public to come and share the breakfast at the encampment, with them and about 15 people were. Then about 10:15 a.m. the end came as police rushed the encampment from the valley below surprising the protesters, with the

Balance of Chretien legislative legacy left in hands of Paul Martin

OTTAWA (CP) The House of Commons spent its last working day of the Jean Chretien era, leaving a handful of major bills unpassed and their fate squarely in the hands of prime minister in waiting Paul Martin. As MPs left Ottawa on Friday, legislation to create a new and more powerful ethics commissioner to oversee Parliamentary conflict-of-interest laws, a key piece of Jean Chretien's legacy, was unexpectedly

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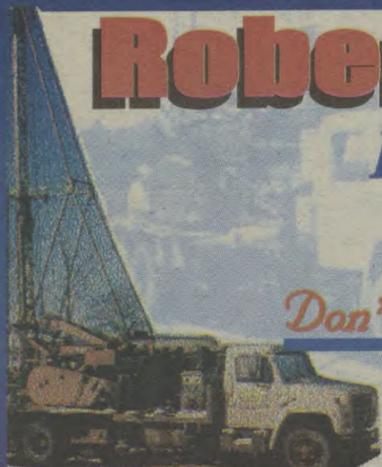
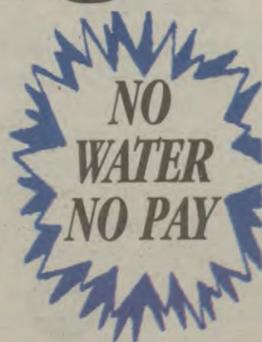
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New Credit holds open house and shows off sweet casino supplies success story

By Lynda Powless
Editor

New Credit - The Mississaugas of New Credit took a chance and they came out smiling.

The Royal Flush casino supply company, majority owned by New Credit, has increased business four times over what was expected with over \$1.5 million in sales in the past year.

New Credit bought into the company just a year ago and at Friday's open house, they couldn't have been happier with the results.

"It's really doing well. Better than we expected and faster," New Credit Chief Bryan LaForme told Turtle Island News.

"We couldn't be happier with the results," he said as he toured the warehouse on First Line.

The company now employs three people, full time, at the New Credit office and another 20 in the manu-

to West Africa, we've sold them to Russia and the Ukraine," said Chief LaForme.

"We're supplying to the Seneca Casino in New York and looking at expanding in New York, that's where the growth in casinos is."

He said the business growth will "be a gradual process. We're taking our time, dealing with it carefully. Any profits are being funnelled right back into the company."

He said they are looking to the future.

"We've hired locally. We're sending people out of the country for training. When equipment breaks down in the casinos we want to be able to send repair men or women right to the site to fix it."

He said they are sending new employees to Arizona for casino slot machine repairs.

He said he wants to see a manufacturing plant eventually at New

manufacture and repair supplies right at the plant on First Line.

"We do a lot of subcontracting right now that we could eventually do right here at home once we have people trained."

He said they have supplied all the furniture for the Seneca Nation Niagara Falls casino and Seneca Nation Entertainment (bingo facility at Catteragus) and are looking to Akwesasne and the Oneida's Turning Stone casinos next.

"If we were a little bit ahead we could have produced that right here but we had to 'sub' it out."

Royal Flush is the only First Nations owned casino supply company in North America of any noteworthy size.

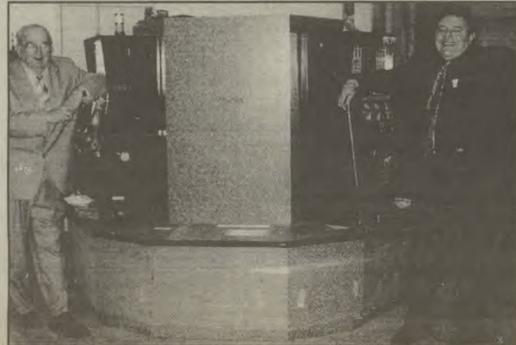
"Most of the First Nations casinos have a First Nations first buying and supply criteria. That has helped us. There are a couple of small American tribal owned companies but they're very small, so we've been able to get our foot in the door," said Chief LaForme.

He said they now a license to operate in every province in Canada and are looking to expand not only



New Credit Chief Bryan LaForme shows off the new business award Royal Flush, a First Nations gaming supply company owned by New Credit won at a recent business awards night held at Two Rivers Development at Six Nations. He told a crowd attending the open house for Royal Flush Friday he was "very proud" of the award. (Photo by Lynda Powless)

in New York but in Massachusetts and Michigan and elsewhere. "It's expensive. The licenses alone are \$15,000 each."



New Credit Chief Bryan LaForme and partner Joe Cleary are proud of the success of Royal Flush Gaming supplies. They build, among other things these stands for slot machines.

facturing and sales fields at the Niagara Falls office.

They've been astounded at the success.

"We sold 500 used slot machines

Credit.

"We're looking at the future and being able to provide employment for our people at home."

He said they hope to be able to



Anyone for poker? New Credit's Royal Flush Gaming has the cards. At the grand opening Friday Chief Bryan LaForme, Joe Cleary show off some of the supplies while Dan LaForme, director gets ready to shuffle the deck. The company supplies everything but the carpet.

Police swarmed over the hills and through bushes to nab protesters



Protesters and supporters were enjoying a breakfast of pancakes last Thursday when police swarmed the longhouse site arresting 14 people including one Six Nations person. (Photos by Edna Gooder)

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Arrested in the morning raid were 14 non-natives and one female native. Donna Powless of Six Nations was arrested and taken to the Greenhill Police station in Hamilton's east end.

Powless said later that evening that she was jailed for about four hours.

Standing on the sidewalk before the entrance, where just a few hours ago she was happily eating pancakes, she stood visibly shaken and speaking to supporters about her ordeal.

Powless said she was in the longhouse, where five young protesters were chained to the poles, when police rushed in arresting everyone. Police had to cut the chains in order to free the protesters, who were then handcuffed and taken to jail.

Police Inspector Eric Kirt of the Hamilton Police force said the protesters knew this was coming.

"We gave them eight days to do any ceremonies" that was needed concerning the fire.

Supervisor Ken Leedhertse also of the Greenhill police station said the media was excluded from chronicling the arrests of the protesters because the police didn't want those being arrested to play to the media. Kirt said "they have stuck to their plan" from the beginning.

Leedhertse said they accompanied.

But before any people were arrested, the police ordered all media present to leave the property.

Leedhertse said they accompa-



Workmen cleared the longhouse and roundhouse site (the mound to the right) within hours after police arrested 14 protesters during a pancake breakfast last Thursday. Clearing continues.

nied four native women who asked if they could say good-bye to the sacred fire.

The solemn faced Leedhertse said he had learned much about the aboriginal culture and respected their wishes.

Carol Bomberry was one of the



The fire is now out.

women Leedhertse escorted to the fire, where the former roundhouse was located at the activist encampment.

Bomberry said the police who escorted them were very polite and respectful as they said a final farewell to the fire.

The fire, she said, was "smoldering," and was just members. Leedhertse said the fire would be

allowed to "go out by its self," without interference from police, or workmen cutting down the brush and trees.

Cindy Carpenter of the Six Nations said "everything" was down and the flags were gone. Carpenter said the area felt "cold like the grave."

She adds it was like an "ice cold mist" blanketing the area. Carpenter, a frown on her face, said she wouldn't be back because there was "nothing to come back to."

Protestors and supporters alike milled about as nightfall blanketed the area, the sound of a bulldozer could be heard from the street.

Roger Laforme of New Credit said he came because "a clear head" was needed and later that evening he performed a Smudging Ceremony.

arrested as police clear site of Red The protesters were removed Thursday from a makeshift camp in the Red Hill Valley, where they had been camped since the summer, by about 50 police officers, private security guards and members of a heavily armed police tactical team.

Four people were charged with trespassing and were to appear in court Friday for a bail hearing.

One protester was taken to hospital after he complained of chest pains while being arrested.

About an hour after the protesters

were removed, construction workers moved into the area and started clearing the bushes around the

camp to make way for the \$220-million expressway.

"We didn't have a chance in hell," said protester Aubrey Sorensen, a 20-year-old Mohawk College student. "As long as I live, I'll never forget those policemen coming out of the woods."

She said most of the camp residents escaped by scattering into the forest.

Others left the camp after being warned they would be arrested for trespassing and contempt of court.

The protesters say the expressway's construction will destroy an ecologically sensitive section of the Red Hill Valley.

City officials say the expressway will be a new economic lifeline for the city, facilitating commerce and travel.

Premier Dalton McGuinty said last week that the expressway has been cleared by two environmental assessments and should proceed.

The valley now looks as if a nuclear bomb had exploded, for lying in rows resembling outstretched, white, skeletal hands are the lifeless trees of what once was a green forest.

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Red Hill Valley, police haven't seen anything yet

Work on the Red Hill Creek Expressway has begun and as seen by our front page picture the clearcutting is devastating when a roadway goes through.

It makes your heart jump to see the trees, to see the loss, to see the destruction.

It's happening because Six Nations was too late to get into the discussions over the future of the valley and before we could make any move to stop it, we had to be involved, a long time ago.

Now it's up to the Haudenosaunee negotiating team to help save as much of the valley as possible and to help make it a better place than it was.

Let's remember the creek itself is polluted and had been diverted by the city years ago. Its little more than a sewage line these days.

Wildlife, trees the forested area, that's left behind when the roadway goes through needs the protection being sought by the negotiating team.

And we need it.

We need to know that pictures like this one are coming to an end. We need to know that in fact an independent body, commission, agency call it what you like, who's sole purpose is the environmental protection of the valley needs to be put in place.

And we need to make sure Hamilton gets the message, they can't continue to develop in our landclaim areas without our participation and from the start, not after they've invested millions of dollars and started a roadway before we even know what's going on.

But to its credit, Hamilton is learning the Haudenosaunee Confederacy is a powerful force among confederacy supporters who are waiting quietly in the wings for successful negotiations to conclude.

Hamilton shouldn't fool itself into thinking removing a couple of Six Nations residents who joined their Red Hill Valley protesters is a show of any kind of power.

They haven't seen Six Nations in action yet and as long as they keep talking to the negotiating team, they won't.

But Hamilton would do well to heed the warning, the valley is ours to protect and if they keep pushing...Six Nations will respond.

So let's keep talking.

Six Nations loses another lacrosse legend in Ken Squire

This past week Six Nations put to rest yet another lacrosse legend. Ken Squire owner and coach of the Mohawk Stars is well known in lacrosse circles not just at Six Nations but provincially and nationally.

He died last week after a lengthy fight with cancer.

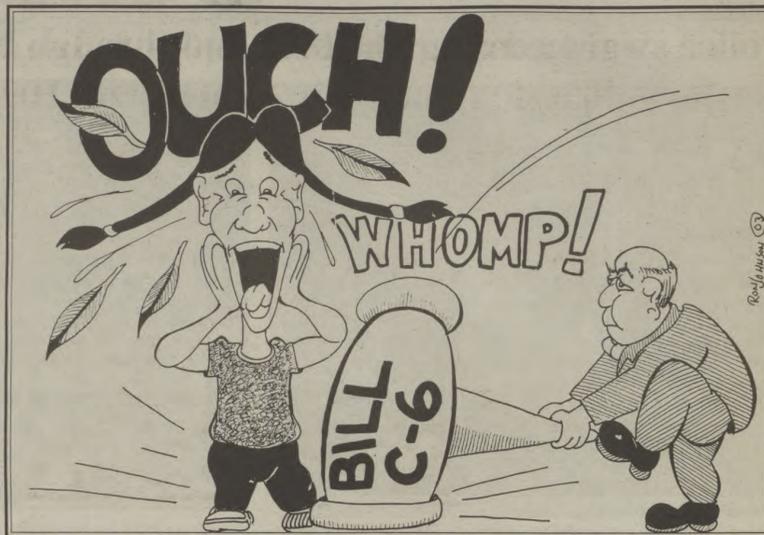
Our hearts and sympathy go out to his family. They're loss is great and so is Six Nations'.

Ken brought back the old Mohawk Stars not just for the enjoyment for this generation but to remind the elders here that they aren't forgotten. He inspired players. We certainly hope the team won't be lost but instead his family carries it on his memory.

Ken played lacrosse, coached it, was a team owner. This past weekend he was honoured by the Ontario Lacrosse Association who gave him a Presidents' award for his years of dedication and service to lacrosse.

He lived the sport and loved it.

He will be missed



Contest Winner loves Loretta Lynn

Turtle Island News is pleased to announce the winner of the What I admire about country singing queen Loretta Lynn is Kim Garlow

Kim entered our contest by the deadline of Monday and told us why she likes Loretta Lynn so much and wins two tickets to see her perform in Hamilton tonight.

Editor

By Kim Garlow

Loretta Lynn grew up poor with a lot of siblings. Because of this I feel it is why she never flaunted her wealth as she became famous, unlike the stars of today.

Not having much when you are young makes you appreciate what you achieve when you are older. This may also be why she seemed so grounded and sincere as a person.

Not to mention the morals and val-

ues placed on her from her parents. Her fans loved her and she tried to do concert after concert for them, until she collapsed. She put every-one first and herself second.

Ms. Lynn's songs seemed to reflect her life or life in general of regular people.

Her family was everything, no matter what anyone did.

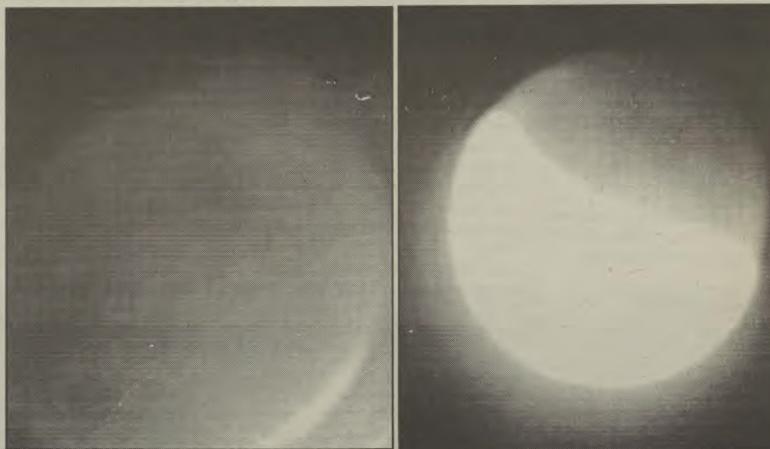
Ms. Lynn also stood by her husband even after all of his infidelities.

She didn't need to come from a famous or rich family. She was proud just to be a Coalminer's daughter.

Loretta Lynn will always be Country Music's First Lady of Country in my eyes, even when it's her time to pass onto the spirit world.

But the best part about her is that she is part Native, which is something I didn't learn until recently.

Miss the eclipse ...we didn't



Turtle Island News reporter-photographer Edna Gooder had her tripod and camera poised and ready Saturday night when the moon eclipsed. Here we the moon at full

eclipse (left). It went into full eclipse between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. and at the right as the eclipse comes to an end.

It might have been cold standing

around Saturday night but our Edna braved the temperatures and unusual silence that accompanies an eclipse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Health fight coming First Nations and Inuit Health takes health funding for its deficit, foot and chiropractic cut, Head Start money disappears

By Lynda Powless

Editor

Six Nations Band Council is gearing up for another political fight with Ottawa, only this times it's with First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) after the division of Health Canada, who took First Nations 2003-2004 funding allocations for footcare and chiropractic services and applied it against their deficit.

The cuts will affect thousands of people just at Six Nations alone. Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson told council at its Monday night finance meeting, health cuts were hitting aboriginal people across Canada.

She said Six Nations will take the lead in Ontario with a full day devoted to health care issues at the coming Chiefs of Ontario meeting being held in Hamilton, November 19th and 20th.

She said the Chiefs of Manitoba are also moving on the issue.

She said they are hosting a national meeting on health because of a lack of involvement from Assembly of First Nations (AFN) leader Phil Fontaine.

"The Manitoba Chiefs are calling a national meeting on health because its not being addressed nationally."

AFN spokesman Nancy Pine did not return Turtle Island News phone calls. First Nations Inuit Health Branch spokesman Janine Small did not return Turtle Island News calls by press time.

Councillor Barb Harris said Ontario has been cut by \$11 million in health spending and will get

hit by up to \$28 million in cuts next year. She told band council, "the money's going to their (FNIH) deficit."

Harris, chairman of the band council's health committee said "we

applied instead to their deficit and no new program dollars would be made available for services.

Harris said the cuts to chiropractic care mean that any new clients won't be covered by Indian and

She said the footcare services were mainly used by diabetics in the community. "They need this care."

Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson said "of course without the care they'll end up getting

already asked three times for a meeting and been turned down.

She said the health committee wants to obtain a "legal consultation over the fiduciary obligations of the government" and she said they want to launch a community awareness plan with rallies, walks, sit ins and press conferences.

Jamieson told council they could invite McLellan to a meeting again, "but by Friday she may not be the health minister. When the new Prime Minister comes in things are going to change dramatically."

Harris said the only way Treaty Three got "any action when they had their health care cut was to hold a sit in of the regional office."

Jamieson told council, "that's what the government is showing us. is teaching our people that that's how they respond. They got their health care restored."

Harris said they want to stage a press conference in Oneida where the Honourable Ethel Blondin announced millions of dollars in funding for Headstart programs for children. She said after the announcement the money was cut.

Jamieson said details of the "implementation plan will be coming."



Roberta Jamieson



Phil Fontaine



Barb Harris

need the political people to go up to Ottawa and start pounding on doors. They're (Health Canada) nickel and diming us to death."

She said First Nations Inuit Health Branch (under Health Canada) regional director Al Garman told the health committee in October the Ontario region budget for 2003-2004 totals only \$281,891.

She said Garman said the allocations for footcare and chiropractic services were taken away and

Northern Affairs (INAC) and any clients currently signed up will be covered until April.

But she said Dr. Palmer, of the Six Nations Chiropractic Centre, "has agreed to carry the clients until then. He's hoping we'll see some results from this."

She said over 2,400 people are receiving chiropractic care at Six Nations.

She said the foot care budget is gone. "It's all used up. It's finished. There isn't anymore footcare."

worse and needing medication, which they will cover. It's a vicious circle."

Harris said "Ontario is not waiting, nationally, we're going on our own with this."

Harris said Dr. Palmer had approached health services to take "him under us but we don't have any money for the service."

Harris had recommended band council send another letter to Hon Minister Anne McLellan asking for a meeting. She said they have

Bills in limbo, Martin may reconvene to get ethics bill and others

(Continued from front)

added to the unfinished list.

The bill had been passed by the Commons, but the Senate added a surprise amendment on Friday, which means the Commons has to pass the bill again before it can become law.

But Prime Minister in waiting Paul Martin wants Parliament to resume sitting in mid-November after a one-week break so MPs can do battle with the Senate over two key pieces of Prime Minister Jean Chretien's legacy package.

Chretien's successor is "very disappointed" the Senate amended the bill to appoint an independent ethics commissioner and then adjourned on Friday, a week before it was expected to, a spokesman said.

The early adjournment in effect killed two key bills: the ethics bill and another another to redraw electoral boundaries.

"Obviously, how to move forward, particularly in light of the unfortu-

nate actions of the Senate, is a decision that will fall to the prime minister," said Martin spokesman Scott Reid. "Mr. Martin has no intention of interfering with that decision."

But Martin, who is in a hurry to get on with building a new government, would like the legislation passed while Chretien remains in command, the aide said.

"His preference ... is that the existing legislative agenda will be completed, particularly it's critical that the ethics package pass."

It has been widely expected the government will prorogue the Commons following next week's Liberal leadership convention in order to avoid the awkward appearance of Martin, the new leader, and Chretien sitting together in the House. The House is currently only scheduled to break for one week.

Another Martin insider said the House could return for just one day, on Nov. 17, before proroguing, in order to send the ethics bill back to the Senate, giving the upper

chamber a chance to pass it and the bill to change electoral boundaries. But key insiders said Saturday the government has no intention of bringing MPs back for one day of sitting.

A spokeswoman for Chretien's office expressed regret at the Senate's actions, which provoked a storm of criticism Friday.

Thoren Hudyma couldn't say whether the House would likely be back following the Liberal convention.

But she said that if the government prorogues, the ball will be in Martin's court.

"If the House prorogues, the new leader will have to reconvene Parliament, probably sometime in the new year, and will have to then deal with those bills."

The electoral boundaries bill is thought to be crucial for Martin, as he plans to call a spring election to solidify his mandate in the face of a newly united right.

Delay may not mean there can't be a spring election, said one Martin

insider, but it's not entirely clear whether Elections Canada would be ready in time.

Chief electoral officer Jean-Pierre Kingsley has said the boundaries bill must pass this fall in order to give his officials time to prepare for a spring election.

The deadlock in the Senate also hampers Martin's planned "100 days of action" that could include appointing a new cabinet, expected to be composed largely of new players.

It would also include a throne speech, and possibly a spring budget before the election launch.

Instead, his first order of business may be calling Parliament back with the current cabinet in order to finish up Chretien's legacy package, said one government insider.

"It's going to push everything back."

The Senate added a surprise amendment to the ethics bill on Friday, which means the Commons has to pass the bill again before it can become law.

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Long Term health care minister tours Six Nations birthing centre

By E. J. GOODER
Staff writer

George Smitherman, the new minister of Health and Long-Term Care toured the Six Nations Maternal and Child Centre on Sour

two-and-a-half month-old Aiyanna Sierra Jonathan, who was born at the birthing centre. Mom Melissa Jonathan of Brantford said she would have her next child at the centre because it was "like a fami-

Therefore, visiting the different native communities and facilities, such as the Maternal and Child Centre will help him understand the needs of the aboriginal people. Smiling and shaking hands Smitherman strolled about inspecting the Centre's lounge, kitchen offices and spacious backyard were clients can relax while preparing for their babies arrival.

Ruby Jacobs director of health services said she is hoping to receive a "renewal for the next phase" of the services provided to the community at the birthing centre. Jacobs said the aboriginal communities of Ontario have a share in a \$33 million budget. The Six Nations Maternal and Child Centre must prepare a submission, with the needs of the centre before sending it to the Aboriginal Health office in Toronto. She adds "we need salary enhancement" for the staff. The cost of running the Centre, she stresses, has increased as well.

Staff member Laurie Jacobs, 39, a mid-wife at the Centre said having a child at the Centre gives women a sense of empowerment and "babies are born peacefully." Ruby Miller supervisor of the Centre said the centre provides many services, such as traditional medicines, nutrition and a safe, culturally sensitive place to experience child birth.



Minister of Longterm care George Smitherman visited the birthing centre last Friday and met Aiyanna Jonathan, 2months old and her mom Melissa. Aiyanna was born at the centre. (Photo by Edna Gooder)

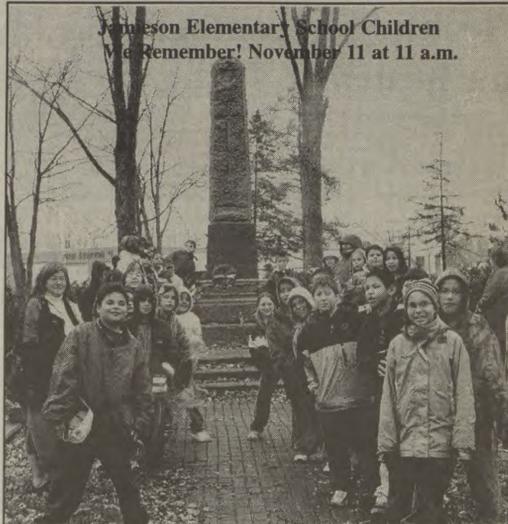
Springs Rd., last Friday

While touring the facility, Smitherman said, he wanted to "soak up" as much as possible before making any health decisions about aboriginal communities in Ontario.

Smitherman and Brant MPP David Levac toured the birthing centre as well as Roberta Jamieson elected council chief.

Walking about the warm and cozy centre Smitherman stopped to hold

ly here" and it was, so peaceful at the centre. Jonathan a Cherokee formally of North Carolina said she had a pleasant experience and would have her next child here as well. Smitherman said since "he is new to the position" he wanted to have as much information and meet as many people in the native community as possible before making any decisions concerning Ontario's aboriginal community.



Yesterday's rain didn't stop Jamieson Elementary School children from holding Remembrance Day Services at Veterans Park. They took their wreaths to the Ohsweken Cenotaph Tuesday and held their own remembrance Day services on the 11th month, the 11th day and at the 11th hour (Photos by Edna Gooder)



Band Council may impose regulations on businesses, quality, service

By Lynda Powless
Editor

Six Nations Band Council may be moving to impose "standards" and "regulations" on local businesses after a man who says he is a traditional healer tried to get a letter of recognition for his healing business from band council.

Councillor Dave Hill told council he had gone to visit Roger Hill and

his Circle of Life Institute on Seneca Road.

Roger Hill had been at a previous band council meeting asking for a letter of support but was told he could only get a letter of recognition after a band councillor verified he did indeed run a business.

Councillor Dave Hill said Roger Hill was running a business and recommended he be given a letter

of recognition of his business.

He said Roger had invited all of council to come and see his shop. "He's got plants, and herbs and stuff all over the place," he said. Councillor Carl Hill said he went to see the business "even though its not in my district. How many others went," he asked. None of the other councillors responded.

Councillor Barb Harris, chairman of council's health committee, said she had fears that if council recognized Roger Hill's business he would attempt to go to health services for funding for medical transportation or other services "and we don't have money to cover that." She said council could also be held liable for his services.

But Councillor Dave Hill told her, "he hasn't asked for anything like that." He said "what's the difference between this a garage mechanic. We don't ask him if he's a Class A mechanic.

Harris said she still would be voting against it

"We don't know what he's doing over there. If he's so good why does he need us to recognize him." Harris said he "is claiming he can do all sorts of things. If he could he'd be a millionaire."

Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson told council the problem stemmed from a lack of standards being set by band council for issuing of the letters of recognition. "We do not have any standards for granting these letters. We do say you are a recognized business. We do know people use these for cigarette quotas."

She said council hasn't exerted any control over how the letters are used.

"Some businesses do need them to get delivery of supplies. I understand that when dealing with a health care provider there is a concern that by recognizing traditional healing as a business somehow we council may be liable."

She said a rider could be placed on the letter absolving band council of any liability.

But Band Councillor Dave Hill said council doesn't place the rider on any other letters it issues.

"We don't put that on any body else. There's no difference than with a garage mechanic. I know there's traditional healers down here that people go to. It's up o each person that goes there to decide if they use the service. I don't think we should say he's not a traditional healer."

Hill's motion to provide a letter of recognition was defeated after council was hit with a tie of six in favour and six against. Band Council Chief Roberta Jamieson broke the tie saying she could not support the motion.

She told council, "I'm going to put a motion to the floor to add that section that council does not accept any liability in the products or services."

The motion passed 7-5. A second business seeking recognition Jays Smokes, owned by Shelley Burnham also received a letter of recognition but with the same rider after councillor Susan Porter insisted the same rider be attached to the business letter.

Band Council Chief Jamieson said council needed to develop a policy to regulate business standards including health and inspection standards. She said economic development had been asked to looked into the issue at an earlier meeting. "I sure hope they get back to us with some standards."

Tonto's nephews had them rolling with laughter at G.R.E.A.T. theatre

By E. J. GOODER
Staff writer

The comedy troupe Tonto's Nephews kept the audience in gales of laughter.

About 100 people attended the free, premiere event on a very foggy Tuesday night Oct. 4 from about 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The troupe is the first act to appear at the new 50 seat theatre at the GREAT complex in Ohsweken. Even though the night was cold and foggy people came to the theatre, so more seating had to be brought in to accommodate the overflow.

Tonto's Nephews is comprised of four young aboriginal men Herby Barnes, Sid Bell, Darrell Dennis and Ryan McMahan from Northern Ontario and the interior of British Columbia.

When the nephews came out on the small stage they immediately had the audience roaring with laughter before they even began their improvisation performance.

Improvisational performances are ad-libbing, or making it up as you go along and the young men did it and did it very, very well.

The troupe would take turns in beginning the improvisation and the others would then follow the lead keeping the scene going. At times throughout the evening they would ask for suggestions from the audience, such as the oddest

profession, or the strangest place.

Although all of the nephews were funny; Barnes was the most naturally humorous, but as the evening progressed, the others blended into the rhythm quite nicely. The funniest segment of the evening's performance was when the four nephews were writing e-mails on an imaginary computer about how picking your nose could lead to higher intelligence and a bigger brain. The improvisational comedy routines are very visual as well as physical and by the end of the evening everyone was belly laughing so hard some members of the audience had tears in their eyes. and at present all are living and working in Toronto.

The young comedienne learned their craft at the renowned Second City Comedy Club a staple in the Toronto entertainment scene. This young group has only been together for only a short while, but picked one another's cues as if they had worked together for years.

The procurement of cultural entertainment was the brainchild of Gary Farmer a promoter, actor and Six Nations band member. Farmer said he wanted to bring a cultural atmosphere to the territory as well as give the local artist a place to hone their crafts, through theatre productions, such as concerts, plays and a variety of other enter-



Tonto's Nephews Herby Barnes, Sid Bell, bring audience volunteer Frank McNaughton into the act and kept the overflow audience in tears with their jokes and antics. Each Tuesday night a different form of entertainment is available at the GREAT theatre (Photo by Edna Gooder)

tainment. He adds workshops will also allow visiting artist to demonstrate their skills to beginners interested in a career in show business.

At the end of the performance the nephews sat on stage and

answered a few questions from the audience, such as do you have to be funny in order to perform improvisation? Barnes said no, it's a learned technique.

Tonto's Nephews is planning on touring, so if they come to your

community it would be worth a couple of belly laughs and tears of joy to see them in action.

Watch for more entertainment every Tuesday night at the G.R.E.A.T. theatre. The entertainment is free of charge at this time.

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Spoilers take home number one spot in Silverhawks tournament

By Samantha Martin
Staff Reporter

BRANTFORD-The Sour Springs Spoilers took home the trophy for the second time.

The Six Nations Silverhawks hosted the Seventh Annual All Native Hockey Tournament this past weekend at the Brantford Civic Centre.

Out of the eight teams in divisions one and two, the Sour Springs Spoilers was the team to take home the trophy.

They beat out Cape Croker in the championship game with a score of 6-1.

They now get to take home the Silverhawks Tournament trophy, \$3,500 in prize money, and bragging rights for the next year.

The Spoilers got an early lead

with two goals scored in the first period. It looked like Cape Croker might have been competition when they scored their first goal, but the Spoilers came on strong with four more goals in the remaining periods.

Points went to Sandy Porter (3G), Jeff Bomberry (1G), Cecil Hill (1G, 1A), Kevin Jamieson (1G), Shaun General (1A), Jake Hill (1A), Stu Johnson (1A), and Chris Montour (1A) for the Sour Springs Spoilers, and to Mike Hopkins (1G) of Cape Croker.

Game Most Valuable Player (MVP) went to Sandy Porter of the Spoilers and tournament MVP went to Stu Johnson of the Sour Springs Spoilers.

The Spoilers also won a previous Silverhawks Tournament in 2000.



Spoilers pose with the Silverhawks All-Native Tournament Trophy after beating out Cape Croker 6-1 in the championship game at the Brantford Civic Centre over the weekend. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

Turtle Island News welcomes new sports reporter



By Samantha Martin
Staff Reporter

Hi. Allow me to introduce, well, myself.

My name is Samantha Martin, and I'm the new sports reporter for the Turtle Island News.

I've lived on the Six Nations Reserve all my life. I am currently in my last year at Niagara College in the Journalism-Print program.

I've always liked to write, so journalism seemed like the right career choice for me. Whether or

not I'll always think like that, time will tell.

When I saw the ad for the sports reporter in the paper I thought that it'd be a great opportunity to get my foot in the door and see if I liked being a reporter.

I've always been a big fan of sports. I used to play baseball, basketball, and soccer, and I've always enjoyed watching my brothers' play hockey and lacrosse.

I like to watch sports in person, not on TV. I like to be in the arena or on the bleachers by the field so I can really get into the game. I like the feeling of being in a crowd who's cheering for the home team.

All the commercials on TV can really ruin the momentum of the

game for me. The only games I'll watch on TV are lacrosse games, and the occasional Detroit Red Wings hockey game, usually to watch them beat the Toronto Maple Leafs.

With it being winter, you'll most likely see me at Bush League, a Brantford Blast game, or watching my brother play hockey on the weekends.

In the summer I'll usually be watching the Arrows, the Chiefs, or my brothers play lacrosse. Just to let you know, I really believe the Chiefs are going to win the Mann Cup this summer. I'm going to try to do the best job I can. I hope you like it. So, got a sport's story call me at 445-0868! Just ask for Sam!



The Spoilers congratulate goalie Chad Styres after winning the Silverhawks Tournament over the weekend. (Photo by Samantha Martin)

Randy Chrysler, Arrows new head coach, promises a Minto Cup win for next season

By Terrylyn Brant

OHSWEKEN-"I will guarantee you a Minto Cup," was the passionate promise made by the Six Nations (SN) Arrows Jr. A Lacrosse Club new Head Coach Randy Chrysler.

Chrysler was introduced to the public and young Arrows hopefuls at the GREAT building on Six Nations.

The SN Arrows President Lewis Staats introduced Chrysler along with Delby Powless, senior assistant coach, Kyle Martin, general manager, Todd Monture, director of team operations, Jack Hill, first vice-president, and Curt Styres, new team financial partner.

Chrysler told everyone, "No one is established with me, everyone has to earn their spot."

"I've played against your fathers and we at Tuscarora learned you had to try and keep the game close; we couldn't win by losing our cool. I won't accept selfish play, spearing and slashing because you got high stuck."

"I expect Arrows players to play for the logo on the front of the jersey, not the name on the back. You need three things: a work ethic, heart and dedication and if you have those and listen, I'll guarantee you a Minto Cup."

Chrysler is a former Buffalo Bandits coach of the National



Randy Chrysler describing the three things he expects Arrow players to have (left) and taking questions (right). (Photo by Terrylyn Brant)

Lacrosse League. He spent many years playing for the Tuscarora Thunderhawks and won both the President's Cup and the Founder's Cup.

In the winter Chrysler coaches the Wheatfield Jr. B Blades of the Empire Junior League. Chrysler asked local businessman Delby Powless Sr. to help him on the bench.

"I thought of Delby, we played together for years and he will be

a help because of his knowledge of the local players," said Chrysler.

Chrysler, owner of "Randy's Smoke Shop" on Tuscarora Reserve said, "Six Nations has the best raw talent and stick handling I've ever seen coast to coast and I can get you guys acting like brothers then we'll be a team."

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Turtle Island News and Ken Squire honoured by Ontario Lacrosse

TORONTO-Turtle Island News and the late Ken Squire, owner of the Mohawk Stars and veteran lacrosse player and coach were honoured by the Ontario Lacrosse Association at its 2003 annual awards dinner banquet Saturday night in Toronto.

Turtle Island News received the association's best overall lacrosse coverage and Turtle Island News sports writer Wray Maracle won the sports writing award.

Its the first time the OLA has given such a prestigious media award to an aboriginal publication.

Publisher Lynda Powless received the award Saturday night in Toronto. "We are deeply honoured to have been chosen for this award," she said. "We work very hard to promote the game of lacrosse. It's a part of who we are as a community at Six Nations and



Turtle Island News Publisher Lynda Powless accepts th award for best sports coverage from the Ontario Lacrosse Association at its annual banquet in Toronto Saturday night. The plaque will include Turtle Island News name, the first aboriginal publication to win the award. In addition sports writer Wray Maracle received a sports coverage award. (Photo by 20Toe)



Mohawk Stars executive director Terrylyn Brant and Jack Hill (now with the Arrows) accepted the Presidents' Award for more than 20years of service to lacrosse awarded to the late Ken Squire. Ken was honoured for his commitment and service to furthering lacrosse as a player and coach. (Photo by 20Toe)

Mammoth hires Mann Cup champ Walt Christianson as assistant coach

DENVER (CP) - Walt Christianson of Victoria has joined the Colorado Mammoth of the National Lacrosse League as an assistant coach. Christianson coached the Victoria Shamrocks to the Canadian amateur Mann Cup championship in September.

He joins head coach Jamie Batley of Peterborough, Ont., on the bench after serving the last two years as assistant coach of the NLL's Calgary Roughnecks.

"Walt has more than 25 years experience in the game of lacrosse," said Mammoth GM Steve Govett. "He's been an outstanding player and coach and we welcome his tremendous insight."

Christianson was Western Lacrosse Association coach of the year in 1990, 2001 and 2002. He has three Mann Cup championships to his credit, including two as a player.

He teaches high school social studies, history and physical education in Victoria. Govett also announced that veteran forwards Al Truant and

as a people." Powless said it came as a surprise when they learned Turtle Island News sports writer Wray Maracle also received an award. "We didn't know until we arrived that he had won an award as well. But we think it is wonderful. Wray has always been a strong supporter of lacrosse and sports at Six Nations and at Turtle Island News he was a plea-

sure to work with."

Wray Maracle has since returned to school attending Brock University in St. Catharines.

The OLA also gave out President's awards to those who had more than 20 years of service and commitment to the game of Lacrosse.

AT Six Nations the late Ken Squire, owner of the Mohawk Stars and a veteran lacrosse player and coach received an award. It was accepted by Mohawk Stars director Terrylyn Brant and Jack Hill on

behalf of Mr Squire who had passed away Friday night.

Ms. Brant said "Ken was devoted to lacrosse. It was part of his life. This is a wonderful recognition for him and his life of lacrosse."

Also receiving a President's Award was Brenda Mt. Pleasant, and Janice Mt. Pleasant. Connie Johnson received a coaching award.

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Fatality inquiry in Red Deer, Alta., looks at drowning of foster child

RED DEER, Alta. (CP) — A foster mother described during emotional testimony at a fatality inquiry how she found a baby in her care drowned in a bathtub.

Michelle Gillespie said Monday she had been bathing 10-month-old Jarius Cabry and his three-year-old brother together in April 2002 and had taken them out of the tub.

She made a telephone call to a fellow foster mother to make child-care arrangements for a fostering class. She made the call in her bedroom, about two metres away from the bathroom.

Gillespie testified she saw Jarius leave her bedroom headed for the nearby playroom where his brother was.

But when Gillespie returned to the bathroom, she heard splashing and found the three-year-old sitting in the back of the tub, while Jarius was on his back under the water. She performed CPR and called 911.

Gillespie said her normal practice with the three foster children and her own three children was to keep the bath-water level as low as six to seven centimetres when bathing the younger children.

In addition, she always asked the older child to pull the plug. However, on that day the bath level was estimated at 16 to 17 centimetres and she forgot to ask Jarius's brother to pull the plug.

"I didn't do that. I went over that 100 times in my head," she said. "Jarius was an amazing little boy," she told Crown prosecutor Neil Boyle. "He was sunshine," she testified while crying. "He was full of life and he loved his brother so much," she said.

Jarius could walk by holding onto objects and crawled quickly, Gillespie said.

Police concluded there was no foul play in Jarius's death, Const. Marian Yakubow of Red Deer RCMP testified.

The Gillespies received the two boys and their six-year-old sister through Parkland Youth Homes which had a contract with Kasohkewew Child Wellness Society of Hobbema.

They had been removed from their natural parents because they couldn't provide proper care brought on by substance abuse.

The inquiry heard the natural parents received a "wake-up" call

over the death and now have custody of both their other children.

Myrna Lee, a manager with Alberta Child Social Services, testified Gillespie had many strengths as a foster parent.

Lee said Gillespie worked closely with the natural parents and helped them. Gillespie also kept in close contact with her immediate supervisor and the Kasohkewew case manager.

As a result of the drowning, the department made recommendations for all foster parents and foster agencies concerning the bathing of young children, Lee said.

Jarius's death prompted Children's Services Minister Iris Evans to remove the right of the Samson band at Hobbema to fully administer its own child welfare programs.

He drowned just 10 days after a fatality inquiry report was released regarding another foster child's death in Red Deer. That report criticized the province for flaws in the foster-care system.

That inquiry examined the death of a two-year-old aboriginal child who died in Red Deer in 1999 when she struck her head after her foster mother pushed her.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

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"I said you can take my smoking tobacco. . . But the tobacco I pray with, I want in my cell," said Maytwayashing. He denied making any threats.

He said he offered to keep the tobacco visible in an evidence bag on his windowsill but that was denied.

"I'm in the hole because of my religious beliefs," said Maytwayashing, who's been at the Remand Centre for about a year on weapons offences.

Peterson said when inmates refused to turn over their spiritual tobacco, an elder was sent in to settle the incident and threats were uttered and segregations ordered.

After consultation with the elders assigned to the provincial jails, officials decided that spiritual tobacco will be held by the elders for the inmates who want to use it.

Confiscated tobacco products will be returned to the inmates when they're released from jail.

From: "Command News" <fp.NEWS.BKENNEDY@mail.cp.org>

Majority of Maine voters reject proposal for natives casino

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — An overwhelming majority of Maine voters said no dice to a native proposal to build a \$650-million casino, deciding that promises of jobs and new tax revenues did not outweigh potential drawbacks.

"I'm very proud of the citizens of this state," Gov. John Baldacci said after votes from Tuesday's referendum were counted.

"It didn't matter how much money was being spent on the airwaves, they were able to read the legislation and make the determination themselves. And it was a bad deal for Maine."

With votes counted in 85 per cent of 649 Maine precincts, the opposition held steady with a 2-1 edge, 66 per cent to 34 per cent.

While the casinos were turned down, voters have approved cash for new bridge and road construction.

The mayor of Calais, Maine, told ATV news the 'yes' to road and bridge building could lead to a third crossing between Maine and New Brunswick.

She said money will be made available for an engineering study of a bridge close to the St. Stephen, N.B.-Calais crossing.

However, the casino battle was the highest profile issue on the ballot, as the two sides raised \$10 million in the battle to get their messages across to voters.

Erin Lehane, a spokeswoman for the pro-casino campaign, said the loss did not weaken supporters' resolve to formulate an economic development strategy.

"People didn't come to this so much because they wanted a casino in Maine. They wanted to see job creation and economic development," Lehane said. "I think all over the state, we can all agree that what we need to do is put our people back to work."

Baldacci said he wants to meet with native leaders to discuss a job-creation strategy, adding, "I feel very strongly that we've got to work together because we're in it together."

While ruling out a casino, voters decided to allow slot machines at Maine's commercial harness-racing tracks in Scarborough and Bangor. The slot-machine proposal, unrelated to the native casino initiative, was promoted by the harness-racing industry as a way to drum up renewed interest in the sport.

Opponents of the slot-machine and casino questions were unified in their message: The costs of social problems would outweigh gains in jobs and new revenue for the state.

Maine's Passamaquoddy and Penobscot bands, who forced the casino referendum through a petition drive, proposed building a casino with 4,000 slot machines and 180 gaming tables, along with an 875-room hotel. The likely location would be Sanford, a southern Maine town that once thrived on textile mills.

Heavily financed by Las Vegas casino developer Marnell Corrao Associates and supported by the Maine AFL-CIO, the pro-casino campaign emphasized the project's potential to generate 10,000 construction and service jobs while improving the lives of natives. Casino backers also said the project, once completed, would pour \$100 million a year into state coffers.

N.S. cancels annual Treaty Day celebrations due to financial woes

HALIFAX (CP) — Financial problems have cancelled Nova Scotia's second attempt to hold its yearly Treaty Day celebrations.

The event commemorates the Treaty of 1752, which established the fishing and hunting rights of the Mi'kmaq. Officials cancelled it at the end of September when hurricane Juan devastated the city. The event was rescheduled for Nov. 19, but now the plans have been scrapped for this year. "That's five months planning gone down the drain," said organizer Roy Gould.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Prince Rupert, B.C., area MLAs crash aquaculture protest with farmed fish

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. (CP) — With freshly purchased farmed salmon in hand, two MLAs crashed an aquaculture protest in front of a local grocery store Wednesday.

North Coast MLA Bill Belsey and North Island MLA Rod Visser walked into the middle of the protest to make a point, fish farms provide jobs.

"This industry means so much to the people of the North Coast and I am tired of these people spreading misinformation," said Belsey.

He said about 100 people are employed directly or indirectly by the industry in the North Coast riding.

He added every job is important on the North Coast as the area is struggling economically.

"Salmon farming is very important to a lot of coastal communities. Some support it, some don't and I understand that," said Belsey.

"Those communities that do support it, I think they have to be represented at these kind of events where you've got protesters not putting out the truth, not putting out the whole story — only putting out one side."

Edward May, a campaigner with the Forest Action Network, said for as many jobs the industry creates, it threatens hundreds more with its negative impact on wild fisheries.

"Six or seven jobs in one area doesn't compare to the thousands of First Nations and fishermen who rely on wild salmon," said May.

The protest was organized to draw public attention to the negative impacts of the aquaculture industry, he said, so people can make a more informed choice.

It was also an attempt to get what the Forest Action Network describes as a large seller of farmed salmon, Canada Safeway, to stop selling the product.

However, May said the company has taken the position it will continue sales.

B.C. native leaders ask court to protect lands from gas development

VICTORIA (CP) — Native leaders from northeastern B.C. are in Victoria this week to fight a court battle to protect their hunting lands from oil and gas development.

The Saulteau First Nation is appearing before a B.C. Supreme Court judge asking him to overturn the approval granted by the B.C. Oil and Gas Commission for an exploratory gas well in an area of land known as the Peace Moberly tract.

Outside the courtroom Tuesday Saulteau Chief Allan Apsassin said the area is crucial hunting territory for his people to take moose, a staple meat source for most of the 770-odd Saulteau people.

"It's one of the last places around where we can still carry on our traditional ways," said Apsassin.

The Peace Moberly tract is a large chunk lying between the Peace and Moberly rivers close to Fort St. John. According to Apsassin and colleagues with him, the area is the last relatively unspoiled wilderness area in the region where game is plentiful. Much of the surrounding area has been logged and now oil and gas development is coming.

The court case in Victoria came as a result of approval granted to Calgary-based Vintage Petroleum Canada Inc. to drill an exploratory well in Peace Moberly. Representatives appearing for Vintage and the B.C. government declined to comment.

Inmates upset that smoking ban in Manitoba prisons includes spiritual tobacco

WINNIPEG (CP) — Some native remand centre inmates complained Wednesday that they can't practise their religion because their tobacco was confiscated under a new ban on smoking in provincial jails.

Across most of the province, the transition to smoke-free jails went smoothly, but a few Winnipeg Remand Centre inmates caused a fuss when they were told they had to hand over their spiritual tobacco, said Paul Peterson of provincial corrections.

There's a disagreement between the province and the inmates as to exactly what happened, but two inmates were put into solitary confinement after an incident.

Some Aboriginal Peoples use tobacco during prayer as an offering to the spirits.

"Spiritual tobacco is very sacred to us," said one inmate, who didn't want to be identified.

When two inmates refused to produce their tobacco, they were hit with pepper spray, he said.

Bradley Maytwayashing spent 24 hours in segregation and was charged with uttering threats.

He said he was charged after asking the elder assigned to the Remand Centre if he could keep his spiritual tobacco.

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Government to launch fast track plan to settle residential school lawsuits

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government's much-delayed and contentious bid to reach out-of-court settlements with more than 12,000 former students at native residential schools, will be launched on Thursday.

Ralph Goodale, the minister responsible for resolving the residential schools impasse, is to provide details of the plan at a news conference.

A major stumbling block has been Ottawa's refusal to consider claims for loss of language and cultural damages in schools that were created to "Christianize" native children.

The government's \$1.7-billion plan to fast-track settlements has so far only included compensation for physical and sexual abuse.

"We think there will be survivors who will have simply no choice but to try it out," said Toronto lawyer Darcy Merkur. His law firm, Thomson Rogers, is leading a class-action lawsuit that, if certified, will seek \$12 billion for abuses of all kinds.

"We think those who try it out will find it to be flawed," he said of the government's out-of-court option. Angry native leaders have already threatened to derail the process for that reason.

Its failure would cost the government millions of dollars it had hoped to save by keeping cases out of a sluggish and costly court system.

At current rates, it's estimated the claims would drag on for 50 years

and run up legal bills of at least \$2 billion, not including settlements. Fierce resistance from plaintiffs delayed the process and forced Ottawa to consider changes. Applications were originally to be released last spring.

The federal government's plan to speed settlements, announced last December, was designed to resolve up to 18,000 cases out of court in seven years. Ottawa would cover 70 per cent of proven damages for physical and sexual abuse, but only for those who waive their right to sue for language and cultural losses.

Native leaders called that "a sham" and demanded changes. Ottawa's fast-tracking plan would have put cases before 32 adjudicators, such as retired judges. Plaintiffs would have to collect 30 per cent of any payout from the Roman Catholic, Anglican, United or Presbyterian churches that ran the schools for much of the last century.

Many plaintiffs claim they were punished, sometimes beaten, for speaking their native tongue. Students lost fluency and were often reluctant to later teach their children the ancient dialects.

No Canadian judge has ever awarded damages for such cultural losses.

Ottawa would cover the rest.

Critics say the deal was crafted with little native input. They have also assailed Ottawa's move to award damages using a points system that some have called a "meat chart."

It offers small amounts for less serious assaults, up to \$100,000 or more for the most brutal abuse.

Government officials say the system merely reflects how damages are typically assessed in civil litigation.

They also stress that Ottawa will spend \$172-million over 10 years to help restore native languages eroded in residential schools.

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Veteran Calgary cop charges racism, vows to fight dismissal

CALGARY (CP) — A veteran city police officer fired from his job Tuesday promised to fight against a dismissal he claims was fraught with racism.

Const. Norman Many Fingers, a 20-year veteran who once made headlines for his successful battle to wear braids on the job, said he'll take his fight to the Law Enforcement Review Board. "It's not over by a long shot," he said. Many Fingers, 50, a treaty Indian from the Blood Tribe, was found guilty last week of four counts of insubordination and one charge of corrupt practice. He initially faced more than 20 offences, ranging from insubordination to corrupt practices for using his position as a police officer to gain civil advantage. Many Fingers has rejected all of the accusations, saying he's faced bigotry since joining the force.

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GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Grand Erie District School Board Invites Written Expressions of Interest For Appointment to The Special Education Advisory Committee

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 464/97, the Grand Erie District School Board is soliciting interested parties to be members of the Special Education Advisory Committee. Applications will be accepted from "local associations" which are incorporated and operated throughout Ontario "to further the interests and well-being of one or more groups of exceptional children or adults". In addition, applications from persons who are not members of a "local association" will be considered.

To be eligible a person must be:

- (a) a Canadian citizen;
- (b) 18 years of age or more;
- (c) a resident within the area of jurisdiction of the Board; and
- (d) a public school elector as defined in the *Municipal Electors Act*.

A person is not qualified to be nominated if employed by the Grand Erie District School Board.

The Special Education Advisory Committee "...may make recommendations to the board in respect of any matter affecting the establishment, development and delivery of special education programs and services of exceptional pupils of the board". The term of office for the Special Education Advisory Committee is December 2003 to November 2006.

Written applications referring to this advertisement should include name, address, telephone number and a note about your interest in the Special Education Advisory Committee of the Grand Erie District School Board and should be addressed to the undersigned by **Monday, January 5, 2004**:

Jacqueline D. Delong, Secretary/Resource
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POSITION	EMPLOYER/LOCATION	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
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Executive Director of SONICS	CKRZ 100.3 FM, Ohsweken	T.B.A.	November 28, 2003 @ 12:00 noon
Aboriginal Family Support Worker Assistant-Term Contract	N'Amerind (London) Friendship Centre, London	T.B.A.	November 14, 2003 @ 4:30 pm
Administrative-Shipping/Receiving Clerk	Good Minds.com, Brantford (Must be Job Connect Eligible)	T.B.A.	Friday, November 14, 2003 @ 4:00 noon
Executive Director	Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre, Windsor	T.B.A.	December 5, 2003
Bookkeeper	Can-Am Indian Friendship Centre, Windsor	T.B.A.	December 5, 2003
Coordinator, Native Education	Ministry of Education/Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, Toronto	\$66,197-\$86,867 per annum	November 17, 2003 @ 4:30 pm

SIX NATIONS COUNCIL

POSITION	DEPARTMENT	TERM	SALARY	CLOSING DATE
Clinical Services Workers (Children's Mental Health)	S.N.G.R. Social Services Admin.	Full-Time 2 positions	\$39,900.00 D.O.Q.	Wed. Nov. 12/03 @ 4:00 pm
Shelter Services Supervisor	Ganohkwassa Family Assult	Full-Time	T.B.D.	Wed. Nov. 14/03 @ 4:00 pm
Personal Support Worker (5 Positions)	Health Services	Part-Time	\$9.71-\$13.71/hr	Wed. Nov. 26/03 @ 4:00 pm
Maintenance Groundskeeper (Birthing Centre/Possibly-Permanent)	Health Services	Contract	\$26,780 per annum	Wed. Nov. 26/03 @ 4:00 pm
Manager (Primary Care Paramedic)	Health Services	Full-Time	\$40,800-\$63,750 per annum	Wed. Nov. 26/03 @ 4:00 pm

A copy of the above Job Descriptions and application procedures for the above noted positions must be picked up at Grand River Employment & Training, reception desk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. * After hours services have been suspended and will resume in September.

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Allen Sapp, Glen Huser win Gov. Gen. literary awards for kids books

OTTAWA (CP) Cree artist Allen Sapp and Edmonton writer Glen Huser both imparted words of wisdom as they won Governor General's literary awards Monday for their children's books.

Sapp, an officer of the Order of Canada who lives in North Battleford, Sask., won the \$15,000 award for his paintings in the colourful picture book *The Song Within My Heart*.

Huser won the English-language award for *Stitches*, a novel about two resilient outcasts who struggle to survive being different in a small town.

Sapp, who grew up on the Red Pheasant reserve in Saskatchewan in the 1930s, is a descendant of the Cree leader Poundmaker. His paintings depict the activities that children were involved in many years ago on the reserve, and he lamented that kids today spend so much time on video games.

"Television is somewhat of a distraction for kids today because in the old days we had fun in different ways. We had to make our own games," he said through an interpreter after receiving his award at Rideau Hall.

Schoolchildren who attended the ceremony were "wide-eyed" as Sapp described life without television and electricity, when children

skated and tobogganed for fun, his interpreter said.

Sapp also said he doesn't smoke or use alcohol, and said he loves attending powwows to hear the big drums. He's glad that these events are alcohol-free, he added.

The jury said the paintings in the book "resonate with the rhythm of the drum, the rhythm of the heart," and Sapp said he was honoured and proud to receive the award.

Huser, too, was excited to be part of the ceremony.

"I felt like someone that had been nominated for an Academy Award," he said afterwards. His novel about a boy named Travis who puts on a puppet show was inspired by his own teenage experience.

"I grew up in a little Alberta town and I was kind of the oddball out. I loved to paint and put on little plays, the artsy type, a little bit against the common thread."

Huser has been an educator for many years, and has seen and heard about bullying at schools. "In a way I was hoping that the book would bring some of that to the forefront for discussion in schools," he said. "Perhaps the kid who is different will feel... that Travis moved forward in a positive direction against some



A Cree boy and his grandmother feature in *The Song Within My Heart*, a book that won illustrator Allen Sapp a Governor Genreal's Award for Literature (CP-Photo)

odds, and that it would be possible for them to do that." The book might give a victim of bullying some strategies and cause others to intercede when they see someone being treated badly, he said.

"It may be aimed somewhat at the bullies but I'm not sure you can reform them with a book." Huser has also written the adult

novel *Grace Lake* and was short-listed for the Mr. Christie's Book Award for his first novel for children, *Touch of the Clown*. In the French-language category, Danielle Simard of Mercier, Que.,

Descendants of Fiji cannibal victim to help lift curse after 136 years

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) The Australian descendants of a Christian missionary eaten by cannibals 136 years ago will travel to Fiji this week, hoping to help lift a curse on the village where he was killed.

Rev. Thomas Baker was murdered in 1867 at Nubutautau, a remote community high in the hills of the South Pacific island of Viti Levu.

Residents say their community has had bad luck since Baker was consumed and they blame his avenging spirit.

The village has no electricity and only a jungle logging trail links it to the outside world. They say they have been regularly overlooked for developmental aid.

The clergyman's great-great-grandson, Dennis Russell, and 10 other family members plan to trek there and receive a traditional apology at an elaborate ceremony on Thursday.

"They are obviously hurting so we are basically going over there to help them," Russell, 46, a coal miner from Brisbane said Tuesday. Past apologies haven't helped. The last time the village said sorry was in 1993, when it presented the Methodist Church of Fiji with Baker's boots.

During Thursday's ceremony, Baker's descendants will receive more than 100 sperm whale's teeth, important and rare gifts in Fijian tribal society. And, Fijian Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase is

planning to attend.

There are differing accounts of Baker's demise. But a villager told The Associated Press last month that the tragic incident started when the village chief borrowed Baker's hat. Baker tried to take the hat back not knowing that touching a chief's head was culturally taboo and punishable by death.

Russell said he was looking forward to the trip but found it "a bit daunting because you are walking into something that you don't know a lot about."

"At the end of the day, at least they will have peace of heart and peace of mind," he added.

University of Victoria conference marks historic Calder court decision

VANCOUVER (CP) - Now in his 88th year, Frank Calder still shows the feistiness that helped make him and the Nisga'a court case one of the most important in Canadian history.

The Calder case, as it is known and cited worldwide, was named after its star plaintiff, a Nisga'a who took the land claims dispute to trial in the 1960s.

"You can use the Calder case anywhere on the face of the earth," says Calder, who now lives in Victoria and is eagerly anticipating a conference next weekend at the University of Victoria to mark the 30th anniversary of the ruling.

"The Maoris (in New Zealand) are using it. The Aborigines of Australia, even the people in Africa have been looking at it."

The conference comes 31 years after Nisga'a perseverance resulted in a final treaty and the creation of the Nisga'a Nation with many self-government powers.

"If you were going to make a list of the most important court cases in the history of Canada, top five, this would be on it," says Hamar Foster, a law professor at the University of Victoria and expert in aboriginal law who is helping organize the conference.

The Nisga'a and Calder sought a

court declaration that aboriginal title had never been lawfully extinguished.

Calder lost the case in B.C. Supreme Court and lost again on appeal before taking it to the upreme Court of Canada.

The highest court's decision prompted then prime minister Pierre Trudeau to reverse the federal government's policy on land claims, says Tom Berger, the lawyer who argued the case in Ottawa. "Trudeau had been in Vancouver in 1969 and said that when it comes to aboriginal land claims, 'Our answer is No. They are historical might-have-beens.'"

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OBITUARY

Smith:Hazel
At the Crescent Park Lodge, Fort Erie on Friday November 7, 2003 at the age of 85 years. Wife of the late Hiram Smith Sr. Loving mother of Winston, Hiram Jr. (Sam), Allan, Ronald, Gloria, and the late Morley, Luella Curry, Shirley, and Sherwin (BooBoo). Dear grandmother of Richard Harris, Earl Curry, Kimberly Smith, Lisa Smith, Larry Seth, Lenny, Linda, Wayne, Veronica, Adrienne, Clinton, the late Brenda Smith, and several great grandchildren. Sister of the late Catherine, and Della. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family honoured her life with a visitation at the Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken after 7p.m. Saturday where Funeral Services were held on Monday November 10, 2003 at 2 p.m. Interment Medina Baptist Cemetery. Evening Prayers were 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

OBITUARY

Squire:Kenneth Irvin
Peacefully at the West Haldimand General Hospital Hagersville with his family at his side on Friday November 7, 2003 at the age of 55 years. Beloved husband of Beverly MtPleasant. Loving father of Travis, Melanie, Bradley, and Samantha. Dear grandfather of Joleen, Isaac, Darris, Meagan, Lexie, and Emmett. Dear son of Joseph and the late Florence Squire Hill. Brother of Tim and Shirley, John and Shelly, Roy, Daryl and Pat, Nancy, and the late Janie. Also will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Ken was an expert in his field as an Ironworker with local 700 in Windsor. He taught and employed many young men from the community. He was also in his pastime a dedicated and devoted coach and player of Lacrosse for over 30 years and was recently nominated and awarded the presidents award for his years of dedication. The family honoured his life with a visitation at his home 624 Chiefwood Road, Six Nations after 4 p.m. Saturday where Funeral Services were held on Monday November 10, 2003 at 11 a.m. Interment at Stumphall Cemetery. Evening Prayers were 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Arrangements by Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken.

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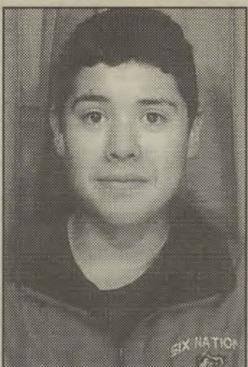
Williams; Earl Stuart
Suddenly at the West Haldimand General Hospital Hagersville on Monday November 10, 2003 at the age of 50 years. Loving father of Cynthia Martin. Dear grandfather of Darcy, Lauren, and Clarice King. Dear brother of Nora Carrier, Ruth Johnson, Lucille Jamieson, Andrew (Toby), Lorraine, Douglas, Elaine (Dale), and Peter Williams. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents Enos and Gladys (Thomas) Williams, and Dean Williams. Earl was in the U.S. Army and was an avid sportsman. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. The family will honour his life with a visitation at his home 1800 Cayuga Road, Six Nations after 2 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral Service and Burial will be held at the Seneca Longhouse, Six Nations on Wednesday November 12, 2003 at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Styres Funeral Home, Ohsweken.

MEMORIAM

Joshua Monture - Nov. 10, 2001
In Loving memory of a brother and uncle who passed away two years ago. You are in our thoughts and in our hearts.

Love Sher and Rylan

MEMORIAM



In Memoriam - Josh Monture (June 10, 1986 - Nov. 10, 2001)
Remembering our wonderful son everyday with love Until we meet again, Josh.

Love always, Mom & Dad

MEMORIAM

Josh Monture
June 10, 1986 - Nov. 10, 2001
In memory of our brother & uncle
My life changed forever
When the Creator called your name.
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Nothing will ever be the same

My brother, how I miss you
Your laughter and your smile
How we use to sit together
And talk for a while

I miss you calling me
To tell me about your day
I miss cutting your hair
And the funny things you used to say

My heart aches endlessly
And tears never cease to fall
When I think of the memories we shared
And I look at your picture upon my wall

Fortunately our time apart
Is only temporary
I love you my brother
And I miss you dearly.

THANK YOU

The Six Veterans Association wish to thank all of the Veterans organizations, Six Nations Police, Native Drum Group, Chief Arnie General, Chief Roberta Jamieson, Branch 163 Marching Band, Ms. Sandra Hill, M.C., Mr. Al Clause, Parade Marshal, Mr. Gil Martin, Sgt at Arms Mr. Jesse Green Sr., Mr. John Bradley Sr., Piper Jim Yates, Bugler, Mr. Ben VanLeewen, Veterans address, Mr. Robert Johnson, Saluting Base Lt. Col. Richard MtPleasant, all volunteers and community members for helping to make the annual Six Nations Remembrance Day activities a success.

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