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EVENT: Trillium foundation info meeting
WHEN: Wednesday, May 26, noon to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Latcham Hall (by Trillium foundation)



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Hwy. 404 car crash leads to impaired charges

Collision sends man to hospital

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

An impaired driving charge has been laid against a Hamilton man following a single-vehicle accident in Stouffville on Hwy. 404 late Sunday.

The driver, William Weir, 34, was transported to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre in serious condition, suffering head injuries sustained in the accident.

Weir's condition was upgraded to fair on Monday.

The accident occurred on Hwy. 404 southbound, just south of the Stouffville Sideroad, Ontario Provincial Police Const. Stacey Pedersen reported.

A van left the roadway, rolled over a number of times and came to rest in the west ditch, Pedersen said.

The driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

He was ejected from the vehicle while it was rolling, Pedersen said.

The southbound lanes of Hwy. 404 were closed for more than four hours while police and emergency crews cleaned up the scene and police carried out an investigation.

Weir has been charged with impaired driving and having a blood/alcohol content of more than 80 milligrams.

He is scheduled to appear in a Newmarket courtroom on June 1.

COURTNEY TREMPE INQUEST: Trempe lawyer asks that jury hear testimony from 11 additional people

More witnesses sought

BY JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Writer

The lawyer representing Courtney Trempe's parents has requested that seven more witnesses be allowed to testify at the inquest into their little girl's death.

And, today, it is expected another witness will testify that the dog that attacked and killed the eight-year-old Stouffville girl had

attacked other humans in the past and was "clearly a problem."

With the jury removed from the inquest courtroom late yesterday, lawyer Christine Zablocki asked coroner Dr. Barry McLellan to allow 11 new witness statements to be entered into evidence. And, she wants at least seven of those people to testify in person.

If allowed, the testimony would

follow that of a former neighbour of the dog's owners, who told the jury last week that his animals were attacked by the bull mastiff in May 1995 and again three months after that.

Zablocki argued the new evidence will assist the jury, since it relates to issues raised by experts who testified about dog behaviour.

Dr. Pamela Reid, a dog-behaviour

specialist from the University of Guelph, told the jury that the bull mastiff may have attacked Courtney for one of three reasons — out of territorial aggression because someone unknown was in his yard, predatory aggression because the dog wasn't neutered, or because of a one-time, rare out-

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AN AMALGAMATION MESSAGE?

Stouffville District Secondary School student Neil Piechatzek carries his message for the Markham District High School girl's rugby team prior to the match in Stouffville Wednesday. The Markham team didn't follow Piechatzek's advice, but rather walloped Stouffville's team 66-0.

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