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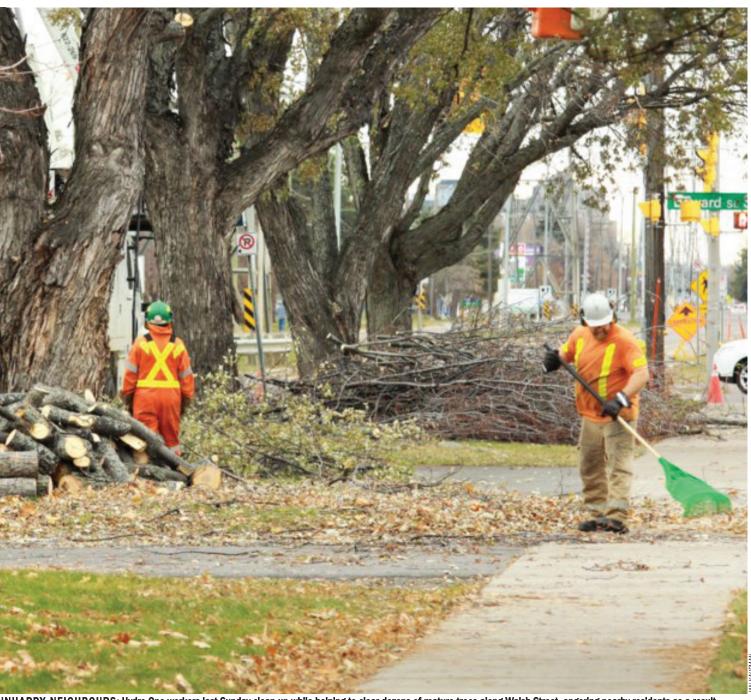
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LOCALNEWS

Council approves roundabout

By Ian Kaufman -TB Source

hunder Bay is on track to get its first roundabout on a city street, at the intersection of Edward Street and Redwood Avenue.

City council approved the partial two-lane roundabout for inclusion in the proposed 2021 capital budget on Monday night, after safety and financial benefits touted by city administration won over most – but not all – councillors.

Roundabouts reduce the number of collisions causing injury by approximately 75 per cent compared to traffic lights, according to a report from the city's engineering department.

Some councillors weren't convinced by the recommendation, raising concerns primarily over pedestrian safety.

Coun. Rebecca Johnson said the city's accessibility committee opposed the location of a roundabout near the Redwood Plaza and other nearby businesses.

"I have no issues with a roundabout in a semirural (area)," she said, "but I'm very concerned about a roundabout in a commercial area."

Johnson worried the new system could confuse pedestrians, particularly those with accessibility needs, envisioning people having a hard time crossing from planned islands in the middle of Edward's four lanes.

"In the middle of the winter, I'm going to stand in that middle place waiting for cars not to come and



CIRCLING BACK: Traffic is currently managed by lights at Edward Street and Redwood Avenue.

hit me?" she asked.

Project engineer Matthew Miedema answered that roundabouts were appropriate traffic management options outside of heavy pedestrian areas such as the downtown cores, and would include enhanced pedestrian safety features.

"It's very clear that roundabouts are safer for

vehicular traffic," said at-large Coun. Mark Bentz. said. "I think what I'm hearing from the community is pedestrian safety. I think it's normal for the community to be nervous about a new piece of roadway like this."

It will cost about \$1 million to build, slightly more than planned upgrades to the intersection.



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LOCALNEWS



RESIDENTS UNHAPPY: Hydro One crews remove trees on Sunday along Walsh Street on Thunder Bay's south side.

Walsh Street residents angered at tree cutting

Hydro One removed dozens of mature trees from thoroughfare

THUNDER BAY

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

The removal of dozens of mature trees along Walsh Street came as a devastating surprise to residents along the south-side thoroughfare, who say they were given no warning of the dramatic change before Hydro One crews began topping the trees on

Jessica Matyczuk, who's lived on the street since childhood, sat by the 65-year-old tree in front of her house (though on city property) Saturday morning, sparing it the same fate as others on her block - at least temporarily.

She says a form letter received last month from Hydro One left the impression the company would be performing routine trimming, as has been done every few years since she's

"The letter didn't say anything different than normal," she says.

A copy of the letter reads, "Hydro One will top or trim a number of trees... and remove dead trees in a few locations throughout the corridor."

Instead, city trees on both sides of Walsh are set to be removed entirely along about two blocks of the street. just west of Edward Street.

Matyczuk said it's unclear why the minor trimming that has been done to protect the lines for decades was suddenly insufficient this year.

"It's just not right," she said. "They give us oxygen, they give us shade, they give us privacy.'

Another neighbour, who preferred to remain anonymous, also felt blindsided by the development.

"The whole

feel of our

neighbour-

hood has

changed."

JESSICA

MATYZCZUK

"The whole feel of our neighbourhood has changed," she said. We no longer have a tree-lined street. It is really devastating that they can do this."

"Some of the trees on the south side of the street are nowhere near the wires... Trimming the trees would have done the job on our side of the street.

Coun. Kristin Oliver, who represents Matyczuk's

Westfort ward, said she was made aware of the plan last week.

She wasn't aware its implications had not been fully communicated to residents, she said.

"I do see why the neighbourhood would be upset," she said Saturday. "I don't know where the communication train came off the tracks."

Still, she saw the removal as a sad but necessary move to protect energy lines along Walsh, which she said power the city's entire south side. Hydro One had cited concerns about sag lines along the street, she

"I don't think there was an alternative. I understand the need to protect the asset."

The city would be replanting the trees she said, and hoped that would involve more mature trees rather than saplings, to provide more immediate benefits to residents.

Matyczuk said planned to sit under the tree in front of her house as long as she could.

"I may be the 'crazy tree lady' sitting here, but I don't know - it was the

only thing [I could think of] just to come sit and send her some thank yous and sorrys of what's going to probably happen."

Hydro One had not responded to inquiries regarding the issue as of Sunday morning.

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Chamber asks feds for basic income pilot

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Charla Robinson and the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce are encouraging the federal government to consider launching a nationwide basic income pilot project.

The local chamber co-sponsored the policy with the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, which was passed this week at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's virtual annual general meeting.

"From the perspectives of our members, some of the great appeals of guaranteed basic income are that it could have the effect of streamlining a complicated welfare system and enhancing efforts to build a skilled workforce while injecting money into communities that gets spent overwhelmingly at local businesses," Robinson said in a release issued last Thursday.

Ontario's previous Liberal government instituted its own basic income pilot, launching it in four cities, including Thunder Bay.

But the Conservative government that followed cancelled the initiative.

At the time activists picketed outside Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Patty Hajdu's office, hoping the federal government would take over the project.

Hajdu, in November 2018, said social assistance programs were part of the provincial jurisdiction and not the responsibility of the federal government.

"I don't know if necessarily basic income is the right approach," Hajdu said two years ago, suggesting corporations could play a role by creating meaningful jobs.

That was pre-CoVID times.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce's proposal said a federal pilot project would provide evidencebased information for governments to help them understand if a guaranteed income is cost-effective, fiscally sustainable, changes the socio-economic outlook of recipients, their participation in the labour market or their uptake of training or education opportunities.

The Ontario plan, which was instituted in April 2018, enrolled more than 4,000 people in Thunder Bay, London and Hamilton. It provided up to \$16,989 for a single person, minus 50 per cent of earned income.

Couples got \$24,027, with the same caveat.

It was meant to be a three-year pilot project.

If the province won't step up, it's time to take it to a higher level of government, said Keanin Loomis, CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm thrilled that our colleagues agreed that the time is ripe for the CCC to have a position on one of the most topical and potentially transformational public policy proposals in our national discourse, guaranteed basic income," Loomis said.

"One could very easily see this as being a major issue in the next election."



BRING IT BACK: Proponents of the basic income project protest in 2018 at the constituency office of Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Patty Hajdu, asking for federal support.

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Masks may be mandatory, but TB Transit won't enforce rules

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne – TB Source

A passenger on Thunder Bay Transit has expressed concern about the lack of enforcement of the face mask policy on Thunder Bay Transit.

Since July 24, on instructions from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, transit has mandated that passengers wear face masks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The policy states that "customers are required to wear non-medical masks or face coverings before boarding a transit vehicle, even when physical distancing can be maintained."

At the front of the bus, a flashing sign reminds riders of the policy.

However, a passenger submitted a photo he took recently, which shows two individuals sitting close while neither is wearing a face covering. At least one of them has a mask, but in the photo it is pulled down beneath his chin.

Transit Manager Brad Loroff declined to comment Monday on the issue of enforcement, but pointed a reporter to an online list of Frequently Asked Questions about it.

The FAQ page clearly states that passengers are still allowed to board a bus without wearing a



RULES: Masks are required on Thunder Bay Transit buses in the COVID era.

mask, "but may be verbally reminded of the mandatory requirement."

It also states that transit "will not be enforcing the use of masks...We will remain focused on providing information to people."

In any case, there are several provisions for exemptions.

This includes children under two years old, children under five who refuse to wear a mask and can't be persuaded to do so by their caregiver, and individuals with medical conditions including breathing difficulties, cognitive difficulties, hearing or communication difficulties.

Remembrance Day to be scaled back

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Pemembrance Day will look a lot different this year – and it will also be a lot less crowded.

Organizers of the area's big three ceremonies have said they have significantly scaled back plans for Nov. 11 because of pandemic gathering restrictions imposed by the province that limit outdoor crowds to 25 or fewer people and indoor crowds to no more than 10.

The annual indoor ceremony at Fort William Gardens has been cancelled, with a much smaller outdoor event slated for the cenotaph at city hall.

Still happening

A smaller version of the event at Waverley Park will still be held in its usual spot, but only three wreaths will be laid during the ceremony, which normally involves members of the local military and police and hundreds of onlookers.

Instead the Silver Cross mother will lay the first wreath, along with two

The service on Mount McKay will also be a scaled back version, with those wishing to lay a wreath being asked to come on their own once the annual ceremony concludes.

Les Newman, president of Port Arthur Branch No. 5 Royal Canadian Legion, said the limitations left them with little or no choice if a ceremony was still to

"By the time we get the people who are required to deal with the wreaths and deal with the ceremony, there's no room left for the colour party, the wreath layers and such," Newman said on Thursday, standing in front of the cenotaph at Waverley Park.

"We're not having any sort of a parade. The military units, unfortunately, have been cut out all together. They will be conducting their own services within their own buildings."

The public is being discouraged from



SMALL EVENT: Ken Milenko at city hall. attending all three ceremonies.

"We appreciate that people want to pay their respects they want to come

watch the ceremony, but we also appreciate the fact they should be staying home, for their own safety, for our safety, for everyone's," Newman said.

"Hopefully next year we'll get back to something a little closer to normal and they'll come back and join us."

Despite the pandemic, all three organizers said it was important to recognize the sacrifices of the veterans who gave their lives, were injured in the call of duty or risked their own well-being in battle, especially in 2020, the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

It'll just be a little different than usual. "We feel it's important to still honour our veterans and our fallen soldiers even though we're in a pandemic," said Kateri Banning, an organizer of the Mount McKay event.

"They fought through far worse than what we are currently facing. We will be taking extra precautions in regards to health and safety such as requesting people attending wear masks even though it's outside and I don't think we're having the free luncheon this year but that may change."

The Gardens ceremony has been reduced to just six people, which isn't ideal, but was the best solution under the circumstances, said organizer Ken

No choice

"We made the definite right decision not to hold Remembrance during this COVID-19," he said. "However, it's really an important time for Royal Canadian Legion members and veterans all across the country. So we're going to observe Remembrance in our own way. Every branch across the country will observe their own form of remembrance, practicing social distancing and following guidelines."

Milenko said they'll lay a single wreath, read a brief prayer and play last post, hold a lament and play reveille.

Donations, in lieu of a poppy purchase, may be made to any Legion.



KEEPING WATCH: Police stand guard outside a Limbrick Street residence on Sunday night.

Two hospitalized in attack

By Leith Dunick -TB Source

A pair of Thunder Bay men face charges of aggravated assault and forcible confinement following an incident on Sunday

Thunder Bay Police, in a release issued on Monday, said the two suspects were observed covered in blood returning to a Limbrick Street residence.

Police arrived to check on their wellbeing and discovered the blood belonged to persons other than those they found inside the home.

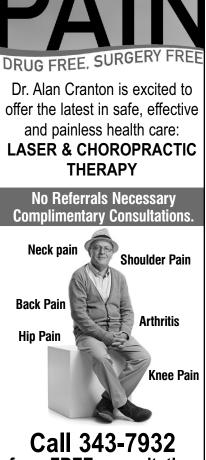
A search was conducted along Riverview

Drive and, with the assistance of the canine unit, two male victims were found and transported to hospital with serious

Loyal Abell Mckay, 25, of Thunder Bay, faces two counts of aggravated asault, assault and forcible confinement.

Albert Ray Sainnawap, 22, faces two counts of aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, assault, forcible confinement and breach of probation.

Both appeared in bail court on Monday. Sainnawap was remanded into custody and was back in court on Wednesday, while McKay was also sent to jail and is expected back in court on Monday.





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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Round and round we go

re roundabouts really all that necessary in Thunder Bay?

We're about to find out.

On Monday, city council gave the goahead to reconfigure the intersection at Edward Street and Redwood Avenue, removing the lights in favour of a traffic

It's an experiment worth watching.

Administration says it will cut down on collisions, which number about 16 since 2010.

It could be a cost-saver too.

The big concern is how will Thunder Bay drivers adjust? We're not so sure about that.

It should help with traffic flow, and that's an area the city has been seriously lacking in for decades.

But rather than spending a million dollars to revamp a perfectly good intersection, perhaps that money would be better spent figuring out a way to help traffic flow better throughout the city.

Too often late at night vehicles are idling at red lights, with no other traffic in sight.

Surely with all the artificial intelligence software out there someone has invented a system to help monitor traffic flow and switch lights from red to green a little more quickly when no other vehicles are around.

Solve that problem and this council could be re-elected forever.

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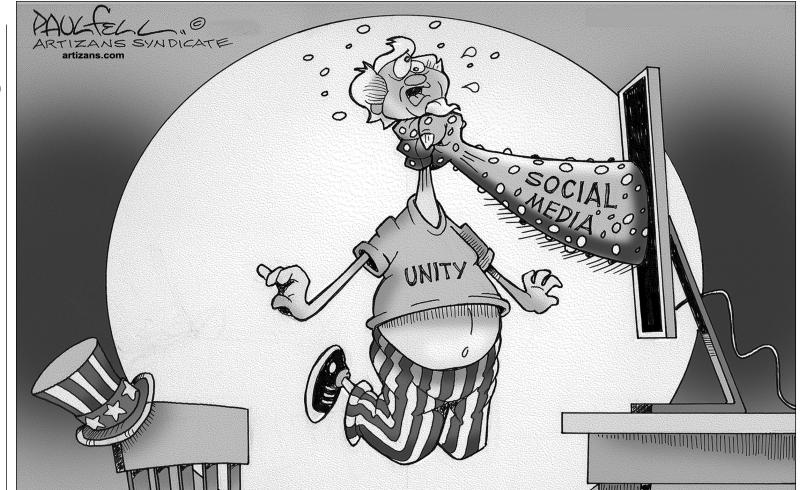
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Set a goal and make a plan

o My Money Lady readers: This time I wanted to ask you a question – something that I have discussed with readers many times through email.

ave you ever noticed how we encourage, support, and tell others to "go for it" yet we let fear hold us back and never take the advice we so freely give out? Why is it that we often don't apply the same encouragement to our own situations; or is it,

we just have trouble "practicing what we preach?"

By the time you reach your mid-fifties you have probably suffered greatly with either personal, financial or career chal-

Have you ever noticed how you can see the problems, or more

importantly the solutions for others due to our own life experiences; but often cannot recognize it for

Perhaps it is our own personal or perceived insecurities about how to address difficult decisions that many Canadians today are selling themselves short, especially when it comes to saving for retirement.

Yes, I know that life is expensive and there are a lot of demands on your wallet.

However, to become debt-free and wealthy the solution is very simple: set a goal, make a plan, work your plan, reassess your outcome and have the courage to make the necessary changes to achieve your goal.

Consistent determination is the only way people have improved their lives and become financially

successful. I meet people all the time that I am overwhelm-

ingly amazed at how they have overcome hardships, started a business (maybe failed more than once) and then triumphed to success.

I have helped clients who have lost everything after a divorce or career failure and have seen their unwavering desire to get back on

top and be successful again.

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I have clients that are in their 70s who have saved too much money to spend in retirement, who never made a large income during their working careers but simply saved consistently and lived below their

In contrast, I also have tried to help many people that look like they have it all on the outside with the fancy cars, expensive homes and clothing, yet underneath it all, they are racked in overwhelming debt and are facing a negative net worth situation. Money is emotional.

To save for retirement you can either make excuses why not to, or you can find a way to make life changes and sacrifices to ensure your independence and security as you age.

Remember that true success is not measured by material things that you have purchased, but instead should be defined by what you have overcome in your life. It is about how many times you got back up after you've been knocked down and never stopped trying to succeed to accomplish the things that other people said you could never do.

Take back your inner power and control. Refuse to settle for less and make sure you retire debt-free and wealthy.

> Good luck and best wishes, Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the bestselling book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" and a new book Don't Panic - How to Manage your **Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After** the Coronavirus" available at all bookstores across Canada. If you have a money question, please email on website: www.askthemoneylady.ca

Perspective

Clock is ticking

Ontario considering permanent Daylight Saving Time

OPINION By J.R. Shermack **Special to TB Source**

Many Canadians woke up last Sunday morning, glanced at their clock and smiled before they rolled over, closed their eyes and went back to sleep again.

Normally we just hit the snooze to gain a few more precious minutes of slumber but once a year in the fall we claim an extra full hour in our nice, warm beds.

This is our reward for surrendering another valuable hour of sleep every year in the spring when we obediently and somewhat reluctantly switch to Daylight Saving

This is best described by that aggravating cliché, "Spring forward, Fall back" which explains the seasonal, one hour adjustment to every clock in the house.

Nobody enjoys hauling themselves out of bed an hour early in the spring but somehow, that hour we gain in the fall makes us forget about all the complaining and grumbling.

And the extended daylight during the summer months is another benefit to those of us living near the western edge of the Eastern Time zone.

Visiting relatives are always amazed by the extended daylight hours in Northwestern Ontario as they enjoy long, sunny evenings with us on the deck all summer

We had no summer visitors this year but we still enjoyed the 11 pm sunsets - I look forward to summer solstice with family and friends again, possibly next year.

For now, Daylight Saving Time is also a reminder of the coming winter months and unfortunately moving our clocks will not keep the days from shortening.

We would like to call back summertime but we must endure the dark, frosty mornings and early nightfall and continue to adjust the time of day twice a year.

"The times

they are a-

changing."

BOB DYLAN

In spite of the endless summer evenings and the extra hour of sleep one morning each fall, time-shifting ceremony is getting a bit tedious for some clock watchers.

Once again I am inspired by the wisdom of poet and philosopher Bob Dylan who penned

the immortal phrase, "The times they are a-changing.'

And if things go according to plan this time around the times will be "a-changing" for good, at least on the faces of clocks in Ontario.

It all has to do with Bill 214 (2020) in the Ontario Legislature which proposes to end this somewhat annoying, mostly useless and some say even dangerous ritual.

The Time Amendment Act has already passed second reading and once it is finally enacted the province's clocks will be permanently set to Daylight Saving.

For better or worse, whether you like it or not the hour of sleep we just gained over the weekend may not have to be paid back when spring arrives.

According to MPP Jeremy Roberts who brought the bill forward, our semi-annual time shifting practice is doing more harm than good.

It has long been noted that the biannual time change can be linked

to a number of health issues, workplace injuries and traffic accidents.

Chronobiologists on the other hand claim that permanent Daylight Saving time will tamper with biorhythms and put us in a permanent state of jet lag.

A number of jurisdictions in North America are joining the conversation about switching to year-

round Daylight Saving Time

Bordering Provinces and States need to synchronize their clocks -Ontario won't change their time until Ouebec and New York do the

As for me, I don't plan to lose any sleep worrying about it - in fact, just the opposite.

Once Bill 214 is passed we all gain an extra hour of sleep every morning from that day on.

I hope it happens soon because I'm getting tired just thinking about



TV STAR: The Thunder Bay District Health Unit's Dan DePeuter on HBO's Last Week Tonight.

Health Unit gets Oliver treatment

By Leith Dunick -TB Source

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit's Dan DePeuter got a little love on Sunday night from none other than comedian John Oliver.

DePeuter, who has become the face of the health unit's light-hearted video series during the COVID-19 pandemic, was featured on the most recent episode of Last Week Tonight with John Oliver, in a segment entitled Public Officials Prepare Children for a COVID Halloween.

"Kids are itching to get their costumes on and rustle up a Grade A scare,"

DePeuter said, dressed up as Spiderman without the mask.

Others featured in the segment included the Oregon Health Authority, the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, the city of Dubuque, Iowa and the city of Virginia Beach.

DePeuter acknowledged the clip being played on the HBO show, with a tweet.

"Sometimes I'm featured on @LastWeekTonight with @iamjohnoliver. No big deal, just doing my super famous thang. In spandex," he wrote.

The health unit also tweeted a response, taking a playful shot at Ottawa Public Health for not being on the show.

A look back in history Victoria's Jubilee

Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, celebrated empirewide on June 22, 1897, resonated loudly in Thunder Bay. Everyone came out for a full day of parades and sports. Here Port Arthur men march past Crooks Drugs Store on South Cumberland



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LOCALNEWS

Bushby manslaughter trial begins

Accused pleads not guilty in death of Barbara Kentner

COURT By Karen Edwards – Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Crown in the Brayden Bushby manslaughter trial on Monday showed the court Barbara Kentner's statement to police in a video clip during the first day of the accused's manslaughter trial

In the video recording, Barbara Kentner, 34, can be seen and heard speaking to investigators with the Thunder Bay Police Service a few months later giving a statement about the Jan. 29, 2017 incident. Kentner died in hospital in July 2017. The police interview was conducted at Barbara's residence due to her health conditions.

police can be heard saying prior to the interview beginning.

Barbara can be heard speaking softly giving officers a recount of the incident. In the video, Barbara testifies she and her older sister, Melissa, were walking down Dease Street and heading to Melissa's son's house in the early morning hours of Jan. 29, 2017.

"We were walking down Dease Street and we were going to my nephew's place on the corner of Cameron and McKenzie and we were almost there and I was just past Dease Street on the corner... I felt something hard hit me," Barbara said in her statement. "I went straight to the ground and because it was windy out my sister said 'hurry up it's cold' and I said 'I just got hit by something"

Barbara's sister was walking ahead of her and turned around to pick up the object that had hit and bounced off her sister with her sweater sleeve, court heard

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"It was a trailer hitch," Barbara said, adding her sister then asked her where she was hit.

"Right across the stomach and I couldn't breathe and I fell to my knees and I looked at the car and seen some guy put his head out the window and said 'Yeah, I got one," Barbara said recounting the incident.

She saw the vehicle speed off and turn right on to Pruden Street.

All night, Barbara stated she couldn't breathe or sleep and asked her sister to take her to the hospital, but stated her sister wanted to shower and eat before going. The women put the trailer hitch into a plastic bag and called police once they were at the hospital. Court heard Barbara underwent surgery later in the day on Jan. 29, 2017.

Court also heard directly from Melissa Kentner, 40, on Monday, who was the first Crown witness to testify.

Melissa said she was Barbara's surety at the time and that Barbara was required

ON TRIAL: Brayden Bushy enters the Courthouse Hotel on Monday morning.

to be with her at all times. Melissa stated they were coming off Dease Street, walking against the road, when they noticed a vehicle coming towards them. Babara was walking behind her.

Shortly afterward, Melissa said she heard the sounds of a metal object hitting the ground and saw her sister bent over to her knees and complain about being hit in the stomach.

In the Crown's opening remarks, Crown attorney Andrew Sadler laid out their case against Bushby, stating the trial is about causation.

By pleading guilty to aggravated assault, Bushby admits he threw the trailer hitch at Kentner. Kentner suffered a perforated bowel as a result.

"There is no dispute Ms. Kentner had suffered significant health issues before she was struck by the trailer hitch," Sadler said, adding the surgeon also told Barbara her underlying liver issues put her at risk of death both from the trauma of the injury itself and the operation required to treat it.

The trial is expected to wrap up on Friday.

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TASTY TREAT: Prospector Burger Barn GM Andrew Elliott (left) gives United Way of Thunder Bay CEO Albert Brule a hamburger.

Novemburger returns

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

uring the inaugural Novemburger campaign, Damien Gilbert guesses he ate about 30 burgers throughout the month.

This year, he's aiming for 40.

Gilbert, a local photographer and videographer, and one of the ambassadors for the campaign, which supports the United Way of Thunder Bay, says it's a tasty way to help support a great cause, while trying out the burger offerings of 14 different restaurants.

"I'm a big burger fan," Gilbert said. "There are many great restaurants within Thunder Bay where you can get a burger, but everyone steps it up and it's for a good cause. It's nice to see.

Gilbert joked that of the 3,901 burgers sold, he figures he and his buddy Vince Mirabelli might have put a one per cent dent in the total.

They weren't the only burger connoisseurs making the rounds in 2019, the event raising about \$12,000, with sponsorships factored in.

"It's good that the community comes together and does something for a good cause. It was a bit of a competition involved with all the restaurants stepping up to outdo one another ... It's interesting when you walk into each restaurant to see what they do."

In Gilbert's mind, the perfect burger has balance.

That's the key, he said.

"They can be a little excessive, but it's fun."

Andrew Elliott, general manager at the Prospector Burger Barn on Memorial Avenue, said there was never any doubt they were going to take part in Round 2 of Novemburger, noting it's a great fundraiser and a chance to get some exposure for the restaurant too.

He's come up with the Maca-Peno 2.0.

"It's a revised burger that we've had in the past," he

said on Thursday, launching this year's campaign. "It's a wonderful, wonderful mac-and-cheese patty with a jalapeno cheddar and bacon and the beef patty on the burger that are all amazing. We put in fresh pickles and the jalapenos on there to help cut the richness of it, with the tomato as well, to round out the burger."

He said last year's event led to a steady stream of new customers, many of whom have stuck around as

Restaurants taking part and vying for the title of most burgers sold and Novemburger of the year include Apple Chipotle's*, Beefcake Burger Factory*, Bight Restaurant and Bar, Bonobos, Daytona's*, Java Hut, Mario's Bowl, Neebing Roadhouse*, Prospector Burger Barn*, Red Lion Smokehouse*, The Eddy*, The Foundry, The Sal* and The Silver Birch.

Albert Brule, chief executive officer at the United Way of Thunder Bay, said it's one of the most exciting campaigns that they do, adding it's even more important given the impacts of COVID-19 on other traditional fundraising events.

"It's obviously been a big challenge, not just for the United Way, but for so many charities. Our funds go in turn to support front-line agencies and support service providers that are helping meet the needs of those who have been hard hit by COVID-19," Brule said.

"The fact that we can do an event like this all throughout the month, at a socially safe distance – people can order takeout, and I'm planning to do some luncheons where I'm offering to deliver a burger to someone and then join them by Zoom – it's really kind of fun. We can support community, enjoy a delicious burger and support local business, all as part of one campaign."

Participants can get their passport stamped at each Platinum Double Stack Patty Burger location (marked with an asterisk) for a chance to win a \$25 gift card from all eight locations.

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The trick is choosing right colour lure



As anglers, we occasionally have those dream days when the fish seem to bite anything we put on our hook. More often, we have to try at least a few different colours to find the one that will trigger a fish to strike. So, how important is the colour of our bait or lure?

There is anecdotal evidence that picking the appropriate colour will, under certain conditions, improve our chances of attracting fish and triggering them to strike. This is especially true when the fish are not actively feeding or when water clarity is an issue.

What exactly do fish see? The first thing to consider is that the colour of our lure under water is almost always different from what we are looking at above the surface.

This is why fish will bite unnatural colours like chartreuse. In addition to seeing colours in a different way, a fish actually sees everything differently than we do. This is because a fish's eyes are set in the sides of his head and not in the front like ours.



ANIMAL ATTRACTION: Bright colours like yellow are favourites for anglers fishing in the dark waters of Northwestern Ontario lakes.

This means they do not have the same "binocular vision" as we do. Rather, their depth perception is extremely poor and most species will have a small blind spot when looking straight ahead.

Their retina, which is a different shape than ours, allows for some overlap and gives many fish excellent vision of close objects.

We can experience the effect of their

retina shape through a camera equipped with a "fish-eye" lens.

For fishermen, it is useful to understand that a fish will likely have trouble seeing our lure at a distance, although, depending on the species, their lateral line and sense of smell may help to make up for poor eyesight.

How does light affect a fish's ability to see?

Several things affect how much light penetrates the water: surface debris, current, wave activity, water clarity (suspended debris), and even the angle of the sun.

Keeping in mind that fish can see upwards as well as to the sides, it is good to know that the old adage "dark day, dark lure" holds some validity because, with less light reflected off the bottom, a dark lure will stand out, silhouetted against a light (as opposed to bright) background on cloudy days. If the water is stained or muddy, it makes sense to opt for a lure that is big, noisy, and bright to help the fish find it.

What colours do fish see best? Because the white light of the sun contains all colours, it is possible that fish may see a great variety of colours, just like we do.

However, not all the colours of the spectrum penetrate the water equally.

In clear water the coloured wavelengths of light will be absorbed one by one as you get deeper.

Red hues will disappear first, then oranges. In water approaching 100 feet deep, like we might find on Lake Superior, even yellow and green will fade away. However, in the in-land lakes most of us fish, water clarity will be a far bigger factor than depth in determining what a fish can actually see.

When it comes to catching more fish, understanding how and what fish see can be a great advantage. However, just because they can see something does not necessarily mean that they prefer to eat prey of that colour. To determine what colours actually work best on any particular gamefish, there is no substitute for experimenting and spending plenty of time on the water.



Bleak November weather has arrived



All Hallows Eve – gale-force winds. All Hallows Day, first of November, same thing. A friend on Facebook chimed that the November winds came early. Well, yes, by a day. But, here we are in what some would call the bleak month.

Actually, the landscape had been looking very Novemberish for a couple of weeks. Leaves gone, most of the tamarack trees on our property devoid of needles. While there is evidence of snow on the ground, most of it that came so early is also gone...for now. There are icy patches where we walk across the yard from our house to the barn but the warmer temperatures helped reduce their size and ability to cause sprained ankles or worse.

The full moon we saw in all its splen-

dour on Thursday night, the 29th.

Unfortunately, it was only in the early morning of Hallowe'en day that I spied a classic Hallowe'en moon just about to set in the west, shining eerily through swaying, bare branches as clouds drifted by. Actually the clouds were rushing by due to the blasting winds that roared around Casa Jones.

Since that first warning from Ol' Man Winter, now is the time to finish winterizing the property: removing the snow from the split wood I had retrieved from the bush, the balsam, spruce, jack pine, all dead, that allows for 'crackle, crackle' and gorgeous aromas when burnt in our fireplace.

Wood hunt

On my walks around our trails I timber cruise looking for standing-dead specimens ripe for felling, bucking, and bringing back home to be split and stacked.

There are lots. This wood however, burns hot and very fast so it is not ideal for the boiler in the basement.

I have 10 cords of mixed birch, black

ash, and the occasional piece of poplar to keep our 'hoosie' warm during the winter that came early this year, or so it seems.

Speaking of winter firewood: I drive our daughter Beth to her job at Conmee Township. Beth has a learners permit and is learning -finally! - to drive.

En route, we pass a house by the highway where an elderly couple have been bucking and splitting piles of firewood

They are out there every morning slogging away.

But what impresses the heck out of me is that I think they are working on their fourth or fifth 10-cord batch. I have seen pick-up trucks loading firewood so I figure that it is safe to assume that this couple in their senior years have a firewood business. Good for them!

I am especially impressed that this gentleman can keep at it cord after cord while I was sore and tuckered out after processing just ten cords. Talk about staying power.

Also in my travels I have seen several yards with newly arrived ten-cord deliv-

eries of birch firewood. When I see that a second ten-cord delivery has been made, I suspect that the heating mechanism is one of those outdoor stoves, the kind where you can throw in four-foot lengths. Two of our neighbours living up the road actually buck and split the wood they feed into their outdoor stoves.

I asked one of them why he went to all that trouble. "You should let the wood dry a bit or else you are just throwing in green wood and then boiling the water in the wood.

Double the effort

Very inefficient. You need twice the amount of wood to get the same amount of heat."

The chipmunks we spied skittering around in our barn (cute wee things) we suspect have gone into hibernation. Nary a sight of them these past few days.

The sunflower seeds I've been putting out for the jays, both blue and occasionally grey, the sparrows, and the junkos, are rapidly disappearing. I have seen a red squirrel sneaking from our tool shed to the picnic table where I lay out the

seeds.

We won a bird feeder last year at our local township Christmas Tea. That now hangs from a branch on one of our crabapple trees and the small flitty-feathered chirpers like it since they don't have to compete with the jays.

With the forecast of possible warmer temperatures, my wife, Laura, jokingly I think, threatened to do more gardening.

She keeps returning from her place of work with the trunk of the car or the back seat of the truck filled with cardboard. Then we cart it all into the vegetable garden where she lays in down on the aisles between the raised beds.

On top of the cardboard, she shovels wood chips all in the hopes of preventing weeds from growing next summer. "Is this what you meant by 'doing more gardening'?" I ask. Apparently it did.

So, we 'fell back' Sunday with our clocks and a supposedly extra hour of sleep. Now the red of poppies appear to signify our remembrance of those who died in war and Col. John MacCrea's poem will be recited throughout the land for those who remember this November.

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NEW FORMAT: The Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser will be a take-out affair, scheduled for Saturday at the Moose Hall.

Empty Bowls carries on in COVID

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source staff

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, the Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraising activities are moving forward next month.

According to a release, this year's Empty Bowls Caring Hearts event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Moose Hall.

Ticket holders will pick up their hand-made bowl between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Moose Hall parking lot, take it home and fill it with soup themselves.

Since a regular dinner cannot be held this year, organizers are asking members of the community to purchase a ticket and share the meal with others in the community through the efforts of Shelter House Thunder Bay and the Thunder Bay Food Bank.

The event organizers are hoping to raise \$14,000.

"It was not possible to host a sit-down dinner this year, but we know the need is great and the group decided something could be done," said event co-chair Jay Stapleton, in a release.

"Thanks to the efforts of the Thunder Bay Potters' Guild and the local community of potters, we have some amazing empty bowls."

The idea for this empty bowls experience was brought forward by Pyteke Blauuw, one of the event founders.

Leading up to the event, organizers will be sharing ideas on how ticket holders can fill their bowls, through email and social media. Some of these ideas include recipes, a "cook along with" video as well as highlighting local vendors who will be featuring an Empty Bowl soup for purchase on the weekend of the event.

Ticket sales have launched and can be purchased online through the Empty Bowls Caring Hearts website or by calling the Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship at 344-5980.

Brides of the bathtub murders

The Drowning Girls marks the return to the indoor stage for Magnus Theatre after COVID

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Prace yourself. Because this chilling true story is brought to vivid ghostly life on a Magnus stage just as the dull light of November fades, and shadows deepen toward a rapid plunge into darkest night. We want to relax, feel warm. Perhaps a nice hot bath? Surely this will set everything aright.

At the turn of last century in England, courtship followed by a solid marriage was regarded as a woman's finest achievement. Truth be told, that George Joseph Smith is rather attractive; even if he does have a rakish look in one of the photos (Wikipedia). And women do like a smoothly confident man, don't they. Another quality of course is sincerity. Most women can spot this within moments of meeting a man.

And yet! *The Drowning Girls* is no tale. No, Missus. No sir; or whatever name it is you are using these days. No, the sinister story of swindler-become-serial-killer is true. I say the only way to discover what really happened is to speak directly with some of his brides. From "the other side." Come with me.

Oh look! Here's Margaret (played by actor Sarah Mendek). In terms of the time between the signing of nuptial papers and her death, hers is a short span indeed. She's also her killer's last victim, before he's caught.

"The first time I met him, he sat beside me; we started talking. I really liked that he listened. Qualities? He was very kind. And practical. Seemed to be very reasonable. I quite appreciated that."

Close by, we hear a sensuous sigh as Alice remembers her husband's attentions, particularly in her boudoir-and-bath. Actor Olivia McInnis as Alice seems near to swooning. "What do I like?" Her eyelids flutter. "I look for a strong man...a big man. To over-power me, oh yes!"

Bessie, played by Hanna Laaksonen, is George's first kill, but it's not her first go-round in marriage with him. Pardon me, what?

"I was in love. With love. I believe in the fairy tale of Prince Charming, and that love conquers all. I believe in forgiving and forgetting."

I ask if she still loves the man, even now. Her instant "why, yes!" sends an icy shiver down the spine.

Despite the macabre story he and his talented all-local cast are presenting, artistic director Thom Currie is happy to be able to move indoors following the overwhelming success of Magnus' first 2020 show A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline, which took place out-of-doors due to the protocols around Covid. But, now it's November. Currie emphasizes all protocols are again in place to ensure everything remains safe for the audience, cast and crew: a nightly audience limit of 50, around a newly-figured central tableau stage; masks required. On-stage no actor is ever in close proximity to another.

And yet! What could be more intimate than to draw near, watch and eavesdrop as *The Drowning Girls* luxuriate in their baths-from-beyond. "I'm guessing, and perhaps despite our desire for comedy-and-light right about now, people will embrace our chilling production with their typical enthusiasm for great live theatre in the Lakehead!"

The Drowning Girls: opens Nov.12 and play to Nov.28. Book your seats today.



MACABRE MARRIAGES: The Drowning Girls opens at Magnus Theatre, with crowds limited to 50, starting on Nov. 12.



SPOOKY FLICK: Wunmi Mosaku and Sope Dirisu star in Netflix's His House, the story of refugees who encounter the supernatural in their new home.



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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "If mankind had wished for what is right, they might have had it long ago." - William Hazlitt

His House haunting

For those who are still game for some post-Halloween horror indulgence, *His House* (Netflix) offers an interesting twist on the haunted house genre, refreshingly realized through the prism of the refugee experience.

Bol (Sope Dirisu) and Rial (Wunmi Mosaku) Majur are a couple having fled the horrors of bloody civil war in Sudan. They barely survive an ocean crossing, where they lose their young daughter after their vessel capsizes.

Initially detained in Britain's immigration system, they are relieved to learn they won't be deported, but the cold-blooded processing agents list them as 'asylum seekers,' essentially putting them on probation.

They are granted a residential council house in a low-rent suburb, but it's burdened with a host of restrictions, as rambled off by Mark, (Matt Smith) a scruffy, aloof case worker, who



expresses envy at the spaciousness of the flat, barely apologetic about failing to clean the place, and oblivious to its otherwise rundown state, with trash strewn inside and out, paint peeling off the walls, light switches

flickering inconsistently, and vermin roistering inside the

Bol and Rial realize that they may have exchanged one kind of nightmare for another.

One such restriction is that they cannot move from the flat, a constraint that has foreboding implications.

Life isn't that much more inviting outside either as interaction with the locals range from arms-length generosity and distilled compassion to edgy indifference to juvenile cruelty.

Then disquieting things start happening in the flat. They begin hearing voices murmuring within the walls, threatening, knife-wielding apparitions suddenly appear in crevasses, some visions include their daughter.

What becomes unsettling is how the incidents begin to foment discord between Bol and Rial.

Rial sees the manifestations as the presence of a witch looking to vanguish past offenses.

Bol rejects the cultural superstitions. He desperately wants to stay and fit in, likening himself to the white male images he sees on the walls of a clothing store. But their belief in each other is crumbling.

The visions and bumps in the night escalate to the point that Bol smashes holes in the walls to challenge the ghosts.

The cratered walls and spooky tales are dimly viewed by Mark and his bureaucratic confederates. An ominous 'review' is in the offing.

Then director Remi Weekes throws another twist in flashback, an amplification of opening scenes, one that forces a credible reconsideration of the couple, their escape from the Sudan, and source of their torment.

Weekes capably blends the traditional supernatural elements with the experience of a fearful immigrant couple twisting at the hands of an uncaring, intimidating bureaucracy and alienated from a callous society.

The flat's still, dark atmosphere heightens their sense of isolation, entrapment.

The movie's strength comes from the two convincing leads. Wasaku's Rial is dealing with buried pain, having lost her family, grappling with cultural influences.

For Dirisu's Bol, he outright rejects going back, often teetering between manic laughter and fearful tears. "This is my house," he declares.

In *His House*, horror manifests itself in many different ways.

Propaganda war fought on all sides

t this time of year, we spend much Hime thinking about past battles and those that were lost. Everyone on both sides - were fighting for a

Years ago, when I travelled to Israel, I visited Vad Yashem, the World Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. One portion focuses on the propaganda that the Nazis used to justify and disguise their activities to German citizens. It was a part of history I never understood in history class.

I couldn't fathom how the German people could be so easily misled by their government. That is, until I entered that overwhelming room of unending propaganda and lies.

Propaganda: The Art of Selling Lies, a documentary by Larry Weinstein (Canadian, no relation to #MeToo) explains why it works. And why what is happening today is no different than



in WWII.

But instead of radio broadcasts and posters, these days we're dealing with tweet-storms, TV interviews, editorials from left- and right-slanted columnists and even the false online advertisements from other countries.

We are dealing with modernized propaganda. And the war being waged, is on the truth.

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Propaganda has always been defined as a calculated attack on the complexity of other people's minds. Put simply, it's political brainwashing: getting others to submit without consciously realizing they are submit-

It does so in two steps. First, it oversimplifies complex ideas. They're either good or bad. There's no context and therefore, no room for grey areas.

Trump is the king of over-simplifi-

Consequently, he's easy to understand even if he's wrong. After all, we are a headline society. We prefer catchy one-liners that we can repeat instead of in-depth, thoughtful analysis of the different sides of an issue.

The second step was best explained by President George W. Bush. He said that politics is a business where you have to "repeat something over and over again for the truth to sink in."

That's why the Republican Party will share simplified catch phrases about a subject internally and then in interviews repeat them verbatim.

Over and over, the public will hear it until that "truth" sinks in regardless of the facts.

For example, last year's impeachment inquiry has been repeatedly called an "unfair, secretive process.

Yet, many Republicans were allowed in the room for the depositions which were then summarized

and released to the public anyway. These hearings simply decided if a

public trial was, in fact, required. And these so-called unfair rules being followed were actually set out by Republicans.

But that's more detail than the propaganda machine allows.

So the public, who doesn't have time for detailed analysis, is instead left

"unfair, secretive with

Propaganda weaponizes the media - for good and for bad. So it seems that Trump was right. The media is the enemy of the people. It's also their

saviour. And because of what we once learned of its use in war, today's propaganda isn't going anywhere.

Especially since according to the late Edward Bernays, the father of public relations, "The best defence against propaganda: more propaganda.3

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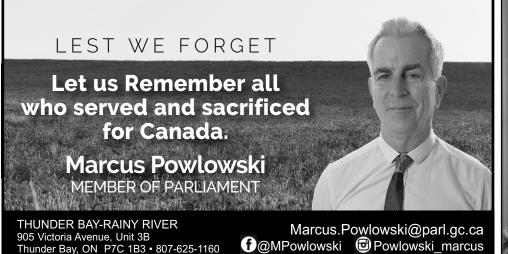
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Hackner rebounds, improves to 3-1

Three in the third and a steal of two more delivers win

CURLING By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Coming off a lopsided loss last week to Krista McCarville, Al Hackner was bound and determined to find his way back into the win column.

He barely broke a sweat getting there on Wednesday night.

The 66-year-old skip broke open a 2-2 match with three in the third, then stole two more in the fourth and went on to down fellow senior Mike Desilets 11-4 in Week 4 action in Tbaytel Men's Major League of Curling play at the Port Arthur Curling Club.

The shorthanded Hackner squad, playing without two of its regular members, improved to 3-1 on the season and he said it was great to get the bounce-back win in the books.

"It was a big win for us. It is one of the better teams in the league and we didn't want to go to 2-2," Hackner said. "We played the first four games without our regular third and our regular second. So to come out of this 3-1, we'll take that."

It was a couple of half misses by Desilets team in the third that proved to be the difference.

"We were able to capitalize and I made a really good shot with my last one for the three. I could have missed it and they'd have stolen one," Hackner said.

"I shaved the other rock and everything stayed for the three. In the next end, our third made a really good hitand-roll to the button and we were



BACK TO THE WIN COLUMN: Former world champion Al Hackner releases a shot last Wednesday at the Port Arthur Curling Club

sitting with a couple rocks on the button point in Morissette's match came in the

and back-four, guarded. They had to make really good draws to the edge of the button to do it. They came close, but when those two rocks are that close to the button, it's hard to outdraw them."

Only two teams are ahead of Hackner in the standings.

Dylan Johnston improved to 4-0 with a 6-2 win over Dallas Burgess (0-4), while veteran Frank Morissette (3-0) scored

"It was a big win for us." AL HACKNER

fifth, when he threaded the

needle on his final stone, removing shot rock and sticking around to score three, turning a 2-1 game into the start of a rout.

The skip, who played in the 1976 Brier with Calgary's Wayne Sokolosky's team, said they're not taking anything for granted, despite the strong early run.

"It's only just begun. We a 9-2 win over Gary Weiss. The turning played three games and we've won three games. We're off to a good start, so hopefully that will continue," Morissette said.

"There are a lot of games left, so we just have to keep playing well and it should be close in every game. We're just throwing the rock well. It's the beginning of the year, but we're all playing decently well."

He's not alone.

McCarville, who is using the Major League of Curling season to stay sharp for a possible Scotties invite, captured her second straight match, scoring three in the fifth to pull away from the Bryan

STANDINGS Rink Dylan Johnston Frank Morissette Krista McCarville Al Hackner **Bryan Burgess** Jonathan Vellinga Ben Mikkelson Trevor Bonot Mike Desilets Mike Pozihun Gary Weiss Mike McCarville **Britney Malette** Dallas Burgess

Burgess rink, doubling them 8-4 to jump to 3-1 and a tie for third with Hackner.

She said they used a cautious playbook in their first appearance at Port Arthur Curling club this season.

"We felt like we wanted to play a little bit more defensive, than traditionally playing a little more offensive. But when we have the opportunity to go, we have to go, and in that one end we did have the opportunity," McCarville said.

"We had a short run-back. If I made it perfect I would have gotten four, but three is pretty nice too."

It was the first loss for Burgess, who fell to 2-1.

In other action, Mike McCarville had steals in the third, sixth and seventh ends to put away Britney Malette 6-2, handing his opponent her third loss in three outings. It was the first win for McCarville, who improved to 1-2.

Mike Pozihun (1-2) stole singles in the seventh and eighth ends to edge Ben Mikkelson 8-6, handing Mikkelson (2-2) his second straight loss.

Athletes like Nicklaus and Orr shouldn't just 'stick to sports'

'll admit, when I saw Jack Nicklaus' endsorsement in support of U.S.

President Donald Trump, it stung a little. OK, a lot.

The following day, Bobby Orr took out an ad in a New Hampshire newspaper encouraging people to vote for Trump.

And hall-of-fame quarterback Brett Favre also backed the incumbent.

After the initial shock, I started thinking about it a little more. Trump is not my cup of tea. I wouldn't vote for the guy if you had a gun to my head. But all three athletes have a right to

SPORTS SHORTS

their polticial opinion, LEITH

and should not be villified for expressing it, as distasteful as it might be for many of their long-time fans.

Like Trump or not, about 45 per cent of

the American public back the man and his policies. Roughly speaking, that means one out of every two athletes on every team, in every sport, statistically speaking, should be expected to back the president at the ballot box.

Now, that's oversimplifying things a bit, not taking into consideration demographics, which suggest Black voters overwhelmingly support challenger Joe

Given the makeup of leagues like the NFL and NBA, it suggests there might be more support for Biden. Trump may be more popular in major league baseball, which is about two-thirds White. Guys like Tevor Bauer is unabashed in his support of right-wing causes, much like Curt Schilling, whose hall-of-fame bid is most certainly being derailed by his attatchment to conservatism.

My Twitter timeline is filled with celebrities, from Alyssa Milano to rapper Eminem supporting Biden. Musicians like Rage Against the Machine's Tom Morello and The Boss himself, Bruce Springsteen, have been vehemently outspoken against Trump and his government.

Lil Wayne? Guess what, he supported Donald Trump. So did Kid Rock, but really, I think we've all known that for quite a long time.

I think it boils down to the fact we want to think our heroes think like we do.

Guess what? Often they don't. Some of the sports writers I follow

were quick to joke last week that they hoped no one asked Wayne Gretzky or Tiger Woods about who they planned to support in the U.S. election.

Nicklaus, Orr and Favre made a decision to speak out. It will likely cost them thousands of fans in a divided nation like the United States, sentiments which have crept into Canada and around the world.

In the end, it's their choice. Trump is a polarizing figure, whose inner circle has embraced the support of white supremacists. Hopefully athletes are thinking with their wallets and don't hold similar beliefs.

sports **NEWS**

Ski season opens early

Halloween start as early as Mount Baldy owners can remember

SKIING By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Skiers and snowboarders got an unusually early start to the season when Mount Baldy Ski Resort opened its first run in time for Halloween Saturday.

The hill was bustling Sunday, with residents happy to make up for lost time after last year's season was cut short in March.

Co-owner Dan Kardas, a lifelong skier, said it's the earliest start to the local season that he can recall.

"I think a lot of people just wanted to say, 'I skied in October!'" he said. "I'm pretty sure this is a record for us at Mount Baldy, never mind Thunder Bay.'

The resort's snow guns had fared well even in sometimes relatively warm weather, he said, with a second run nearly ready to open.

A forecast that includes temperatures in the double digits later this week wouldn't slow progress too much, he anticipated.

"I'm not too worried about it on the

mountain here with the wind," he said. "We have a really good base, around three to four feet right now."

Those on the slopes Sunday called it welcome opportunity for outdoor activity and safe socializing, as COVID-19 restrictions prevent many other usual activities.

"Especially for some people that haven't been able to get out of the house, it's definitely nice to be able to ski and get to see your friends," said Clark Venn, who was hitting the terrain park with

The trio agreed the experience was barely affected by COVID-19 precautions in place, which include mandatory masking inside the chalet and when lining up for the park's grip tow (chairlifts at the hill will not yet be operational this year).

Erin Moir, skiing with daughter Norah, agreed, saying it was a small adjustment - and a small price to pay for a shot at winter recreation.

"We'll just have to get used to it, right? Because we want to be doing this."

Kardas said the current goal is to open for weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As conditions allow for an expansion to full hours, updates can be found at the hill's website or on social media.



PLAY TIME: Carson Gorst (left) and Kyle Swerhun take a draw during the Kam River Fighting Walleye camp in September.

SIJHL to resume play

Junior A circuit to commence an exhibition season this Friday

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

he Superior International Junior Hockey League has been given the go-ahead to start playing competitive games, although the regular season remains on hold indefinitely.

The league on Monday announced its exhibition schedule will begin on Friday night, when the defending champion Thunder Bay North Stars head to the Norwest Arena in Stanley to take on the expansion Kam River Fighting Walleye at 8 p.m., opening the eight-game, newly launched Teleco Cup.

The two teams will play again on Saturday night.

The Red Lake Miners, Dryden Ice Dogs and Fort Frances Lakers will also take part in an interlocking schedule, part of the modified return-to-play plan given the OK by Hockey Northwestern Ontario, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the Northwestern Health

The Miners and Ice Dogs will kick off their exhibition season on Nov. 13 at too-be-determined location.

"It's great to be able to shift the focus for our league back where it belongs - on the ice. We certainly want to thank Hockey Northwestern Ontario for their advocacy and leadership to get us to this point, and we remain unified in our commitment to a safe return to hockey," said SIJHL commissioner Darin Nicholas in a release.

The league still faces plenty of challenges as it moves forward, including facility access and the availability to host games.

The seven-team circuit's two American-based teams, the Wisconsin Lumberjacks and Thief River Falls Norskies, will not take part at the present time, faced with the continued closure of the Canadian border to non-essential

Nicholas said they are taking a wait-and-see approach when it comes to the start of the SIJHL's regular season.

"While we are cleared to begin competition from a regulatory body standpoint, we still have some teams facing significant challenges with facility access and availability to host games. It is just not reasonable to expect a team to

SIJHL'S EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 6

Thunder Bay vs. Kam River, 8 p.m. (Norwest) Saturday, Nov. 7

Kam River vs. Thunder Bay, 8 p.m. (Norwest)

Friday, Nov. 13

Kam River vs. Thunder Bay, 8 p.m. (Norwest) Red Lake vs. Dryden (TBD)

Saturday, Nov. 14

Thunder Bay at Thunder Bay, 8 p.m. (Norwest) Red Lake vs. Dryden (TBD)

Friday, Nov. 27

Thunder Bay at Kam River, 8 p.m. (Norwest)

Satuday, Nov. 28

Kam River at Thunder Bay, 8 p.m. (Norwest) Red Lake vs. Fort Frances (TBD)

Sunday, Nov. 29

Red Lake vs. Fort Frances (TBD)

Friday, Dec. 4

Thunder Bay at Kam River, 8 p.m. (Norwest) Saturday, Dec. 5

Kam River vs. Thunder Bay, 8 p.m. (Norwest)

Sunday, Dec. 13

Dryden vs. Fort Frances (TBD)

Monday, Dec. 14

Dryden vs. Fort Frances (TBD)

start their schedule on the road indefinitely," Nicholas said.

The league is also required to change a few things on the ice, which the pre-season games will allow players and officials to adjust to until the regular season can begin or public health requirements change.

"Our on-ice product will need to be modified under present restrictions to minimize physical contact. As such, this is creating a bit of uncertainty as to how our games will look. So not only will an exhibition window afford the league some much-needed time to sort through the various facility issues, but it will also allow our players, coaches and officials to get accustomed to our in-game modifications before points start counting in the standings," Nicholas said.

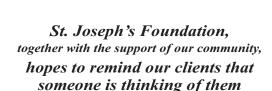
The league had initially targeted a Nov. 14 start date.











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