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Landmark ruling reaffirms Saugeen fishing rights

TORONTO — Provincial Judge David Fairgrieve handed down a landmark decision April 26 when he ruled that Saugeen Ojibway and Cape Crocker First Na-

tions people have the right to fish commercially.

And the decision could help other First Nations once they establish their historical bartering relationships before the treaties

"...Government rules don't apply to First Nations anglers because they have a historic right to fish that predates regula-

Continued on Page 12

UOI and Ontario reach tentative fishing agreement: Pages 7-9

The UOI Fishing Committee and representatives of the Ontario Government - Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat have agreed to the text of the Anishinabek Fishing Agreement. Both parties must now undergo their respective ratification processes. For Ontario, this will mean submission

to the Cabinet, and within the UOI, the agreement will be considered in community meetings, by each Chief and Council and finally by the Chiefs in Assembly before final ratification.

Grand Chief Miskokomon and UOI staffwere directed by resolution of the Grand Council of the Anishinabek to establish a framework agreement on fisheries. Lengthy discussions with government representatives have finally lead to the acceptance of text of the framework agreement subject only to ratification.

Details of the agreement, its scope and related issues are highlighted in a special centre-section package of this issue, Pages 7-9.

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Traditional Hug

Chippewas of Rama resident Stephanie Sandy gives daughter Starr a Positive Indian Parenting hug. A feature on the program and its success can be found on Page 15.

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Wellness Conference generates energy

By Dave Dale

Priceless megawatts of energy were produced at the Personal and Community Wellness Conference. But not a drop of water was diverted by Ontario Hydro, and no one was packing oil rigs.

Approximately 300 people from across Ontario and parts of the United States converged at Fern Resort April 20 to 22, just south of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation on the east shore of Lake Couchiching.

Organized by the United Indian Councils. the three days were spent learning, sharing and teaching each other about their own Native reality and how to heal for a better tomorrow.

"I don't care where you came from, no matter what your position is in your community, the information that you've gained is something you have to bring back with you," said Chippewas of Beausoleil Chief Jeff Monague during the closing ceremonies.

"Knowledge is power, that power is something that can help your community grow...and there's been a whole bundle of energy created in this area," Chief Monague said, pausing briefly to laugh with the crowd as a young child chose that timely moment to dash out onto the stage and run around in circles.

Throughout the conference, First Nation people participated in workshops spanning a wide range of topics, including holistic weight control, man-women images, finding the warrior image, selfesteem, sacredness of life, Native American spirituality and humor.

Chief Monague shared his thoughts about the conference, how he hopes it will change his life and his wish that similar conferences are held in every community.

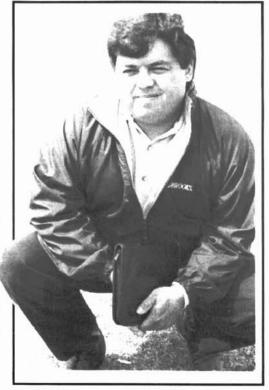
"You could all be from my community. Everyone of us could be the same. Weall have the same problems, and all the same goals," Monague commented, using examples from talking circles where participants could relate to the experiences and difficulties shared by the person beside them.

No matter what hap-

pens regarding self-government negotiations, Chief Monague considers community well-being a high priority.

"I want to see us heal" mind, body and spirit, he said, explaining his hope that the good intentions formed by the conference participants remain strong and true-and not wasted and forgotten.

"Yourgood intentions start to become eroded by the bickering, fighting and jealousy, and you start to break down a little bit. I recommend to take that power that we've been given, go back to your community and start to use it," Chief Monague said. "This power, you can't pay for it, you can't buy it. It's a gift"



Chippewas of Beausoleil Chief Jeff Monague is a "re-formed macho-man" and is looking at life and the healing of his community in a different Photo by Dave Dale

Chiefs shouldn't be politicians

RAMA - Chiefs are not politicians, and they shouldn't try to be.

Chippewas Beausoleil Chief Jeff Monague reaffirmed this truth in his closing remarks for the Personal and Community Wellness Conference, organized by the United Indian Councils and held at Fern Resort, just south of Chippewas of Rama First Nation.

As members of government within First Nation communities, Chief Monague admits that he and his counterparts "get off track "

We start to think of ourselves as a politician.

But I don't want to be a politician. What I set out to do is lead," stated Chief Monague to more than a hundred conference participants who stayed after lunchon April 22, the third and final day of workshops.

"Because we are largely dependent on a larger society" chiefs have felt it necessary to "win elections at all costs."

"We should start to think differently and move together,"ChiefMonague

He was referring to the steps individuals in the community are taking to heal from within First Nation society.

His message to community leaders was to be just that, leaders. "Don't try to be politicians."

And to give an example of how not to be, Chief Monague gave his best impression of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, "umming" and "ahhhing" when face with a simple

request to provide warmth for a constituents accommodations

"I'm sure when the snowflies, we'll have your heating problems fixed," Chief Monague said, using sarcasm to get his point across. "And then it's never addressed."

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Most Native priorities survive painful Ontario budget cuts

By Jennifer Arnott

The Treasurer of Ontario, Floyd Laugren delivered what has been called "the most far-reaching and painful austerity program ever undertaken in Ontario" on Friday April 23rd. The Ontario government will be cutting \$4 Billion from spending this year and eliminating 11,000 jobs.

While no one will completely escape the impact of these measures, Floyd Laugren did deliver a positive message to First Nations more by what he didn't say than what he did. The Government underscored its commitment to Aboriginal issues as support for Aboriginal programs has been maintained.

The budgets for the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat , the Native Community Branch, and other specific programs have been largely maintained with the exception of cuts to special budgets such as consultant studies and services such as land use mapping. Given the severity of cuts elsewhere, Ontario's decision to maintain support for Aboriginal issues is very significant.

In late January of 1993, the Treasurer of Ontario held budget consultations with the Aboriginal political leadership in Ontario. The Treasurer suggested that he wanted to hear from the people before rendering decisions regarding Ontario's next budget.

Grand Chief Miskokomon attended this consultation meeting and delivered a lengthy address that documented the ongoing problems and inadequacies in the treatment of First Nations in Ontario. He spoke of the continuing challenges in every sector for First Nations to finally realize their inherent rights flowing from their original occupation of the land.

Now, following Friday's announcement of budgetcuts and the maintenance of Ontario's commitment to Aboriginal issues, it would seem that in some important way, the Treasurer of Ontario did in fact listen to the voice of Aboriginal people. Highlights of specific cuts are as follows:

\$1.1 billion cut from health budget;

\$635 million cut from education budget;

\$313 million cut from social services budget;

\$275 million cut from payments to doctors;

\$720 million cut from internal spending including furniture and travel;

\$17 million from closure of 17 foreign trade and investment promotion offices:

\$3.27 million cut from funding for arts and cultural institutes;

\$178 million cut from support to post-secondary students; and,

\$111 million cut from grants to municipalities.

In addition, it is expected that Ontario residents will be hit with increased taxes from both the province and municipalities.

Royal Commission coming to town...

Canada's first Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples has scheduled meetings at Fern Resort, Orillia, North Bay and Nipissing First Nation during May, as well as other locations with only tentative dates set.

Public and private submissions regarding any concerns relating to Native people, self government, economics, health, education, etc. will be accepted.

Set for Monday, May 10, beginning at 7 p.m. and closing at 10 p.m., a round-table at the Nipissing First Nations Complex will address: the Chartered Land Act, family violence, and other topics to be determined. Participants include Chief Gerald Beaucage, lands manager Joan McLeod, and Ojibway Family Resource Centre's Carol Croxon, among others.

Allday Tuesday, May

11, the Commission will meet at the Weaver Auditorium, Canadore College/ Nipissing University, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

At 9 a.m., a roundtable for urban/off-reserve people will begin. Participants include Bill Butler of the North Bay Indian Friendship Centre.

From 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Nipissing metis and non-status Native people will be heard.

Debbie Restoule will represent the N'Bikweag (women's circle) between 11:15 a.m. and noon.

A roundtable with the Teme-Augama First Nations, with other participants will conclude the day.

The Royal Commission will be at Orillia's Fern Resort May 12-14.

More complete information is available by calling Tammy Saulis, dial (613) 943-2075, or call 1-800-363-8235.



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Please submit your profiles to the Education Program at the Union of Ontario Indians. Thanks for your information.

Natives are restless... but don't act surprised

By Drew Hayden Taylor

It will come as no surprise to the people of Canada that the Natives of this country, as the saying goes, are restless, and a little peeved off to put it mildly. Downright irritated in some cases.

And the reasons for this current state of mind will also come as no surprise to anybody who watches or reads the media. One merely has to take into consideration the many situations aboriginal people live in to understand why. Throw in some racism, injustice and a little loss of cultural heritage to further strengthen that argument, and I think the point has been made.

But there are more reasons than you are aware of, subtler reasons that the media have overlooked. I refer to the minorannovancesthatmake living as an aboriginal person in Canada less than enjoyable. And perhaps if the government, all three levels, and everybody else in the country were to pay attention to the mosquitoes as well as the wolves, life could become a bowl of cherries (instead of the pits.)

So, since education is always half the battle, I humbly present 10 minor irritations in the everyday life of a Canadian Native person for your consideration.

- 1. The fact that Graham Greene got cheated out of his Oscar for Dances With Wolves at the Academy Awards lastyear. I would also like to add that the last Native person to be nominated for such a prestigious acting award was Chief Dan George for Little Big Man. Yet he lost too. A conspiracy? I think a recount is in order.
- 2. Speaking of conspiracy, another irritation is that all of our petitions to Oliver Stone, requesting that he make the definitive Oka movie, has been ignored. It seems

like a natural to me. Both JFK and OKA have three letters in the title; he could throw in Kevin Costner (who was in JFK) if he wanted. And Lou Diamond Phillips, as always, could play Lasagna.

- 3. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney—asifyou didn't know. I know this is supposed to be a list of minor irritations, but most Native leaders feels he spans the spectrum.
- 4. Non-Native people who try to out-Indian Native people. Ever sit in a sweat lodge with an approximate temperature of 60 to 80 degrees Celsius, and a non-Native person is saying an incredibly overlong prayer thanking the Grandmothers, the Grandfathers, and everybody else who could possibly be listening up there as various parts of the anatomy shrivel up and fall off from the heat?
- 5. The fact that it is rapidly becoming unsafe to wear traditional clothing consisting of buckskin or fur due to lunatics carrying pails of paintof spray cans, looking to destroy thousands of dollars worth of beautiful outfitting, and thousands of years of heritage. Why can't they destroy something really horrible, like polyester?
- 6. people called New Agers who chase native people around because they think there's a spiritual connection there somewhere. If I see one more New Ager approach me at a pow-wow or a conference, shoving those damn crystals at me, I hereby refuse to be responsible for my actions or where those crystals may end up anatomically.
- 7. The fact that it's customary for Native people to expect everything they do or every decision they make to have repercussions seven generations down the road. And how amazingly true that's become concerning the settling of land claims in this country. We'll be

lucky if they get settled by our 10th generation. looking on the bright side, at least it's job security for treaty researchers, lawyers and politicians.

- 8. The fact that the Native people of this country are constantly being refereed to as "Canada's Tragedy,""The Disposed," or "The Sad and Unfortunate Story of Canada's Native People." It's always something depressinglike that. But if you're always called names like this, pretty soon you'll start to believe it. I refuse to be tragic, or sad. or depressed; there's too much to be delighted with in our cultures. Someday I want to see headlines like "Those Happy People of Manitoulin Island," or how about "Those Laugh-A-Minute Crees in Northern Alberta."
- 9. The million upon millions of people you meet in bars, airplanes, classrooms, libraries etc. who say, "I've got some Indian blood in me too" If every Native person I knew gave the government a nickel for every non-native person who has claimed this. the national debt would vanish with money left over to reinstate all the funding cut to Native programs. I once knew a girl in high school who told me that she had a drop of Native blood too. "A long time ago my Great Grandmother was raped by a Mohawk." Now there's a proud lineage.
- 10. All the stupid questions we get asked. "Can you ride a horse?" "What's it like, living on a reserve?" "Do you know Graham Greene?" "What did you think of Dances with Wolves?" "Last week I had a dream about a plaid horse and a talking feather, what does it mean?"

Drew Hayden-Taylor is an Ojibway from the Curve Lake First Nation, a Chalmers-Award winning playwright and the author of Toronto at Dreamer's Rock/Education is our Right.

Artistic talents show through

BARRIE — Eight Simcoe County artists displayed their aboriginal work at the Barrie Native Friendship Centre April 17-18.

Co-ordinated by Brent Noganosh and Elizabeth Hazel, this show set the pace for a second exhibition to take place at the 21 Owen Street facility's annual powwow June 12-13.

Also, a third show will help celebrate the Centre's closing ceremonies June 17 and the official opening of the new Centre on Bayfield Street sometime in July.

Midland's Bill Monague and Del Taylor are participating artists, as well as Terry Desormeaux, Farren Snake, Greg Agowissa, Paul Shilling, Noganosh and Hazel.

Native artists interested in the up-coming exhibitions should drop by the Centre, or call



Nation to Nation book review a bloody mass of typos, errors

Dear Anishinabek News,

Help! You are in desperate need of an Editor, judging by the April Issue of the Anishinabek News.

The book review I wrote for the April issue (Nation to Nation, by Diane Engelstad and John Bird (Anansi Press) Aboriginal Sovereignty and The Future of Canada) was printed with typing mistakes, grammatical errors and misquotes. I hope that you have hired an Editor for the May issue and the forthcoming

On a more positive note, I would like to add that I thoroughly enjoyed the article "Native culture skips a generation", an article on Madeline Theriault, an 85-year-old Ojibway grandmother. One suggestion to the Anishinabek Newsisthat perhaps you could consider a regular section on "Stories by Anishinabe Elders."

Children would enjoy this section as well. Meegwetch,

Jan Bourdeau Waboose

Correction...

The Anishinabek News regrets the errors and typos published in the Nation to Nation book review. The primary error dropped the word "non" from non-Native, no doubt changing the meaning. The sentence, corrected, is reprinted below:

...The book provides insight on Canadian history from an Aboriginal perspective by Georges Erasmus and Joe Sanders. I found it refreshing to read the opening chapter: "When non-Native people first came to this continent some five hundred years ago, indigenous peoples lived all across the America."...Itwasenlightening to read the aboriginal perspective on Canadian history....

P.S. An editor has been hired, beginning fulltime May 13.

Frozen Reserve

(This poem is dedicated to our young people we have lost and to the ones reaching out.)

My people are suffering hear me call I am hurting Let me cry

I look over the
timberline
black against the ice sky
empty
White glistening crusts
with
hard sharp lines

hard sharp lines
holding me in
holding us in
my frozen reserve
"This land here is for
you,"
spoke pale faces of long

ago
while pencilling in cold
defined boundaries
"Indians live well here"

No hunting
No fishing
No dancing
No singing
"Live well here."
Ancestors herded onto
vast emptiness
Stripped of culture—lost

pride.
And I
am left here
My reserve
My people
unmoving—idle
frozen rivers

waiting for the sun to
warm them
give them life.
I watch my breach escape and rise
forming clouds of life
ascending.
I watch til' I can see no

more
gone
in search of an ancient
time
when my people walked

when my people walked
with pride
and roamed free full of
spirit
on our land
no pencilled boundaries

no assimilation no inflicted suffering no bewildered young.

Oh Great Spirit
Thaw my frozen reserve
Warm my body with
your breath on the wind
Cleanse my ears so that
I may hear the songs of
our ancestors

Open my eyes so that I may see mother Earth around me

Strenghten my heart, to the beat of the drum Thaw my frozen tears so that I may begin to heal Oh Great Spirit—Feel my cry.

> Jan Bourdeau (Waboose)



AIDS message to spread in Germany



Laurie McLeod has a very important message to deliver, and all the world will be listening.

The Chiefs of Ontario and representatives from the four provincial territory organizations have chosen the Union of Ontario Indians AIDS coordinator to make a special presentation to the International Conference on AIDS in Berlin, Germany in June.

The message she will communicate is clear: government educational efforts have failed to inform aboriginal people about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and the Human Immunodefeciency Virus (HIV) that spreads the disease.

The reason is crystal clear: government information techniques do not take into account cultural diversity.

"The HIV virus could very easily spread throughout our communities," McLeod said, referring to the findings of the Ontario First Nations AIDS and Healthy Lifestyle Survey.

The statistics, gathered and complied as a joint effort between the

University of Toronto and a First Nations Steering Committee, were stagger-

For example, 17 per cent had never heard of AIDS, and more than seven out of 10 people interviewed (71.9 per cent) were certain they had no chance of contracting the HIV virus. The survey involved 658 aboriginal people living in 11 different First Nation communities.

From the information gathered, First Nation researchers estimated that 212 HIV positive people live within the 123 First Nation communities in Ontario. And the number is more than likely conservative.

"66.9 per cent are still practising unprotected sex," McLeod said of the survey, noting that federal aboriginal statistics regarding sexually transmitted diseases is way above non-native statis-

"We have three times the rate of sexually transmitted diseases, and the highest level of teen pregnancies."

The survey concludes that AIDS and HIV education must be presented to Native people by Native people. And it's best done one-on-one through a doctor or a Native community health representative.

'One of the obstacles," McLeodsaid, "Isthatthere are no words for AIDS education in First Nation languages."

During the past few weeks, and in the weeks ahead, McLeod and other researchers are taking the results directly to First Nation communities, offering the information to community health representatives and other interested people.

McLeod said that the survey results will be used by Native communities when applying for AIDS education funding, and that a holistic approach will be used when teaching their people of the threat of disease.

"One thing non-native people are starting to learn is that there is no single language or cultural belief" that can be used when dealing with Canada's aboriginal people, McLeod said, dismissing the myth that all 'Indians are the same.



Laurie McLeod, Union of Ontario Indians AIDS co-ordinator is getting the message

New video series highlights First Nation issues in Canada

Learning about crucial First Nations issues, history and culture will now be easier than ever before, thanks to a new series of educational videos available from the National Film Board.

First Nations, The Circle Unbroken is a series of 13 twenty-minute documents, revised and adapted for audiences ages nine to adult. The Program introduces First Nations issues, including dams in Quebec, low flying bombers in Labrador, alternative justice on the west coast, artists on the east coast, epidemics, education, cultural genocide, self government, the environment and Aboriginal title to the land. The series was produced by Face to Face Media and National Film Board in co-operation with First Nations teachers and film makers

The First Nations are at the top of the national agenda, following Oka, the sinking of Meech Lake, and negations with the First Ministers on the Charlotttown accord, In addition, the United Nations has declared 1993 as the International Year of Indigenous Peoples.

The video series is available from the National Film Board for \$125 including 4 videos and a set of teacher's guides.

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PROPOSED ANISHINABEK FISHING AGREEMENT

The goal of the Anishinabek Fishing Agreement is to help create the opportunity for member First Nations so that they can secure their own agreement. The UOI has stated from the beginning, and throughout the agreement, that we do not intend to bind any member First Nation. The framework agreement sets certain fundamental principles such as Aboriginal and Treaty rights including the inherent right of self-government and allocation which points to the importance of conservation and then the priority of allocation according tc Aboriginal and Treaty

The ratification of the Anishinabek Fishing Agreement will clear the way for First Nations and Ontario to negotiate the technical aspects of a specific agreement with the broad principles such as Aboriginal and Treaty rights already affirmed and recognized. Following discussions with the Government of Ontario which lead to the general acceptance of the framework agreement, Grand Chief Miskokomon said on behalf of the UOI fishing committee, "we believe that this agreement will significantly assist those First Nations who may wish to enter into a fishing agreement for their territory."

The UOI fishing committee was composed of representatives nominated by Chiefs in each region and UOI staff:

ChiefTom Bressette, Kettle & Stony Point

See Pages 8 and 9 for more details. (This section can be removed for filing purposes.)

LeClair, Bryon Ojibways of Pic River; Pat Hardy, Rocky Bay, Cliff Meness, Golden Lake; Daniel Manitowabi. Wikwemikong; Harvey Trudeau, Sagamok; Chief JeffMonague, Beausoleil; Grand Chief Joe Peter Miskokomon; Akiwenzie, UOI; Jennifer Arnott, UOI; and Nelson Toulouse, UOI

The agreement will be given to all Chiefs and Councils through distribution at planned regional meetings for the Robinson -Huron and Superior regions in late April and early May. As meetings were not previously

planned in the Southeast or Southwest, the agreement has been delivered by mail. In the coming weeks, members of the committee and UOI staff will be available to meet with First Nations' Councils and memberships to explain the agreement and to answer any ques-

tions you may have. The following articles highlight the important sections of the agreement and should give you a good idea of what this agreement is all about. Please read them and feel free to give us a call if you would like to comment and/or ask any questions.





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Conservation key to fisheries agreement

By Jennifer Arnott

The First Nations of the UOI have been victimized by unfair criticism regarding resource management from various conservation and sports fishermen groups in Ontario. The Anishinabek Fishing Agreement will help put to rest this criticism as it affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights and clearly establishes the importance of conservation. The agreement recognizes that the inherent right of selfgovernment includes the conservation and management of fisheries resources within the traditional territories of the First Nation.

The agreement first and foremost will provide the opportunity for First Nation specific agreements. In addition, and recognizing the importance of conservation, the UOI and Ontario have agreed to training programs and a Fisheries Resource Centre.

The training programs will be established for members of the UOI First Nations in relation to fisheries resource conservation, assessment, management and compliance. This will not only provide members with greater access to employment opportunities in fisheries but also ensure that the resource is appropriately protected. Conservation is key to the sustainability of the resource for future generations and this program will ensure that First Nation membership is trained and qualified to enforce the principles of conservation.

The agreement will also establish a Fisheries Resource Centre...Data and technical information is necessary for conservation...

The agreement will also establish a Fisheries Resource Centre. Due to lack of resources, First Nations have often found that they do not have the necessary technical ability to specify and document the fisheries resource, consumption and consequently conservation. Data and other technical information is necessary to promote conservation and at the same time offer clear and unquestionable answers regarding First Nation management and conserva-

The Fisheries Resource Centre will be jointly established by Ontario and the UOI. It will act as a central and independent source of information regarding all technical matters relevant to fisheries conservation and management issues. The Board of Directors of the Fisheries Centre and its specific functions will be jointly determined by the UOI and Ontario.

Ultimately, effective conservation requires the involvement of all people. As a result, the Fisheries Resource Centre will, through consultation, involve all parties with an interest in conservation. In this way, non-Aboriginal interests can be assured of the ongoing priority of conservation, while at the same time, Aboriginal and Treaty rights are neither affected nor diminished.

Ratification of the Anishinabek Fishing Agreement will lead to a new era for First Nations in regards to fisheries. The objections of other user groups and the confrontation of the past will be eliminated in the wake of a clear understanding regarding the fisheries resource and its conservation. First Nations will have the opportunity to exercise their inherent right to the management of this resource in an environment of respect and cooperation.



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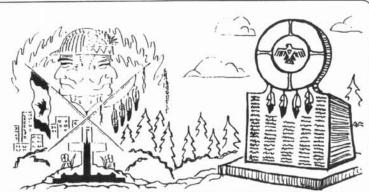
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Agreement framework will assist First Nations

Grand Chief Miskokomon -- "The agreement is like a 'menu' for First Nations to pick and choose the elements that they wish to include in their own agreement."

(3) in what geographical area such persons may harvest and which species and in what quantity they may be har-

vested;
(4) authorized
harvesting methods and
techniques;

(5) times when species may be harvested;

(6) accountability to regulatory regimes of the Parties;

(7) recording and reporting requirements;

(8) data collection and information sharing;

(9) the extent of priority allocation of fisheries resources to member First Nations consistent with their aboriginal and treaty rights for food, community and ceremonial purposes and for trade and commerce;

Compliance

(10) rules, prohibitions and penalties to be enforced;

(11) by what body or bodies, and under what authority, shall rules, prohibitions and penalties be imposed;

(12) who shall enforce such rules and prohibitions; and

(13) who shall hear allegations and impose penalties where there have been violations of the rules and prohibitions; and

(14) co-operation

with compliance and law enforcement agencies of other jurisdictions, where appropriate;

Areas

(15) extent and areas of First Nation participation and authority in the conservation and management of the fisheries resources, which may include areas of exclusive authority, shared authority and advisory involvement on the part of the member First Nation.

Dispute Resolution

(16) mechanisms for resolving disputes among agencies of Ontario and the member First Nation in relation to any aspect of conservation, management and allocation issues in relation to the fisheries resources.

Intergovernmental Co-operation

(17) mechanisms for effective Intergovernmental co-operation in relation to conservation, management and compliance issues; and

Finally, Anishinabek Fishing Agreement states that following agreement on a First Nations Fishing Agreement, Ontario will take all measures within its authority to implement the jurisdiction of the First Nation. Where necessary. Ontario and the First Nation will also jointly secure the involvement of the Government of Canada. This part of the agreementisimportantas it will ensure that First Nation Agreements become reality





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The UOI is currently composed of 43 First Nations, representing approximately 16,000 on-reserve and 16,000 off-reserve First Nation people. The UOI is divided into 4 regions: Robinson-Superior, Robinson-Huron, Southeast and Southwest.

The *UOI* carries out both political advocacy and secretariat functions for the member First Nations. The overriding objective of the *UOI* is to promote the realization of the inherent right of First Nation self-government. The *UOI* accomplishes this goal through many activities including coordination and expression of First Nation needs, analysis and advocacy on behalf of First Nations on Government policy and legislation and the promotion and protection of Native language and culture.

The *UOI* is governed by an elected Board and Executive Council. The Grand Council of the Anishinabek elects a Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief who serve as the political leaders of the organization. The *UOI* is divided into the following programs: Inter-governmental Affairs, Education, Policy Analysis, Treaty Research, Social Services, Finance, Health, Environment and "The Anishinabek News".

Algonquins of Golden Lake provide living example of hunting/fishing self regulation AND conservation

By Dave Dale

Williams Treaty First Nations have no intention of recklessly harvesting all the fish and game in Central Ontario.

The Algonquins of Golden Lake First Nation can offer a good example of self-regulation, and perhaps it will help the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters understand.

The Algonquin Golden Lake First Nation of Algonquin Park had to fight for their right to hunt and fish as they saw fit (a very important term).

It was a well-publicized legal battle.

The Algonquins didn't believe their chiefs actually signed a treaty in question. But the courts decided the government didn't live up to treaty promises, anyway.

To make a long and involved story short, the Golden Lake people and the government agreed that the Algonquins had rights to hunt and fish on their traditional grounds.

The dire consequences, said the over-reactors and fact-distorters oftheday, Algonquin Park was to be over-run by Native people shooting everything in sight, in-

cluding tourists.

As a fact, this hasn't happened.

Last year, the first season under the new agreement, the number of animals harvested fell well short of the maximum (calculated on conservation considerations).

The season runs from Oct. 13 to Jan. 15, but after Dec. 6, cow moose are 'off-limits' as they may be carrying calves.

Also, the Algonquins have based a code of conduct on Ministry of Natural Resources safety and conservation regulations, and a tag system is in place to ensure the prime breeding stock will not be reduced below a sustainable level.

Of the seven First Nation communities listed on the Williams Treaty, approximately one per cent of their members (200 or so) are active hunters and anglers.

For an example, Chippewas of Rama Chief NormStinson said Native people are not about to net vast quantities of fish in Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching.

"Ithink our resources are too limited to do that. We recognize that. I grew up on that lake, lived on

Stock

it. We don't have the stock to allow any violations," Chief Stinson said, noting that Native people may respect Native regulations more than whiteman's rules.

"I don't think control is worth anything unless you have teeth in it," Chief Stinson said of any future Native regulations on fishing, speculating on punishment philosophy.

Chief Stinson's community, as well as the sixother Williams Treaty First Nations (Mississaugas Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, and Scugog Island; and Chippewas of Georgina Island and Beausoleil (Christian Island) will be affected by a Supreme Court appeal decision this fall, and are represented by the United Indian Council.

Theydon't agree with earlier decisions that based the conviction of George Howard partially on the Williams Treaty words.

"We disagree with the ruling. We can't believe our people would trade away that right."

Chippewas of Rama Chief Norm Stinson said a clearer understanding of how First Nations regard conservation would help self-government efforts. Photo by Dave Dale



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Witch hunt underway?

Dear Anishinabek News,

I am deeply alarmed at what is happening in rural southern Ontario today with regard to the public hue and cry over Native hunting and fish-

I am appalled at the shallow, selfish, shortsighted attach on the integrity of aboriginal people based on all too easily accepted misinformation, innuendo and deliberate sensationalism.

The Native people in southern Ontario have suffered abuse and loss for generations. They were often misled into signing treaties and many of the things they asked to have protected never found their way into the written text of the treaties.

They were forced into residential schools and suffered every abuse imaginable. Promises have been broken to our Native peoples; their lives have been shattered through abuse; they have been forsaken, abandoned, forced onto the welfare system and away from their traditional lifestyle, and robbed of the dignity that was their forefathers!

The litany of complaints about Native hunting and fishing is more absurd to anyone who has had the pleasure of learning about the special relationship that Native people have with their environment.

Native people respect and honor all life. They have a special reverence for life and carry a spiritual obligation to care for and protect the natural environment. They stand for principles of conservation that are the opposite of what they are being accused of

The First Nations in southern Ontario are seeking to regain that honorable position that they had when the Europeans first came to this land and our aboriginal friends taught us to sur-

Have we become so fearful and so cowardly that we jump to condemn our Native neighbors without even stopping to ask if their accusers are being fair? I hope not.

I say, let us enter into a dialogue with our Native neighbors and build trust and support - not tear it down.

> Dr. Ian V.B. Johnson Barrie

Educators gathering May 13-15

NORTH BAY - The Union of Ontario Indians is hosting the Vision 2020: self-determination in Aboriginal Education conference on Canadian Indian/Inuit Teacher Education Programs at Nipissing University, North Bay, May 13-15.

The CITEP conference provides a sharing forum for aboriginal educators, and all those involved in the preparation of aboriginal teachers.

Through major addresses, research dialogue, panel discussions and workshops, the conference will address the concerns of aboriginal educators at the regional, national and international levels of education.

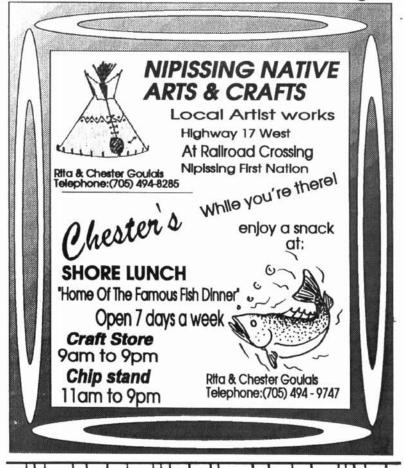
Telephone (705) 497-9127 for detailed info.

Correction

The Anishinabek News would like to correct an error in the Union of Ontario Indians board of directors list published in the April issue.

The board member of the Robinson Huron Region was misrepresented as the chief of West Bay First Nation. Chief Eugene Manitowabi leads the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation.

The Anishinabek News regrets the error.





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Ruling reaffirms Saugeen rights, Ontario court decides province can not regulate Native fishermen

Continued from Page 1 tions and restrictions," said Judge Fairgrieve as part of his remarks.

Ministry of Natural Resources charges against Native fishermen and a former Nawash First Nation chief were the cause of the case.

The defence had argued that Saugeen Ojibway fishermen have a right to fish commercially, a right that former Minister of Natural Resources Bud Wildman recognized in a letter to the United Church, and a right the Crown conceded to during a trial held last summer in Orangeville.

In a previous landmark decision in the Sparrow case of 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada recognized the right of Natives to fish for food and ceremony. The Court, in its ruling on Sparrow, took its lead from Section 35 of the 1982 Constitution in recognizing Native people had priority access to the resources - before non Native commercial and sports use - as long as conservation requirements were met.

Negotiations that would have led to a comanagement arrangement between the Saugeen Ojibway and the

MNR stalled last year when the MNR imposed a ban on the sale of fish caught by Nawash and Saugeen fishermen. The ban was first imposed in March of 1992, just a few weeks after a the MNR had recognized the Saugeen Ojibway right to fish commercially.

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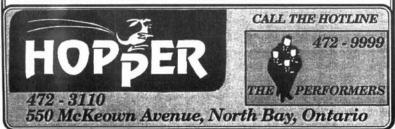
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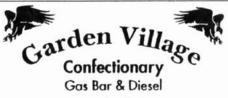
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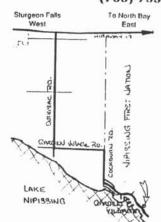






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Aboriginal peoples healing/wellness workshop in North Bay

NORTH BAY - Jim Windigo, spiritual leader elder Nicicksusemenecaning (Red Gutt) First Nation, will lead the Aboriginal Healing/Wellness Workshop to be held May 14-

Teachings for children and youth are scheduled May 14 at St. Brice's Parish Hall, 1225 Cassells St., North Bay, from 7 to 9 p.m.

And a sunrise ceremony is planned for 6 a.m. May 15, to be held at the Nipissing First Nation Teaching Lodge (east end of Nipissing Reserve on Couchie Memorial Drive, near house #311). Teaching and healing ceremonies will take place at the lodge from 9 a.m. to 9

On Sunday, May 16,

the teaching and healing ceremonies will continue at the Llodge.

Please bring a blanket or cushion to sit on the ground inside the Lodge and warm clothing for the evening sessions. Lunch and supper will be provided on Saturday, and lunch only on Sunday.

For more information, contact Karen at the North Bay Indian Friendship Centre, (705) 472-

Please note, the rainout location for the Saturday and Sunday events is at St. Andrew's Parlour, McIntyre and Cassells, North Bay.

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German brother sends regards

Dear Anishinabek News.

To all "Indian Nations" (but this is the only address, I've got.)

My name is Thomas Loos and I live in Germany.

It wasn't easy for me to write this letter, in fear of expression which could be misunderstood, anyway my English isn't good enough to describe my thoughts as I want to.

This year I had a trip to Canada. I was deeply fascinated about the beauty of this land, but also shocked about the injustice against the Indian Nation.

The celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Christopher Columbus "Discovery" of America, makes me feel ashamed.

Ithink the white men have to honor the Indian Nations, not the "Discoverer, and to apologize for their crime against the natives.

It would have been

better to learn from the Indians, but white man's greed made him blind and

The opinion to be one with the nature, to respect each living thing, no matter if man, animal, trees or stones is the most worthy thing in the world.

We must again learn to see, to feel, to hear and to contact the great spirit that lives in everything and makes everything live, to live in harmony. We all are the children of the Earth mother.

-So I Wish-

With these words I'd like to give my respect and affection to you, the Indian Nations who ever tried to live that way and whose traditions still live

Maybe one day our children will act together for the benefit of our world.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Loos



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Literacy is not an impossible dream

By Larry Price

As you read these words consider you if fortunate. Imagine it you could not read a single word or number. Imagine that government agencies, businesses, newspapers, street signs, addresses and numbers make you cringe in shame. While everyone else understands, you are left along in a strange world, feeling stupid.

"One Native student came to us from Moosonee," said Jane Jackson, co-ordinator of the Literacy Alliance of North Bay.

"He had a complete lack of confidence; when he spoke he put his hand over his mouth."

"But," Jane continued, "he had taken the biggest step of all by coming through the door in the first place."

"It's not only a step,

it's a leap!" added teacher Helen Mills. "They come to us frustrated by the language and the culture."

"The first thing we do is try to make them feel at home and relax," said Helen, "Its hard to get them to relax."

But amid the laughter and fun at the Literacy Alliance the nervous students do relax, gradually learn to read and write, and quickly regain their self-esteem.

Literacy Alliance students, sent from Nipissing school boards and Canadore College, receive free instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic.

"In my first contact with the Literacy Alliance," said John Sawyer, Native student counselor at Canadore College, "I took them two Crees and two Italians." These students were part of the new

Nipissing First Nation fur processing plan built with an Italian partner.

"The Alliance has a way of communicating with people," John Said. "They make people really feel comfortable."

"Once they learn to read and write it opens a whole, new world to them," said John. "They can say 'I would like to...' and have the tools to be able to do it."

"Further," John said,
"it helps the northern
families because they
teacheach other and share
new ideas."

"Chief Dan George advised us to learn to use the whiteman's tools," added John. They are so valuable. Many of our traditional ways, teachings, and language are recorded in English."





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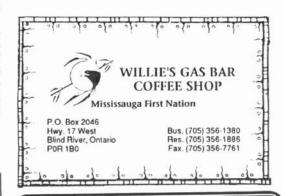
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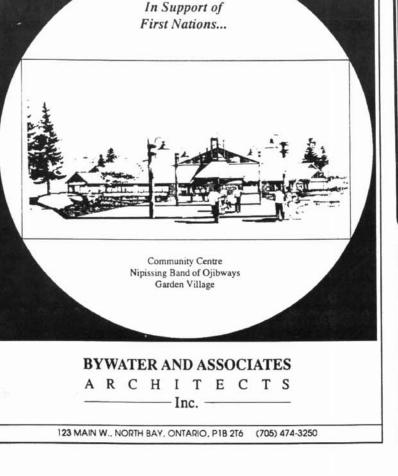


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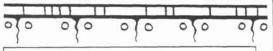




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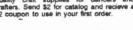
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Chippewas of Rama residents are part of the Positive Indian Parenting movement: (from left) Evelyn Jackson and grandson Tyler, 7; program facilitator Stephanie Sandy, daughter Starr, 8; and Bela Williams, and daughter Toni, 11.

Photo by Dave Dale

Traditional parenting methods well-received in the Rama area

By Dave Dale

RAMA—Traditional parenting philosophy has found fertile ground on the Chippewas of Rama First Nation and in the Orillia area.

The Couchiching Association for Native Social Services enjoys substantial response to the Positive Indian Parenting program it has managed from March 3 to April 21. In fact, the association will launch another series of sessions in May.

And this time, instead of holding the nine weekly sessions at the Rama Health Centre, the May series will take place at the association's Orillia office.

"We've had excellent response from this curriculum," said program facilitator Lorraine McRae, highlighting the training she and program facilitator Stephanie Sandy received from the Union of Ontario Indians (Sault Ste. Marie, 1992).

"We've been reaching different people, with young parents to elders encouraged to attend. We feel it's top priority in our community to have parenting education."

It's ideally suited for those parents (mothers and fathers), or future parents, who feel non-native techniques and practices are not effective.

"A lot of outside influences have undermined our traditional parenting," said McRae, referring to negative factors brought on by residential schooling, poor living conditions, isolation from Native communities and more.

"A lot of those parenting skills were lost with our language and our culture," she added, explaining how they have been set aside over the past 500 years. "Native and non-native people both, want to know what these ways are."

Sandy, a child welfare worker, said a major factor in traditional parenting is the time spent with a child.

"In Native parenting of long ago, our children listened more, and we listened" as part of our teaching. "There was a lot of bonding and we never separated from our children," Sandy explained, adding that the best part of the sessions is the sharing that takes place between everyone involved.

"Being in a group of parents, we are able to share, learning how to respect each other and our children," she said about the group's appreciation for harmony.

With two non-native people participating in the sessions attracting an average of 20 people (including one male), a variety of perspectives are available to learn from.

"It's really wonderful having that one male, we really need that perspective," McRae said.

The traditional parenting program is subtitled 'Honouring Our Children by Honouring Our Traditions'. The curriculum uses various methods of getting the message across: Traditional Parenting; Lessons of the Story Teller; Lessons of the Cradleboard; Harmony in Child Rearing; Traditional Behavior Management; Lessons of Mother Nature; Praise in **Traditional Parenting and** Choices in Parenting, which concluded at the same time as a United Indian Council Wellness conference at Fern Resort (April 20-22).

For more information about the Rama and Orillia area's upcoming sessions, dial (705) 326-7313

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