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DEATHS ON YELLOW QUILL

High price to pay

Charges considered in context: experts

By CHRIS PURDY
Saskatchewan News Network

SASKATOON — Some legal experts agree the Crown must consider Christopher Pauchay's guilty conscience and broken heart in determining whether he should face further scrutiny from the courts over the deaths of his two young girls.

The 25-year-old had apparently been drinking before he left his home on the Yellow Quill reserve with his daughters some time after 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, when windchill had dipped into the -50C range.

Pauchay was rushed to hospital suffering from hypothermia and severe frostbite, after neighbours found his frozen body on their doorstep. RCMP later discovered the bodies of Kaydance, 3, and one-year-old Santana, clad only in T-shirts and diapers, in some piles of snow.

"Even for those people who are very critical of the father — bearing in mind we don't know all the facts — you'd have to be pretty insensitive not to have any sympathy for him," Saskatoon defence lawyer Mark Brayford said Friday.

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Deaths bring back awful memories

By VERONICA RHODES
Leader-Post

The tragic freezing deaths of two young children on the Yellow Quill First Nation this week has brought back sad memories for a retired RCMP officer.

On Feb. 16, 2001, George Anderson was working in the RCMP's Carlyle detachment when a call came in that a woman had been found curled up on the side of a road on the White Bear First Nation.

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Winter 'Festiv-Ale'



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Adele Lohman, executive director of "Festiv-Ale," checks out some of the product at the Barefoot wine display Friday. "Festiv-Ale" opened at the Conexus Arts Centre Friday night and continues tonight. See story on Page A7.

CANADA & THE WORLD



Canwest

Winter weather has Canada in a bad mood

A11 Eastern Canada was battered Friday by snow and freezing rain as the poor weather tracked across Quebec and into the Atlantic provinces. The West, meanwhile, continued to shiver through bitter cold and winds.

Making the case for Canadian in Mexico

A12 Helena Guergis, the federal minister for consular affairs, flew to Mexico earlier this week for a series of high-level meetings with officials there in an attempt to gain the freedom of a Canadian woman who has been imprisoned for nearly two years without a trial.

Baird thinks Alberta will come around

D12 Environment Minister John Baird is insisting that his own climate change plan will be enforced in Alberta, but he doesn't believe it would spark a constitutional battle with the western province. Despite different targets and goals, he said he was committed to working with the province to deliver better results in the fight against global warming.

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ENVIRONMENT

Cities seek help with recycling

By KAREN BROWNLEE
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Although recycling may make consumers feel good about helping the environment, communities across Saskatchewan aren't feeling upbeat about their ability to offer the service.

Communities like Estevan are subsidizing each year up to \$100,000 of the cost of offering to recycle paper, plastics and other materials, said Estevan Mayor Gary St. Onge. Although there are many moral reasons to continue recycling, it's an expense few communities can afford on their own.

"By itself, the theme and the idea to me is very good. It's just with a lot of things, it's paying for it with a limited budget," St. Onge said.

That's why Estevan has submitted a resolution to the annual convention of the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) asking for the provincial government to establish a multi-material stewardship program to help with the costs. The government would work to convince industry to pay for the disposal of the products, possibly through the collection of a fee from consumers.

The communities aren't able to recoup their costs from the products. Paper, plastic, tin and glass are worth little if anything because of worldwide supply and demand. For a tonne of glass, one might get \$15 to \$20.

Melville shares Estevan's money concerns. Until prices improve, many materials in Melville are being stockpiled in a municipal building.

"I do believe firmly that there does need to be more provincial support and more provincial funding to assist," said Carol-Anne Pasemko, executive director of Rail City Industries, the recycling centre in Melville.

"We're getting zip for materials being recycled ... If you don't have buyers on the other end, a lot of the material you're collecting is just sitting there."

Other products — electronics, paint and aluminum — have industry support through the collection of environmental handling fees. Aluminum will get one about \$350 per tonne, St. Onge said.

Those industries that haven't gotten on board, such as the paper industry, need to, said St. Onge. The NDP provincial government was working on that before last fall's election.

"If these people are going to produce things, they have to be responsible for the garbage that comes with them down the road," St. Onge said.

The province could also consider supporting businesses that turn the recyclables into new products, Pasemko said.

"It's added value to the economy and added jobs. That's what they have to think of rather than firing money at a private individual," Pasemko said.

The federal government also has a role to play in helping municipalities, said Pasemko, since most buyers of recyclables are in other provinces, the U.S. and overseas.

Charging residents to recycle their items is done successfully by some communities, such as Outlook, but households produce only about one-third of all waste. A portion of that can be recycled, said Fred Clipsham, vice-president of cities for SUMA.

REGINA

Exhibit the toast of beer lovers

By PAMELA COWAN
Leader-Post

Fun was brewing at Festiv-Ale: A Brewers Expo on Friday night as throngs of people sampled mini steins of world class beer.

The cosmopolitan event at the Conexus Arts Centre included exhibitors from Vancouver to Fredericton as well as international entries that included France, eastern Europe, China, Japan, England, New Zealand and Belgium.

Kevin Hein of Regina hopped on the chance to taste oak-aged Innis & Gunn beer.

"This beer is so nice and creamy and caramel tasting, I'm sure you could have it on ice cream," Hein said. "You could have it at a dinner party with dessert. It's definitely not just for summer. It's got class. This starts off like a beer and finishes off like a dessert."

Regina Wayne Heth rated the Innis & Gunn beer eight out of 10.

"I thought it was really unique," Heth said. "There's a slight flavour of whiskey but it wasn't overpowering. I really enjoyed it."

Innis & Gunn beer is brewed in Scotland by Neil Sharp's family. He was at Festiv-Ale as the Innis & Gunn Brand Ambassador.

"We start by brewing our beer in Edinburgh," Sharp said. "We start with a typical Scottish ale but then we take it to a whiskey distillery on the west coast of Scotland where we add it to oak barrels and we mature it for one month. These barrels lend an incredible depth of flavour and aroma to the beer and it smoothes and refines the beer itself."

The process was discovered by accident, Sharp said.

"The name Innis & Gunn comes from my middle name, I'm Innis, and my brother's middle name is Gunn — he's the head brewer," Sharp said. "Several years ago he was asked by a whiskey producer in Scotland to brew a beer to season whiskey barrels because the whiskey producer wanted to make an ale-finished whiskey."

The beer Sharp's brother brewed for them was discarded until someone tasted it and liked the flavour.

"This serendipitous accident resulted in my brother quitting his job and the brewery and setting up this company and four years later here we are in Canada," Sharp said.

In its third year, Festiv-Ale is held on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion, said Margaret Molesky, event co-ordinator.



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Neil Sharp with Innis & Gunn Brewing sets out some of his product as exhibitors prepare for Festiv-Ale: A Brewers Expo, which continues tonight at the Conexus Arts Centre.

"Proceeds from the liquor sales go directly to the Legion," Molesky said. "The Legion is very giving and extremely kind to our community and other than Remembrance Day, they receive very minimal amounts of money yet many organizations and different community groups ask from them. This is our way to honour them and it's also a way to celebrate the fine beers, spirits and liqueurs that are available to us."

The fundraiser is a much needed financial boost for the Legion, particularly since membership has dwindled from 2,500 to 500, said Terry Duncan, past president of the Royal Canadian Legion — Regina branch 001.

"We help out not only veterans, but veterans' families right down to the children," Duncan said. "We offer bursaries and scholarships to students, we sponsor summer sports camps and we take care of the 4,000 veterans' graves within Regina that date

back to the First World War. Events like Festiv-Ale help us keep the graves up."

Sitting at the Legion's extensive display, Second World War veteran Dave Ewart recalls enjoying a strong ale when he was serving in England.

"I always thought that was good, but when we got to Italy everybody drank wine, but not really good wine," Ewart said.

"They made it by stamping on the grapes with their feet — it wasn't good. I like beer, but one beer is the same as another to me."

Festiv-Ale continues tonight from 7 to 11 p.m. Throughout the evening, entertainment includes Whiteboy Slim from Moose Jaw, an award-winning jazz/blues artist; the Crofter's Revenge, a Celtic band; Frantic City, a rock band; and Acoustic Frog, Martin Lemieux who plays acoustic guitar. Tickets are \$25 each. Food and beverage coupons are 20 for \$10.

