

Bains, Dhalla get fresh critic roles

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such a possibility. It may or may not come to pass — this is Canadian politics, after all — but the Dhalla saga continues. At least for now.

Interestingly, even as speculation about the Brampton MP continued to swirl for all the wrong reasons, the Liberals announced a raft of new positions, ostensibly to scotch talk about any defections to the Conservatives.

Mississauga-Brampton South MP Navdeep Bains now becomes the small business and tourism critic.

Mississauga-Streetsville MP Bonnie Crombie takes the position of crown corporations critic.

And Brampton-Springdale MP Ruby Dhalla, who lives in Mississauga, will be the special advisor of child poverty.

"Our new line-up represents the wealth of talent and diversity in the Liberal caucus," said Federal Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff.

Even as the politicians continued to indulge in such antics, the common man on the street remained unimpressed. "We're still facing economic uncertainty, unemployment continues to rise, and politicians continue to say the recovery, such as it is, is still 'fragile' — and they continue with play such games," noted one disgruntled Peel resident.

Community

Inter-faith dialogue

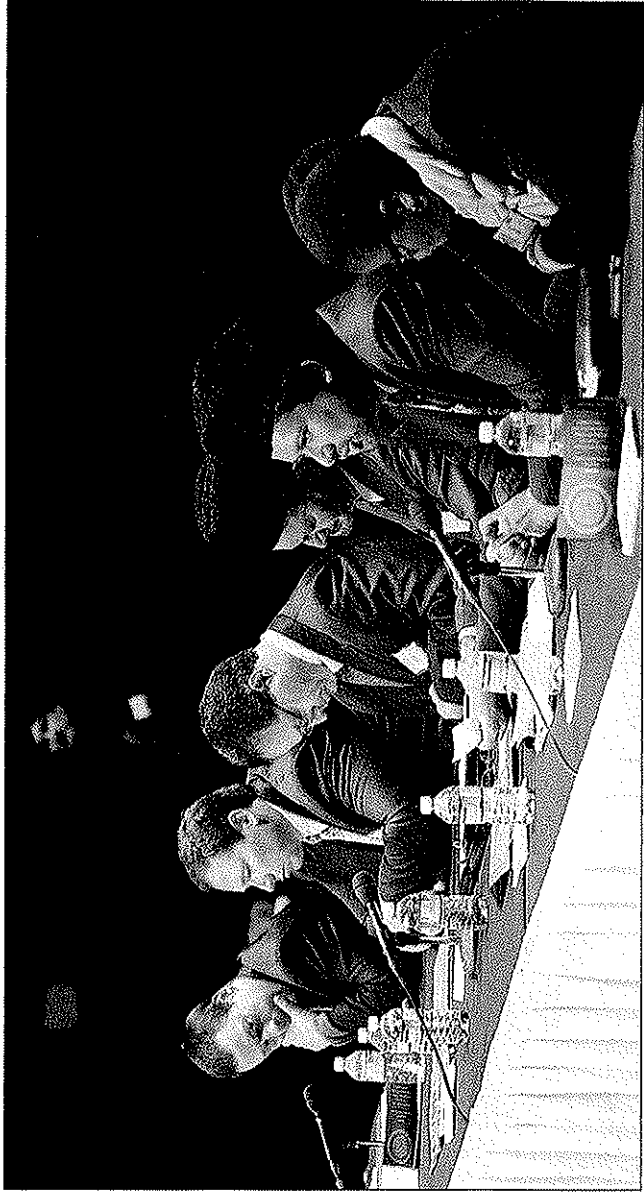
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Chris Vernon (extreme left) listening to fellow panellist Dr Islam Daud at an inter-faith dialogue titled Media & Faith, organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at's Brampton Flower Town Branch at the Rose Theatre last week. Looking on are Donna Kakonge, Edward Aguir, and Ahmadiyya Jama'at officials.

"We strive to ensure our news reports are always as objective as possible, while being representative of all viewpoints surrounding an issue, and remaining sensitive to cultural values," Vernon said.

Mayor Susan Fennell presented the opening remarks, while long-term Brampton resident and Peel District School Board Trustee Beryl Ford moderated the event.

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Prizes galore on TV show for Diwali

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on Oct 13, says its producer Diksha Pal Narayan.

"This year we have so many goodies to give away... all you need to do is participate in our quiz contest and answer a few simple questions and win amazing prizes," she says.

"Not only this, you can also get to be on our show!"

Husbands are being invited to contest Saft's Karvachauth Special Contest, in which the show is giving away a makeover to their wife — if the husbands answer the question: "Why does your wife deserve this makeover," in 50 words or less.

"What is the name of the recent Bollywood movie, choreographed by the very talented Terence Lewis, in which he danced with Priyanka Chopra? The movie was showcased at TIFF and relates to star signs."

Says Diksha: "Readers need to send in their answers by 9pm Saturday, Oct 10, to be a part of the celebrations. Winners will be called in to be a part of our show on Tuesday, Oct 13, 2009!"

Mail your answers to southasianfocus@ci.rogers.com.

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The Sunday morning Saft edition is beamed throughout the GTA, while the other show schedules can be accessed by viewers in Mississauga and Brampton.