



## Fair trade in fashion

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The Manitoba Council for International Co-operation kicks off International Development Week with a Fair Trade Fashion Show Monday at the Park Theatre. Student models include (from left) Tito Daodu, Alyssa Pas-karuk, Katrina Brooks, Melissa Langdon and Mai-Lee Ritchot.

## Volunteer fire crews tackle Austin blaze



**VOLUNTEER** firefighters from three towns and a Hutterite colony pitched in Sunday to battle a blaze threatening Austin's downtown.

Firefighters in Austin got a call at 11:01 a.m. Sunday about the fire, which broke out at a hair salon on 2nd Avenue, the town's prime business street. Austin is 110 km west of Winnipeg.

With a punishing 50-kilometre wind and the Austin Bake Shop and Phil's Corner Store only feet away from the burning building, firefighters were faced with a daunting task.

"Everything is all connected together and in proximity," said Austin volunteer fire department chief Gerry Currie, hours after staying awake until 4:30 a.m. stamping out flare-ups in the rubble. "That's where the challenge is."

Volunteers from the nearby towns of Gladstone and MacGregor joined the local team, for a total of 29 firefighters from Carleton Place.