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## Assignment Beijing

*CBC videographer Richard Agecutay was in Beijing covering the Olympics for CBC. He is sharing his experience with of Eagle Feather News readers. Here is Part 2 of his take on the Beijing assignment.*

The Games officially kicked off last night. I was assigned to shoot the fireworks in Tiananmen Square. We arrived early, expecting all kinds of restrictions placed on the media. With our Olympic credentials we were allowed to shoot the massive crowd of people waiting to get into the Square. I climbed through the sunroof in our vehicle and shot

the thousands of people pressed against the barrier surrounding the square.

The massive crowd stood for hours in the hot and sticky night hoping to get glimpse of the fireworks promised at the end of the opening ceremonies.

Our driver, Nun Zhu, dropped Emily Sit (Associate Producer for Sports) and myself near a square entrance. We hiked the gear a short distance up to the security gate guarding the Square.

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## Conference draws attention to cases of missing women

By Chelsea Jones  
For Eagle Feather News

From the scorching hot borders of Mexico to the ocean-lining cities of Canada, over 300 people flocked to Regina in August for a conference about missing women.

Looking at the crowd crammed into the foyer of the Conexus Art Centre, it is hard to believe that there are more missing women in Mexico and Canada than there are delegates at the conference.

The numbers vary depending on the source, but the Regina Police say there are 28 missing women in this province – 17 are Aboriginal. According to the Native Women's Association of Canada, hundreds more are missing nation-wide.

Over 400 women have been officially reported missing in Mexico, even though thousands are said to have disappeared. Since the 1990s, hundreds have been killed in the northern city of Juárez.

"These women are not forgotten," said Brenda Anderson, a Women's Studies professor in Regina who helped to spearhead the event.

"They meant something, and they'll continue to mean something."

The conference, called Missing Women: Decolonization, Third Wave Feminism and Indigenous People of Canada and Mexico, sought to answer the call of families in both countries searching for missing and murdered women. It was an opportunity for people – families, scholars, students, and investigators among others – to share the stories.

"We wanted to bring together voices that don't often get heard by other groups," said Anderson. "The stories really showed the breadth and depth of the concerns over these issues."

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Author Morningstar Mercredi (right) was the keynote speaker at the conference. She joined the demonstration walk.

