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Marshall case adjourned

Donald Marshall Jr. assault case adjourned again to give lawyer more time to review Crown's case. **Page A3**

Voting help

Elections Canada moving to help those who can't read or write to vote. **Page A9**

What's next, Stinziani?

Opening act of Michael Stinziani's stint with the Eagles has gone so well, fans can't wait for an encore. **Page B1**

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YOU SAID IT

"We recommended an increase in interim payments to 75 per cent, up from 50 per cent, under AgriStability, to help these farmers who have experienced extraordinary wet weather conditions this year."

Brooke Taylor, provincial minister of agriculture, page B7

IN MY OPINION

If you don't make eye contact, don't walk in front of that car.

Sandy Michalik, Letters, page A6

THE PROVINCE

'Naive' man acquitted of impaired driving

BRIDGEWATER, N.S. (CP) — A Lunenburg County man has been found not guilty of impaired driving after the judge ruled he could not have foreseen that a drink would put him over the legal limit.

Provincial court Judge Anne Crawford described William Frank Swinamer on Thursday as a naive and unsophisticated man with a Grade 3 education.

She also said he is a hard-working man who was holding down two jobs and had just worked 24 hours when he was pulled over by police in Bridgewater last November shortly after having a single drink at a friend's house.

He failed the breathalyzer.

Crawford said Swinamer had little experience with alcohol and was naive about its effects.

ODDITY

College apologizes for offensive typo in school handbook

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The president of an Iowa college says he's sorry about an unfortunate and offensive typo in a school handbook.

A calendar entry for Feb. 16, 2009, was supposed to read "Black History Lunch and Learn."

Instead, it says "Black History Linch and Learn."

Read aloud, it sounds like "lynch," a term commonly used for hangings by a mob. The handbook was distributed to about 10,000 students before the mistake was discovered.

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson says stickers are available to place over the entry.

Palin's image carved into farmer's annual cornfield maze

WHITEHOUSE, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio farmer would like to invite you to get



Chief Terry Paul of Membertou, from left, Premier Rodney MacDonald and Chief Lawrence Paul of Millbrook, N.S., chat following a "working lunch" and meeting of the provincial cabinet and the 13 Mi'kmaq chiefs from across Nova Scotia at the Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Commission in Eskasoni, Thursday. Following lunch, the premier and Terry Paul announced a further \$14 million in tar ponds cleanup tenders, set aside for companies with majority aboriginal ownership. Greg MacVicar - Cape Breton Post

Another \$14M in aboriginal set-asides announced for tar ponds cleanup

BY GREG MACVICAR

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ESKASONI — The murky Sydney tar ponds and the beautiful Bras d'Or Lakes are worlds apart environmentally speaking.

But that didn't stop the province and Cape Breton Mi'kmaq chiefs from announcing a further \$14 million in tar ponds cleanup tenders, set aside for companies with majority aboriginal ownership, on the shores of the Bras d'Or in Eskasoni, Thursday afternoon.

"The recommendation was made to provincial cabinet and we accepted the recommendation," said Premier Rodney MacDonald when asked how the \$14-million figure was determined, adding that the recommendation was a result of negotiations between the Sydney Tar

Ponds Agency and the five First Nations communities across Cape Breton.

"One can appreciate that many of

ABORIGINAL SET-ASIDE PROJECTS

- Coke Ovens Brook Sediment Removal Conditioning and Transport
- Stockpiling of Capping Material
- Coke Ovens Brook Sediment Removal and Groundwater Collection
- Water Treatment Operations
- Operation of Material Processing Facility
- Construction and Maintenance of Access Roads
- Environmental Controls
- Cooling Pond
- Local Economic Benefits Office
- Pilot-Scale testing

these projects can take a large labour force and a great technical expertise, so this fits within what is possible for

our First Nations communities on the island. It's one that's based on reasonable assumptions."

The new \$14 million, in addition to the \$5-million cooling pond project already completed by aboriginal firms, represents about five per cent of the \$400-million total cost of the tar ponds cleanup.

The premier wasn't sure what specific activities the new \$14 million was for, but a Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal release indicated the projects will include removal, conditioning and transport of Coke Ovens Brook sediment, stockpiling capping material, water treatment operations, operating a material processing facility, building and maintaining access roads, and environmental controls.

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U.S. financial crisis used to earn political capital

Canadian leaders sharpen economic messages as crisis in U.S. buffets election campaign

BY BRUCE CHEADLE

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — Federal party leaders sharpened their economic messages Thursday as a deep financial and political crisis in the United States buffeted this country's election campaign.

"It's not the time to do anything new, wild or stupid," Prime Minister Stephen Harper warned in Victoria, where he rolled out a grab-bag of modest consumer protection measures.

The Oct. 14 vote, he said, is about "which party can be trusted to manage the economy and to protect the interests of Canadians, particularly in a time of global uncertainty."

Precisely, responded Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, who rattled off a list of sagging economic indicators under Harper's Conservative government and laid the blame at the prime minister's feet.

"Stephen Harper is desperate to get through this election without Canadians knowing how incompetent his government has been in managing the economy," Dion told the Quebec Chamber of Commerce.

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