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Sergeant Tommy Prince (R) was the most highly decorated aboriginal soldier of WW II and did two tours of duty in the Korean War. LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

# Equal only in war



First Nations dancer Harvey Thunderchild performs in front of the Canadian Memorial at Beny-sur-Mer War Cemetery, France, in 2005. The Aboriginal Spiritual Journey, a visit by aboriginal veterans to battlefields in Europe, paid tribute and allowed for the spirit of fallen warriors to be brought home to Canada. REUTERS/FRANK PREVEL

## Remembering our Aboriginal veterans: They fought for democracy but couldn't vote at home

By JOAN DELANEY  
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Tom Longboat had a lot to lose when he joined the army in 1916.

An Onondaga from the Six Nations Grand River Reserve in Ontario, Longboat was a world champion long-distance runner. In 1907 he won the Boston Marathon in record time, and two years later triumphed in the world professional marathon championships at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

His athletic career was thriving. Nonetheless at the age of 29 he set it all aside and went to fight in the chaos that was Europe during the First World War.

Longboat was just one of the estimated 15,000 Aboriginals, including Inuit and Métis, who served in the Boer War of 1899, the First and Second World Wars, and the Korean War. Of these, more than 500 lost their lives.

In both world wars, Canadian aboriginal soldiers were part of every major land battle and campaign, and earned many medals and decorations. Some excelled as snipers and reconnaissance scouts, drawing upon their traditional hunting and warrior skills.

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## Europe pressuring U.S. for new climate bill

The road to the Copenhagen summit looks rocky

By JACK PHILLIPS  
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Led by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, European leaders this week pressured United States' lawmakers to go through with a bill to combat climate change.

Merkel addressed Congress on Tuesday, asking Democrats and Republicans to work together and move the Democrat-sponsored bill forward. Some Republican Senators in key positions boycotted the bill.

Another boycott occurred in Spain as African representatives refused to meet with other nations over climate talks, saying industrialized nations are not doing enough to combat global warming.

Kamel Djemouai, the chair of the African group, said the emissions cuts pledged by developed countries were not enough.

"I don't think we can get to a result in the way we're going now," Djemouai said. African nations want wealthy countries to reduce emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2020. The group said that they would continue the boycott on Wednesday if no changes were made.

Next month at a summit in Copenhagen, countries will try to create a follow up to the Kyoto Protocol which was signed in 1997 and will expire in 2012.

"We need an agreement on one objective—global warming must not exceed two degrees Celsius," said Merkel. U.S. President Barack Obama has taken a public stance on the importance of addressing global warming.

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## Behind closed doors Maids abused in the Middle East

By STEPHEN JONES  
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DUBAI—Amanthi was still wearing her pyjamas when we met. That morning, she had run away from a house where she had been working as a live-in maid after she was allegedly tortured by her abusive employer.

The Asian national, whose name has been changed to protect her identity, said she was pinned down and burned by a red-hot iron as a punishment for falling asleep.

"I never expected that this would happen when I came here," she said.

Amanthi agreed to an interview last week at the sheltered accommodation where she was temporarily

housed. Her arms, which were covered in burns, were protected by a shawl provided by social workers.

The 20-year-old arrived to work in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as a housemaid on October 14. She hoped that by earning a salary of \$225 a month she could save enough to raise a family when she returned home.

After signing a two-year contract with a recruitment firm based in the neighbouring emirate of Ras al Khaimah, Amanthi began her first job in the capital city of Abu Dhabi.

However, she was forced to flee the house after four days. "The 25-year-old son in the family there kept on threatening to rape me," she said.

She returned to the employment

agency hoping to find a better employer the second time around. However, after only three days with her new family she said the punishment began.

"The wife of the owner pinned me down and burned me with an iron on my arms," she said, rolling up her sleeves to reveal her inflamed skin.

"It was at midnight, but the woman said that I should not be sleeping."

The next morning, Amanthi was preparing breakfast for the family when her hair became loose. As she attempted to tie it up, she said she was pinned to the wall by the woman who cut off her hair with a pair of household scissors.

"It was then that I decided to run away," she said.

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## Online citizens need media literacy, says group

### Media Literacy Week promotes benefits of digital education

By CINDY CHAN  
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Canada's fourth annual Media Literacy Week launched on Nov. 2 with this year's theme highlighting the increasing need for Canadians—especially youth—to build digital literacy skills in a growing online world.

Be it newspapers, television,

radio, or the Internet, media literacy entails being able to access, understand, and produce media content, said Cathy Wing, Co-Executive Director of Media Awareness Network (MNet).

"Those are all skills we need to be good citizens in today's information age," Ms. Wing said, noting that "media is the main way, particularly digital media, that we communicate now and access information and entertainment. It's very important in everyone's lives, particularly young people."

A centre of expertise in media education, MNet is cosponsoring Media Literacy Week with the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF).

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