

# Diversity of people is cause for Halton party

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 maze and face painting, free bus transportation and on-site support for seniors, a birds of prey demonstration, bucket truck rides, police car, fire truck and ambulance display.  
 The day will feature a food court with foods from around the world and a showcase of traditional costumes.  
 The Halton Region Discovery Tent will have a number of interactive displays demonstrating the Region's range of services, such as providing drinking water, support for seniors, operation of child

care centres, waste management and health education.  
 In recognition of the International Year of Older Persons, cleared by the United Nations, there will be a seniors' corner. A shaded area and air conditioned room will be made available, plus light refreshments.  
 And, a speakers' corner will be available for local groups and individuals to speak out on improving the community's understanding of other religious, heritage and cultural customs. For example, people can learn how a sari is put on, or

the cultural significance of the turban.  
 The rotunda at St. Volodymyr's will host an Indian bazaar where four different religious and cultural groups will display their history and traditions.  
 The area will be known as House of India, and will include Sikhs, Hindi and Muslims. In addition, there will be hand painting, traditional dancing and a fashion parade.  
 The opening ceremony at 1 p.m. will consist of a welcome by Sgt. Ray Hendry, who was heavily involved with organiz-

ing last year's event, O' Canada sung in English and French by the Halton Regional Police Chorus, a Native prayer, and speeches by local politicians.  
 The aim of Hands Across the World is to create awareness of cultural diversity, promote productive and responsible citizenship, improve communication and relations between the police and the community, educate the public on how diversity can enrich the community, and increase awareness of what services are available.  
 Hands Across the World is

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## Second crop a long shot despite an early harvest

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An early harvest nudged by sweltering heat and scant rain has given farmers the option to plant a second round of crops this summer.

But a low return on the yield makes it unlikely that many would want to, said Peter Lambrick, vice president of the Halton Federation of Agricultural.

"We didn't actually end up doing any and I don't know of anyone that did," said the Hornby farmer. "I think if people were going to do it, they would have done it by now."

For the second year in a row, balmy temperatures have brought the crops in early. But the bottom line doesn't look high enough to encourage farmers to give it another go this season, said Mr. Lambrick.

"I couldn't pencil it in that I'd get a return."  
 The main determinant is market price, and that just isn't high enough, said Mr. Lambrick.

"The price of soybean is the pits anyway," he said. "There's too much of it on the market."  
 Soybeans are now \$6 a

bushel, compared to \$12 in 1996.

Corn, which is also being harvested early, is selling for \$3 a bushel, down from \$5.

What's bad for farm coffers may be good for consumers.

Prices are down because things are looking up.

Relatively stable times and good weather throughout the world have flooded the market with grains, said Mr. Lambrick.

"If the whole world has a reasonable production and reasonable weather, we've got enough to feed the world."

This year, production in Australia, Canada, the United States and South America has been tremendous, said Mr. Lambrick.

"On a world-wide basis, we're looking at a lot lower prices for all the grain."

On the home front, balmy weather has pushed the crops harvests far ahead.

Normally, wheat is brought in about July 20. But this year, Mr. Lambrick was in the combine by July 8.

"This is a situation that doesn't present itself too often," he said. "That's pushing the season two weeks ahead."

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