

THE BUSHWHACKERS



BLUE COLLAR BART



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It's a traditional Pow-Wow, not a contest like a fall fair. There are no prizes, no ribbons, no judges. There is a *grand Entry*, led through a log archway at the back of the circle, in which all dancers participate. Leading the procession is the *Eagle Staff*—the flag of First Nations—accompanied by bearers of the Canadian and American flags. There is a *Flag Song*, during which the two flags are raised. The flags flutter proudly in the breeze through the *Veterans Song*, honouring vets from all wars), and more specialized dances like *Sneak up*, *Shake Up* and *Crow Hop*. There was even an individual demonstration by the last known Feather Dancer on the north shore of Lake Superior. Two little girls using a shawl like a collection plate took up donations during the *Feather Dance*, to encourage his efforts to preserve a disappearing tradition.

Pays Plat's realization of where to start to find its soul is much like the prolonged voyage of discover all Canadians are on—occasionally discovering something or someone that gives us a hint of who we really are, then finding something else that tells us what we *don't* want to be. On October 26, we are going to be voting in a national referendum on a constitutional deal that our leaders tell us should "renew" us as a nation. The deal includes recognition of the inherent right of First Nations to self-government—First Nations like Pays Plat. Recognition of this "inherent right" won't define what self-government is, how much it will cost, or how it will work.

The Traditional Pow-Wow at Pays Plat is clearly part of that definition process. But Ken Goodchild cautions rediscovering one's roots at something like this Pow-Wow is "only a very small part of self-government. Self-government will mean something slightly different to every community, and every person." But self-government also means starting from a foundation of self-realization, then evolving collective expressions of political will. Dancing in a circle to tedious drumming is part of that discovery process—part of being inherently in charge of your own life on the planet.

As Canadians, may we all find our circle to dance in. However, the vote goes October 26th.

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funding will help the sport grow further in popularity, provide snowmobilers with a safer, environmentally acceptable trails network, and increase the economic spin-offs to the Ontario economy."

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HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY MARILYN!

LOVE MOM, DAD & PATSY

THANK YOU

Harper - The family of the late John E. Harper wish to express a sincere Thank You to all our relatives, out of town visitors, friends & neighbours, for their kindness & support over the last three months, as well as during & after the loss of our Husband, Father & Grandfather. A heartfelt thanks is extended to Dr. John Jackson-Hughes, V.O.N. Homecare nurses Elaine Todesco & Faye Boudreau, the Palliative Care nurses at the Nipigon Memorial District Hospital & the C.W.L. for the luncheon served after the funeral. Thank you also to Father Antonio Fugarczuk for his home visits, prayers at the funeral home & his beautiful service. We would especially like to thank everyone who sent cards of condolence, mass cards, donations in memory of John, flowers, food, telephoned our home & visited. Your generosity was overwhelming. Special thanks to the Pall Bearers Willie Silta, Stan Pristanski, Don Doiron, John D. Harper, Russ Walker & Ronald Laframboise Jr. It meant so much to us to have John's close friends & nephews carry him to his final resting place. To Linda Elliott and the staff of Elliott Funeral Home Ltd., for the support & assistance. We sincerely appreciate the kindness that was extended to us in our time of great loss. 'Friends give you strength.'

