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**EDUCATION CHANGES**

## Punishing cheating students

By **JAMES WOOD**  
Saskatchewan News Network

The provincial government is moving forward with a uniform policy for all school divisions to deal with student plagiarism and late assignments.

Darren McKee, assistant deputy minister with the Ministry of Education, said a draft policy is now in the hands of stakeholders for review and will likely be implemented at the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

It will ensure that all Saskatchewan students face similar consequences for plagiarizing material and handing in late assignments.

"We want to be sure that in our policy that we're clear that late work and plagiarism can affect a student's mark. We also know that many schools do have policies and procedures already in place and this new policy is going to help ensure consistency across the province," said McKee in an interview.

He also stressed that the new policy also gives teachers discretion to address individual circumstances.

The issue of how schools deal with plagiarism and late assignments arose this fall when the Saskatoon public school division launched a pilot program of an evaluation system with greater separation between behaviour and learning.

The school division said that media reports that said the policy meant that teachers would no longer penalize students for infractions such as plagiarism were not accurate. It also said its pilot project was following guidelines that had come from the provincial government.

But Saskatchewan Party Education Minister Donna Harpauer said at the time the confusion that arose showed the need for a standardized policy.

Joy Adams Bauer, communications director of Saskatoon Public Schools, would not comment on the contents of the draft policy.

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## MORE DOWNTOWN LIVING SPACES

Another tower is in the works for Regina's downtown area. The city's planning commission is considering an application today from a developer wanting to build a 10-storey condominium complex at the southwest corner of Broad Street and 15th Avenue. See **Page A4**.



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**A BRAND NEW WAY TO READ THE LEADER-POST**

## Read the L-P on your iPad!

**Postmedia News**

Ten of Canada's major newspapers — including the *Leader-Post* — have broken ground in the digital world, launching innovative apps for the Apple iPad.

Some of the features announced Tuesday have never been seen in a newspaper application, said Steve Buors, Postmedia Network's vice-president of digital media strategy and operations.

But Buors, who led the project, is also quick to point out that the papers — metro dailies with the Postmedia chain — aren't forgetting their roots.

"The look and feel is very much like a newspaper — it's comfortable," he said, showing how each app uses the same typeface as its

paper's print edition. "But it integrates a lot of the best things about the web, like photo galleries and social interaction."

Some readers who have already downloaded the apps say the company's effort to marry tradition with technology has been successful.

"I have patiently been awaiting this app," Tyson Liske said of the *Leader-Post* app, which he gave a five out of five rating at Apple's iTunes store. "Glad it's here. Thanks!"

The *Leader-Post* app — which features News, Sports, Entertainment and Life sections — is updated twice daily during weekdays, at about 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. At present, there is a special Saturday edition as well, but more weekend editions will roll out in the coming months.

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Each day, the L-P iPad app edition features a News, Sports, Entertainment and Life section. On Saturdays, we have a Weekender section.

**CANADA & WORLD**

**Disgraced hockey coach Graham James granted bail**

**A9** Former Canadian junior hockey coach Graham James — at the centre of one of Canada's highest-profile sexual abuse cases — has been granted bail.

**Winter weather hammers much of Canada**

**B8** From Western Canada to the North and Quebec, and into the Maritimes, Canada is waking up to a reminder that winter is here — even if the calendar says it's two weeks away.

**Obama compromises, extends tax reductions**

**C10** U.S. president Barack Obama is fighting to quell a political revolt among Democrats over a deal he cut with Republicans to extend all Bush-era tax reductions — including those to families earning more than \$250,000 a year — for two more years.



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## FORENSIC LABORATORIES

# Police chiefs mum on privatization

By WILL CHABUN  
Leader-Post

Like Saskatchewan's municipal police officers, the province's police chiefs are withholding judgment on the possibility the federal government someday might privatize the RCMP's six regional forensic laboratories, including one in Regina.

That possibility was noted in a Postmedia News Service story in Saturday's *Leader-Post* that said the federal public safety ministry had issued a call for tenders for a study of the feasibility of privatizing the labs.

Dale McFee, president of the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, said Tuesday his group has not taken a stand on the issue, but added that RCMP labs have been able to "very obviously reduce their turnaround, certainly on all of the significant events, the serious crime," in the last several years.

As for what happens in the future, "that's something that we would want to pay attention to because,

obviously, that aspect of our job is extremely important — getting results that are needed for our investigations."

McFee, who is chief of the Prince Albert Police Service, said RCMP labs were able to speed up turnaround times by restructuring their own internal processes and also by contracting with private labs to handle some of their backlogged work.

For example, he said, he's been told that RCMP labs' biology sections had a backlog of 217 exhibits in 2008 — which had been reduced to only 35 a year later. "So our turnaround times, from 2008 to 2009, have improved dramatically," he said.

Saturday's article said the federal government had spent more than \$7.2 million from 2005 to 2010 in reducing forensic labs' backlogs. In it, spokesmen for two of these private laboratories said they feel the best solution is not full privatization, but rather continuing the existing mixed private-public model with private firms helping with any overflow from government labs.

## VITALITY PROGRAM

# Communities receive \$2.2M in grants

Leader-Post staff

More than 100 Saskatchewan communities will soon be in the green.

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) announced Tuesday that 115 non-profit and volunteer organizations in the province will receive more than \$2.2 million in grants to help deliver community projects.

More than \$1.9 million is allocated for 93 capital projects and \$273,305 will fund 22 community milestones and events.

The CIF's Community Vitality program has two components: small capital and community pride projects and events.

Among those selected to receive small capital grants are the Balcarres Rink Board, the City of Yorkton, the Leader & District 'Make-A-Splash' Fund, the Regina and District Food Bank, the Regina Handcycle Club and the Sundown Optimist Club of Regina.

Community projects include funding for special events such as community anniversaries and volunteer recognition.

Recipients in this category include Regina's Emmanuel Heritage Committee, the Yorkton Short Film and Video Festival, Ile-a-la-Crosse Recreation & Minor Sports, and the La Loche Friendship Centre.

The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through the Saskatchewan Gaming Corp. Act and governed by a volunteer board appointed through the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport. The CIF offers grant programs for community-led projects that benefit children, youths and families in Saskatchewan.

The next application deadline for the Community Vitality Program is April 1.

The complete list of this year's grant recipients is available by logging on to [www.cifsask.org](http://www.cifsask.org)

## COURT

# Woman charged in grow-op released

By HEATHER POLISCHUK  
Leader-Post

A 47-year-old Regina woman accused of growing 640 marijuana plants was released from custody Tuesday.

Tan Minh Le faces charges of producing marijuana, possessing more than three kilograms of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, possessing crime proceeds over \$5,000, and theft of power under \$5,000.

She appeared briefly at Regina Provincial Court on Tuesday.

While the Crown had opposed her release at her first appearance late last week, on Tuesday agent for the federal Crown Paul Malone agreed to Le's release, provided she follows a number of conditions.

Among other conditions, she's to

submit to searches by police up to three times per month and not sell or transfer a specific vehicle and a specific Calgary property.

She returns to court Jan. 4. Le was arrested last week as the result of an investigation by the Regina Integrated Drug Unit into an alleged grow-op.

According to information from the Regina Police Service, the investigation led police to execute search warrants on Dec. 1 at two residences on the 1300 block of Cornwall Street and one on Procter Place — the latter believed to be Le's residence.

During the searches, police said they located the plants, an undisclosed amount of marijuana, grow equipment, and more than \$20,000 in cash.

## APPLICATION

# Planning commission considers green condo

By JOE COUTURE  
Leader-Post

Another high-rise is in the works for Regina's downtown area.

The City of Regina's planning commission is considering an application today from a developer wanting to build a 10-storey condominium complex at the southwest corner of Broad Street and 15th Avenue.

Wayne Hydeman, president of Centre Square Developments, the company behind the Centre Square Place project, said the goal is to have a modern building that appeals to young professionals and green seniors.

"It's very much a green building," Hydeman said. "We want to keep the carbon footprint as small as we possibly can. We're looking at using a lot of the new materials that are available to the industry."

The firm that designed the building — number TEN architectural group — considered factors to make it environmentally friendly, such as a green roof and a high-efficiency exterior. Also important was making it fit in the neighbourhood.

Kirk Banadyga of number TEN

said city hall was helpful during the design process. Though outside the area considered by the city's downtown plan, the building would embrace many of the ideas in the plan, including wide sidewalks and mixed uses — residential, commercial and office spaces — at street level.

"What we're seeing is more of a focus on some of those design issues, both on the planning commission and council side and also with some applications," said Bob Bjerke, the city's director of planning and sustainability.

Proposed are 71 units, including three townhouses on 15th Avenue to complement townhouses on that block.

The remainder are one- and two-bedroom condos ranging in size from about 1,000 square feet to about 1,600 square feet. There would be large balconies and terraces and two levels of underground parking.

There would be office space and commercial space available on the main level. Hydeman said it is anticipated that some people would like to live and work in the same building.

"If young professionals want to live

above the shop, they have the opportunity," he said, noting the developer will work with those buying condos to accommodate a variety of finishes and levels of luxury.

The sidewalks also would be wide enough to accommodate a sidewalk cafe and the design is intended to be pedestrian friendly.

"It's a rather unique design," Banadyga. "We have a high ratio of glass-to-floor area. I think it'll be a dynamic new feature to the Regina skyline. It's a sustainable, green building and the intent is to have a very dynamic street presence."

The city's staff recommends the application's approval. If the planning commission recommends approval today and council approves it, construction could start next fall.

It would likely be late in 2012 before the building would be ready for occupancy.

Centre Square Place joins a growing list of high-rise developments proposed for the area. Capital Pointe and The Gardens on Rose are two other condominium complexes approved for development and a third Hill Centre Tower office building is being constructed.

## EARLY LEARNING

# New child-care spaces opened

Leader-Post staff

Tuesday was a red letter day for 135 young children, as new child-care spaces opened in four Regina public schools.

Thirty new child-care spaces opened at each of the Ehrlo Early Learning Centres located at Imperial, Ruth Pawson and Gladys McDonald elementary schools. In addition, 45 new spaces opened at the Ehrlo Early Learning Centre in Wilfrid Walker school.

"The Ranch Ehrlo Society, in

partnership with Regina Public Schools, has been providing quality early learning and child care since October 2002," stated vice-president of administration and quality improvement Carole Bryant in a news release. "We're pleased to be able to expand our program, which like all programs at Ranch Ehrlo Society, are based on the philosophy that children need social nourishment to develop as healthy individuals. Having new state-of-the-art facilities certainly helps us to deliver this qual-

ity programming."

The provincial government provided more than \$1.8 million for the four new child-care centres, including more than \$1.32 million for school-based renovations and \$527,500 for space development, early learning materials, and equipment and furniture.

Since November 2007, the Government of Saskatchewan has allocated funding for 2,935 new child-care spaces to communities across the province, representing a 30-per-cent increase.



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