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They're off and running

Harper talks of split left vote, quiet on majority



Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces the election as he leaves Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday after speaking to Governor General Jean.

SEAN KILPATRICK, THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA ♦ Stephen Harper may covet a majority government — but he's serving notice that he has no intention of discussing the matter during the five weeks until election day, Oct. 14.

At his campaign's opening news conference yesterday, the Conservative prime minister did a delicate dance around any mention of his

winning a majority mandate.

His response to 10 questions offered a hint of a campaign strategy that will hinge on keeping voters split into four camps to his left: Liberals, New Democrats, Bloc Québécois and Greens.

The last two Conservative campaigns have lost steam in the final days as NDP supporters and

other voters fearful of the Tories scurried over to their chief rival, the Liberals.

In an attempt to avoid a repeat of that phenomenon, the prime minister made it clear he will relentlessly scotch expectations of a big Conservative win.

"The polls are all over the map," Harper told reporters at Rideau

Hall, where he asked Governor General Michaëlle Jean to dissolve Canada's 39th Parliament.

"In some polls we lead by many points," he said. "In others we're neck-and-neck with the Liberals. In others the Liberals are even ... ahead."

The Canadian Press

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High-crash highway called 'Killer 6'

BY TAMSIN McMAHON

The procession winds its solemn way down the gravel shoulder of Highway 6, hands clutching bunches of roses and a large white cross.

Traffic roars beside them as, one by one, they navigate a steep embankment still littered with fragments of shattered tail lights and windshields.

The debris is a bleak reminder to friends and family of Ryan Taylor that, in this spot, one year ago, the 30-year-old Elmira man died in a fiery four-car crash that injured three others.

Last year was a bad one for the stretch of Highway 6 that runs from Highway 401 to Highway 403 in Hamilton.

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Friends and family of Ryan Taylor erect a memorial on Highway 6.

IAN WILLMS, WATERLOO REGIONAL RECORD

The Canadian Press

New Six Nations store sells wares tax-free

BY LISA GRACE MARR

OHSWEKEN ♦ It's the kind of store Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton would have given his eye teeth for: discounted products, snappy merchandising all offered tax-free all the time.

Weken Toys and Weken Electronics on Six Nations Reserve rolled out Phase I of its marketing strategy last week as it started

blanketing southern Ontario with one million flyers.

The flyers and website (weken-toys.ca) state clearly that all items are tax-free.

"We don't pay tax on our products, so we don't charge our customers tax. No one pays tax on Six Nations," said Danielle Greenfield, general manager of the 30,000 square foot store.

But the federal Indian Act also

clearly states that to buy goods or services without paying GST, you have to have a status Indian card. If you are non-native, businesses on reserves are required to collect and remit GST on taxable sales. That's where it starts to get murky. A Revenue Canada spokesperson was not able by this newspaper's deadline to offer advice about how to pay the sales tax if you are a non-native shopper. Wray Anderson, owner of

the certified Apple Store iCSupercomputers on Six Nations, says "collecting taxes would be illegal" as, in his view, he would be collecting taxes for a different country.

Still, Anderson does not advertise that he sells products tax-free and doesn't want customers that only come to his store for that reason.

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