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# Fire claims life

Machar Avenue tragedy leads to death of a man and a dog inside the residence early Sunday morning /3



TRAGIC INCIDENT: Thunder Bay Police guard the scene at a Machar Avenue residence on Sunday where a fire took the life of one person. The fire marshal is investigating.

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# LOCAL NEWS



IAN KAUFMAN

**FATALITY:** A fire claimed the life of a man on Sunday after it tore through a Machar Avenue home.

# Fire marshal called in after fatal blaze

## A man and a dog killed in a deadly Machar Avenue fire

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

The cause of a weekend fire that claimed the life of one man and a dog, and sent one woman to hospital is under investigation by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue Crews responded to a structural fire at a Machar Avenue residence just after 3 a.m. Sunday morning.

Heavy smoke was found inside the building and two occupants were removed from the home and transported to hospital.

The man was without vital signs when he was located inside the residence and he was later pronounced dead.

A woman also found inside remains in hospital in critical care. Another occupant on the second floor is said to have self-evacuated. A dog was also found inside the home and despite efforts to revive it by firefighters, it did not survive.

According to Chris Ter Stege, fire investigator with the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, the investigation is underway and began with a thorough search of the two floors and basement at the residence.

"We identified a fire that originated on the first floor, specifically in the living room," Ter Stege said. "Once that fire propagated within that room, smoke went throughout and migrated to all the bedrooms and all adjacent rooms to

the living room."

The man and woman were located in the common area of the first floor and Ter Stege said it appears they may have been trying to escape the home.

"We know where the area started for the fire, but right now we are looking at potential ignition sources," Ter Stege said. "I have taken samples and done some testing on site but we will have to do more testing back at the lab with the Centre of Forensic Sciences. Once we get those results back, we can make a more clear determination in how this fire initiated."

Those results could take some time, Ter Stege added. A post-mortem is also being scheduled for the male victim.

At this time, Ter Stege said there is nothing suspicious about the fire, but the investigation is ongoing.

The home did have smoke alarms and one on the second floor was heard when firefighters arrived, but Ter Stege said it is not determined if one on the first floor was working.

"There were smoke alarms on every single floor. Whether they were working or not, there was

evidence of them sounding, but that is another aspect we will be looking into," he said.

"Not having a working smoke alarm in your house is one of the leading causes of fire deaths in the province of Ontario. Having a working smoke alarm is so important because as soon as that alarm sounds, you have less than three minutes to get out of the house."

**"... right now we are looking at potential ignition sources."**  
**CHRIS TER STEGE**

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## LOCALNEWS

# Hospital fire leads to review

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Gary Rinne – TB Source

A patient who set a mattress on fire Saturday in the Emergency Department of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre was the only individual who required treatment.

The patient suffered burns, but the extent of his injuries has not been released.

So far there is no confirmation as to the nature of any criminal charges that may have been laid in the case.

The incident occurred in a seclusion room within the patient treatment area of the ED.

Hospital spokesperson Tracie Smith says hospital staff members reacted immediately after spotting the fire about 5:30 p.m.

“A front-line nurse noticed what was happening and responded very quickly with a fire extinguisher, and the fire was put out quite quickly,” Smith told TbnnewsWatch in an interview Monday.

Thunder Bay firefighters arrived soon after, and deployed pressure blowers to remove smoke from the emergency department.

Staff had already evacuated some treatment zones.

“There are several separate areas in the emergency department, so patients who were in two of the areas were moved into a third

area or into the waiting area for a period of about one hour,” Smith explained.

After an air quality test showed that no carbon monoxide was present, the patients were returned to their beds.

Smith said this is the first time the hospital has experienced this kind of incident, but protocols for handling an emergency situation were followed correctly.

“We had a really effective action taken, not only by internal staff, which was phenomenal, but also our external partners, in this case Thunder Bay Fire Rescue.”

Despite the fact that proper procedures were adhered to, Smith said the incident will result in a review.

“Every time and any time an incident is experienced, it provides an opportunity to review, and see whether there are opportunities for learning in order to prevent a similar occurrence,” she

said. Smith said such reviews always include the appropriateness of established security measures.

A spokesperson for the fire department said Thunder Bay Fire Rescue has not been made aware of how the fire was started.

TBRHSC’s emergency department, already one of the busiest in Canada, has been even busier than usual lately.



TRACIE SMITH

# Person hurt in fire

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A person was rushed to hospital with undetermined injuries and all tenants were evacuated after a fire broke out at a Bertrand Court apartment.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue say they received a call at approximately 4:20 a.m. on Tuesday, reporting heavy smoke in the main hallway of the Court Street complex.

Upon arrival, residents were already evacuating the building.

An aggressive interior attack was begun, a hose threaded through the hallway to an apartment unit that was fully involved in fire.

Efforts were complicated by evacuating tenants making their way through the hallway.

After additional crews arrived to help with evacuation efforts, firefighters were able to extinguish the fire in quick fashion and used positive pressure ventilation techniques to exhaust the heavy smoke that filled the hallways.

The victim’s status remains



LEITH DUNICK

**DAMAGE:** The charred remains of a couch were tossed outside after the fire.

unknown at the time and Thunder Bay Fire Rescue remains on scene to determine the cause of the fire.

TBFR say business owners and residents are reminded of the

importance of having working smoke detectors as an early alert for building occupants.

A fire destroyed an apartment at Bertrand Court in November 2016.

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LOCALNEWS

# Council faces \$1.5M-overpass decision

City must decide if it should make repairs or tear span down

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

A familiar landmark faces an uncertain future as city council debates the fate of the pedestrian overpass at Marina Park. Coun. Aldo Ruberto wants to get rid of the aging structure, but without a ready alternative, others were hesitant to remove a major entrance to Prince Arthur's Landing.

City engineering warned council the bridge, opened in 1994, is in need of imminent structural repairs within the year, with an estimated total cost of \$1.5 million. Administration said the bridge has experienced significant corrosion and section loss, which has already necessitated some emergency repairs. The need for the work has been known for several years, but funding for the project was deferred in previous budgets.

Coun. Ruberto preferred taking the bridge down for good to avoid the \$1.5 million bill to repair it. He says the aging facility makes a bad impression on visitors to the city, and many residents avoid it.

Councillors including Brian Hamilton and Andrew Foulds raised concerns about potential impacts on

access to waterfront events and to downtown businesses, should it be taken down. Foulds said he's spoken to a number of nearby business owners who see the pedestrian overpass as an important connection. Ruberto countered that with three other entrances to the park, access is not a major issue.

The possibility of creating a ground-level entrance at Red River Road was discussed by several councillors. Kayla Dixon, Director of Engineering and Operations for the city, said that would have to be negotiated with CN Rail. She believes the company may well be open to the possibility, but would likely ask the city to close down the nearby Camelot Street entrance if another was opened.

Most councillors seemed supportive of a level crossing at Red River, but administration emphasized that negotiations with CN – as well as construction work – for the project would likely take years. Foulds was hesitant to rely on the company as a negotiating partner.

In the end, council directed administration to report back with more information on options for the bridge. That came after a reassurance from engineering that the facility is at least safe to stay open through the summer. But council will have to make a decision in the coming months on the facility.



**COSTLY FIX:** The Marina Park pedestrian overpass is facing more than \$1.5 million in repairs, should council choose to keep it.

DOUG DACZYK

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Keep traffic lights green

The City of Thunder Bay needs to take a long, hard look at its traffic-light system. It's beyond ridiculous at this point.

Many larger cities in Canada, including Halifax, have instituted a flashing-light system in the later evening and overnight, when traffic is light.

Instead of idling at an endless parade of lights for a minute or more at a time, most intersections have become four-way stops.

In Thunder Bay, not only do the lights continue to operate day in and day out, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in most cases, but often the left-hand turn signals are left on permanently too.

A new left-hand turn signal at the intersection of James Street and Victoria Avenue does not need to be operational at midnight.

The same goes for the left-hand turn lights at Isabel Street and Memorial Avenue. It functions, whether there is a vehicle waiting to turn or not.

There are countless other examples like this throughout Thunder Bay. Why not set up sensors and keep lights green on more heavily travelled roads, except at busy intersections, and only turn them red when cars arrive traveling on the less busy perpendicular route. It works in Moncton, N.B.

For a city that deemed it necessary to declare a climate emergency, it would be a great way to help cut greenhouse gas emissions and maybe eliminate the need for a red-light camera system altogether.

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### Clashing decisions

To the editor:

It was interesting to read that our city council has just declared a climate emergency in order to fight climate change.

Yet shortly it will be forcing every long haul trucker traveling east or west to use additional fuel thereby adding to Canada's climate problem. If climate action in planning is to be treated as a serious obligation, then our council has a moral responsibility to cancel the bylaw.

Fred Johnson,  
Thunder Bay

### We're in hockey hell

To the editor:

My child at the age of eight started single A hockey as a second year novice player. Throughout the years many good memories and friendships were made that will last a lifetime.

Stellar team building skills were learned, dedication and commitment and the ability to work together as a team was achieved.

Coaches on the bench and parents in the stands watched every pass and every play all of which brought excitement, joy and happiness to all. The past two years, however since starting the midget division, has brought nothing but disappointment and tears to the eyes of a child.

The following is a note coming from the player

"I used to absolutely love playing hockey, the excitement I got from stepping onto that ice was amazing, the rush of adrenaline as I picked up that puck was enough to keep me going for the entire game.

"But in recent years I've noticed that the sport just doesn't seem as enjoyable as it used to be, everybody began caring about whether their team was winning or

losing, especially the coaches, it seems as though they've neglected the fact that some people use this sport as an outlet, as a way to escape their everyday lives and struggles....a form of antidepressant if you will.

"I am one of those people, hockey used to make me so happy. But now, what used to be the best moment of my day, has become the part I dread most.

"Before a game I always wonder: should I still play hockey? I'm not happy when I play anymore, all of this criticism has made me feel weak and small, even though when I was on that ice beforehand, I felt so fearless, as if nothing

could stand in my way. Maybe I should just quit?

"It seems as though I'm not a part of this so called team effort. All I've been doing is sitting on this bench watching my coaches instruct my teammates to walk ahead of me in line for the third time, even though it should have been my shift to go out and give it my all.

"My self-esteem has been damaged, it's as if I'm not good enough to play for this team anymore. I mean, my family has paid the same amount of money as every other kid on this team, but why haven't I been playing as much as these better players?"

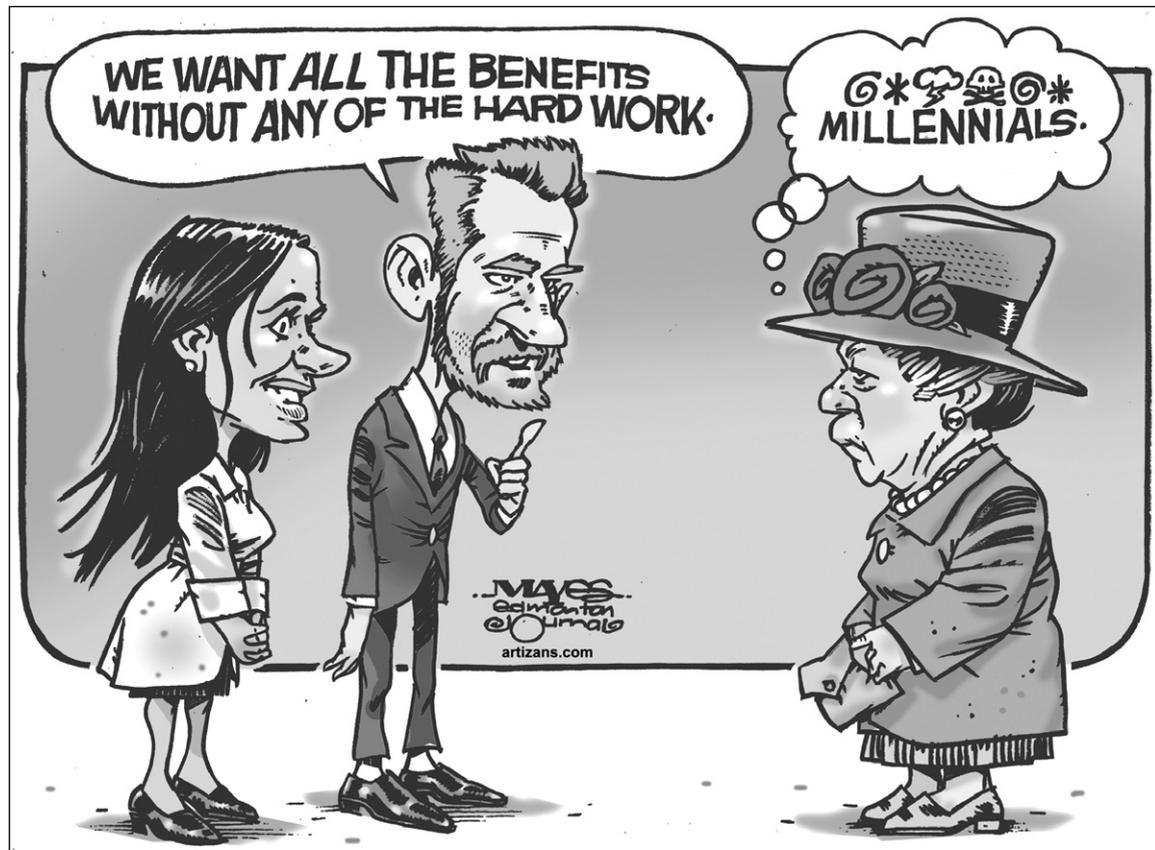
"Why am I the one sitting on this bench watching my teammates play? Am I a bad player?"

What was the reasoning as to why I was picked to be on this team? A pity-pick? To fill the empty slots on the roster?"

I wanted to bring awareness to all. Simple words and coaching abilities can make or break a child. Why would a young teenager have to endure such a damaging experience in their most impressionable years?

Christina Johnson,  
Thunder Bay

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Snowarama nearing \$500K fundraising milestone

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Next month, about 150 riders are expected to head south of the border to take part in the 17th annual Snowarama for Easter Seals Kids.

It's become a winter tradition.

It's also one of the organization's top fundraisers of the year.

To date the event has brought in about \$495,000, money that's used to provide mobility devices and accessibility equipment to local youth, while also providing an opportunity for youngsters to attend Easter Seals' fully accessible summer camps.

"This year, we should be over the half-million mark," said senior development officer Rhonda Harrison on Wednesday, helping to launch the fundraising campaign for this year's event at J&J Sports.

Scheduled for Feb. 8 on the trails surrounding Grand Portage Lodge and Casino in northern Minnesota, Harrison said it's a great snow machine event that's fun for the entire family.



EMILY PIKE

"You're getting out in the winter for activity and raising money for kids. It's a win-win and it's a fun weekend that includes lots of prizes, a dinner, a dance and a bonfire on the trail. There's something for everyone," Harrison said.

Thanks to a recent dumping of snow, the trails are in top form, said Tony Swader, president of the Grand Portage Trail Riders.

It's such a great event, he added.

"We've been doing this for 17 years. I've been involved in quite a few of them. It's great to see the kids grow and how the money we raise helps them get new wheelchairs, braces, whatever they need," Swader said.

"It's awesome."

Swader said participants ride on up to 160 kilometres of trails on the reserve without having to buy a Minnesota state trail pass, and those wanting to venture a little further can purchase a pass for US\$51, available at Ryden's Border Store.

He added it's about a 180-kilometre trip up and back to the Gunflint Trail.

"It's a three-hour ride up there and a three-hour ride back, depending how fast you go," Swader said, chuckling.

"Or if you take breaks."

Nine-year-old Emily Pike, who has taken part in the past few Snowarama events, confirmed it's a lot of fun for young and old and it's for a great cause.

"We need the help," she said, shyly.

For every \$100 raised, participants will receive a ballot to spin a wheel and win one of 10 prize packages.

To register, or donate, visit [www.snowarama.org](http://www.snowarama.org).

# Perspective

# Symbolic gestures

## Australian fires, Newfoundland storms the new norm

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

The Climate Emergency Declaration movement started in Australia in 2016 – that was very apropos in view of recent events on the island continent.

However, as bushfires now devastate the entire country with death and destruction, a mere symbolic gesture is too little and much too late to have any effect.

Last year was Australia's hottest and driest on record and the forests are ablaze like never before, permanently altering the landscape.

After an extended drought even the jungles, rainforests and peat swamps are burning and scientists predict that some species of plants and animals will be lost forever.

Skilled, Canadian firefighters are lending assistance but the situation is too hot to handle and Australians are horrified as flames and smoke threaten their lives.

The Climate Emergency Declaration is cold comfort to the many victims, human and koala alike.

We witnessed another type of extreme weather a little closer to home last week as a monster blizzard pummelled Canada's east coast.

No kidding, it was a real weather bomb – the severe storm went through a process of rapid intensification known by meteorologists as "bombogenesis".

From Gambo to Trepassey, Newfoundlanders were hammered with 75 centimetres of snow, 150 kilometre winds, 10-foot drifts and a storm surge with 12-metre waves.

This blizzard was unusually ferocious - one forecaster placed this tempest "in an elite class with some of the most infamous nor'easter/Atlantic seaboard storms ever."

That questionable accomplishment is also cold comfort but at least they have bragging rights.

St. John's declared a state of emergency which is remarkable for a part of Canada that has always laughed at hurricane force winds and fifty feet of snow.

Late last year St. John's city council unanimously voted to join many other Canadian communities by declaring a climate emergency.

Obviously it was just in the nick of time but I'm pretty sure Newfies already have a pretty good handle on the weather.

I appreciate a good symbolic gesture as much as the next guy but when it comes to climate change there is no need to re-state the obvious.

Gestures, no matter how well-intended, do not prevent rampant wildfires and even the best of intentions will not change the worsening weather in the North Atlantic.

We were warned about the effects of carbon emissions when I was in high school and now, two generations later, we are still trying to create public awareness.

As of last week 1,315 jurisdictions worldwide have declared climate emergencies, including over 400 in Canada.

Environmental activists are pleased with these symbolic gestures and hope that global awareness will free and mobilize resources to fight climate change.

But it is disingenuous to promote the idea that we can halt or even reverse the forces of nature that have been released.

When I heard that Thunder Bay had declared a climate emergency of its own I was pleased even if I was a little skeptical.

I understand the need for a global bandwagon and groups like EarthCare can certainly create a sense of urgency but the scale of the challenge is overwhelming.

And even though Thunder Bay has been spared any major weather catastrophe, climate change affects everyone.

I was thinking about that as we handled our own climate emergency last weekend, removing several tons of snow from our roof.

Actually, it wasn't so much an emergency as it was a climate annoyance or possibly a climate inconvenience.

Last year when water was dripping from the roof and through the inside ceiling, that was an emergency.

We needed our insurance company and a qualified contractor but symbolic gestures would not have been helpful.



**DAMAGING:** Devastating wildfires have scorched parts of Australia over the past few weeks.

*A look back in history:*

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## City cruising to new heights

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick -TB Source

Starting in 2022, Thunder Bay's waterfront will be alive with cruise traffic, after the city signed a deal with Viking Expeditions, who plan to bring seven inbound and seven outbound cruise ships to the Great Lakes port.

Paul Pepe, the city's tourism manager, on Thursday said the agreement should mean an additional 5,200 guests arriving or departing from Thunder Bay en route to or from Milwaukee on the Viking Octantis, and an estimated economic impact of between \$1.6 million and \$2.3 million annually.

Pepe added because Thunder Bay will be a major embarkation port for the company's expedition cruises, it means passengers are likely to take in what the city has to offer for a couple of days before or after boarding.

Viking is in the process of finalizing local itineraries for its guests, which include trips to local tourist hot spots such as Fort William Historical Park, Kakabeka Falls, the Sleeping Giant and Ouimet Canyon.

"It's a much greater economic impact in the community," Pepe said. "Passengers will be flying in and out of Thunder Bay to catch the ship or leave the ship. They'll be staying in hotels, they'll be renting cars, they'll be seeing a lot of the shore excursions, visiting restaurants."

The city has been working behind the scenes with Viking for about the past year, taking them to local tourist destinations and helping with photo shoots and tourist videos being used already in the company's marketing campaigns.

Pepe said the Great Lakes are one of the last untapped cruise destinations in the world, and with Vikings loyal customer base constantly seeking new adventures, the Thunder Bay to Milwaukee route was a natural choice.

The company is also launching cruises to Antarctica.

"They saw the opportunities that nobody else was taking part in, so they started building a number of brand new ice-class expedition vessels that are about 378

passengers each," Pepe said.

Company chairman Torstein Hagen said Viking invented river cruising 22 years ago in Europe, then took ocean cruising to new depths, with a world's best ocean cruise line trophy to prove it.

"Our guests are curious explorers. They want to continue traveling with us to familiar and iconic destinations, but they would also like to travel further," Hagen said in a release provided by the City of Thunder Bay.

The Octantis will berth on the eastern side of the Pier 6 dock, which Pepe said met the needs of the cruise line and can be quickly set up to welcome passengers arriving at and departing Thunder Bay.

Pepe said he's hopeful Viking's commitment to the city as an embarkation point will lead to other cruise companies re-evaluating Thunder Bay as a destination port, adding Tourism Thunder Bay may also consider investments in improvements to the Pool 6 property should they be warranted.

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# Can you get too much of a good thing?



**KEITH AILEY**

THE GOOD LIFE

Last Sunday was World Snow Day, a global initiative from the International Ski Federation. Their vision is to create a day where children come together with their families, encouraged to enjoy and explore the snow, whilst learning about the environment, the health benefits of snow activities and safety on and off the snow.

As we dug ourselves out from another big snowfall in Thunder Bay, my family ventured out to participate in the Families on Skis event at Lappe Nordic Centre. Driving north through a landscape cloaked in a

thick layer of fresh snow, I was quickly reminded how well we Northerners have adapted to our snowy climate.

Less than twelve hours after the storm, we made the short drive to Lappe on clear roads and enjoyed skiing for hours on meticulously groomed trails.

Checking social media, it was evident that most other people were getting outside too.

The ski hills were as busy as the Nordic centres, snowmobilers were ripping up the fresh powder and kids everywhere were outside sliding and playing in the mountains of snow that have accumulated over the past few weeks.

Of course, dealing with huge amounts of snow that have fallen in a short amount of time doesn't come without challenges.

Impatient hockey lovers are out shoveling their favourite rinks so

they can get the game started as soon as possible. Ice fishermen are using snowmobiles with deep-lugged long tracks to make it to the lake without getting stuck. Even home and business owners are starting to wonder where they are going to pile all this snow. Perhaps it is the fat bikers who struggle the most with such excessive snow as their big tires only work on hard packed trails.

Long before the snow stopped falling on Saturday, volunteers from the Black Sheep Mountain Bike Club were already out pounding the trails.

By mid-day on Sunday, nearly a dozen snowshoers had pre-packed their fat bike routes to allow their motorized groomer, the SnowDog, to set a smooth track from Kinsmen Park up into their Shuniah Mines playground.

If the SnowDog's 20-inch wide path is left alone to "set up" overnight, the riding can resume

within a day or so and the experience is sublime. Despite the huge effort it sometimes takes to enjoy our favourite outdoor activities, I doubt anyone would argue that it isn't worth it.

Whatever we chose to do outside, and whenever we have the opportunity to get out, we should always embrace the fact that we have snow to enjoy for nearly half the year.

By cherishing our winter adventures and choosing to re-live them as often as we can, our mental, physical and emotional health will benefit. Snow, and the joy it brings, is essential to helping young people discover that there is more enjoyment in real outdoor activities than in virtual ones.

As we strive not just to survive winter, but to enjoy it and thrive in our natural environment, the importance of having plenty of snow is undeniable.



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# Snow dump, clearing

Well, that was some snow, n'est-ce pas? I ended last week's column encouraging readers to wait breathlessly for the conclusion of the Misadventures of Farmer Fred and Big Red (my ancient tractor). Here it is. You may breathe now.

Monday afternoon my young, mechanically-inclined friend showed up and after correctly re-installing the fuel filters that Farmer Fred had not, Voila! Red fired up without hesitation. Whew! So, when the big dump occurred this past weekend, we were ready.

Lots of snow. My friend in town reported at least 30 cms where he lives in the north end. Us too. At least. And then of course, Ol' Man Winter sent some vicious winds that had the blizzard coming at us horizontally. But, like the weather guys predicted, by evening the snow had tapered off and then ceased; not the winds though.



**FRED JONES**

**RURAL ROOTS**

Saturday morning I rummaged in my closet and found my snow-blowing suit, a tough creature except that the pockets on the jacket have large holes in each due to carrying tools required to replace the flange bolt that will break if the auger of the blower encounters some nasty thing like a piece of wood or, in the case of this winter, ice. Must remember to get out my handy-dandy duct tape and tape over those gaping holes. I mentioned this procedure to our daughter, Beth, and she advised that I tape both inside and out. Oh, right. Hadn't thought of that. Clever girl.

Now with Red running smoothly, I set about to snow clear last week, this before the big dump, especially the lane from the horse barn to where I dump the stall leavings in winter. I have two locations for manure: the original Mt. Crumpet, inaccessible even for my quad in winter, and Crumpet 2 that I created two winters ago that is on flat ground near the bush line.

Red and I set about to clear the path from the barn to Crumpet 2. The going was somewhat arduous as the snow lay thick and, as I was to learn, mixed with ice. Clearing required a back-and-forth motion especially when the weight and volume of snow seemed too much for the blower. Slowly we managed to clear the path to Crumpet 2. I did a quick three-point turn and cleared the rest using the bucket. Returning to the gate that separates the parking area from the yard in front of the door where the

horses exit or enter, I decided to use the blower to clear around the gate posts. I turned to look at the direction since the blower is attached to the rear of Red and now snow blasting out of the blower funnel. What the...? Then I noticed that the power take-off shaft connecting the blower to the tractor wasn't turning. Dang! The flange bolts have broken again.

When next in town, I bought six flange bolts and nuts just in case. I walked into the hardware store and was greeted by a young lady who asked what I sought and when I said bolts, she immediately asked "for a snow blower?" How did she know? Their store was receiving quite a few folks asking for bolts for their snow blowers. "This winter we've had that freezing rain that got mixed up with the snow that came later. Murder on snow blowers," she said. Aha!

I returned to the farm and managed to insert the two bolts needed. But the power take-off part that attaches to Red's rear is very heavy for this old coot. It slipped out of my hands a couple of times as I was trying to fit it back onto the tractor. I'd get it on but not all the way. The air quickly turned blue.

My wife, Laura, is practical and sane. The air almost never turns blue around her because she 'thinks things out' rather than using brute force. Now it was getting dark and so she used her phone flashlight to look into the power take-off attachment and lo! Snow and ice had decided to invade during those times I'd dropped it. She fetched the hair dryer and after a minute, ice and snow were no more inside the thing. It slid onto the tractor with ease.

Sunday, beautifully sunny. I was back on Red to snow-clear all over again. All went well until I veered into hitherto non-snow-blown territory and then the flange bolts would snap. "Ar, t'were the hidden ice wot done it." Three times I replaced them. I got quite good at it.

So off to town I will venture to purchase stronger bolts. I had forgotten to tell the hardware sales lady that the blower I was using wasn't a push blower for a small driveway. My blower is seven feet wide!

While I was snow-clearing, I thought of the folks in Newfoundland with profound sympathy. Don't think Red could have handled that amount, noble beast though it be.

## LEARNING FROM OUR PAST



LEITH DUNICK

IMPRESSIVE: Felicia Waboose attends the unveiling of Project of Heart, a reconciliation tool, at Westmount Public School.



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**BIG HIT:** Director Bong Joon-Ho's *Parasite* is up for a best picture Oscar nomination as one of the top movies from last year.

## The best of 2019 in film



**MARTY  
MASCARINI**  
MOVIE TALK

The past year offered many cinematic highlights. Here's a sampling of the best of 2019.

***Parasite***, South Korea: Director Bong Joon-Ho directs this giddy study in contrasts, as the lower class Kim family uses their street smarts to insinuate themselves into the lofty life of the Park family, their wealthy-yet-fatuous employers. Various audacious plot twists lead to a decidedly dark, violent climax. A witty and wicked fable about class conflicts. (NOSFA upcoming screening March 4, SilverCity)

***Little Women***, USA: Director/screenwriter Greta Gerwig injects a refreshing contemporary sensibility into Louisa May Alcott's popular period novel while retaining the author's progressive feminist leanings. Saoirse Ronan and Florence Pugh give standout performances, ably supported by a great cast. Beautiful cinematography, impressive production values, and a lovely score by Alexandre Desplat.

***1917***, United Kingdom: Director/writer Sam Mendes' gut-wrenching scramble on

the battlefield, seemingly in one take, following two soldiers as they scurry across enemy lines to deliver an urgent message to prevent horrendous casualties. A harrowing immersive experience stands as an amazing feat in cinematic choreography. Smashing cinematography by Roger Deakins and effective score by Thomas Newman.

***Pain and Glory***, Spain: Director Pedro Almodovar's semi-autobiographical meditation on coming to terms with one's past. Antonio Banderas stars as an aging filmmaker struggling with a creative block and physical infirmities. The director skillfully employs flashbacks to illustrate the impactful role of the filmmaker's mother (impressive Penelope Cruz) plays in the development of his sexual and artistic temperament, one of the director's favourite themes. (NOSFA upcoming screening Jan. 29, SilverCity.)

***Marriage Story***, USA (Netflix): Adam Driver and Scarlett Johansson shine in director Noah Baumbach's semi-autobiographical drama about how two well-meaning, artistic but flawed people are victimized by the dehumanizing and occasionally farcical process of legal divorce proceedings, as exemplified by their warring lawyers (Laura Dern, Ray Liotta, Alan Alda). Harrowing climax as the couple's private attempt at resolution deteriorates from amenable level-headedness into a bitter airing of simmering petty grievances,

boiling over into a devastating emotional confrontation. Yet somehow all is not lost. An even-handed version of Kramer vs. Kramer for the new millennium.

***Woman at War***, Iceland: A middle-aged choir director turns into a notorious eco-warrior sabotaging the power grid she feels is over-industrializing the Icelandic landscape, using various means, including a bow and arrow, while dodging detection by police drones, accompanied by a small band of musicians that comically serve as a Greek chorus. One part environmental fable, one part adventure/suspense yarn, one part farce, with a nifty plot twist. A NOSFA fall feature.

***The Irishman***, USA (Netflix): Martin Scorsese's ambitious rendering of recollections by a union official and hitman (Robert DeNiro) who allegedly dispatched former teamster president Jimmy Hoffa (Al Pacino), under consultation with another union figurehead (Joe Pesci) Covering decades, this is a sprawling tale about loyalty, brotherhood and betrayal, and the evolution of American corporate machinations. With a three-hour plus running time, Scorsese manages to maintain a compelling, cogent plot line and even carries off CGI images of a younger DeNiro, Pacino, and Pesci.

Honourable mentions: *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, *Ford vs. Ferrari*, *Ordinary Love* (which also happens to be an upcoming NOSFA title on April 1 at SilverCity).

IN THE bay

# Sweet for The Birds and the Bees

**THEATRE**  
By Linda Maehans – TB Source

Wouldn't it be sweet, just about now, to be scraping out some fresh honey from the hive instead of ice off our windshields?

Well, in a manner of speaking we can! And should. Magnus' first curtain of this new year rises to *The Birds and the Bees*, a humour-filled drama packed to the brim with heart and soul. You know, the good stuff all of us have a hankering for during these long dark winter nights when no bee in its right mind would be out buzzing, and only a few die-hard birds are seen on bare branches and wires swaying in the wind.

Our story takes place in picturesque, gently rolling countryside; heck, could be just a tad southwest of Thunder Bay; say, in the Slate River valley where Gail and her bees have been producing honey for many delicious years. Except now,



**STARS OF THE STAGE:** Kristian Truelsen as Earl, Catherine Bruce as Gail, Michael Man as Ben and Jessica Greenberg as Sarah in Magnus Theatre's *The Birds and the Bees*.

the delicious aspects of life seem to be diminishing, as a keen young scientist arrives to help Gail figure out why her hives are faltering; and unexpectedly her

daughter returns home, fresh into divorce proceedings that sting. Not even Gail's long-time neighbour might have enough wisdom in his heart-of-hearts to smooth

the way for this pair of lovely birds, and their bees.

When I arrive at Gail's farm the first thing I remark upon is her demeanour, so calm and serene. Beautiful maple-coloured eyes sparked from within, a sunny light plain as day for anyone to see. As naturally as a bee into a field of colourful wild flowers, actor Catherine Bruce pulls me into her orbit.

"It's become a passion for me; and well of course I want to understand what is happening to my bees. It's a very peaceful thing in which to be involved. No, I never get stung". Gail smiles at me as if I'd just suggested the silliest notion in the world.

"Oh, you saw the posters we put up, good! You absolutely must come to our Turkey Day community event. Our last one I'm sad to say, but there you are; we just can't get the young people out anymore. My daughters? Well Lisa won't be here, but I think Sarah should

come; after all she does work on a turkey farm." A smaller smile. "But I don't expect she will."

If possible, neighbour Earl's eyes are brighter than Gail's. Actor Kristian Truelsen makes his debut on a Magnus stage with irresistible verve and charm; tells me he's been leasing and working on Gail's fields since the cows came home. Well, not literally; there aren't any cows, states Earl with a grin. "Yeah, Gail and I've known each other for years. Her ex-husband used to be my best friend; and my wife hers. Sure, we have our little run-in's now and then; mostly since Gail's gotten a bit buzzy in the head with her beehives, ya know?" He winks.

"Oh, we have our set-to's; but underneath it all I think she sort of fancies me." Earl leans back with a contented sigh.

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# Haute derelict chic

ART

By Linda Maehans – TB Source

There is something so solid and invincible about a dozen: twelve pleasing parts, six-and-six in rows; or a perfect circle much like the hooped, bejewelled hemline of a royal gown, worn perhaps by a mythical goddess calling melodious enticements to excited sea-farers, men, eager to become gods themselves.

Once again, or we should say once upon a time in 2020, Definitely Superior Art presents an event catering to every sensibility known to humans. Especially a colour-and-motion filled imagination. Derelict 12: A Fashion Odyssey happens in Thunder Bay this weekend: one night only, as befits the best and most unique indulgences of creation, real or imagined.

This year's voyage shimmies, shakes and struts before your eyes in ways no one has witnessed before. You might have an idea, if you were one of the six or so hundred watching some pretty cool moves on the catwalk. Yes, cool, but that's only half a dozen.

Derelict 12 features more than 100 artists and models;

36 wearable art acts and performances; four live bands & DJ's; 7 local fashion houses; and 16 fabulous new creations to bring art "off the wall and on the body, out of the white cubed gallery and in your face, on the catwalk!"

We've expanded on this show with ever more wearable artists; commissioned unique pieces.

This is definitely not a sit down, passive or stoic "fashion show". It is instead a roaring cheering on-your-feet participating and interactive spectacular," predicts gallery director David Karasiewicz.

Not sure about that catwalk? Let the live musical energy together with raffles, prizes for best original costume inspire.

Meantime, enjoy refreshments and catered treats.

Then, cast your eyes back to those Sirens: they have names such as Spin Sisters; Miss Be Muse, and Acro Yoga by Women in Silk.

What on earth could this mean, being challenged on a catwalk? In this, a 20-20. And, best of a dozen, I would say.

**Derelict 12: A Fashion Odyssey. Black Pirates Pub, 215 Red River Road. Saturday January 25. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$15 at the door; 19+ and photo ID.**

## Social class explored in books

Social class shapes everything we do; it is the most critical determinant of how well we perform at school, which university we go to, what jobs we land, how much we earn, how healthy we are and how long we live. For such an important subject it is surprising how little we talk about it.

Social class is trapped between two competing narratives: we are all classless now; or we are all middle class. In the Canadian Federal election all the main political parties

focused on 'investing in the middle class'; there was hardly any mention of the working class (who make up the majority of the population) or the ruling class (the tiny elite that call all the shots). Socio-economic lines are often erased or ignored in Canada and so we have to look south of the border, where there has been an explosion of interest in social class since Donald Trump became President of what is supposed to be a classless nation.

The big picture story is told by Nancy Isenberg in *White Trash: the 400 year untold history of class in America* (Viking, 2016), which explodes the comfortable myths about equality in the land of opportunity and uncovers the crucial legacy of the ever-present poor white trash.

In the process she upends assumptions about America's supposedly class free society – where liberty and hard work were meant to ensure real social mobility. Some of the founding fathers believed poor people were subhuman, and wanted to apply strategies used in agriculture and animal husbandry to improve the stock; what we now call eugenics.

This is an ugly story of a class that has been degraded and disrespected for too long.

What that feels like on a personal level is explored by J. D. Vance in *Hillbilly Elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis* (Harper, 2016).

This passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis – that of poor, white Americans - tells the inside true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like

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when you are born with it hanging around your neck.

The disintegration of this group, a process that has been going on for over 40 years, has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside.

The consequences of ignoring class based oppression are explained by Joan C. Williams in *White Working Class: overcoming class cluelessness in America* (HBR Press, 2017). This blunt, bracing narrative sketches a nuanced portrait of millions of people who have proven to be a potent political force and enabled populists such as Trump, Doug Ford and Boris Johnson to gain power.

Much of the elite's analysis of the white working class is misguided; their motivations are often dismissed as racist or xenophobic but Williams shows that they have their own class consciousness.

These books are a useful starting point to develop a better understanding of social class and how it impacts our daily lives.

# Hollywood's answer to mental health

Jan. 29 is Bell Media's Let's Talk Day to end the stigma around mental illness. Ironically, Hollywood has become a hotbed of suicide in the past year. In fact, a recent article called it a "seeming epidemic of suicides."

And these aren't out-of-work actors or failed writers. Many saw great success, including a production manager from the *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise, TV chef Anthony Bourdain, and Linkin Park's Chester Bennington. And this year began with news that the creator of the hit series *Ugly Betty* had also taken his life.

Fortunately, the industry is taking the issue of mental health seriously. Employee-led groups have started at Verizon Media. Companies such as Apple, Hulu, and Viacom offer workshops and meditation/quiet rooms for staff. Mental health first aid is being introduced along with on-set trauma



counsellors.

Meanwhile, TV writers are focusing on mental health stories that are rarely told. Recently, an episode of *The Resident* had an MS patient who was struggling financially and feared that his wife would soon lose her home. Thanks to a quick move by Nic's father, the patient was saved from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

But he wasn't the only one at risk. Sadly, the hero of that incident, who



**TOOK HIS OWN LIFE: Anthony Bourdain is a high-profile suicide victim.**

later talks the patient's wife through her guilt, who seems to just "go with the flow," kept that gun and in the end, was contemplating his own suicide,

alone, in his car.

It's a stark reminder that often the least obvious individuals are the ones most at risk.

*Blue Bloods'* first episode of 2020 involved a police officer who committed suicide.

The widow wanted answers and blamed the police force. After all, this was one of several officer suicides in a year. She wanted to know when they were going to help with the mental health issues that cops faced daily.

It's an issue that the general public rarely consider. But we should.

Meanwhile, Freeform's new dark comedy, *Everything's Gonna Be Okay*, has discussed suicide with a more humorous note. A teenager mentions she once tried to kill herself because her half-brother was mean. Fortunately, her chosen method – sitting in a car with the heater turned all the way up – didn't work.

Of course, suicide is nothing to joke about. I agree. In real life.

But television is a place of make believe. It should be a safe space to discuss the good, the bad, and the really ugly. Why else would *Criminal Minds* be in its 15th season?

Plus, I recently attended a memorial where there was a lot of laughter among the tears. So humour has its place – especially when dealing with difficult topics. It can teach with irony.

It can also lighten a mood so people are more willing to hear an important message.

Suicide – and mental health – will never be an easy fix. Fortunately, the entertainment industry is approaching it from multiple directions. But we all need to be involved. Because as Bell's Let's Talk campaign says, "when it comes to mental health, every actions counts."

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- National (abbr.)
  - Decorated wall part
  - Fen
  - Wild ox
  - Grandson of Esau
  - Amer. Dental Assn. (abbr.)
  - Visible juncture
  - Musical instrument (percussion)
  - Jewish Defense League (abbr.)
  - Loop trains
  - White lead
  - Soldier (Fr.)
  - Water (Fr.)
  - Presidential nickname
  - Adjective-forming (suf.)
  - Essay
  - Outer portion of Earth
  - Receipt (abbr.)
- DOWN**
- Nose (pref.)

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Donkey (Fr.)
- Poly. beefwood
- Hebrew letter
- Sirius (2 words)
- Love (Lat.)
- Hop
- Almond-flavored drink
- Malay jacket
- Allowance
- Windstorm
- Indo-Chin. language
- Ger. industrial valley
- Impudence
- Fetish
- Loyal
- Liquid crystal display (abbr.)
- Orient
- Volcano crater
- Hem
- Waste
- Mercury's winged shoe
- Revers
- Fellow
- Religious sayings
- Ear canal
- Kiln
- Tanning solution
- Persia today
- One (Ger.)
- Study
- Noun-forming (suf.)
- River into the North Sea

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## Bearcats play for mental health

### HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Volunteer Bearcats peewee squad has a little more than hockey this weekend.

While they were hoping to do well at the 29th annual Robin's Minor Hockey Classic, the results on the ice didn't matter as much as the mental health message the youngsters are trying to spread to more the 135 teams taking part in the cross-city event.

The team's players donned special green jerseys this weekend in support of mental-health awareness, encouraging players on opposing teams or watching in the stands to speak up if they feel depressed or are struggling with day-to-day life.

Goaltender Liam Crago, 11, said it's something all the players got behind.

"We wanted to help kids with mental health issues to not be afraid to speak up, so some kids don't have to be sad their whole life or being scared to speak up," he said.

The idea came from one of the team's coaches, who read an article on the Children's Centre Foundation, whose logo adorns the back of the Bearcats jersey this weekend.

Teammate Cody Labreche, 12, a defenceman on the team agreed it's a great idea, something small the Bearcats can do to spread a message of inclusion, while encouraging people not to suffer in silence.

"It's good for kids to know they can speak up and if you have depression to tell someone, so they can make it better and not worse," he said.

Though not yet a teenager, Labreche said he sees the signs at his school and knows it's tough at his age to have the courage to ask for help.

"I know there are some people, even in my class, that have depression and they were really sad. And then when they told someone they got happier. It's good to show that," he said.

Meghan Gagliardi, Cody's mother and a coach with the VP Bearcats, said it's admirable to see the kids willingly take part in the gesture.

Getting pre-teens to feel comfortable talking about issues they may be facing isn't easy.

"This particular team is such a great example of that.

**"It's good for kids to know they can speak up..."**

**CODY LABRECHE**



**BETWEEN THE PIPES:** Goalle Liam Crago of the Peewee A VP Bearcats plays the puck during a game last Friday.

They're very open with us, they're really positive role models for their peers. The fact that they're willing to step in and show the community what children's mental health is about and advocate for services for their peers, I can't even put into words how proud I am of them," Gagliardi said.

It was an easy sell, she added.

"When Dave (Meunier), our head coach, shared this initiative with the team, the reaction from the kids was just pure smiles. They were ready, they were prepared to be the face of ending the stigma for Thunder Bay

and representing the Bearcats organization."

Dayna Pupeza, co-ordinator of the Children's Centre Foundation, said about one-in-five youth suffer from mental illness in Ontario, estimating that could mean more than 400 of the kids taking part in the tournament alone.

"I think it's amazing that they came up with this idea," she said.

"To have these kids representing mental health and telling their peers to speak up if they're having a problem, that means a lot."

## Robin's tourney a success

More than 130 teams took part in annual hockey tournament

### HOCKEY

By TB Source staff

The 29th annual Robin's minor hockey classic has concluded, after bringing 136 teams together to compete in Thunder Bay over the weekend. The tournament took place at arenas across the city from last Thursday to last Sunday.



**CHAMPIONS:** Members of the Atom AA VP Bearcats.

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sports NEWS

# MLB sign-stealing scandal hits home



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SPORTS SHOTS

Last week, the baseball world should have been celebrating San Francisco's hiring of Alyssa Nakken, the first female coach in major league baseball history.

Instead it was reeling from the sign-stealing scandal that cost Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow their jobs and earned them a one-year suspension handed down by commissioner Rob Manfred.

Also caught in the crossfire, begun when pitcher Mike Fiers spilled the beans, were Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora, a former coach with the 2017 world champion Astros, and newly hired New York Mets manager Carlos Beltran, who as a player was at the centre of the sign-stealing scheme. Both are jobless.

Essentially the Astros were found guilty of elaborately using technology to capture opposing teams' signals, deciphering them and then banging on trash cans to signal what type of pitch was coming to their batters.

Sign stealing itself isn't against the rules, but it is frowned upon.

The Astros took it a step too far, and they're not alone. The Red Sox are under investigation as well and most other teams have been

accused of it over the years, including the 2011 Toronto Blue Jays, who some say planted a man in white in the outfield to relay signs to their hitters.

In 1951, New York Giants manager Leo Durocher allegedly installed coach Herman Franks in the team's outfield clubhouse, where he'd use a telescope and electronic buzzer system to send the pitches coming directly to the dugout.

The Giants overcame a 13.5-game deficit, forced a playoff with the Brooklyn Dodgers and Bobby Thomson's famed 'shot heard round the world' sent New York to the World Series.

There have been calls for the Astros title to be vacated, but that's a slippery slope. Milwaukee first baseman Logan Morrison wrote on Instagram that he believes the Dodgers, Red Sox and New York Yankees have all used electronic means to decode opposition teams' signals.

Undoubtedly most, if not all, teams do it in some shape or form.

There is a simple solution to end the scandal, which some say rivals the 1919 Black Sox gambling accusations and the steroid era.

In the NFL, quarterbacks are connected by headset to a coach on the sidelines, who signals in plays. Could a pitcher and catcher not be similarly wired, allowing them to communicate without flashing decodable signs of any kind?

In the immortal words of Oscar Goldman, "We have the technology."

We can make MLB better than it was. Oh yeah, and while we're at it, bring on the era of electronically called balls and strikes.



MIKE FIERS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

## No. 6 Wolves keep winning

Lock Lam's monstrous performance on Sunday earned the Lakehead Thunderwolves a fifth straight win.

Lam scored 29 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Wolves to a convincing 80-66 road win over the Guelph Gryphons as No. 6 Lakehead improved to 11-3 on the season and opened a two-game lead over Ryerson and McMaster in the OUA Central.

Isaiah Traylor finished with 19 points and Laoui Msambya had 12 to help pace Lakehead, who downed Algoma 87-62 on Friday night.

Aaron Nugent and Malcolm Glanville each had 14 for the Gryphons (6-8), whose three-game winning streak was snapped.

The Wolves return home this weekend to host Kadre Gray and the No. 7 Laurentian Voyageurs (10-4) on Friday night and Nipissing (3-11) on Saturday night. Gray, once seen as a potential NBA

prospect, leads the OUA with 24.8 points a game and is second in assists with 9.3.

Game time both nights is 8 p.m.

## LU hockey swept

The road to the playoffs just got a bit more complicated for the Lakehead Thunderwolves.

The visiting Western Mustangs last Saturday night doubled up their hosts 4-2 to tighten the already tight OUA West standings.

The Mustangs (9-9-3) won both games last weekend at Fort William Gardens, rallying from three goals down on Friday night to edge the Wolves 4-3.

Frank Spovierro, Koltan Olynek, David Eccles and Anthony Stefano, into the empty net, had Western's tallies. Dexter Kuczek and Josh Laframboise scored for Lakehead (10-10-2), who remain in sixth place with 22 points.



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