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Theft Guns stolen from house

SAINT JOHN – The police force's Major Crime Unit is investigating the theft of several guns from a home on the west side. Police were called to Acamac Beach Road just after 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Sgt. Jay Henderson said officers found the rear window of a home smashed in. Four rifles, a handgun, a safe and a Blackberry Playbook are missing. Earlier that afternoon, witnesses saw at least two individuals in their late teens or early 20s whom police believe are responsible for the crime. The first man is described as tall, slim and wearing a white coat with a light blue design and hood. The second is described as short, wearing shorts and a large sweatshirt.

Arrest Mother held at daycare

SAINT JOHN – A mother is facing charges after showing up at a daycare intoxicated. The 25-year-old woman arrived at a daycare on Prince Edward Street around 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday. She was attempting to pick up her child, but staff believed she was intoxicated. "Members who arrived at this location decided to detain the mother for her child's safety as well as her own," Sgt. Jay Henderson said. While the woman was being arrested under the Intoxicated Persons Detention Act, she resisted arrest and allegedly assaulted an officer. She faces charges of assaulting a peace officer and resisting arrest. She was held until she sobered up, and then released on a promise to attend a pending court date.

Crime Police search for robbery suspect

SAINT JOHN – Police are still looking for a man who robbed an east side convenience store on Wednesday afternoon. Shortly after 4 p.m., officers arrived at the Golden Grove Kwik-Way, where a lone, masked man entered the store brandishing a handgun and demanding money, Sgt. Jay Henderson said. He's described as five-foot-ten to six-foot-tall, with an average build.

Mayor calls on business leaders to act

Speech Mel Norton delivers State of the City, highlighting progress, noting there is still work to do

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SAINT JOHN – Over the past year, Common Council has moved from inheriting "the worst financial crisis in Saint John's history" to saving the pension plan "from the brink of ruin," attracting government funding for city drinking water and aiming to make the city a "community of choice" for residents and business, Mayor Mel Norton said Thursday.

"Our goal is simple: we want to live in the Renaissance City and restore our place in history," Norton told a crowd of more than 150

business leaders as he delivered his annual State of the City address.

"We want to be a full partner with the rest of the country," he said, highlighting efforts to advance the Energy East pipeline that would transport crude oil to Saint John's port and a recent trip to Toronto where Norton trumpeted the region's benefits to a crowd of business elites.

"We know we can get there. But we have a lot of work ahead of us."

He asked people gathered at Thursday's Board of Trade event for two requests: to identify business opportunities that might

create jobs and to speak positively about the city to promote business confidence.

"We have a long way to go, but we have come a long way," Norton said in a speech that was interrupted at many points by thunderous applause. "I'm excited to see what the future holds for this great city."

In an interview after the speech, Norton explained that council's role in improving the local economy is to focus on quality of life.

"We need people to want to stay here. And if people are feeling

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Mayor Mel Norton delivers the State of the City address with Eric Poirier, chairman of the Saint John Board of Trade, in background. PHOTO: CINDY WILSON/TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

ATTENTION TO DETAIL



Peter Darkin, who takes part in the adult day program at Kingsway Care Centre in Quispamsis, puts his art skills to the test alongside second grade student Craig Smith during a recent visit to Lakefield Elementary School. PHOTO: SUBMITTED.

Kingsway seniors go back to school

Community Group of residents make regular visits to Lakefield Elementary, forming bonds and combating loneliness

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QUISPAMIS – A group of seniors from Kingsway Care Centre are going back to school.

Since September, as part of ongoing efforts to keep elders as active and involved in the community as possible, bi-weekly trips have seen seniors visiting Lakefield Elementary, with their outings becoming a part of the curriculum in a number of classes.

As Kingsway's event co-ordinator Carol Kent explains, the results have been wondrous.

"The interaction, the relationships they've been building, the smiles and the hugs, it's something you almost have to see yourself. We never expected it would be quite as successful as it has been."

The seniors, who usually visit the school in groups of nine or 10 at once, have formed relationships with a few select classes, including a second grade art

history/language arts group.

Senior participants come from the centre's own population of full-time residents, as well as from their newly established Adult Day Program, which gives seniors who live at home or with a caregiver a chance to socialize and interact with peers.

Phyllis Irving is one of the seniors who take advantage of the day program at Kingsway, and tags along on the trips to Lakefield. She spoke highly of the school's Grade 2 students and teacher Corinna Lamontagne.

She said, from art projects to overseeing English lessons, her group has been thrilled with each aspect of the classroom they've been a part of.

"Whatever we can get at, we're

being busy beavers and it's just been so wonderful. We've made some relationships with the children, they're happy to see us and always offer to lead us out when it's time to go, it's just so nice."

She said there's no doubt being in the classroom takes her back to her own days as a young student, though she concedes she might not have always had model behaviour back then.

"I think they might even be a little bit more well-mannered than we were when I went to school, they're just wonderful kids."

Vice-principal David Ripley said the school had been looking for a way to introduce

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Snook pleads guilty to more charges

Court Crimes took place when former city councillor was working in N.L.

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SAINT JOHN – Former Saint John city councillor Donnie Snook has pleaded guilty to four sex abuse charges out of Newfoundland.

He stood in the prisoner's box Thursday afternoon, wearing a long-sleeved, light blue collared shirt and a thick goatee, as his lawyer, Dennis Boyle, entered his guilty pleas. Snook chose to be tried by a provincial judge.

After sitting down, Snook stared straight ahead, as Crown prosecutor Karen Lee Lamrock read out the facts of the abuse he committed against a boy he met during his work as an officer with the Salvation Army.

The crimes happened in tiny Mount Moriah, a town of fewer than 800 people just outside Corner Brook.

Lamrock said Saint John Police

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“I take full responsibility for my actions. I hope to get better from all that.” JEFFREY WILSON BROWN

Young mother admits breathalyzer refusals

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SAINT JOHN – A 32-year-old mother of three children under the age of six was told she could be facing jail time after pleading guilty to two breathalyzer refusals.

Christy Lee Murray-Vautour appeared in the prisoner's box after her arrest around 3:30 a.m., Thursday. She had also been charged with the same offence on Oct. 13, 2013, but had not yet appeared to enter a plea when she was caught the second time.

Murray-Vautour admitted both charges and was released to reappear on Jan. 16, 2014, for sentencing. The conditions of her release include abstaining from the consumption of alcohol and to not drive in New Brunswick. She must also co-operate

with the probation office in the preparation of a pre-sentence report.

Duty counsel Margaret Gallagher said Murray-Vautour is a widow with three young children.

“Where are your children now?” asked provincial court Judge Alfred Brien. Murray-Vautour said they were with her parents.

Early Thursday morning an officer on regular patrol along Highway 1 saw a vehicle cross the centre line several times, said prosecutor Chris Titus. At first the officer was inclined to believe it was the windy weather or driver fatigue, but eventually decided to pull the car over.

“She was behind the wheel but she would not look at the officer,” Titus said.

When Murray-Vautour was handing her documents to the officer he could smell alcohol, the prosecutor said. She was taken

back to the police car and presented with a road-side screening device. Although she put the tube in her mouth she did not blow into it.

She asked to have a blood sample taken instead, but Gallagher said Murray-Vautour now understands that is not an option unless there are other reasons.

Her first run-in with the law was on Oct. 13, 2013, around 2 a.m. when she was stopped by police going the wrong way on Princess Street. An officer driving west on the street saw a vehicle coming towards her and put on her lights and sirens, Titus said. Murray-Vautour did not stop until after she had gone past the police car.

At the police station she was uncooperative and first asked to speak with a lawyer from Moncton, and it took some time for police to conclude the person did not exist, Titus said.

She refused to provide a breath sample and coughed several times but the officer was not convinced it was a genuine cough, the prosecutor said.

The judge told the young woman many people don't know they have an addiction problem until they start landing in court. He asked her if she could abstain from alcohol until her next court appearance.

She said she could, but duty counsel told the judge that Murray-Vautour works in a bar. “So you are around alcohol every day?” the judge asked.

Murray-Vautour said she was, but said she believed she could follow a court order to not consume any.

The judge noted she had no prior record and said he would like to know more about her through a pre-sentence report before passing sentence, which could include jail.

IN THE COURTS

Woman facing child-porn charges

SAINT JOHN – A 40-year old Rothesay woman appeared in court Thursday charged with making child pornography and possession of child pornography, both offences alleged to have happened in August. **Patricia Lee Lalonde**, represented by defence lawyer Peter Teed, did not enter any pleas. The case was adjourned until Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m. to allow the defence to assess the evidence. Lalonde was released on conditions, including that she not take photographs of anyone under the age of 18, remain in the province of New Brunswick and notify the police of any change of address. Special prosecutor Karen Lee Lamrock represented the Crown.

Juice shoplifter sent to jail

SAINT JOHN – **Michael Kingsley Sutton**, 47, was sentenced to 10 days in jail for stealing a 24-pack of juice from the Superstore on Somerset Street. Police were called to the store around closing time on Sept. 30, 2013, to review a security tape that showed a man picking up the juice on his way out, not making any attempt to pay. They recognized Sutton who has a lengthy criminal record, said prosecutor Chris Titus. “They eventually tracked him down,” Titus said. The juice was valued at \$17.24. Defence lawyer David Kelly said Sutton had not committed a theft since the 1980s but is well known to the courts on other matters. In recent years he has worked out west as well as laying tile at the new courthouse, Kelly said. Provincial court Judge Alfred Brien agreed to the joint submission for a 10-day sentence and a \$100 victim fine surcharge.

Mayor says he is already following up on leads from Toronto visit

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there's value for what they're paying, for their taxes, that's one more incentive to stay here,” Norton said.

He added that council's “laser focus” on priorities such as roads, water and recreation will help create conditions for a better city.

“Saint John on its own can't turn the switch on the global economy, but we can make the conditions in Saint John the best we're possibly capable of making them – as world-class as imaginable,” he said.

The mayor said it's important to encourage residents to stay – pointing to opportunities such as 275 new full- and part-time

jobs coming to the city's TD Insurance call centre – before anticipated energy projects and associated jobs arrive.

A key part of continuing to attract job growth is building business confidence, he added.

“A place that lacks confidence, why would you invest there?” he asked. “When Saint Johners have confidence, when they speak confidently about what's happening, we know confidence leads to action.”

Eric Poirier, chairman of the Saint John Board of Trade, asked the mayor several audience-generated questions after the speech.

Poirier said his organization is working hard to improve regional co-operation, by

working more closely with neighbouring chambers of commerce. He asked Norton what steps he was taking to work more closely with other communities.

Norton said he has visited regional councils to assure them there would never be tolls on the highway to Saint John – a rib against the previous council that toyed with the idea – and that they are “all Saint Johners.”

He said regional officials are also working closely on the True Growth 2.0 economic development plan while seeking new ways to work together.

Poirier also asked how the business community can play a role in improving the city's future, which Norton called his

favourite question.

“The secret to what's happening in Saint John is what's happening in this room – you're coming together,” he said.

“It's the sharing the opportunities. Don't bottle up the opportunities and keep them in your board room, come and talk to one of our economic development partners.”

Norton said he's already following up on leads from Monday's trip to Toronto. He is encouraging businesses to expand to Saint John or even bring their annual general meetings to the city.

“The process started on Monday and it's continuing along right now,” he said after the speech.

‘You’d be surprised how those little brains get working’

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inter-generational relationships with students. The success has been mutual and way above expectation, he said.

“Our kids look forward to it so much, they scream and shout when the bus arrives. They're walking with the seniors to their classroom or pushing the wheelchair.”

As much as the students enjoy the interaction and learning a bit from their elders, Kent said it's been a noticeable

morale booster for the seniors as well.

“It's so good socially, it relieves their boredom, it relieves that loneliness, and those are things that tend to make people sick if they don't have those interactions.”

The care home puts a major priority on helping their seniors keep as much of a sense of freedom as possible, with opportunities to be involved in the community as a part of that, Kent said.

“When you come into a long-term care home, a lot of those basic rights have

been stripped from you.”

Jean Mountain, a resident at Kingsway, is another who brightened up at the mention of her new-found young friends.

She described the enjoyment she gets from simply chatting with the kids, whether it's about their school, her own experience in school as a child or anything else.

“We talk about all kinds of things. You'd be surprised how those little brains get working,” she said.

Mountain said getting to know the youngsters has made her feel young again. She's a spry 85 years old at the moment, but as she explained to one young boy on a recent visit, it's nothing more than a number.

“You're only as old as you feel, and I certainly don't feel 85.”

Kent said Kingsway is planning to keep the program going through the school year, even hoping to expand in the future and possibly involve schools at higher grade levels.

Assessment suggests Snook is moderate threat to re-offend

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became aware of the crimes when Snook admitted an encounter with the victim, who was under 14 at the time, during a statement he gave police after his arrest.

According to facts read out in court by Lamrock, Snook committed sexual assault and sexual interference against a boy between Dec. 1, 1995, and April 1, 1996, at his home in Mount Moriah. He committed the same two offences against the same boy between July 1, 1996, and Aug. 31, 1996, at Barchois Pond Provincial Park, located west of Corner Brook.

The first two charges stem from a night at Snook's home, where the victim and two other boys were watching a movie. They often went to Snook's home before church.

Snook and the victim, whose name is protected by a publication ban, were on the couch during the movie. Snook placed a blanket over himself and the boy and pretended to fall asleep.

The court heard Snook then guided the boy's hand to his groin to commit a sexual act.

The other two charges stem from a camping trip the boy took with Snook at Barchois.

That incident began with the boy fondling Snook again, as Snook pretended to be asleep. The victim also performed oral sex on Snook.

Snook guided the victim to sit on top of him for sex, but was unsuccessful. The victim, Lamrock said, tried to kiss Snook but Snook refused.

Snook's lawyer told provincial court Judge Alfred Brien that the facts Lamrock read out were “a fair and accurate representation” of what happened.

During his original statement to police after his arrest in January, Lamrock said Snook offered a slightly different version of events, admitting only to the abuse on



Former Saint John councillor Donnie Snook. PHOTO: THEWESTERNSTAR.COM

the camping trip.

“He advised that sometime during the night, he says he awoke to the victim performing oral sex upon him. Mr. Snook maintains he kept his eyes closed throughout the encounter,” Lamrock said.

When police interviewed the victim, he said the camping trip was actually the second time Snook abused him, and told investigators about the incidents at Snook's home.

Snook worked in Mount Moriah from July 1994 to June 1997 as a pastor for a small congregation.

This past spring, Salvation Army Maj. Wade Budgett told the Telegraph-Journal that the organization's Newfoundland branch didn't receive any complaints of

sexual misconduct against Snook, and only learned of the Mount Moriah charges through the media.

“There was no previous indication of misconduct by Donnie Snook during his service in Newfoundland with the Salvation Army,” Budgett said at the time.

Snook will be back in court on Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m. for a sentencing hearing. At that time, Lamrock will read out a victim impact statement from the victim.

Lamrock also asked that the court consider a psychological assessment conducted on Snook by University of New Brunswick professor Mary Ann Campbell.

The assessment, written after Campbell spent 12 hours interviewing and testing

Snook, concluded his attraction to young boys isn't likely to go away, even if he learns how to control and manage his urges. Her report characterized Snook as a moderate risk to re-offend.

The four sex charges were transferred from Newfoundland to New Brunswick after Snook pleaded guilty to 46 charges, including sexual assault and possessing, distributing and making child pornography over a 12-year period in Saint John. Snook was sentenced last month to 18 years in prison, with time-and-a-half credit for time already served in jail.

He is appealing the sentence, saying it is unreasonable and in excess of the appropriate range.

-With files from April Cunningham

WORDS IN SEASON

Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

Colossians 3:16 (King James Version)

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Lotteries

Keno for Wednesday, Nov. 27: The unofficial winning numbers were: 16-17-20-23-24-25-28-29-33-34-37-40-41-47-52-55-56-57-59-66. The tag number was: 537984.

Bucko for Wednesday, Nov. 27: The unofficial winning numbers were: 17-31-34-38-40

Lotto 6/49 for Wednesday, Nov. 27: The unofficial winning numbers were: 08-09-15-23-40-48. Bonus number was: 19.

Atlantic 49 for Wednesday, Nov. 27: The unofficial winning numbers were: 10-12-17-33-35-39. Bonus number was: 47.

Lotto MAX for Friday, Nov. 22: The unofficial winning numbers were: 02-24-35-38-39-41-48. Bonus number was: 20. The tag number was: 353902.

Today in history

1530 – Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, adviser to King Henry VIII of England, died. He had fallen out of the king's favour because of his failure to secure an annulment from the pope for the king's marriage to Catharine of Aragon.

1760 – France formally transferred Detroit to British control.

1798 – The legislature of the Island of St. John voted to change its name to Prince Edward Island. The name was chosen in honour of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent who was stationed with the army in Halifax at the time. It was felt that the change was necessary because the Island was being confused with Saint John and St. John's, N.L.

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