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Candidates at odds on state of health care

York hospitals aided by Tories, Klees

BY JOAN RANSBERRY AND HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

Candidates from the three major parties are talking health care on the campaign trail in the riding of Oak Ridges.

Premier Ernie Eves announced Tuesday the long-awaited provincial election will take place Oct. 2.

Claiming health care and education will dominate the campaign in Oak Ridges, Tory MPP Frank Klees said he's more than eager to meet the voters.

Oak Ridges includes Whitchurch-Stouffville, Richmond Hill and northern Markham.

"I've got my running shoes on. I'm out there. I'm ready to deal with the issues," Mr. Klees said.

"The voters have a clear cut, absolute choice between the parties. It's a whole new electorate. They're well informed.

"The focus will be on the main issues of health care and education and it will be on leadership. The people will also assess how well I've done my job as an MPP locally," he said.

He says York Region's three hospitals have benefited under Tory rule. "The people know our government has made a strong commitment to better health-care services," he said.

A Conservative promise to ban teacher strikes should be

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BARRICADED HOMEOWNER STAYS ON LINE WITH POLICE

MAN DIES BREAKING IN TO HOME

BY PATRICK MANGION
Staff Writer

Toxicology results may give police a better idea why a 27-year-old Toronto man died minutes after breaking into a Whitchurch-Stouffville home Friday.

York Regional Police were called to a home on Jesse Thomson Road, a rural area off Kennedy Road, south of Aurora Road near Ballantrae, about 2:40 p.m. after

receiving a call from the homeowner who had barricaded himself in a main floor room.

The man, reportedly in his 60s, called 911. Operators kept the man on the line until officers arrived a short time later.

Police said several cruisers arrived at the home approximately eight minutes after receiving a call of a man kicking in the front door of the home.

Det. John Southwell said officers entered the home about 15 minutes after it had been secured and discovered a man dead inside.

The deceased has been identified as Tzanetos Tzortzouklis.

Police said the homeowner and the deceased did not know one another and the two men did not confront one another.

An autopsy was conducted Sunday, however a cause of death

has yet to be established.

Yesterday, police were still awaiting toxicology results.

Det. Southwell said it may take two to four months before an exact cause of death is known.

"It appears this was totally random. I don't think the home was targeted by any means," Det. Southwell said.

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VACATION'S OVER, KIDS

Students in Grade 1 at Glad Park Public School in Stouffville learn to count under the tutelage of teacher Linda Wagg on the first day back to school Tuesday.

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