

INSIDE: Letters 6
 Registration . 18
 Sports 24
 • Classified! 26

4 York police officer in Romagnuolo shooting case faces cottage country weapons charge.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
EVENT: 1st anniversary of pool/library complex
WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: Stouffville Memorial Park south



3 Developers not interested in region's ancient aboriginal remains: Archeologist

SERVING WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE SINCE 1888

Stouffville Tribune

32 CENTS INCLUDING GST / 48 PAGES

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, 2002

TO REACH US: (905) 640-2612

1,800
 migrant farm
 workers 'at
 home' in York

Mexicans here to make money to send home

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

At the end of the day fruit and vegetable farmer Paul Brooks goes home. Greg Orio doesn't.

Mr. Orio isn't complaining — the bunk house is comfortable, the boss is a good guy, the twice-weekly telephone calls to his wife help ease the loneliness and having a chance to make \$75 instead of \$15 a day makes it all worthwhile. Such is the life of a migrant worker.

Around the first of May for the past 10 years, the same scenario plays itself out at the Orio home in Tlaxcala, Mexico. Mr. Orio's wife Maria packs his suitcase, he kisses her goodbye and heads for the airport for a Canada-bound plane.

As an offshore worker, Mr. Orio won't return to Mexico until the first snow falls in Ontario in early December. When the 51-year-old comes back to his family — which includes five children and three grandchildren — he won't be idle for long.

If his luck continues, Mr. Orio will work on the conveyor belt in a nearby vegetable produce factory until the next spring when his wife of 24 years will, once again, pack his suitcase.

The paper work enabling offshore workers to legally work in Ontario is handled through the

See FARM, page 9.

REGION REJECTS VENTILATION SYSTEM ALTERNATIVE TO SMOKING ROOMS

Restaurant owners fuming

BY JEFF MITCHELL
 Staff Writer

Supporters of an alternative ventilation system for bars and restaurants are outraged their proposal has been dismissed by York Region's health committee.

"We were extremely disappointed," Michael Ferrabee, vice-president of government affairs with the Canadian Restaurant and

Foodservices Association, said after Thursday's meeting of the committee in Newmarket.

"Safe to say, we feel we were blindsided."

He was reacting to the committee's decision to reject a pilot project that would have seen an alternative ventilation system installed and tested in a pub here.

The association was pitching the

air-exchange system as a cheaper alternative to designated smoking rooms (DSRs), which must be installed in all public gathering spots where smoking is allowed by June 2004.

The association claims DSRs, which can cost in excess of \$100,000, are cost prohibitive for restaurateurs, whose profit margin is slim at best.

But a staff report recommended the committee reject the pilot project, because it would not result in conclusive data. It was also noted the test could not be conducted in a restaurant in York Region without contravening the municipality's bylaw.

"(The proposal) was flatly rejected and cavalierly rejected, I think."

See CHEERS, page 11.



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

A FAMILY STORY

The work of Mona Kamal is featured at the Latham Gallery in downtown Stouffville until Sept. 22. Her work, of cloth, rice paper and wood, represents a history of her family's Indian ancestry. The gallery is at 6240 Main St. Call (905) 640-8954 for more information.

SeaWay
 Pools & Hot Tubs
 27 HERITAGE RD., MARKHAM
 294-8030

HONDA
 North Markham Honda
 4611 Hwy. #7
 (west of Kennedy Rd.), Unionville
 905 477-2451

\$26.88* Genuine Honda Oil and Filter Change
 Includes premium quality 5W-20 or 5W-30 motor oil, Genuine Honda oil filter and a new drain plug-gasket.
MON-THUR PARTS AND SERVICE OPEN TILL MIDNIGHT
Available for most Honda models. Taxes not included. Provincial environmental fees if any, excluded. Valid until September 30th, 2002.

2002 HONDA QUALITY DEALER
 North Markham Honda has been presented with the prestigious Total Quality Dealer Award from Honda Canada Inc. for 2002.

Sutton GROUP
Town and Country Realty Ltd.
 640-0888