

# Man killed in Markham forklift accident

A 63-year-old Thornhill man was killed in an industrial accident Wednesday morning at his Torbay Road company. John Baker, of Dersingham Crescent, was working on a wooden platform mounted on a forklift at the Only Component Corporation about 10:40 a.m. He was about 12 feet above ground, working on an overhead door, when the forklift apparently began to rise.

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Baker was pinned between the platform and the top of the door, said York Regional Police Det. Bruce Powley. He was transported by ambulance to North York General Hospital where he was pronounced dead after succumbing to severe head injuries. The Ministry of Labour is investigating.

- KATHLEEN GRIFFIN

### Fire causes \$120,000 damage to home

Two families are homeless after a fast-moving fire caused \$120,000 damage to the Milliken Mills house they were sharing Tuesday night.

Markham firefighters responded to the call at 34 Hainsworth Court, in the Steeles Avenue and Brimley Road area, at about 9:20 p.m. and arrived to find the basement kitchen in flames.

Fire prevention officer Scott Richardson said one of the occupants was cooking a special dessert on the stove.

As she dropped the dessert into a pot of hot oil, the oil splashed onto the burner, catching fire.

Soon the entire room was in flames as the kitchen cupboards and surrounding area quickly caught fire and it moved up the walls to the main level.

"Two families were forced to vacate the premises," Richardson said.

"The house is not livable. The kitchen floor on the level above was weakened and the basement area suffered heavy smoke and water damage."

The eight occupants of the home escaped without injury. While damage is pegged at \$120,000, Richardson said that figure could have been much higher.

"One of the things that saved the home was one of the water pipes let go - as a result of the flames a soldered joint melted and a domestic water pipe broke. That held the fire in check."

Richardson reminds residents to use extra care in the kitchen. Never leave anything on the stove unattended, bring an oven mitt or spoon as a reminder if you must leave the room.

When cooking with oil remember it ignites easily and ensure you keep a lid nearby to smother flames in case of an accident, he said.

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### Computer equipment stolen

Thieves stole \$20,000 worth of computer equipment from a Markham office Tuesday.

To get inside, the culprits pruned open the front door of the Denison Street office, York Regional Police said.

About \$1,000 worth of damages were reported.

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## Yes! Quality schools are the reasonable choice

On Monday, York Region's elementary teachers will vote on a final contract offer.

- A **Yes** majority means an end to the current labour dispute. A **Yes** majority means a return to classes for all 55,000 children.
- A **Yes** majority means a return to the high quality standard of service that has become the hallmark of York Region's schools.

**We've responded to parents and reopened our schools.**  
**We've done the best we can financially to meet the union's demands.**  
**And when you compare our offer to what others have settled for, the choice is clear.**

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Salary Comparison with Surrounding Boards	Salary (1999-2000) Category A4		Cost of Each Board's 1999-2000 Teacher Salary Schedule Applied to York Region Teacher Distribution	% and Cost Less than York Region's Costs	Approximate Number of Additional Teachers Other Board's Salary Schedules Would Allow York Region to Hire	Preparation Time	Contract Status
	Maximum	Step 5					
Ministry of Education Grid for Funding Purposes	64,745	49,875	146,033,251	(7,526,860) (4.9)	130		
York Region District School Board	67,923	52,824	153,560,111	--		160 min. - effective Feb. 1/99 140 min. + 1 day - second year	not settled
Peel District School Board	66,776	51,551	152,653,690	(906,421) (0.6)	15	140 min. - first year 140 min. - second year	settled
Simcoe District School Board	66,064	50,749	148,819,491	(4,740,620) (3.1)	80	140 min. + 2 PD days - first year 150 min. + 2 PD days - second year	settled
Halton District School Board	65,814	49,328	147,500,951	(6,059,160) (3.9)	105	140 min. + 2 PD days - first year 140 min. + 2 PD days - second year	settled
Toronto District School Board	65,642	51,220	148,954,046	(4,606,065) (3.0)	80	150 min. - first year 150 min. - second year	settled
Durham District School Board	65,506	49,953	147,086,991	(6,473,120) (4.2)	110	120 min. - first year 135 min. - second year	settled

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**Yes! We believe York Region's elementary teachers do an outstanding job.**

**Yes! We believe that every child deserves to receive quality instruction and a nurturing learning environment every day.**

In the meantime, parents are asked to listen to the radio to learn which schools will be affected by union strikes. As soon as we know, we'll let you know via our website ([www.yrbe.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrbe.edu.on.ca)) and our telephone information line (1-800-828-0013).

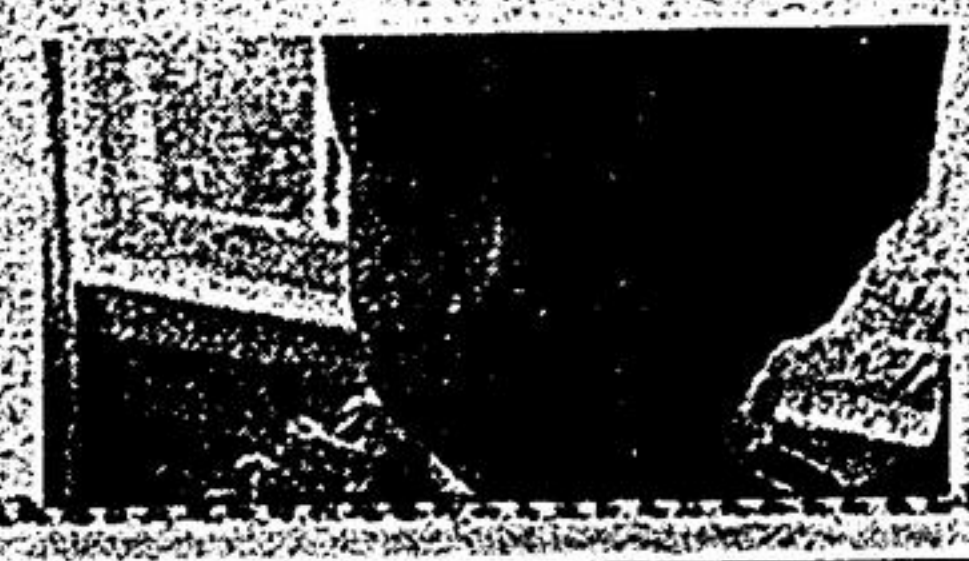
*We appreciate that labour disruptions place a greater burden on parents and guardians and we look forward to the full-resumption of programs that have been a source of pride for our community.*



Bill Crothers  
Chair



Bill Hogarth  
Director



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