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Dan and Mary Lou tell listeners about upcoming events in and around the London, Ontario area. Dan also shares news that today is the 20th anniversary since members of the American Indian Movement occupied Wounded Knee on Pineridge Reservation.

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DAN SMOKE: Ok. Ok, right now we're going to listen to Mary Lou. She has some community service announcements that we would like to share with our listeners. What's happening in and around the Native community here in London. Mary Lou?

[**MARY LOU SMOKE** continues with community announcements.]

DS: Miigwetch, nya:weh, Mary Lou.

[**DS** continues with community announcements.]

DS: I'd just like to also mention that today is a historic day. It was today, 20 years ago, that members of the **American Indian Movement** occupied the village of **Wounded Knee** on the **Pineridge Reservation** in South Dakota. And it was on this day that the American Indian Movement at the invitation of some of the Elders, women, children on Pineridge wanted some kind of redress, some kind of change in the way that they were living on that reserve. The tactics that were inflicted upon them by **Bill Wilson**, a **Sioux** tribal leader for the Pineridge Reservation, and his goon squad have been documented in many books, in the newspaper *Akwesasne Notes*. A little bit of it was talked about in the movie—I believe it was **Powwow Highway**—they talked about the goons in that movie. They talked about the goons in **Thunderheart**, these goons were a reality. You could say in some people's distorted minds that they were actually trying to defend democracy. I don't know if that could be construed as being the case. They were hurting and harming their own people. But it was these people who were

being victimized, who invited the American Indian Movement, a traditional, spiritual movement of men and women who came to bring back the ceremonies, the language, the songs, the dances. And who started to revive in Native people pride once again. And much the same as what happened at **Oka**, you know, it takes a small core group of people to bring about and raise about enough awareness and consciousness of the people for us to be woken up, to be revived. And I think this was accomplished both at Wounded Knee and at Oka. So, you know, we want to just pass that on, share that with you.

On Thursday, March the 4th there will be an advance screening of a play, or a film, called *It Starts with a Whisper*. This is a film that was produced by **Bay of Quinte Productions**. Bay of Quinte Productions is located in Brantford, Ontario. The writer, producer, director of this film is **Shelley Niro**. Shelley is a **Mohawk** from **Six Nations**. She is also going to be featured with an exhibit down at the London Regional Art Gallery in February of 1994. This filming, this film screening is going to be at the Euclid which is located at Euclid and College Street. The admission is free and the doors open at 8:30. That's for *It Starts with a Whisper*. So anyone who would like to go see that, we have information here at Smoke Signals for people who are interested in that. **Terry Dokis**, I just want to reiterate that, on the 10th. Terry was here three years ago. He was at King's College. And I'll tell you, you're in for a real teaching if you want to know more about the spirituality of Native people. Terry has a way of communicating the spirituality that is practiced by Native peoples and the healing that is practiced by Native peoples. And I think if you really come with an open mind, you're going to walk away more knowledgeable and fuller in your heart and mind of our spiritual relationship with our Creator, with our songs, with our teachings, etc.

DS: So I'd just like to share that. On the 13th is Honour Our Children Feast which will be taking place at **N'Amerind**. It begins at 12:30 and this is Saturday, March 13th. There will be a food sale on March 12th, the same day that **Chief Jake Thomas** will be there. Chief Jake Thomas is a mentor of mine. I've known him since my childhood, and I hope that a lot of people come to hear him. He is one of the last persons living today who can recite the **Great Law of Peace**. He is one of the only people that can do that. And that...when that knowledge and wisdom goes, you know, we have to start looking at ways and how we can keep that, how we can retain that Great Law of Peace so that we have it for our future generations. So I hope people come out for that. There will be a **Canadian Alliance in Solidarity with Native People** council meeting at 3:00 Sunday, March the 14th in Toronto at the Native Canadian Centre on Spadina Road. 16 Spadina Road. The Elder's Conference takes place on March 19th, 20th, and 21st. And as we said before, we hope to see you all there. On March the 17th, **Kashtin**, **Buffy Sainte-Marie**, **Shingoose**. MC will be **Charlie Hill**. They will be performing at Massey Hall in Toronto. And hopefully we may get to that. I'm not sure right now, but my hopes are high about that.

Ok, so that's, now we're going to listen to Davis Mitchell and the song that **Davis Mitchell** will be singing is "**There's a Beautiful Girl**." Davis Mitchell is a **Navajo** from the southwest. He comes from New Mexico. And he has a very unique voice and you'll hear that shortly. I just like,

when I first heard him, I was very touched by the uniqueness of that voice of his. And we want to share that with you now. Here is Davis Mitchell, on Smoke Signals.