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**10** Thousands of avid festival-goers descended on Stouffville over the weekend.

**ARTS & CULTURE CALENDAR**  
**EVENT:** New exhibit at Stouffville Museum  
**WHEN:** Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Museum, Woodbine Avenue in Vaudorf



**12** Jeff Bridges plays a college professor obsessed with finding his wife's killers.

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**POLICE:** Two people injured after colliding on southbound 404

## Two-car crash closes Hwy. 404

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
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A portion of Hwy. 404 was closed for five hours Sunday evening following a two-vehicle crash.

Ontario Provincial Police reported that Denis Choquette, 55, of Thornhill was driving a Astro mini van when it collided with a '97 Saturn driven by Luane McDonald, 30, of Scarborough. The accident took place at 8:18 p.m. The highway re-opened after 1 a.m.

Choquette was taken to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill where he remains in serious but stable condition, officials confirmed yesterday.

McDonald escaped injury. Both vehicles were heading southbound at the time of the crash, police reports show.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department joined other emergency crews at the scene.

### ASSISTED MEDICAL CREWS

Firefighters assisted medical crews in transferring the injured man to a waiting ambulance.

Stouffville's fire brigade provided lighting well into the evening, enabling the police to carry out the accident investigation, Fire Chief Bill Brown said.

No charges have been laid in connection with the crash. The OPP is looking for witnesses to the accident.

Anyone with any information is asked to call Const. Ish Lad at (905) 841-5777.

## GOOD TIMES TO REMEMBER



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Jennifer Markle, left, Amanda Love and Stephanie Markle, right, share a laugh or two during Saturday's Strawberry Festival. The trio kept cool by eating popsicles. For more photos on the festival activities, please see pages 10 and 11.

## Teen not intended victim, police say

Investigators quiet on leads in murder of Mississauga teen

BY KATHLEEN GRIFFIN  
 Staff Writer

The investigation into the shooting death of a 16-year-old Mississauga teen now has a 'direct focus,' police say.

But York Regional Police homicide investigators fear releasing anything more to the public could hamper the probe.

"We have a very direct focus in the investigation," said Det. Sgt. Denis Mulholland. "We are hoping to get something from that but there's nothing else we can release at this time."

Sandy Ebrahim died en route to hospital after she took two blasts from a 12-gauge shotgun in the back June 28.

She was standing with friends in the parking lot of a Kennedy Road Burger King in Markham about 3:10 a.m. when a stolen black Navigator pulled up, its passenger stepping out and firing.

The gun has not been recovered.

"It appears she was not the one targeted," Mulholland



**SANDY EBRAHIM:** Killed June 28 in a Markham parking lot after a night out with friends to celebrate her upcoming birthday.

said. "It may have been someone else there, but it wasn't her."

The parking lot was crowded with youths, perhaps as many as 100, at the time of Ebrahim's murder.

"There are a number of members of the public who have come forward to give us their version of what they saw that night," Mulholland said, adding every witness is important.

Meanwhile, Ebrahim's family is still struggling with the loss of a daughter, sister, niece and granddaughter.

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