

Jaguar
REPAIR SPECIALIST
172 BLOCKMERE UNIT 1
MARKHAM
471-8660

THE TRIBUNE

Weekender

Saturday, July 26, 1997
Vol. 13, No. 30

32 Pages
.50¢ (GST incl.)

A Metroland Publication Serving Whitechurch-Stouffville Since 1888

Financial Services
The Best Choice is Here!
TERM GIC
1 Yr. 4.350%
3 Yr. 4.900%
5 Yr. 5.375%
GIC's • RRSP's • MUTUAL FUNDS • LIFE INSURANCE • ANNUITIES • RRIF's • TAX PREPARATION • MORTGAGES
96 Main St. N.
Markham 471-2311

C R O S S
W O R D
11

Arthur Black will tickle your funny bone with newspaper bloopers. See page 11.



Accident claims life of garage owner

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Mike Solakis will be missed. Residents of Vandorf were shocked to learn that Mike Solakis, co-owner of the Vandorf Garage, was killed in Newmarket Wednesday. "He was a wonderful, kind man. This community is shocked," said local resident David Bradley. York Regional Police Sgt. John Sheldon reported that the 51-year-old mechanic was crushed underneath a car at a scrap yard at Newmarket Iron Metal & Auto. "He went out to the scrap yard to get some



MIKE SOLAKIS

car parts. The vehicle came off the two jacks and he was found pinned," said Sheldon. Solakis and his brother-in-law Peter Silverdis ran the local garage in the northern hamlet on Woodbine Avenue for years. Neighbor Walter Patten said he dropped into the garage every other day just to "shoot the breeze." Patten added, "This is a tragedy. He was a fine man."

"Mike Solakis was a good person. This is such a loss," said Chris Dymond, a resident of Vandorf. Louie Solakis said the Scarborough family is touched by the outpouring of sympathy from Vandorf. "My dad was a good father," said Louie. As well as Louie, Solakis is survived by son Tommy and daughter Dora and by his

loving wife Afrodite. The family moved to Canada from Greece 30 years ago, and resides in Scarborough. Funeral services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church on Warden Avenue. Meanwhile, visitation is at Jerrett Funeral Home at 660 Kennedy Road on Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

United Way drive already in full gear in Stouffville

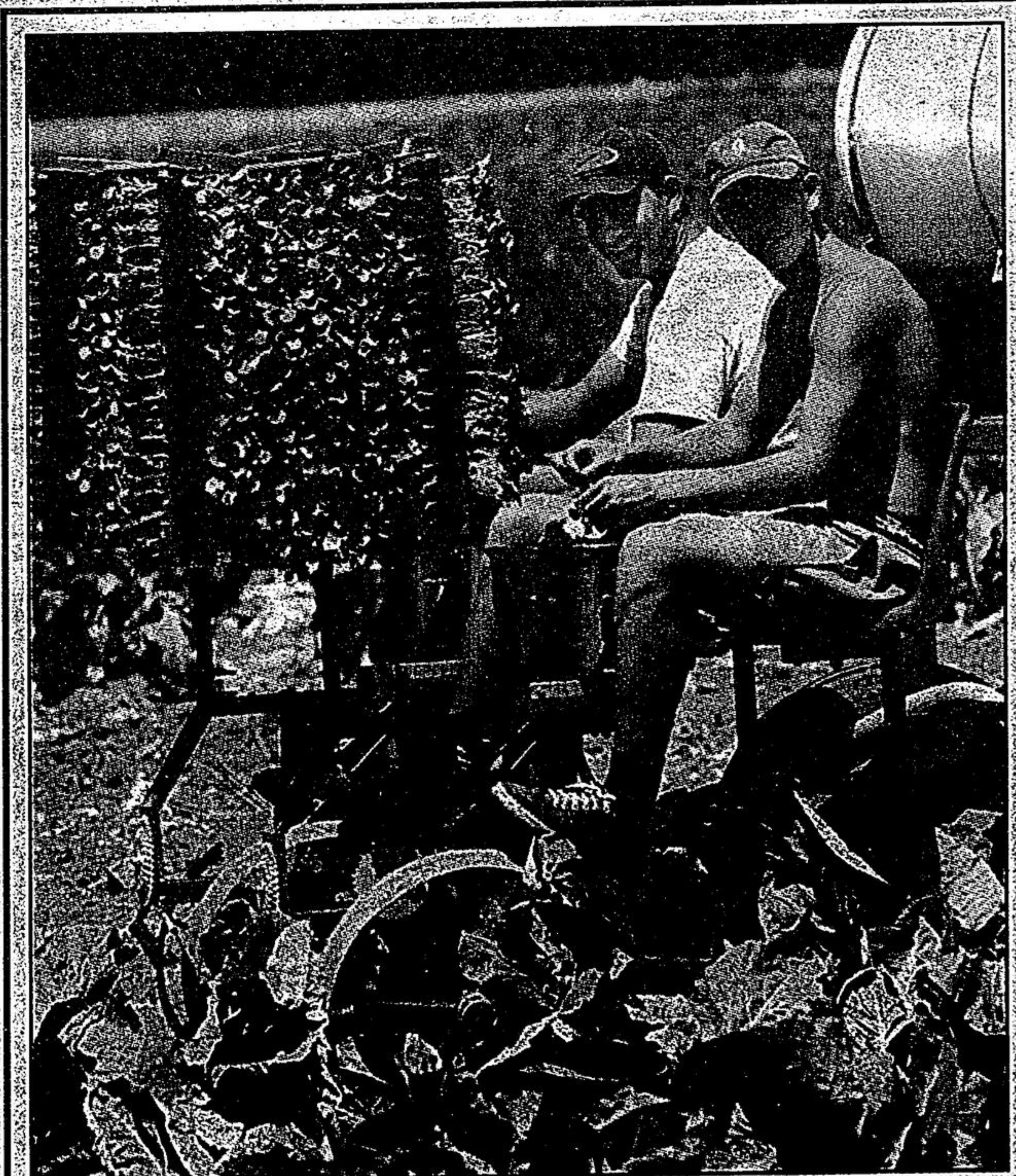
JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Cold calling is getting a very warm reception in Whitechurch-Stouffville, reports the local United Way campaign chairperson. Armed with a mission to raise more than \$22,000 for 38 human agencies all linked to York Region's United Way agencies, Fran Sainsbury is going door-to-door and store-to-store in Whitechurch-Stouffville. "Response is good so far," she said. Sainsbury is also delivering the United Way message to the boardrooms at local corporations. Like most people, Sainsbury has her favorite charity. "For me, it's the CNIB and the Yellow Brick House (women's shelter). My grandmother was blind," she said. Sainsbury knows about family difficulties. She was raised by her mother and grandmother. When her father returned from active service in the Second World War, he was shell shocked, abusive and, after a time, was asked to leave the family home. "My dad spent two years in hospital in Belgium and England. When he came home, he thought we were the enemy. I haven't seen my dad since the day he left. So, I know



FRAN SAINSBURY

the need for women's shelters. As a kid, the community helped us. It made me a better person," said Sainsbury. Campaign success hinges on eyeball-to-eyeball treatment, explained Sainsbury. While on the doorstep, in the store and in the boardroom, she outlines what the United Way is, what the United Way does and why support is critical. The former mayor of Whitechurch-Stouffville reminds everyone that in this time of government cutbacks, responsibility shifts and lands squarely on the shoulders of the community, namely the United Way. She further pointed out that Whitechurch-Stouffville has not escaped the need. The town is facing unemployment, family breakdown and a growing seniors population as much as any other. While the York campaign, with a region-wide goal exceeding \$3 million, doesn't wrap up until the fall, the local drive is going full steam.



FIELD WORK: Gus and Alvin Norton help Jim Hulshof plant a second crop of broccoli seedlings last Tuesday on the Hulshof farm on Bloomington Sideroad. Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

■ Please see page 3 ■

ROTATE
AND
BALANCE
TIRES
39.95



The
Chairman's
Award

SUMMER CHECK UP
& OIL & FILTER
CHANGE

29.95

Includes up to 5 litres of 5W30 oil & oil filter and a complete inspection of brake system, exhaust system, shock absorbers, steering, suspension, all belts and fluid levels.