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Documentary

'Paramount' film premieres

SAINT JOHN – A documentary made by a New Brunswick filmmaker and set in Saint John is airing on CBC television Saturday at 8 p.m. 'The Paramount' is a film from New Brunswick television production company Hemmings House Pictures. It follows an activist as he tries to raise support to save the Paramount Theatre years after its closure. The King's Square area theatre has been slated for demolition. Mike McDonald, a lifelong Saint John resident, feels that if the building is torn down it will be devastating for the core of the city's uptown arts and cultural communities. The motion picture follows McDonald over a period of a few months as he tries to gain support from the divided community.

Donations

Cops to host 'Fill the Truck'

ROTHESAY – The Rothesay Regional Police Force is holding its semi-annual Fill the Truck event on Saturday. The police force will park its huge emergency response team truck at the Superstore on Campbell Drive and try and have it filled with food and clothing in eight hours. There will also be a barbecue. The event starts at 8 a.m. All items and donations will be given to the Kennebecasis Valley Food Bank and Hestia House. For details, call the Rothesay Regional Police Force at 847-6300.

Music

Moncton group set to play

ST. ANDREWS – The Moncton jazz/rock/punk/fusion instrumental quintet Les Païens will perform in St. Andrews Sunday. This group – Denis Surette, Marc Arsenault, Jonah Haché, Sébastien Michaud and Jean Surette – began recording in 1994. They started as a quartet with guitar, bass, drums and winds, but added Haché this year bringing loops, laptops and synthesizer, according to the group's website. With four albums to date, the group has shared gigs with Charlie Hunter, Slowcoaster, Big sugar, Kermit Ruffins, Lyle Eastwood and Jean Leloup. They list Miles Davis, Mahavishnu Orchestra and Frank Zappa as well as the American "post-rock" band Tortoise among their inspirations. Showtime at the W. C. O'Neill Arena Theatre in St. Andrews is 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16. Tickets cost \$15. They are available at Cockburn's Corner Drug Store, Sunbury Shore Arts & Nature Centre and by calling 529-3386.

Investigation Court documents paint Kenneth Byron Estabrooks as a sexual deviant that hid his crimes for decades

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SAINT JOHN – Kenneth Byron Estabrooks led a double life, hiding his sexual deviance from his family for decades, leading his betrayed wife to conclude he behaved like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, court documents show.

Even after his dark secrets were exposed, the former Saint John police officer showed no remorse for sexually assaulting three boys and a girl, one of whom was just five years old during the time of the abuse, the documents state.

The convicted molester, now at the centre of a new investigation in Saint John, said in the late 1990s he was wrongly found guilty of abusing two of his four victims, according to the

documents. He remained defiant in prison, scrawling in handwritten letters that he "emphatically and vehemently" denied allegations filed by former victims in lawsuits.

Estabrooks, who died in 2005, admitted he had sex with male teenagers, usually between the ages of 16 and 18, over a 10-year period, according to his presentence report, but he said the acts were consensual.

The revelations of Estabrooks' behaviour "devastated" his wife, Mary Olive Estabrooks, who felt "betrayed," but remained supportive of her husband, according to the report, filed with the court in 1999.

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Kenneth Byron Estabrooks is shown in 1999. The former Saint John police officer showed no remorse for sexually assaulting three boys and a girl, one of whom was just five years old during the time of the abuse, court documents show. PHOTO: TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL ARCHIVES/COURTESY N.B. MUSEUM

Carleton Legion forced to close

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SAINT JOHN – At the end of this month, one of the oldest branches of the Royal Canadian Legion will close its doors for good, ending decades of fundraisers, billiards and camaraderie.

Now, members of the Carleton Branch No. 2, which dates back to 1926, are asking the city permission to move its cenotaph – which represents the legacy of local veterans – to the neighbouring Carleton Community Centre on the lower west side.

"It's a tribute to all the members who have served and passed away, and those who are still living," said Paul Durant, the branch president, of the stone memorial. "It's about our fighting force. Some have given the ultimate sacrifice, and others who are still alive may have lost limbs or are still trying to make the world a better spot."

Durant said the new owner of the 290 Ludlow St. building has not yet determined if the cenotaph will be able to stay on the grounds, so the legion members are asking to move it to its original home in Tilley Square, just in case. Another possible option is moving the cenotaph to Queen's Square, in the city's south end.

Members decided to sell the branch after operating revenues sunk to the point that the legion's bank account nearly ran dry. "We've been fighting this now for the last five to 10 years," Durant said. Rising unemployment, no-smoking laws and stricter impaired driving laws have all contributed to the drop in sales, he said.

The Carleton branch, which built the Ludlow Street legion in 1971, will close down on Aug. 31, officially passing over the keys 10 days later.

The branch will maintain its

charter and continue to hold meetings, but it likely won't be able to host community events like it used to, Durant said.

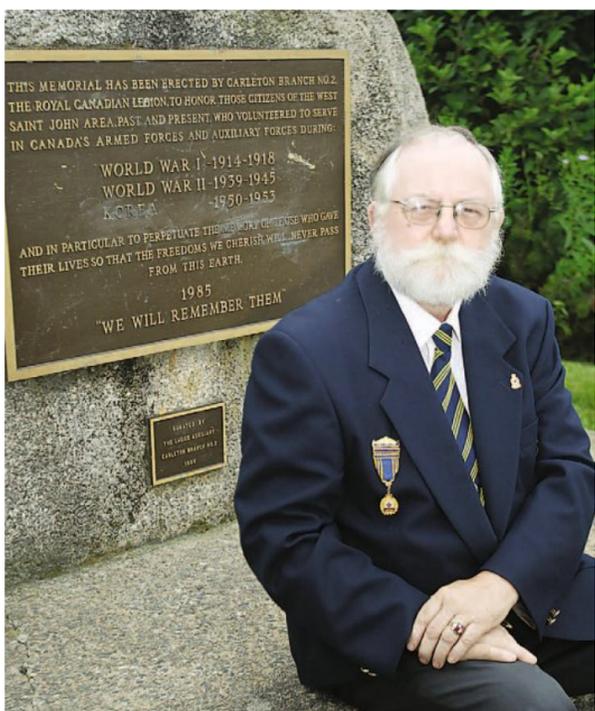
Over the years, the legion has held national dart, shuffleboard and pool tournaments. Every three months, the club puts on a veteran's dinner, and it has held bingo nights, dances and fundraisers for charity.

Durant said he's worried his legion's closure is a sign of the times, as veterans age and memories of the First and Second World Wars fade.

He said several other legion branches in the Saint John area have also sold their buildings in recent years, with shrinking memberships and dipping revenues.

"The profitability is no longer there," he said. "Every branch in this district is in trouble."

Durant believes the smaller PLEASE SEE → **LEGIONS, B2**



Paul Durant, president of Carleton Branch No. 2, is asking the city's permission to move their cenotaph to the Carleton Community Centre as a way to keep the veterans' legacy alive. PHOTO: TOPHER SEGUIN/TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

PARAMOUNT HAS VALUABLE PLACE IN SAINT JOHN'S URBAN CORE



KURT PEACOCK THE NEXT CITY

Is the old Paramount Theatre just another old building in a city filled with old buildings, or is it of greater cultural significance? If it left King's Square forever, there would certainly be a physical void – the site might end up as surface parking, at least in the near term. But would its absence create an emotional void as well?

These questions were indeed paramount in the minds

of many on Thursday night, as Hemmings House Pictures premiered their documentary, *Save the Paramount*, in front of a packed Oland Theatre. The documentary will be shown on CBC Television throughout Atlantic Canada at 8 p.m. tonight.

Introducing his documentary, director Greg Hemmings noted how "Saint John is filled with characters who love this place, and want it to be a better place to live." The film follows

one such character, local filmmaker, musician and hospital worker Mike McDonald, as he attempts to rally the community around his dream to bring back the Paramount. McDonald launched the Facebook page that helped spark renewed community interest in the old theatre, and was a key participant in the campaign to find ways to resurrect the art-deco edifice.

The film ends with a question mark, as the campaign to save

the theatre from the wrecking ball (its current owner is in the demolition business) never really takes off, and as a result the viewer never finds a satisfactory ending. Of course, anybody walking along King's Square would have guessed this, as the building still sits empty – acting as a highly visual cue that the city's central square could benefit from renewed economic

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“Perhaps in a sober state, Mr. Curnew might have interpreted the situation differently.” WES MCINTOSH

Taxi passenger tries to pawn rather than pay

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SAINT JOHN – A man who tried to pawn items off on a cab driver in lieu of paying the \$6 fare was charged with fraudulently obtaining transportation, provincial court heard Thursday.

Steven Charles Curnew was also charged with committing an assault on the cab driver while being bound by a probation order to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. He pleaded guilty to all three counts.

Crown prosecutor Lucie Mathurin said that at around 2 a.m. on Feb. 11 a taxi was called to pick up a man on Garden Street. When they arrived at their destination, the cab driver said Steven Charles

Curnew, 33, owed him \$6 for the ride. Curnew said he didn't have the money on him but said that he'd go into his apartment and find some, court heard.

In the meantime, he gave the driver his gold Toronto Maple Leafs ring and a gold chain as a promise to return. But after scrounging around his apartment and asking his roommate, he couldn't come up with the money so he tried to satisfy the fare by paying the driver with other items including DVDs, court heard.

The Crown said the driver didn't want to accept those items and Curnew got angry. He started yelling, kicked the grill of the van and took a swing at the driver through the vehicle's window, striking his hand. He told him to get out of the vehicle so he could “kick his (backside),”

Mathurin said.

Duty counsel Wes McIntosh said Curnew didn't set out to deliberately defraud the man. He tried to find items that would satisfy the driver so he could get his ring and necklace back, McIntosh said. But when the driver refused the other items, McIntosh said Curnew took that to mean that he was going to take the ring and necklace as his payment.

“Mr. Curnew is a big Toronto Maple Leafs fan and he has a tattoo on his shoulder with Gilmour written on it, a famous hockey player for the team ... Mr. Curnew's idol essentially,” McIntosh said.

“Perhaps in a sober state, Mr. Curnew might have interpreted the situation differently and would have reacted

differently and would not have caused the scene that he did cause, but because of his intoxicated state he made things very difficult for the cabbie.”

McIntosh said Curnew admits he did “act a fool.”

The Crown said that Curnew served four days in custody after he was arrested in February and has been on house arrest for seven months. McIntosh said he has paid the price “for one night of stupidity.”

Judge Anne Jeffries gave him a suspended sentence with six months probation to keep the peace and be of good behaviour, abstain from non-prescribed drugs and not drink alcohol to the point of attracting police attention. He paid the \$6 fare in court.

IN THE COURTS

Man possessed another's property

SAINT JOHN – A 22-year-old man who defrauded another between March 29 and April 3 of an amount of money not exceeding \$5,000 pleaded guilty to the charge in provincial court on Tuesday.

Matthew James Hamm was also charged with having in his possession another man's personal property, court heard. Judge W. Andrew LeMesurier ordered that a presentence report and victim impact statements be prepared prior to Hamm's sentencing scheduled for Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Judge to lay charges in child porn case

SAINT JOHN – A 45-year-old man pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography and possessing it for the purpose of distribution. **Robert Allan Love** appeared in provincial court Wednesday and elected to be sentenced by a judge alone. He'd originally been scheduled to enter his plea in May, but the date was postponed twice. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 22.

Fisherman catches conditional discharge

SAINT JOHN – A man who bought a fishing licence but then couldn't afford the line pleaded guilty to shoplifting from Wal-Mart in provincial court on Thursday. On June 12, **Joshua Allan Despres** was charged with stealing a little over \$20 worth of fishing tackle from the big box store on Westmorland Road. The items were recovered. Judge W. Andrew LeMesurier handed Despres a four-month conditional discharge under the orders that he keep the peace and be of good behaviour and donate \$100 to the Miramichi Salmon Association.

Police seize driver's pocket pot

SAINT JOHN – A man who was caught with a sandwich bag of marijuana hanging out of his pocket while driving was charged with unlawful possession of the drug. Court heard that **Kevin John Donovan**, 49, was driving along Main Street when he was stopped by police for changing lanes without signalling. That's when officers saw the marijuana in plain sight. He was given a four-month conditional discharge under the condition that he keep the peace and be of good behaviour and donate \$100 to DARE.

Historic crimes back in the public spotlight after fresh allegations

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was a major mystery to her until October of 1998 when Kenneth told his wife and his son about his sexual behaviour,” David McLean, then a probation and parole officer, wrote in the report. “Mrs. Estabrooks depicts the situation now as a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde scenario.”

McLean, who reported Estabrooks gave no explanation for his sexual behaviour, offered a daunting conclusion about the man whose abuses have victims still seeking therapy decades after the crimes.

“It is questionable if anyone will really know why the subject behaved in such a manner.”

The historic crimes are back in the public spotlight after city officials learned of fresh sexual assault allegations against Estabrooks, a former sergeant who was sentenced to six years in prison in 1999 for abusing the four young people.

City hall hired private investigators to look into this complaint, which had never been reported to authorities before, and to seek out other victims and offer them counselling. Mayor Mel Norton has said the purpose of the investigation is to “right a wrong,” adding officials moved swiftly to respond to the allegations after learning about them earlier this year.

Estabrooks was widely known to have abused children when he was a police officer. Court documents reveal that Estabrooks coached minor hockey and little league softball and baseball, but the molester stressed none of his former

players had come forward with allegations of sexually inappropriate behaviour.

That doesn't mean Estabrooks hadn't abused young athletes, said Glenn Woods, a private criminal profiler from Ontario who has been involved in hundreds of cases, including sex crimes.

“That would be a very fertile ground for him to hunt,” Woods said. “If he was into minor hockey, coaching and all that, that's where I would be looking (to find more victims).”

... THE SOFT-SPOKEN MAN OF FEW WORDS LED A DOUBLE LIFE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.”

DAVID MCLEAN

David Perry, a former Toronto detective investigating the new allegations, said all of Estabrooks' victims, including those who have already come forward, will receive counselling, with city hall covering the bill. And there are currently no restrictions on how much the city will spend, city manager Patrick Woods said in a statement Friday.

The investigation, still in the early stages, has cost more than \$38,000 so far, not including the investigators' recent trip from Ontario to Saint John.

Counsellors are charging the city \$98 an hour, but officials have not been briefed on the total costs of these services to date, Woods said.

One victim, a 60-year-old man whose name is protected by a court order, said the abuses against him and his sister date back to the 1950s, which means “there could be an untold number of victims.”

The man's sister, who has never received any counselling, said in an interview she still feels the rage of being abused by a police officer, an authority figure who was in a position of trust.

“I don't know if ‘angry’ is a strong enough word, knowing that he worked for the police,” said the woman, now 59, who was just a child when Estabrooks abused her. “Here you're supposed to put your trust. When you look back over the years, you think, how dare he do this to me.”

The woman said in the years following the abuse she found herself dressing her dolls with several pairs of underwear and layers of clothing. She couldn't stand to be in the same room as children who didn't have any underwear on; she'd have to run over and wrap a towel around them. She said she couldn't understand why she was so compelled to do these things until she grew older.

“When I was younger, I thought it was OK, being a child,” said the woman, whom Estabrooks had fondled in a cell at the old western police station on Market Place. “Over the years, things that have happened to me that have affected my

marriage and I find that I'm very protective around my kids, my grandchildren, and I couldn't pinpoint (the reason) until I got older.”

This underlying desire to cover up private body parts is a common sign of sexual assault, said Dr. Jean Craven, a psychologist from Rothesay who has treated both children and adults who were abused.

“I remember working with a youngster years ago who went to bed with all of her clothes on, including shoes and socks, because that was a protection for her against being abused,” Craven said.

Estabrooks was a lifelong resident of Saint John's west side. Growing up in the depression years was tough, he later told a parole officer, but his parents provided the basic needs of food and shelter.

His wife, Mary, reported that his father was known to be physically abusive, but Estabrooks never disclosed he was sexually abused as a child, according to court documents filed decades later. Mary had also said she was confident Estabrooks had never acted sexually inappropriately with her son and grandson, the documents state. And she said she was unaware of his behaviour for decades.

“It is apparent to this officer that the soft-spoken man of few words led a double life for a period of time,” McLean, the parole officer, wrote in the presentence report.

Victims of Estabrooks can seek counselling by calling a toll-free, confidential hotline at 866-790-4764.

Portland branch continues to hold meetings at nearby Lions Club

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branches should amalgamate. “If we're going to survive, we have to show strength. And the only way to have strength is to work together.”

The Portland Branch No. 64 sold its MacLaren Boulevard building in 2006 after a fire damaged the basement and part of the kitchen.

But president Roseanne Morris said the

branch likely would have had to sell its building anyway because no-smoking laws deteriorated revenues from bingo nights.

“We had a dry legion – one of the only ones in Canada – and when they brought out the no-smoking, it killed us,” she said.

The Portland branch continues to hold regular meetings at a nearby Lions Club, sell poppies and hold Remembrance Day events, but Morris worries that people

forget the significance of local legions.

“When you say legion, people think booze and bingos,” Morris said. She said her legion gave away \$4,000 in student bursaries from the poppy fund last week. “People don't realize that.”

Morris believes part of the decline of local legions is caused by a lack of young Afghanistan war veterans joining their local branches.

Back on the lower west side, members

are packing up some of their wartime artifacts and memorabilia and hope to share them with other New Brunswick legion branches that have had their buildings ruined by fire.

Next week, the Carleton members will hold their final dart league and Sunday banquet.

“They want to finish up properly,” Durant said. “There will probably be a lot of wet eyes that night.”

... small-scale projects actually help us win back our community'

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investment.

Save the *Paramount* calls attention to the fact that as much as we track new housing starts or construction permits, our city also has a very real responsibility to ensure that what was built before can still be made useful, even if Netflix or the advent of online streaming has changed the way we consume culture. If our buildings are disposable, then that's not a very good reflection on our own sustainability, is it?

Among the strongest voices in the film were the heritage advocates, who remind the viewer of what our city has already lost – just as one of the more powerful scenes in the documentary is of a demolition crew clawing away at the burnt-out shell that was the nearby Lyric Theatre on Charlotte Street.

In the documentary, local historian Harold Wright bemoans, “We have

literally torn down and demolished hundreds of buildings.” Longtime city heritage official Jim Bezanson adds to the argument, as he warns: “We continue to lose these buildings, we continue to lose the opportunity to have a rich, vibrant cultural life here in Saint John.”

These are all valid arguments, but as the owner of a heritage building myself, I can tell you the economics have to work. And not all buildings can or should be saved. My railway-man grandfather still laments the loss of Union Station. But my hockey-loving four-year-old son really loves Harbour Station, which was built near the site of the old train station. Sure, a restored Paramount would make for a great cultural venue, but so does the old Baptist Church on Germain Street – now home to a performing arts school, and in need of its own capital investment.

And the talented local musicians that provide the soundtrack to the

documentary are vivid proof that Saint John's cultural scene will continue to create, regardless of whether the Paramount is renewed as an entertainment venue. It's people, and not buildings, that are the best expression of a city's culture – even in a city with a built heritage as rich as Saint John's.

Still, there are a great many reasons to save the Paramount – provided the economics work. I'd even entertain the idea of purchasing a \$1,000 share in support of a pool of capital, if a local co-operative was formed to help facilitate its renewal. It would take some risk, but Saint John was built on risk.

And this is what makes the economic thinking of the current owner, Paul Daeres, all the more questionable. “The last thing I want to do is to demolish the building,” Daeres declares, in one of the film's more plaintive moments. Yet Daeres doesn't seem to be that aggressively marketing the property; another

one of his uptown buildings – the old Pascal Emerson on King Street – also sits empty. I'm no Donald Trump, but I know enough about commercial real estate to state that you make more money when your buildings have tenants and are being used. If the market is soft, you shift your pricing accordingly.

I'll leave the final word to Jody Kliffer, a local city planner who spoke at the film's launch. “The landscapes that are meaningful to us are in the urban core,” said Kliffer, who has studied the renewal of neighbourhoods across Canada. “In planning, the small-scale projects actually help us win back our community.”

If Kliffer was also ready to buy a share, then there'd be two of us. Skin-in-the-game trumps nostalgia every time.

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WORDS IN SEASON

“I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.” Psalm 116:1-2 (**King James Version**)

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Lotteries

Keno for Thursday, Aug. 23: The unofficial winning numbers were: 01-02-06-09-13-18-19-25-35-41-42-44-47-52-53-59-60-67-68-69. The tag number was: 267409.

Bucko for Thursday, Aug. 23: The unofficial winning numbers were: 01-16-26-30-34.

Today in history

- 1835 - New York Sun begins the Great Moon Hoax
- 1875 - Englishman swims the Channel
- 1939 - 'The Wizard of Oz' debuts
- 1944 - Allies liberate Paris
- 1962 - Little Eva earns a #1 hit with 'Loco-Motion'
- 1984-Truman Capote dies
- 1991 - Michael Schumacher makes Formula One debut

News of the Port

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VESSELS IN PORT

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Penn 92	Charter	Kent Agency	Petroleum for foreign ports	Carnival Glory	Carnival	Furncan Marine	Visiting Cruise Ship
Noreaster	Charter	Kent Agency	Petroleum for foreign ports	Acadian	Charter	Kent Agency	Petroleum for foreign ports
Coho	Charter	Kent Agency	Towing the Penn 92	Stadt Bremen	Tropical Shipping	Kent Agency	Containers from and to Caribbean
GC Guangzhou	Charter	Kent Agency	Crude Oil from foreign ports	Kara Sea	Charter	Furncan Marine	Petroleum for foreign ports
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