

Worker dies in fall from roof

A 48-year-old Toronto man is dead after falling 22 feet from the second level of a single family home under construction on Eighth Line north of Georgetown Friday afternoon.

Halton Police report Bogdan Malek, a construction worker, landed on a rocky area on the ground and was pronounced

dead a short time later at hospital.

It is unknown what caused the fall.

Police, who are investigating the death along with the Coroner's Office, and Ministry of Labour, say there is no indication of foul play.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Halton police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2415.

Plenty of treats downtown

Downtown Georgetown BIA hosted its annual trick-or-treat day for children Saturday and among those making the rounds was jack-o-lantern Mina Harris, 2. On hand to dish out some treats at the Freckled Lion was Clara Wilson, 11, (right) while Mina's mom, Alison, gave her daughter a helping hand.



Photo by Trish Wilkinson

Georgetown volunteers honoured

The Ontario government honoured several Georgetown residents last night at the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga with Ontario volunteer service awards.

The awards were created to honour individuals for their continuous years of service to a single organization.

This year's government theme is 'volunteers build communities,' "in recognition of the contribution that volunteers...make to the province's economic vitality and social well-being," according to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

There were a total of 568 volunteer award recipients from the GTA, and surrounding areas.

And while more women than men volunteer (54 per cent overall), the ministry says that men volunteer more hours on average.

The value of volunteer time invested in the community is worth more than \$6 billion—the equivalent of 200,000 full-time jobs—according to the ministry.

The following Georgetown citizens received awards for their work with the following organizations:

Canadian Blood Services: Erica Thompson, 30 years; Daphne Rolfe, 40 years. **Georgetown Agricultural Society:** Kenda Nurse, 10 years; John Nurse, 15 years; Allan Cook, 20 years; Elisabeth Treviranus, 25 years. **Georgetown Hospital**

Volunteer Association-William Osler Health Centre: Iona Lobb, 15 years; Kathy Bowman, 20 years; Anna Ewen, 20 years; June Gilson, 20 years; Brenda Beaumont, 25 years. **Girl Guides of Canada-Silvercreek District:** Sherrie Charter, 5 years, Laura Hack, 5 years; Mary Meredith, 5 years, Donna Thoms, 5 years; Katie Gosling, youth. **Girl Guides of Canada-Brightwell Division:** Heather Laidlaw, Norval, 10 years. **Halton Hills Community Support and Information:** Doreen Densmore 25 years; Maddie Howat, 25 years; Floria McNally, 25 years. **Harrison Public School:** Mary DeCamillis, 5 years; Debbie Moffatt, 5 years. **Heritage Halton Hills:** Gail Rutherford, 10 years; Dr. Richard Ruggle, 15 years. **Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre - Special Events:** Stan Kayama, 20 years. **Kinsmen Club of Bolton:** Keith McCabe, 40 years. **Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association:** Barb Montemurro, 30 years. **Peel Regional Auxiliary Police Service:** Erin Winson, 10 years. **Scouts Canada-Greater Halton Area:** Francis Hoyle, 5 years; Cathy Myles, 5 years; Ken Thorn, 5 years. **St. Chad's Anglican Church:** Douglas Richardson, 5 years. **United Way of Halton Hills:** Brian Clark, 10 years; Denny Foley, 10 years; John Gibson, 10 years; Eunice McGowan, 10 years; Pam Sargeant, 10 years. **Georgetown Agricultural Society:** Ralph Cunningham, Limehouse, 40 years.

Newest Georgetown doctor trained in India and Qatar

Georgetown's newest family physician has more than 20 years of experience as a doctor to draw upon.

Before joining South Georgetown Medical Clinic in September, Dr. Rama Khanna, who is accepting new patients, practised in India and Qatar.

She worked as a pediatrician in India for approximately 12 years, then made the move to family medicine while working in a health centre in Qatar for 10 years.

She and her husband decided to move to Canada in 1997 because their two children wanted to study in Canada.

Khanna continued to work in Qatar and India until 2000 when she moved to Canada permanently, and after completing the Assessment Program for International Medical Graduates at McMaster University in June, she was certified by the Canadian College of Family Physicians.

She is enjoying working in Georgetown and her practice has been growing. With the many young families in Georgetown South she has been able to put her pediatrics background to use.

"I like working with people and feeling that you can help out in times of difficulty," said Khanna, who added she has always enjoyed being a doctor.

Khanna received her medical degree at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi.

"The basic medicine is the same more or less," said Khanna when asked about the differences between



DR. RAMA KHANNA

practising medicine in Canada versus India and Qatar.

She said, however, in Canada there is a larger geriatric population while in India and Qatar the pediatric population is bigger.

"What I was doing in Qatar is similar to the work I'm doing here," she said.

Along with establishing her family practice Khanna, who lives in Mississauga, also works in the South Georgetown Medical Clinic's walk-in clinic.

New patients can call to book an appointment with Khanna at 905-873-4742.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

Sex shops face restrictions

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would have to go through a rezoning process, which requires a public meeting.

A licensing bylaw governing the fees and other controls such as signage and operating hours for the parlours, video stores and specialty shops will also come back to council for approval at another time.

Mayor Rick Bonnette said he wanted to see the licensing fee for adult entertainment and body rub parlours set at the same level as Toronto's—\$10,000. The Town's current fee is \$5,000.

However Bonnette was told licensing fees must be justifiable through the administration and enforcement costs, and that Toronto would likely have higher costs than a smaller town like Halton Hills.

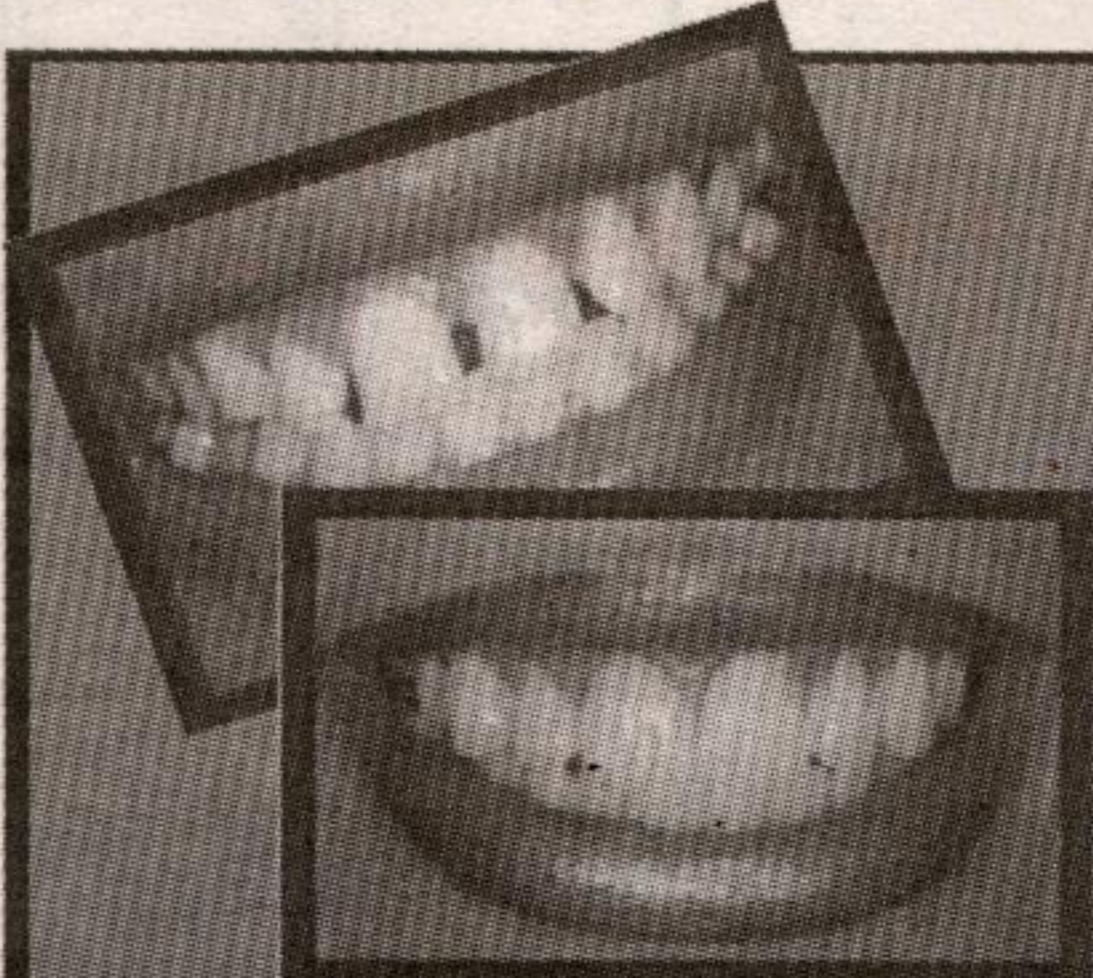
But Bonnette disagreed saying

policing and administration costs are the same wherever the town is and if Toronto can charge \$10,000, so can Halton Hills.

Johnson agreed with Bonnette that licensing fees and other restrictions could discourage some businesses to come here and "if we have the co-operation of our citizens to not patronize these places, then they'll go out of business and we won't have the problem. So if the whole community rallies around this together we can prevent them, or at least discourage, them from settling here and have the community we really want."


For more information on the policy, visit the Town's website, www.haltonhills.ca under the planning department's current department studies.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer



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