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Charges from fire dropped

One man still before courts in drug lab blaze

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Charges laid against two men after a Whitchurch-Stouffville drug lab burst into flames early this year have been withdrawn, court records show.

The lab, being used to process marijuana into Cannabis resin, caught fire in January.

Three men were originally charged in the case, however, the Stouffville Sun-Tribune has learned only one man, Stouffville resident Mark Edward French, remains before the courts.

He is to appear again at the Newmarket courthouse Sept. 16.

Meanwhile, charges of arson causing disregard for human life, producing drugs, possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking and mischief have been withdrawn against East Gwillimbury resident Lawrence Easton Bungaro and Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Justin Alexander Barber.

Emergency crews responded to a fire at 55 Merdock Ct., near Hoover Park and Sandiford drives, Jan. 31 at about 1 p.m.

It took about three hours and 25 firefighters to douse the blaze.

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LAST KICK AT SUMMER



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Robert Fusco (left) of The Earl of Whitchurch slides past Brandon Ceramanico of New Image Landscaping during the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club's year-ending Tom Morton Cup event at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area last weekend. It's back to school Tuesday.

Musicians, cop jamming for slain officer's family

BY SANDRA BOLAN
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Pierre Bordeleau and Mike Burns are re-uniting for an open jam fundraiser for the Nolan and Meredith Styles Trust Fund.

Nolan and Meredith are the young children of York Regional

Police Const. Garrett Styles who died in June in the line of duty.

The fundraiser, which takes place Sept. 10 at Sgt. Peppers Pub and Grill on Hoover Park Drive, is being sponsored by the eatery, along with Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 459.

"This is something from the

community versus what the police are doing," Mr. Burns said, adding he was approached by Sgt. Peppers to provide the entertainment. "I understand the need for the community to express their sadness and support the family."

Mr. Burns is also a York Regional Police detective sergeant who met

Const. Styles as a recruit when he was with the training bureau.

"A great kid," is how he described Const. Styles.

Mr. Burns also worked the same shift as Const. Styles' father, Garry Styles, in the early 1980s.

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