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## Family suing in dad's death

JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Reporter

A multi-million-dollar law suit linked to the death of a Stouffville man got underway in Kentucky Tuesday.

A Baltimore jury heard opening arguments in the suit filed by the family of the late John Sikura, a wealthy horse breeder who died four years ago at his Bloomington Road and Warden Avenue property, Hill-N-Dale Farms. Sikura's charred body was found in his Cadillac Seville.

Sikura's estate is suing General Motors for \$136 million, claiming manufacturing problems with the car. The Sikura family claims the car door locks malfunctioned, trapping him.

Last year, the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario ruled out suicide and concluded that the 60-year-old died as a result of an accidental fire in his car. GM officials have denied the allegations.

The charred body of the owner of Hill-N-Dale Farms was found in his car parked in the car port.

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Meanwhile, GM maintains Sikura drove home from a Thornhill restaurant after a night of drinking.

Sikura came to Canada from Europe when he was 16 years old. His first job was that of a dishwasher in a restaurant. He eventually became an internationally known businessman and horseman.

At the time of his death, the ages of Sikura's five children ranged from 38 to three years.



PASS IT ON: Andrea Wallace receives the baton from Meagan Thompson as the Grade 6 relay racers from Glad Park Public School participate in the York Region relay meet at Stouffville District Secondary School on yesterday.  
Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

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### Hook-up deadline July 1

The deadline to get hooked up to the Musselman's Lake/Ballantrae communal water system is fast approaching.

Property owners in the northern hamlets have five weeks left to get hooked

up to the new \$8-million communal water system.

Of the area's 800 property owners, about 370 have already connected, said Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emerson. "We're almost at the half-way mark. The deadline is July 1," he said.

In order for the town to get provincial grants, the water hookup had to be mandatory.

The move to bring a communal water system to the hamlets came after health

officials found many contaminated wells were posing a serious health threat to the community at large.

Even though the water system was approved by three levels of government, some residents continue to reject it, claiming that it's pointless to force homeowners who neither need nor want water to bare the individual cost.

**Newsline**  
640-2100

## Man, 18, charged after violent fight

A Stouffville man is charged after a violent fight at Mr. Sub early Saturday morning.

Police said the 39-year-old victim walked into the sub shop after leaving a local pub about 1:30 a.m.

Though not sure exactly what started it, police said an argument began.

The victim was then punched in the head, knocked to the ground and kicked in the mouth at least

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twice. He suffered several broken teeth and had to be transported to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

An 18-year-old is charged with one count of assault causing bodily harm.

~ by Kathleen Griffin

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