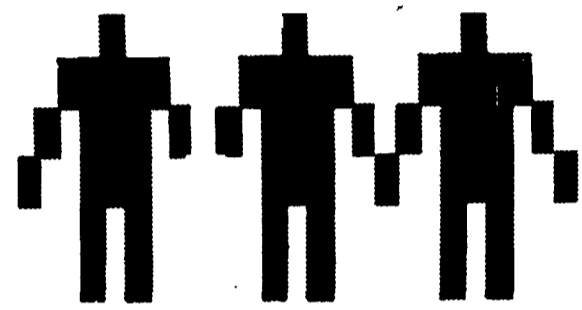


## Tradeoff continued

tradeoff, it never belonged to the Tribe and was actually leased by M.C.A. As to Sullivan County, the Tribe never signed treaties and never existed until 1900 when elections were forced on the people. As stated over and over by the Tribe and by their many leaders, the SRM Tribe never had any jurisdiction beyond the St. Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation. But now their claiming land in traditional Haudenosaunee Territory.

In a similar issue, Indian Time became informed of a Tribal Council Resolution. On April 15, 2000, Hilda E. Smoke, Chief; Alma Ransom, Chief; Paul Thompson, Chief; Richard Terrance, Sub Chief; John Bigtree Jr., Sub Chief; Harry Benedict, Sub Chief; certified by Patricia Thomas, Tribal Clerk, passed a Tribal Council Resolution waiving sovereign immunity to Park Place Entertainment. In return for the waiver, "...PPE will pay to the Tribe the sum of \$3 million for use by the Tribe in its discretion."

Accepting for Park Place Entertainment Corporation is Arthur Goldberg, President/CEO.



## Fair continued

In past events, the Career Fair was designed for the Mohawk students attending schools at Cornwall, Massena, Salmon and Akwesasne. This year was the first invitation to all students from the visiting schools. Any student from Massena High School, Salmon River Central School, General Vanier Secondary School, Cornwall Collegiate and Vocational School and St. Lawrence High School who had parental permission to attend, were transported by their local school to the Arena.

Students had the opportunity to visit 80 displays from Colleges, Universities, Private Schools, Employer organizations such as General Motors, Reynolds, Alcoa, Bank of Montreal. There were a host of different career paths from local resources such as Dr. Ben Kelley; [Dr.] Eddie Gray, Traditional Medicines; Tropper Jonathan Garrow, New York State Police; Community Health Nurses, Addictions Counselling as well as a booth called Careers & Politics hosting the Mayor of Cornwall, Brian Sylvester and Grand Chief of M.C.A., Micheal Mitchell.

There were many organizers who worked diligently and relentlessly. Many thanks goes to the the organizing committee who started the planning stages during the holidays, there was the Adult Education Staff, Danielle Rourke, Counsellor for Grade 7 & 8; Sandra Rourke, Guidance Counsellor for G.V.S.S.; Area Management Staff; Portfolio Chiefs, Margie Thompson and Mamie David; as well as Tim Thompson; the students at Iohahio, especially the Challenge and Opportunities Program; the Technical Services at M.C.A.; the Mohawk Bingo Palace and the Arena Staff.



Pictured here is Freda White who threatened that if she can't take a newspaper picture home to her mother and grandmother, she would boycott the newspaper

## Shake-up continued

said that Kaufman and Boshinski have not been in compliance with some of the regulations spelled out in the casino's management contract.

It was also revealed that Kaufman and Boshinski had their gaming licenses suspended for three days last December and both were fined \$25,000 plus a penalty of \$5,000 a day each for each 24-hour period they remained in non-compliance.

The casino spokesman said, to date, the fines have added up to a whopping \$400,000 and continue to grow at a rate of \$10,000 a day.

Apparently, the trouble began late last year when the casino's books were audited. No further details on the audit were available.

Fired from the casino yesterday were Walter Horn, vice president of Riverboat Casino Management as well as Ronald Vargas, Director of Human Services, Frank Burgess, Director of Food and Service and the Director of Marketing, Deborah Murray.

Joseph Gambino, an employee at the casino, has been promoted to interim Acting General Manager. The St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council will handpick the other management replacements.

The casino says the firings will not effect the regular, every day activities at the gambling complex.

## Akwesasne Calls for Special Investigation Unit

For the past several years the people of Akwesasne have expressed their fears and concerns on the problems associated with illegal aliens, potential terrorists, drug traffickers, and other types of smuggling activities that use the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory as a corridor to illegally cross into the United States and vice-versa. This activity has led the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne to develop a proposal that would call for its own Territorial Protection and Investigation Unit.

"Although Akwesasne, from a purely technical standpoint, does not have the responsibility of border protection, we certainly have a duty to provide for the protection of our citizens" stated Grand Chief Michael Mitchell. Mitchell went on to add that "We are also mindful, as a cross border community that we have some responsibility to our neighbors in terms of ensuring that criminal activity is kept in check. Regrettably, the recent past clearly shows that Canada and the Provinces have not been able to effectively deal with this problem and it has cost Canada millions in lost revenue."

"Over the past four (4) months, we have been meeting with senior level officials from Canada, Quebec and Ontario" stated Chief Ray Mitchell who holds the Policing Portfolio for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne. "We have been negotiating what role Akwesasne will play in the enforcement and protection of its borders. We're talking about a specialized unit that would compliment the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service."

Akwesasne is currently served by a 24 member police service, however, Chief of Police Lewis Mitchell explained that the Akwesasne Mohawk Police "are trained to do community policing and they are certainly not equipped or trained to deal with international smugglers who deal in drug trafficking, illegal guns and alien smuggling on a major scale."

The specialized investigative unit will comprise of eight officers and we have been reassured that additional training and supplies will be available from the existing police organizations around Akwesasne, including the RCMP, and the US Border Patrol. The only drawback we have encountered involves dealing with so many jurisdictions and governments from the outside. Canada, Ontario, and Quebec have each pledged their support towards this initiative, but all of them in one form or another are bogged down by their own bureaucracy and red tape. There is a genuine concern from Akwesasne that if a pro-active action is not initiated from within our com-

munity, we may see more customs and immigration ports around our territory. Also, there is a very real fear on the part of the United States that terrorists will find their way into the United States by way of Akwesasne.

The Mohawk community has its own fears of strangers from far away places winding up on their doorstep on a weekly basis. Many times the aliens are a family that have traveled a thousand miles hoping for a better life, but other times this is not the situation. Groups of grown men traveling in the dark of night cause genuine fear with Mohawk families who have children and Elders in their household.

We have been working with the outside governments over the past few months on a Declaration that would commit all parties to jointly fund the Akwesasne Territorial and Investigation Unit. This has been the part that is most frustrating. The outside governments and jurisdictions cannot seem to agree on the language that would spell out the degree of authority and jurisdiction that Akwesasne would assume. What's sad about it is that Akwesasne may wind up moving this initiative and responsibility forward on its own, much like the Drug and Banishment Law that the Mohawk Council had to implement on their own as a deterrent to drug dealers and traffickers. All levels of government in Canada today talk about partnerships but they cannot seem to deliver when it comes to committing themselves as equals. For example our Justice Department, funded almost exclusively by Akwesasne, provides for stability and laws for our community, but we receive absolutely no support or recognition for our Judges or our Justice System from the outside governments.

We have called for an International Summit on this issue to take place in late May. Canada, the United States, Quebec, Ontario, and New York State, as well as some of the leading agencies that have interest in this area have been invited and I guess we'll find out at that time if we have any real partners.

"Akwesasne has been accused far too long by the outside of not doing enough to combat international smuggling even though we did not create the problem. Now the shoe is on the other foot and if there is no willingness to support our initiative, then we'll have to start making laws from within our Nation and find our own resources" concluded Grand Chief Mitchell.



## Akwesasne Mohawk Police



**BREACH OF PROBATION** - On April 14, 2000 around 5:40 p.m., the Akwesasne Mohawk Police arrested ANGUS OAKES, 47, of St. Regis for breach of probation order. Suspect was intoxicated and resisted arrest. OAKES was transported to Valleyfield jail for a bail hearing on April 17, 2000.

**ALIENS** - On April 14, 2000 around 11:25 p.m. Akwesasne Mohawk Police received an anonymous call of aliens at the East end of Cornwall Island. Police checked the area and found two adults and three children. All were transported to Canada Customs and turned over to Immigration.

### The Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment & MCA Agriculture Program Will be Sponsoring a

## Tree Grafting Workshop

When: Saturday, April 22, 2000 and Saturday, April 29, 2000 from 9:00 am to 4:00pm

Where: The former Riverfront Restaurant on the east end of Cornwall Island, across from Alex Skidders Residence.

Please contact Dave Arquette at 518-3589513

or Marita Skidders at 613 932-9768 to sign up for the workshop.

**Lunch will be provided**