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Widowed father tells court of sons' pain

Sentencing of speeding driver set for Friday

BY KATHLEEN GRIFFIN
Staff Writer

The hardest thing Scott Pike has ever had to do is sit his two young sons down, aged three and five, and tell them their mother was dead.

Tears threatened to overflow as Mr. Pike told a judge yesterday about how the tragic death of his wife, Andrea, after a horrific crash in Markham in May, 2000, has changed his life and those of his sons.

"It's difficult for me to deal with losing Andrea, it's more difficult to try to understand through the boys' eyes," he said, working hard, and successfully, to keep his composure.

"Their world was crushed. I don't know the impact it had and will continue to have. It brings tears to my eyes to know how hard they are trying to understand."

Mr. Justice Alfred Stong heard seven victim impact statements in his Newmarket courtroom, packed with family and friends Friday, including those of Andrea's parents, her sister and two life-long friends.

He will consider their words in passing sentence on Petro Pak To Lam, 28, convicted earlier this year of manslaughter and criminal negligence causing death after the fatal collision on

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FAIR CHOW



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Brooke Rogerson, 5, and her grandmother Sherri Rogerson, both of Stouffville, indulge in some goodies at the Markham Fair on Thursday. The fair ends Sunday. See page 3 for more photos from the fair.

Klees jumps back into provincial cabinet

Oak Ridges MPP likes tourism post over old jobs

BY LINDA JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees has returned to cabinet, having been offered a post that suits his interests.

Mr. Klees was sworn in as Minister for Tourism and Recreation Thursday, replacing Cam Jackson, who resigned Wednesday night after it was revealed he spent \$103,000 on expensive hotels, restaurants and other entertainment expenses.

Mr. Klees said Friday the tourism ministry was much better suited to his interests than the junior culture minister post from which he resigned earlier this year.

"My interest lies in the area of economics-related portfolios. This is one I think has tremendous potential. It's a multi-billion dollar industry. It employs in excess of 500,000 people in the province of Ontario. And I think there's some wonderful opportunities we have to expand the industry," he said.

"I think government has a role that it can play in helping



FRANK KLEES: Oak Ridges MPP says he's very interested in new tourism profile he accepted Thursday.

to promote Ontario, not only within our province and within Canada, but internationally and I look forward to taking a leadership role in that capacity."

As the Tourism Minister, Mr. Klees said he was not concerned about falling into the same trouble as Mr. Jackson, who told reporters Monday the tourism ministry demands higher expenses because it involves working with international visitors.

"I have no apprehension for

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