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DEBITAGE

In August 2003, Rob Field from Arcas Consulting Archeologists will serve as chief archaeologist on an arctic expedition in search of Sir John Franklin's ships, HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*. The joint Irish-Canadian expedition is directed by author Captain David Woodman, and funded by explorer/adventurer Kevin Cronin. Award winning filmmaker John Murray will produce a documentary film of the expedition, to be broadcast on the History Channel. This is the ninth expedition in the search, and the team is very optimistic that this is the year of discovery.

National Aboriginal Day is on June 21, 2003. For activities and events in your community check out the Indian and Northern Affairs Web site < www.ainc-inac.gc.ca>.

Now on exhibit at the Vancouver Museum, *Honouring the Basket Makers*, presented by the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Skwxwú7mesh Uxwuixw (Squamish) First Nations, in collaboration with the Vancouver Museum. Contemporary and traditional baskets on display honour the basket makers of these three First Nation communities. For more information see the Vancouver Museum Web site <www.vanmuseum.bc.ca>.

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