



# South Wind

"The official newspaper of the Manitoba Southern Chiefs' Organization, Inc."

## LONG PLAIN HOSTS BLESSING CEREMONY FOR RED LAKE TRIBE

Message from  
Southern Grand Chief Chris Henderson



Grand Chief Henderson and Dakota Plains Wahpeton Nation Chief Orville Smoke and Council of Elders

**B**ooshoo! Washte! Tansi! Greetings to our Elders, Veterans, Southern Chiefs, Council Members and First Nations citizens! We have a new look! The *South Wind* has increased its size to 2 full-pages crammed with more information and updates.

It has been a busy and hectic two weeks and the momentum keeps on going. I recently had the honour and privilege of participating in the University of Manitoba's and Winnipeg's Annual Traditional Graduation Pow-Wow at the U of M campus. I was honoured to have been asked to address this year's graduates. *Meegwetch* to the organizers, students and graduates for allowing me to participate in the year's grad pow-wow. I wish you all continued success!

On Mother's Day, May 8, 2005, I participated in a march in support of the Sisters in Spirit Campaign in Winnipeg. This campaign's aim was to draw attention to the issue of missing Aboriginal women in Canada. In Manitoba, there are 51 missing women or women whose murders remain unsolved. This march drew over 300 supporters that included First Nations and non-First Nations women and men.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Dakota Plains Wahpeton Nation's Chief Orville Smoke and his Council of Elders for hosting me on May 4, 2005. I also want to thank Chief Vincent Tacan of the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation for hosting me in Sioux Valley on May 5, 2005.

Until next time, take care and may the Creator watch over you and your families.

Meegwetch!



**O**n Thursday May 12, 2005, the Long Plain First Nation held a blessing ceremony for the people of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe located in Minnesota, U.S.A.

Long Plain's Chief Dennis Meeches presented Red Lake Tribal Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr., with a traditional Ojibway Chief's headgear and a ribbon shirt. Southern Grand Chief Henderson was invited to attend this event, held at the Spirit Lodge in Long Plain, and presented Tribal Chairman Jourdain with a star blanket.

On March 21, 2005, the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe was confronted with tragedy when a young man from the tribe shot and killed several people in the local high school. On behalf of the Southern Chiefs of Manitoba, we offer our prayers and hearts to our Ojibway brothers and sisters from the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe during this difficult time.



Tribal Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr., Red Lake Chippewa Tribe speaks to the community members and Chiefs at the Community Feast and Pow Wow.



l-r: Chief Dennis Meeches, Long Plain First Nation, Chief Morris Shamnappo, Rolling River First Nation, Tribal Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr., Red Lake Chippewa Tribe; Grand Chief Henderson, and Del Assiniboine, SCO Health Advocate.



Tribal Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr., being presented a Star Blanket from Grand Chief Henderson.

## MEEGWETCH!

"VE (Victory in Europe) Day was recognized on May 7th, when the surrender of Germany was heard around the world."



Sergeant Tommy Prince "Medals" 1917-1977



l-r: Chief Irvin McIvor, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation; Chief Norman Bone, Keeseekoowenin First Nation; Grand Chief Henderson; Chief Ian Bushie, Hollow Water First Nation; and Chief John Thunder, Buffalo Point First Nation display the medals of the late Sergeant Tommy Prince.

**O**n behalf of the Southern Chiefs of Manitoba, we honour and pay tribute to our First Nations veterans who served overseas in World War II. On May 7, 1945, Germany surrendered to the Allied Forces. It is estimated that 80,000 men and women from Manitoba put on uniforms in the fight against tyranny and the rise of Hitler. We pay our respects to those First Nations veterans, including Brokenhead Ojibway Nation's Sergeant Tommy Prince, who served in WWII: *MEEGWETCH!*

"Autism affects 1 in 165 children in Canada" — McMaster University

# Aboriginal Autism Foundation CONFERENCE

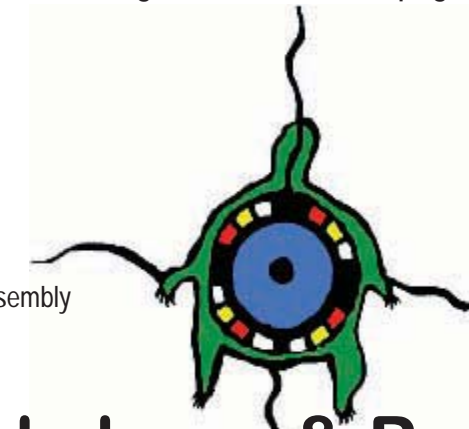
"An Aboriginal Approach to Autism"

## May 28-29, 2005

Radisson Hotel Downtown  
288 Portage Avenue • Winnipeg, Manitoba



Guest Speaker: National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Phil Fontaine



## Workshops & Presentations

Saturday, May 28th, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 29th, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

## Fundraising Banquet

Radisson Hotel Downtown — Provincial Ballroom, 11th Fl.  
Saturday, May 28, 2005 6:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.

## Entertainment:

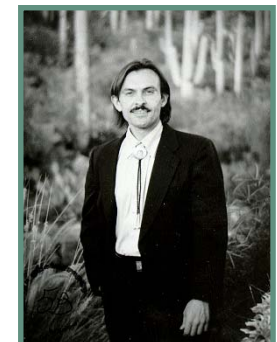
**C-Weed**  
**Billy Joe Green**  
**Sierra Noble & Ryan Richard**  
**Rude Mood** featuring "**Shaun T. Roulette**"  
and more to be announced.....

Silent Auction held at Fundraising Banquet

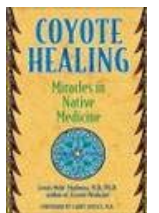
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