

Victim critical

Teens charged with attempted murder

A Winnipeg teenager who was out on probation and wanted for failing to report in has been charged with attempted murder, along with a 15-year-old girl.

Winnipeg police said a 23-year-old man was "in the company of several males" Saturday morning when a fight occurred. The man was assaulted and tossed in a garbage bin like trash, sustaining serious upper-body injuries. He was later found by emergency personnel.

At about 11:30 p.m. police tracked down a 17-year-old male and arrested him.

The 15-year-old female was arrested Sunday.

The victim remains in hospital in critical condition. **METRO**

Girl hurt

Arrests made in failed break-in

Four people have been arrested after an attempted home invasion injured a teenage girl.

Winnipeg police said four people tried breaking into a home in the 100 block of Old Commonwealth Path in northwest Winnipeg on Saturday around 3:30 a.m. They attempted to break into the home through a window, and then through a door, but the door was held closed by the people inside.

A 16-year-old was hurt. Two men and two 17-year-old males were arrested and several weapons and drugs were seized, said police.

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Mike Davidson, president of CUPE 500, is seen at city hall after council voted for "managed competition" of local golf courses. LAUREN PARSONS/FOR METRO

Changes sought to stop golf courses 'bleeding'

City hall. Local links are losing money

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How four city-owned golf courses are operated could be about to change, perhaps as early as next season.

On Friday morning, the City of Winnipeg's alternative-service delivery committee unanimously voted in favour

of modified managed competition (MMC), to compare the cost of operating the Kildonan, Windsor, Crescent Drive and Harbour View courses under public or private agreements.

Last fall, city auditors found that Winnipeg Golf Services lost \$1,036,956 in 2010 and about \$1 million in 2011. The estimated loss for the 2012 season is approximately \$835,342.

"The reality is that losing \$1 million a year is unacceptable," said Coun. Scott Fielding (St. James-Brooklands), who

chairs the committee. Fielding said the money lost would better be used on community centres or sports programs.

Mike Davidson, president of the CUPE Local 500, said the decision needs public input.

"The citizens of Winnipeg want affordable golf. Why no process to involve the public?" he said. "The city expects profit, but it's a service, not a business."

Davidson said out of the 50 or so seasonal staff, 25 are students who make \$11.90 an hour.

"All the staff at our courses go above and beyond, and our salaries are at the bottom of the barrel," he said.

Fielding added there is the possibility that operations may stay the same, if it proves to be the best option.

"Our priority is to fix the troubled golf courses and stop the bleeding," said Fielding.

City auditors will return to present the committee with recommendations before the new year, but those recommendations will need to be passed by city council.

Shawn Cameron Lamb

Tip line set up in case of alleged serial killer

Police in Winnipeg have set up a special tip line in the investigation into an accused serial killer.

A toll-free national phone line (1-855-817-4949) has been established to gather information on Shawn Cameron Lamb, 52, who is accused of second-degree murder in the deaths of three women: Carolyn Sinclair, 25, Lorna Blacksmith, 18, and Tanya Nepinak, 31.

"There are indications that Mr. Lamb has travelled extensively throughout Canada, so we're putting a ... number out in the event that someone in a different jurisdiction may have information," Insp. Rick Guyader said Friday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Downtown. Committee approves doubling metered-parking fees

Changes to downtown parking may be in place as early as this fall. The City of Winnipeg's alternative-service delivery committee approved the implementation of demand-based street pricing Friday morning, based on recommendations made by the Winnipeg Public Service.

The recommendations include extending the daytime parking-rate time from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., raising the price of hourly street parking to \$2, and prohibiting "re-metering" after the maximum time of two hours is over. These recommendations are for high-demand parking areas in downtown only.

Randy Topolniski, acting chief operating officer of the Winnipeg Parking Authority,



Parking rates are one step closer to doubling in some areas of downtown Winnipeg.

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said the aim is to produce faster turnover for high-demand parking spots and improve business downtown.

The decision needs to be approved by city council, but is expected to launch in the fall with a publicity campaign to inform the public of the changes.

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Warning. Dogs may be at risk after raccoons found with canine distemper

Two Manitoba departments are warning dog owners after a number of reports of raccoons displaying symptoms of canine distemper.

Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship and the Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives' Office of the Chief Veterinarian said the raccoons showing these symptoms in the past month can be found in Winnipeg and Headingley.

Canine distemper can easily spread from raccoons to dogs, and dogs who have been infected tend to suffer a progressive deterioration of mental abilities and motor skills.

Dog owners in the affected areas are urged to get their pets vaccinated against distemper and prevent contact between

their dogs and wildlife.

Those unsure as to whether their dogs have been vaccinated should contact their local veterinarian. Routine vaccinations of dogs are highly effective in preventing the disease.

Raccoon populations are reportedly high along the Red and Assiniboine rivers, as well as the Corydon area of Winnipeg.

Infected raccoons act very disoriented or lethargic, with crusty eyes, excess mucus coming from the nasal area, and their breathing shallow or laboured. Residents who see raccoons in this state are asked to keep other people and pets away and call Manitoba Conservation at 204-945-5221.

Humans are not at risk of contracting this disease. **METRO**

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Hair-raising heist

Three thieves battered through a wall and dodged motion detectors to break into a Chicago beauty-supply store to steal \$230,000 US worth human-hair extensions. Read more about the heist at metronews.ca.

Disney icons take to the stage in North Korea

North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, the son and successor of the infamous Kim Jong Il, hosted an elaborate stage performance featuring Mickey Mouse, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, just to name a few. For the record, the Walt Disney Co. did not authorize the performance. Read more about this bizarre event at metronews.ca.

Mobile news



A man from Massachusetts has paid off his 35-year mortgage in true penny-pinching style: By making his final payment entirely with pennies — about 62,000 to be exact, weighing about 360 kilograms. Scan the code to learn more about this master copper-roller.