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CRITICS APPEAL FOR STIFFER CHILD PORN SENTENCES

BY JEFF MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Markham soccer coach Randy Webber could have been sentenced to five years in jail for possession and distribution of child pornography.

But this February, Mr. Justice Roy Bogusky sentenced him to 14 months of house arrest.

Federal legislation passed a decade ago made possession of child pornography illegal — a move greeted with widespread approval.

Law enforcement officials and children's advocates are still waiting for what they consider appropriate sentencing in child pornography cases. And while enforcement efforts in various jurisdictions are meeting with varying levels of success, the courts have generally been slow to order incarceration.

That's troubling to Lynn Huizer, executive director of the York Region Abuse Program (YRAP), an agency that counsels victims and perpetrators of child sexual abuse.

She would like to see progressive sentencing, including, when necessary, prison terms for those involved with child pornography.

Just as important, YRAP advocates for court-imposed treatment for those convicted of possession, distribution and manufacture of child porn.

Child pornography is

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PREVIOUSLY HEALTHY RESIDENT CONTRACTED DISEASE AT FUNERAL HOME

YORK MAN, 44, DIES OF SARS

BY LISA QUEEN
Staff Writer

A 44-year-old York Region man is the first young, previously healthy Canadian to die of SARS, the province's top health experts announced at a media briefing Friday afternoon.

The man died of the contagious respiratory disease Thursday night, after being exposed to the virus

during a visitation at the Highland Funeral Home in Scarborough April 3.

"It is certainly tragic that this has occurred, but not unexpected," said Dr. James Young, Ontario's public security commissioner.

He said the unnamed man is the first patient in the country to die of SARS who wasn't elderly or suffering from a terminal illness or

chronic medical condition.

At the same time, Dr. Young and Ontario medical officer of health Dr. Colin D' Cunha stressed the disease is not spreading unchecked in the community.

The man is the 18th victim of SARS in Ontario and the region's fifth death.

The region's total includes three York residents, two of whom died in

Toronto hospitals and one of whom died in a York hospital and two Toronto residents who died in York hospitals. York has had 52 probable cases of SARS and 34 suspected cases since the disease struck Ontario eight weeks ago.

There are nine patients being treated at the region's three hospitals and 237 residents under quarantine.



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LAST CALL FOR MUSIC MANIA

Music Mania, Stouffville's 43rd annual variety show, ends its three-night run tonight at Stouffville District Secondary School. Above, cast members perform at Monday's dress rehearsal. Tickets are on sale for tonight's 8 p.m. performance at local outlets including 1001 Variety, Fame International and the Book Connection.

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