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## Vaccine supply will diminish, says Mauro

Province expected to divert shots to southern Ontario hot spots

"To me it just

doesn't make

sense."

**BILL MAURO** 

CITY HALL By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Thunder Bay's city council is protesting a planned reduction in COVID-19 vaccines sent to the area as the province pivots more supply to harder-hit hot

Council passed a resolution Monday night calling the provincial plans "concerning" and advocating for distribution of vaccine supply "predicated on potential risk to communities" rather than current COVID-19 indicators.

Mayor Bill Mauro said health authorities had confirmed the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and other health units with fewer cases would begin receiving reduced supply as soon as next week, without providing details on the plans.

Mauro, who put forward the motion, acknowledged the issue was "touchy" given severe hospitalization and ICU surges in the south of the province, but argued that it was inconsistent for the provincial government to put the Thunder Bay District under lockdown while reducing its vaccine supply.

"To me it just doesn't make sense," he told councillors. "If you're going to include us in a pan-provincial lockdown, if our businesses still have to remain closed, if our outdoor recreation amenities are affected like the rest of the province, how do you

then say to us, but you're not going to get as much vaccine?"

He allowed that Thunder Bay's COVID-19 indicators were vastly improved, and that the province had sent additional vaccine supply to the city when it faced its own surge of cases and hospitalizations in February and March, and had the province's highest COVID-19 incidence rate for several weeks.

That was an argument to return to the regional system of public health restrictions, he said.

"If we were still going under the colourcoded system, we wouldn't be grey, we might not even be red, we might be orange now, which would mean we'd be able to have much of our



**TOUCHY SUBJECT: Mayor Bill Mauro says if Thunder Bay** wasn't in shutdown, it might qualify for the Orange level.

small businesses open, outdoor recreation would be able to be open."

The Middlesex-London Health Unit is expecting its vaccine supply to dip by as much as 25 per cent from usual levels due to the diversion of vaccines to hot spots, the London Free Press reported Monday. However, its medical officer of health said the move to send vaccines to harder-hit areas was the right call from a public health perspective.

Dr. Janet DeMille, medical officer of health at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, last week said she expected vaccine supplies to diminish locally in the near future.

The resolution passed unanimously Monday, with councillor Trevor Giertuga absent.

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#### LOCALNEWS

## **Budget released**

Childcare, FedNor and tourism among Hajdu's highlights

#### POLITICS

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

The latest federal budget will deliver realworld changes for local residents, particularly those most hard hit by the pandemic, says Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Patty Hajdu.

The 2021 budget, presented earlier in the evening by Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, promises billions on childcare, Indigenous communities, transit, and to extend pandemic supports.

It also pledges to "work to make FedNor a standalone regional development agency and strengthen the economic development of Northern Ontario," Hajdu noted, the lone mention of the region in the document.

The minority Liberals will need support from at least one other party to pass the budget.

While it doesn't include any movement on a universal basic income (UBI) as rumoured, Hajdu pointed to other poverty-fighting measures in the budget, such as augmenting the Canada Workers Benefit and making childcare more affordable.

"We've been committed to reducing the gap and reducing poverty since we were elected in 2015," she said.

Freeland, the first woman ever to present a budget in the Canadian House of Commons, said the experience of jurisdictions including Quebec showed a \$30 billion investment in childcare over the next five years would pay for itself

She acknowledged decades of unmet Liberal promises around a national childcare program.

"This time, we're going to do it," she said. "Early learning and childcare has long been a feminist issue. COVID has shown us it's an urgent economic issue, too."

The plan intends to see universal access to childcare spots at a rate of \$10 per day five years from now, she said.

The budget also introduces a \$15 federal minimum wage, which will impact only a minority of workers, extends sickness benefits under EI from 15 to 26 weeks, and expands the Canada Workers Benefit by \$8.9 billion



NO UBI: Health Minister Patty Hajdu says the budget does tackle poverty issues.

over six years.

It also includes around \$18 billion for Indigenous communities, including for infrastructure, health, and the ongoing pandemic response.

The document shows a federal deficit of \$354.2 billion over the past year, with a deficit of \$154.7 billion forecast next year. It also sketches a plan to reduce deficits to \$30.7 billion in 2025-26

Last year's deficit was somewhat lower than the \$381.6 billion predicted in the government's fall economic statement.

The budget also introduces a one per cent tax on vacant housing owned by "non-resident non-Canadians," and a new tax on luxury goods including cars and aircraft worth over \$100,000, and boats worth over \$250,000.

Hajdu said a \$1 billion investment to promote tourism and community events, over three years, wouldn't promote travel until public health authorities deemed it safe.

"Until we are all in a stable situation, we know that tourism will continue to struggle," she said. "This is really a commitment to the industry."

The minority Liberal government will need the support of at least one other party to pass the budget.

In a statement issued Monday, Ontario's provincial government expressed disappointment there were no increases to the Canada Health Transfer (CHT).

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## Rickford hopes border closure short

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The decision to restrict interprovincial travel is an effort to keep COVID-19 variants from western Canada from entering Ontario, says Kenora-Rainy River MPP Greg Rickford, though he hopes it will not be in place for long and there can soon be a return to a regional approach for reopening.

"What has become remarkable about the stage, the wave we are in right now, is the variants, particularly the U.K. and Brazilian variant, which are coming from western Canada," Rickford said during a virtual media conference on Monday.

"I hope this isn't going to last very long, but we will have to see a decrease in those numbers.'

Restrictions on non-essential interprovincial travel came into effect on Monday. The new measures were introduced last Friday by the Ford government along with a two-week extension of the province-wide stay-at-

Ontario has been reporting record daily cases numbers in recent days, with 4,447 reported on Monday. Hospitalizations are also at record highs, with 2,202 people admitted with COVID-19 and 755 in intensive care units.

The majority of new COVID-19 cases in Ontario are the result of a variant of concern.

Rickford said the interprovincial travel restrictions are about reducing mobility because variants of concern are spreading rapidly in parts of western Canada.

"It does apply to cottagers," he said. "There are narrow

exclusions. This is a stay-at-home order first and foremost. The OPP have the ability to enforce that for non-essential travel. There may be folks here and they can pass back into Manitoba unimpeded."

Ontario Provincial Police have set up

checkpoints at points of entry along the Manitoba border, which will be monitored 24-hours a day.

According to Const. Jason Canfield with the Kenora OPP, between 150 and 175 vehicles have passed through the

> border near Kenora since the restrictions came into effect and only one has been turned

> Permitted reasons for crossing the border include medical appointments, work, transportation of goods, those travelling through Ontario to another destination, and Indigenous people exercising treaty rights.

Traffic travelling from Ontario to Manitoba is not stopped and Ontario residents returning to the province are permitted to enter.

"If people are coming to Ontario to their principal residence, we would not be stopping them," Canfield said. "We are not stopping people going out."

All personal vehicles are stopped to allow officers to speak with the occupants to ensure they are travelling to the province for an essential reason, while transport trucks are permitted to pass unimpeded.

Canfield said with the stay-at-home order in place there is less traffic in regional communities and cities and manning checkpoints is not taking away human resources from other policing activities.

"We always hope that people will make the right decision to not travel if they don't need to, especially with the stay-at-home order in Ontario," Canfield said.

"There are penalties we could impose. But education is always going to be our first point of attack. We are not out to charge people, but if it's needed or we feel the education is not working, we could impose a fine."

Northwestern Ontario businesses have been hit hard due to COVID-19 restrictions and Rickford said the government will continue to offer support through the Northern Ontario Recover Program.

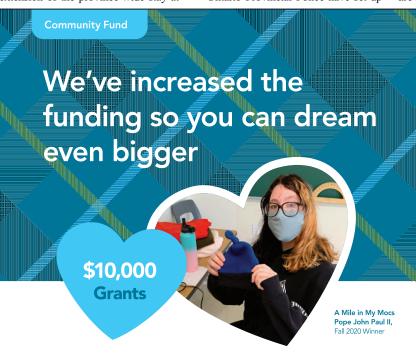
'We continue to do what we have been doing. It continues to provide significant relief," he said. "We have doubled down on the small business support program. This is working very well. People are getting portions to their taxes, energy bills, and resources to pay for PPE. Being able to do it a second time as we stare down his third

Rickford added that the province is still at risk and he is confident that as people continue to follow public health measures the numbers will continue to decline and could mean the easing of

"There are signals that this will be an effective way to combat the spread of COVID and the variants and I hope in the next couple of weeks we can pivot to a regional model, especially when it comes to schools, if our numbers



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### **Editorial**

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### **Ford border** hole-filled

ow bad are things going for Ontario Premier Doug Ford?

This past weekend, an op-ed in the Washington Post called for Ford's resignation.

That's a bit drastic, but Ford definitely has to figure out in a hurry how to turn things around.

His latest mistake is the border.

Kudos to the province for finally deciding to shut things down.

But it's about as air-tight as the former SportsDome proved to be.

Rather than requiring everyone but essential workers to quarantine for two weeks upon return to the province, residents are free to carry on their merry little

In Quebec, the quarantine restriction is in place.

Ontario, on the other hand, seems to be using the honour system. So you can leave the province, head to a hotspot, return and face no consequences. Anyone heading west could be in the province for several days - and there are a number of permitted reasons for non-essential travellers to come into Ontario.

Ford also messed up – and quickly reversed - giving police the power to stop anyone outside their homes to question why they're out and about, and also allowed playgrounds to reopen.

He needs to do the same for golf and tennis, both relatively safe activities.

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#### Open letter to the premier

To the editor:

We write to express our outrage and disappointment with your inability to manage the COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario.

For the past 13 months, the people of Ontario, doctors, epidemiologists, your own COVID-19 science table, vaccine taskforce, business leaders, and members of Provincial Parliament have been calling on you to do more to support Ontarians who are struggling and in need of paid sick days.

Paid sick days are not something terrible, nor are they a novel or radical idea from the left.

It is the one tool in your pandemic toolbox that is missing. Paid Sick Days will not only help those most affected by this pandemic but it will help people stop the spread of COVID-19 and support workers financially while they isolate pending test results or sufficient health to return to work safely.

This is not only sensible public health policy but it protects frontline essential workers to keep Ontario moving toward recovery.

The reality is that paid sick days will save lives, full stop. You talk a lot about how you will do everything in your power and stop at nothing to protect the people of Ontario, yet you have continued to ignore the call to reinstate provincial paid sick days for essential workers who have no protections.

Those who work many jobs, earn slightly above the poverty line, or live in housing which puts them at unique

Paid sick days would fill a significant gap in the COVID-19 relief offerings available to workers.

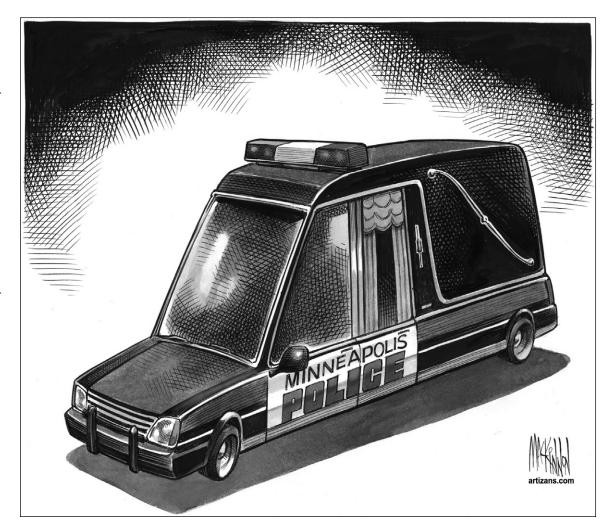
As you should understand by now, the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) is in place for workers who have missed at least 50 per cent of their scheduled shifts and have a confirmed positive case and is good for a maximum of 10 days.

In many cases, workers may be exposed to a positive case, awaiting test results, live with someone who may be COVID-19 positive, live in a multi-generational home or they themselves are feeling unwell and don't want to risk exposing their families and co-workers to any viruses let alone COVID-19.

Ontario workers need immediate supports now to protect our healthcare system and keep our economy moving. Ontario workers and residents certainly do not need martial law or a police state.

Premier Ford, it is time for action. There is no moment greater than now to step up and lead Ontario with supportive measures to ensure no worker has to go to work sick or afraid. No worker should feel that

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



they have to choose between work or illness.

As you can assume, we have grave concerns about your announcement on April 16 which authorized unprecedented and arbitrary police powers.

Not only do we believe this is unconstitutional but we strongly believe that you are setting the stage for an enforcement mechanism that unfairly targets the BIPOC and 2SLGBTOIA communities - including those who are the most vulnerable, marginalized, racialized and experiencing homelessness in our communities.

We already know these communities are over-policed and disproportionately targeted by police in Ontario. Premier, you cannot police your way out of this pandemic or the Third Wave.

The measures you have enacted simply do not make sense. The closures of outdoor recreation, open fields, and tennis, golf, soccer and play structures is not only damaging to one's health and well-being, but it undermines the guidance from the chief medical officer of health and other local public health officials throughout Ontario since the onset of the pandemic.

For the past 13 months, you have reminded us to get outside, but with your heavy-handed closures of outdoor spaces and the ability for parents to go kick a soccer ball around with their kids or throw a baseball and maybe even practice their basketball skills will have a detrimental effect on the mental and physical health of our kids, their parents and all people of Ontario.

Premier, we are calling on you to implement the following recommendations immediately:

- 1) Implement 14 Paid Sick Days to all workers who have no coverage in the Province of Ontario; • 2) Reverse course on the unprece-
- dented powers to police and bylaw officers to stop anyone off their property or away from their homes;
- 3) Reverse course on closures of parks and open fields and soccer, golf, tennis and any other outdoor activities previously allowed before April 16, 2021;
- 4) Support essential workers with immediate access to vaccines in hardest hit work settings, institutions, and industries;
- 5) Provide increased financial support to save the hardest hit nonessential businesses, like restaurants, fitness facilities, and personal care services which sustain many BIPOC and 2SLGBTQIA workers and families:

- 6) Prioritize teachers and education workers to facilitate the return to in-class learning as soon as possible;
- 7) Pause 'Time of Use' Hydro rates and cap them at 8.5 cents per kilowatt-hour for the duration of the Stay-at-Home order; and
- 8) Stop blaming others including individual citizens - and take responsibility as Premier for your province.

Premier, you must stop playing politics with people's lives and liveli-

A pandemic is not where you try to play ideology or try out new policies on the people of Ontario. There will be plenty of time to play politics in the future but right now, we are calling on you to listen to the experts, follow their guidance and get Ontario healthy again.

Our hospitals are on the brink of collapse, our frontline healthcare workers are stretched thin, overworked and suffering under the weight of the pain you have caused them during this third wave.

Our health-care workers and Ontario residents deserve better from you.

Do the right thing, Premier Ford.

Jason Veltri, President, Rainbow Collective

## Pandemic changes our world view

Researchers have compared the effects of COVID-19 to Earth's future First Contact with aliens

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

There are many valuable lessons to be learned in these troubling times, some personal, some global and some a little bit out of this world.

I'm not saying that every pandemic cloud has a silver lining but it may be possible to find something constructive in an otherwise distressing experience.

As a well-known local motivational speaker once told me, "Things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out."

The global response to the COVID 19 pandemic has been evolving for a year now and although we are still struggling, we are learning from our experience.

And although much of the journey so far has been difficult and very stressful, there have been some unintended consequences and opportunities along the way.

Lockdowns and social distancing showed us how much we rely on the love and support of family and friends who have been absent for some time

#### Can't wait

There are many ways to communicate and keep in touch electronically, but it will be very satisfying when we no longer have to keep our distance and avoid each other.

After a few months of isolation and social restrictions we begin to understand who is really important to us and what matters most in our lives.

We are reaching out to others in need, reminiscing on the phone with old

mane, nose, mouth and forelimbs very



OUT OF THIS WORLD: Humans have yet to make contact with aliens from other planets, but it could happen some day.

The pandemic has fundamentally changed our view of the world and affected our behavior.

There is some reluctance to public safety guidelines but social distancing and the wearing of masks is widespread and expected.

Most people are courteous and respectful but I've heard a few stories of

close encounters on walking paths and city streets.

Our community has been on a roller coaster ride over the past year but local numbers have been going down and vaccinations are going up.

An extended worldwide shutdown of business and industry unexpectedly led to dramatic decreases in air and water pollution, something we never thought

We have accidentally discovered that human activity can have a huge effect on our environment, for better or worse.

There is a new widespread awareness and appreciation of public health.

These outcomes are logical and reasonable but there are some scenarios that would never occur to most of us.

In particular, there is one unconven-

tional, unintended result that most of us have never even considered.

Two researchers from the University of Oxford are comparing the global effects of the pandemic to Earth's First Contact with an advanced, extra-terrestrial, alien civilization.

Peter Hatfield and Leah Trueblood don't know when (it could be today or ten years down the road) but when that day finally comes they now know what to expect.

They think our global response to COVID 19 is preparing us for an inevitable First Contact and the resulting disruptions when the extraterrestrials finally arrive.

#### Looks familiar

According to the two researchers there are many similarities between the pandemic and a potential First Contact event

First of all, both situations are fundamentally scientific in nature with significant social, economic and political impact - both are external threats affecting every human on Earth.

Scientists led the way in response to COVID 19, but they were second guessed and scrutinized by politicians a First Contact event would likely unfold the same way.

I told you some of this stuff was out of this world.

It might be a good comparison but right now the people I know are more interested in getting a First Shot than making a First Contact.

And that goes for the Second Shot and Second Contact too - and that is the global response.

#### A look back in history Sea Lion The sea lion, at the foot of the Sleeping Giant, was a popular tourist landmark for many decades. If you look carefully, you can see outlined in its rocks

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## City bails out sinking James Whalen tug

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Acity official said more than 33,000 litres of water had to be pumped out of the 116-year-old James Whalen tugboat.

Cory Halvorsen, manager of parks and open spaces for the City of Thunder Bay, on Thursday said there's still work to do to ensure the vessel is ship shape, noting some water still remains on board and crews have yet to figure out how it flowed inside.

A passerby on Wednesday noticed the tugboat, which has moored at a dock at the Kaministiquia River Heritage Park since 1992, had started sinking into the water. He noted its rear section dipping lower and lower beneath the water line.

#### Went to work

"We immediately deployed some resources to access the boat so we could see. We expected it had been taking on water and that was the cause. When we got inside we confirmed that. We assessed the mooring connections," Halvorsen said.

"At first the mooring connections looked submerged and it looked possibly



STILL AFLOAT: The James Whalen returned to Thunder Bay in 1992 and has been at the Kam River Heritage Park since 1998.

out of place, but upon further inspection we realized it was likely in place."

Halvorsen said their inspection showed small amounts of water were still seeping inside, which is why they decided to act immediately.

"Rather than let it sit overnight, taking on more water, we obviously wanted to address that so we had some pumping facilities come and pump out the water – and it rose about two feet back up into position in its existing moorings," Halvorsen said.

"At that point it had stabilized, so we locked it up for the night and had

security on it to keep an eye on it. No change came overnight."

Halvorsen said they marked the water levels to confirm where the historic tug was sitting on the water, just to be sure.

Next steps include removing the remainder of the water on board and trying to determine the location of the leak and how to fix it.

#### Looking at options

"We're just going to have to assess our observations. There is still water left to pump out, so we'll have to look at the most appropriate method to do that, so we can observe and determine where the source of the water is."

Because there was virtually no change overnight, Halvorsen said he's hopeful there isn't a large source of water entering the boat.

At this time, it's not possible to say how much it might cost to make any repairs that could be necessary.

Halvorsen said the city has had talks with the Lakehead Transportation Museum about the possibility of moving the James Whalen near the Alexander Henry on the Pool 6 property, but no decisions have yet been made at this time.



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## Get set for cycling season

he bicycle industry is reporting a doubling of bike sales over the past year. However, it appears that, in addition to new bike sales, many more people have liberated their old bikes from long-term

While it may be anecdotal, it certainly looks like more than double the number of cyclists are enjoying our roads and bike paths around Thunder Bay.

This is fantastic news because more people riding means a happier, healthier population and less cars on the road.

With our bikes out of the shed and the cycling

season ramping up, there are a few things we should check before heading out on the next adventure.

The two parts of a bike that require the most attention are the chain and the tires. Luckily, these can easily be handled at home with ease.

A bike's chain is the master link in the drivetrain and keeping it clean and lubricated will ensure low friction and high efficiency (easy speed!) while also prolonging the life of the drivetrain. Start by cleaning the chain with something like Dawn dish soap to get rid of any dirt or grease. Next, dry the chain and add lubricant to each inner roller.

Finally, use a rag to remove any excess lube, especially from the outer plates, as it will only attract dirt. Do this before every ride and your bike will be smooth, quiet and fast.

While WD-40 is great for cleaning a chain, it does very little to lubricate it. So,

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if you are out of bike chain lubricant, it is better to look around the garage for some 3-in-1 Oil or even standard 5W-30 motor oil.

At your local bike shop you will find three main types of bike lube: dry

lube is thin and works great most of the time, wet lube is thick and superior in the rain and mud, but wax-based lubricants can out-perform both dry and wet lubes.

If you can remember to clean and rewax your chain after every ride, nothing is more clean, quiet or efficient.

The catch is that the wax must always be applied to a clean chain and left overnight to dry before the next ride.

In addition to an optimized chain, nothing will enhance the quality of your ride more than a good set of tires with the right amount of air in them. If you have converted to tubeless, be sure to top up your sealant as it has likely dried out over the winter. For bikes with good old-fashioned inner tubes, it is just a matter of keeping them aired up enough to prevent pinch flats.

You do not need to check them before every ride as a weekly check-up is just fine. Use the recommended air pressure on the tire's sidewall as a starting point but don't hesitate to play with lower pressures for more comfort.

The ride shouldn't be bouncy or bonejarring. Find the sweet spot in the middle by pressing your thumb into the tire and feeling for a few millimeters of squish. Whether you prefer the simplicity of tubes or the sublime ride and puncture-resistance of tubeless tires, it is wise to always carry a tube, a tire lever and a mini pump so you are ready to repair that inevitable flat tire.

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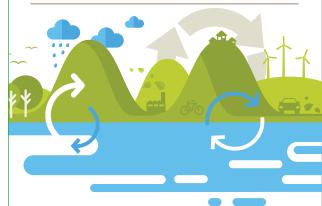
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I was to show up at the Colosseum building and wait in my vehicle until

my appointed time which I did.

Then I presented myself at the front door, was ushered inside and reported to the first person to present my health

card and they checked off my name. Then on to another station where the process was repeated. Then I was shown to a chair well-spaced from other vaccine candidates, all of whom looked to be in the same age group as me, more or less.

Soon I was taken to a station where a pleasant male nurse asked a few more questions and reamed off a formal description of possible illeffects once I got the shot (fortunately in my case, none of the mentioned side effects occurred), and then he administered the vaccine. Felt almost no

sting. And then I was told to head around the corner and someone would take me to a vacant chair to sit for fifteen minutes just to make sure my

body didn't suffer from immediate illeffects.

But when I reported to the final station, to check out, the pert young female creature looked up my name and then asked: "Your birthday is on May 6th?" "Uh...no, it is in January," I answered. Pause while she surveyed the computer screen. "Hmmm," she hummed, "can I see your health card,

please?" I duly presented the card that she examined and then more scanning of the computer screen. "Is there a problem?" I asked. "No, but there must be another Fred Jones in the system," she answered.

What?!? Another Fred Jones? How did this happen? Is there a duplicate, a doppleganger running (well, at my age perhaps shuffling) around Thunder Bay?

Then I remembered that back when I worked at CBC Radio, I would get the occasional phone call asking if I was "the Fred Jones that works at Great Lakes?" Uh, nope. And here I thought that I was unique.

Cue the Twilight Zone theme, then Rod Serling's Voice: "Picture if you will, two Fred Jones sent on an earthly mission: one to work in a paper mill; the other to shoot off his mouth for a living and without ever meeting...in the Twilight Zone."

What were the chances of two "Fred Jones" winding up in this burgh?

I have to say that the entire process for receiving my first COVID vaccine went smoothly, very well organized.

Lots of volunteers who were very attentive and friendly. The whole operation was painless.

Well, except for a very brief pinch.

Side effects? My arm hurt a bit the next day but that didn't stop me from functioning on the farm. I was a bit drowsy after lunch but I usually am ready for a nap about mid-afternoon so who can tell if it was my usual biorhythms or the effects of the vaccine?

And I wonder if this other Fred Jones, mill worker, if people used to call him and ask if he was the Fred Jones working in radio? (resume Twilight Zone theme)

# AstraZeneca shot opens to 40-plus

**HEALTH**By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The province on Monday confirmed it was opening the availability of the AstraZeneca vaccine to anyone 40 and older.

The vaccine had previously only been available to those aged 55 to 64 while the government looked into issues surrounding a small number of blood clots associated with the vaccine.

The vaccine is being administered at four local pharmacies – Shopper's Drug Mart on Red River Road, Dawson Heights Pharmacy, the Safeway Pharmacy on Court Street and Oak Medical Centre on Arthur Street

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## Student artwork showcased at show

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

While the actual doors to Thunder Bay Art Gallery are closed right now, you can and should open yours, so to speak, to the Student Juried Exhibition from Lakehead University.

This annual fresh and promising show has moved online for 2021, no surprise there. What is surprising is how the students' overall focus has shifted. There is a definite change in the "barometer". Introspection, healthy or not so healthy, is here in plain sight. Or, perhaps we the viewers have also undergone a similar shift. Take a good long look, from home, by yourself. What does this year's juried collection have you thinking? Feeling? Does it reflect your own reality?

In all we have 50 works, along with their titles, mediums, and dimensions to consider. I would recommend noting the dimensions of some pieces in particular, because with online a true visual impact isn't nearly what it would be, were you there, three-dimensionally and in person.

Here's a hint at that not-so-healthy introspection I was mentioning: with titles such as Paranoia, Murder on the Mind, Falling Apart, Glimpse from Purgatory, our imaginations receive an extra little jolt.

What is the artist trying to show us, or share with us?

At the other end of the introspection scale, the still-life works are beautifully serene, calming and soothing: an egg and glossy bird figurine atop books with sprigs of carnations; a perfect pear at the peak of crispness; bright lemon slices in a smooth container of cool water. So refreshing, we know it absolutely.

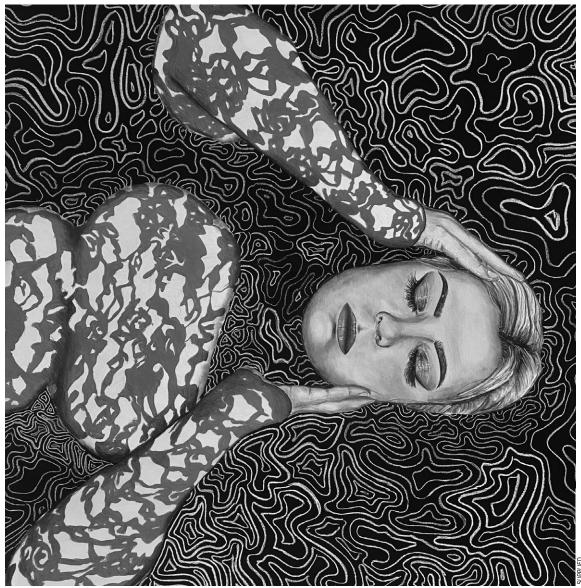
A couple of self-portraits took me into the artist's introspection in ways I wasn't expecting. Left me feeling uneasy, as if I'd intruded on private things I wasn't meant to see. In one, a voluptuous woman with softly pinkhued closed eye-lids doesn't give a clue as to what she's thinking. Something pleasant? I say "voluptuous" only because of the bright curvy outlines of her torso, if that's what it is, ballooning out of an extremely busy black-white background of undulating lines hard to look at. Presents such a contrast. As does, now, the face.

The other self-portrait causes some concern in me, or rather, for this young man out at night somewhere. It's cold. What has just happened? Some kind of trouble? He's not happy, that's for sure. The artist's treatment of light and dark, limited colour, is wonderfully effective: most of the face and background are in shadow, yet we see the parts we need to. The eyes. And that closed mouth. Expressionless?

As TBAG"s communication co-ordinator Corey Wilkinson notes, last year's Juried show featured environmental and social topics. Pandemic fallout had just begun. "This year we are still seeing themes of family, but now more of isolation, even despair. For the most part the students worked from their homes, from northern Ontario, southern Ontario and China. I encourage everyone to support the artists by visiting the exhibition online, and voting for our People's Choice Award."

View the show on the gallery's website ("What's On"); there's also a complete list of the jurors' decisions on winning entries.

The Student Juried Show 2021 is on until May 30.



A VIEW FROM WITHIN: Victoria Hammond's Self-Portrait was created using acrylic paint, pencil crayon and chalk pastels.

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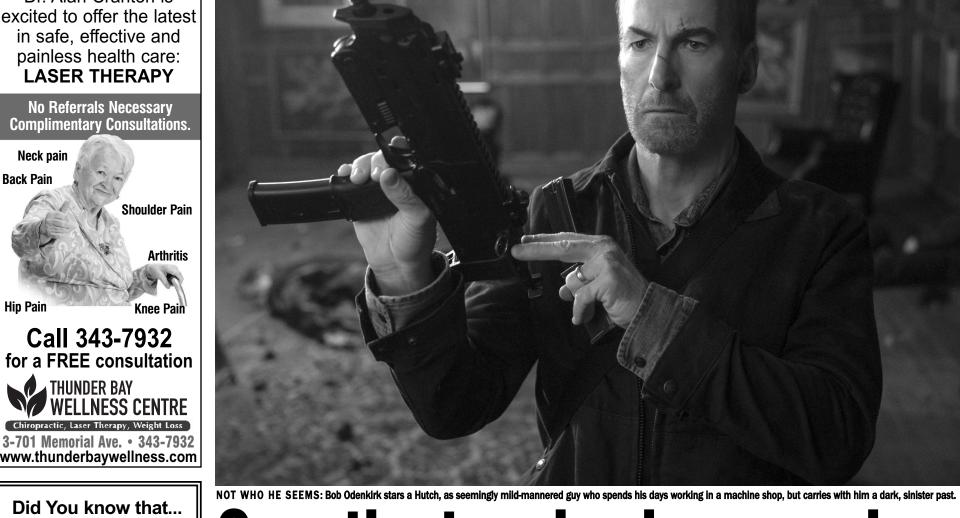




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## Over-the-top deadpan mayhem

#### In Nobody, pushing Bob Odenkirk's Hutch too far was a bad move for the bad guys

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Nobody (Shaw Premiere) is the latest entry in the vigilante revenge fantasy flick. The twist here is that our hero is none other than Bob Odenkirk. Yes, raspy-voiced, middle-aged, grizzled Odenkirk.

Nobody draws inspiration mostly from Keanu Reeves "John Wick" series, employing the same

screenwriter, Derek Volstad. There are also echoes of Viggo Mortensen's History of Violence, and Liam Neeson's various Taken movies.

The familiar format features a supposed nondescript everyman with a dark past who's forced

into utilizing otherwise hidden skills to singlehandedly dispatch a small army of baddies.

Odenkirk is just that—a humdrum suburban family man named Hutch Mansell, married with two kids, who uses public transit to get to his job as an accountant at a machine shop, operated by his

A series of quicksilver cuts reminiscent of All That Jazz satirically illustrates the daily, repetitive monotony of Hutch's life. This action flick has some

Then two incidents galvanize our true protagonist.

There's a home invasion whereby a young couple make off with a bit of cash and Hutch's watch. Hutch could have easily defended, but he oddly allows them to get away. Instantly, Hutch is branded a coward.

Hutch's nursing home dad (Christopher Lloyd) and radio jazz DJ pal Harry (RZA)

share in Hutch's past life and more intriguingly, his specialized skills. They know why he's holding back. There's a mysterious backstory.

But the loss of his daughter's precious bracelet spurs Hutch into action. He traces the burglars and

rousts them, but holds off inflicting real damage when he sees their baby daughter in a crib. Hutch threatens them, "Give me the kitty cat bracelet you (censored)!!", giving us some unexpected black

Incident No. 2: on his way home from this confrontation, a quartet of Russian thugs accost Hutch on his bus, bullying a young female passenger

This prompts Hutch to launch a Battle Royale, putting the quartet in the hospital. A bruised Hutch winces home.

Trouble is, one of the punks is the brother of Yulian (Aleksey Serebryakov) a powerful babysitter of Russian mob money. As anyone who's watched The Sopranos knows, tangling with the mob is like quicksand.

You get in deeper and deeper. Hair-raising confrontations and body count escalate.

Director Illya Naishuller brilliantly choreographs the fight sequences, finding inventive, giddy ways to inflict mayhem. Hutch himself is an interesting character. Skillful in combat, he's no superman. Hutch also doesn't wish to disappoint his family, despite underlying issues.

Odenkirk is deadpan funny. He trained hard for this and it shows.

Still, there's a bit of reticence towards this part genre thriller, part parody.

The villain is not the wickedly diabolical challenge as promised.

The pop tunes intended as satirical counterpoints come off as shallow ploys to amuse us. Ultimately, though, the carnage mounts in over the top fashion that is a little too gleeful, recalling the soullessness of The King's Man series.

With hints of a *Nobody* sequel, one hopes they can limit the carnage to under a battalion.



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### Video evidence or is it more confusion?

o after a month of mass shootings and more police-involved violence, news outlets are doing double-time trying to cover it all.

Everyone has an opinion on the acts themselves, the subsequent protests, and the further violence that they have incited.

Fortunately, there are cameras everywhere.

Businesses have video security systems. Witnesses have cell phones. Neighbours have home security video. And the police have everything from dash-cams to body-cams.

#### On display

And thankfully, all this video is being shared by the news media so that the world can see what really happened.

Most recently, the footage being carefully shared involves the death of a 13-year-old with a handgun in a dark alley. The idea of a barely-teenager



being shot to death is horrific. Being shot to death by a police officer is even more so.

So the news outlets have aired this footage over and over again. They've slowed it down and blown it up. They've had experts review it backwards and forwards as though it could reveal the centuries-old secrets of Turin.

After all, a mother wants to know why her child was shot. We all do. But does

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CHILLING: Chicago police released bodycam video of Adam Toledo's death.

the video really supply that answer?

For decades, television police dramas have given simple answers for whodunnit and why. Scenes involving

shoot-outs or police interactions are well-scripted and poignant. There's time to discuss when and how to act. And the appropriate actions of everyone involved are usually pretty obvious.

Funny how life does not imitate art in that moment.

Everyone is studying that body-cam footage and making snap-judgements about the officer's actions as quickly as he did when he fired his weapon. Like the TV dramas, we expect the answer to he obvious

However, we don't get an hour of character backstories that lead to this defining moment. In the real world, it's considered "victim blaming" just to ask where the boy got the gun; why he was with a 21-year-old shooting at cars as they drove by at 3 a m.; why he wasn't home with his mother. Yet our TV dramas give us exactly that - without the damning questions - so we have a clear sense of morality and justice on

both sides before the closing credits.

And we're not going to get that here. All viewers have is video of a teen with a gun in the dark and a police officer firing his weapon.

#### Passing judgment

News outlets can slow the footage, enhance the image, replay it and decide - along with their viewers - what should have happened. Unfortunately, the officer acting on the scene can't do any of that. So while showing "what really happened" gives transparency to law enforcement, not to mention fabulous viewer ratings for the media, it doesn't always help those involved at that moment.

I'm not judging the boy or the cop. Nor am I saying that video doesn't give some clarity in many cases. But the world should not tear itself apart based solely on what it sees on TV. There's always more to the story than can be

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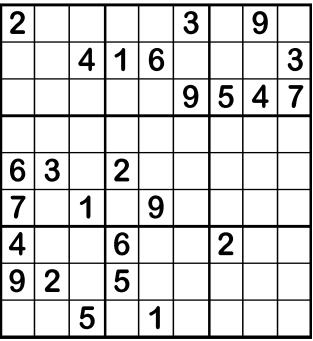
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# Sports news information | coverage

# Kings hire coaches Red Sox revival has shocked MLB world

HOCKEY By Leith Dunick - T B Source

ollowing a mostly lost hockey season, the Thunder Bay Kings have turned their focus to the 2021-22 campaign, on Wednesday announcing the coaches for all four of their teams.

Joe Ritson has been tagged to lead the under-13 squad, while Matt Simeoni will guide the under-15 team. Former NHLer Lonny Bohonos will take on the reins of the under-16 team, while Jeff Ricciardi returns for a second season with the under-18 club.

Ritson, who played for the Kings organization before heading off to the University of Denver to play for Thunder Bay's George Gwozdecky, spent four seasons in the minor pros, including a 17-game stint with the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League in 2002-03.

The 42-year-old has been coaching in AA for the past several seasons.

Simeoni is also an alumnus of the Kings program, the goaltender on the organization's first West Regionalwinning team that played at the Air Canada Cup in 1992 in Dartmouth, N.S., winning a silver medal.

A former draft pick of the Ontario Hockey League's Ottawa 67s, he's a long-time coach in Thunder Bay who coached the Kings under-13 team last

Bohonos, who played 83 games and parts of five seasons with the Vancouver Canucks and Toronto Maple Leafs, is



TAKING OVER THE REINS: The 2018-19 Thunder Bay Kings PeeWee team.

probably best known for putting up nine points in nine games during Toronto's second-round playoff run in 1999 though it marked the end of his NHL

The Winnipeg-born 47-year-old went on to play several seasons in Europe before retiring in 2006, later moving to Thunder Bay.

In 1993-94 he led the Western Hockey League in goals, assists and points and was named a Canadian Hockey League first-team all star.

Bohonos has been a long-time supporter of the Kings program, serving both behind the bench and on the execu-

Finally, Ricciardi is back for Year 2

with the under-18 team.

A 14-year pro who turns 50 in June, Ricciardi was a stay-at-home defenceman who enjoyed success in the ECHL, the IHL and also in Germany and Italy, retiring after the 2007-08 campaign. He also played with the Thunder Bay Bombers in 2005, winning the Allan Cup and is currently a scout for the OHL's Sudbury Wolves.

The Kings U15, U16 and U18 teams are slated to play in the Greater Toronto Hockey League in 2021-22. The league did not play this past season due to COVID-19. The U13 team's opponents will be determined at a later date.

The teams will announce full coaching staff once they are finalized.

LEITH

**SPORTS SHORTS** 

he surprise of the Major League Baseball season has to be the Boston Red Sox.

Written off by just about all but the Fenway fanatics, the Sox were given little chance to succeed in 2021, with a pitching staff in disrepair and awaiting the return of Chris Sale, and

a lineup that had plenty of questions and not a whole lot of answers.

Have they proven the doubters wrong through the first 10 per cent of the season.

The Sox, winners of just 24 games in 2020, have nearly half that total in 2021 and we're still in April.

J.D. Martinez. who barely cracked the Mendoza line last season, hitting just seven homers in 54 games, has six in his first 15 games, is hitting north of .375 and leads the league in RBI, with 20 as of Monday.

He's got to be an early MVP favourite.

With Sale due back, possibly as early as June, Nathan Eovaldi is holding down the fort, the 31-year-old posting a 2-1 record with a miniscule 2.08 ERA, Nick Pivetta, who pitched for Canada at the World Junior Baseball Championship in 2010 in Thunder Bay, is also holding his own, with a 2-0 record and a 3.60 ERA, while southpaw Eduardo Rodriguez has bounced back nicely after sitting out last season due to COVID-19 concerns, also 2-0 with a 3.60 ERA.

The Red Sox bullpen has been the surprise of the season. Three of their releievers - Matt Barnes, Matt Andriese and Darwinzon Hernandez have ERAs under 1.50 and a fourth, Garrett Whitlock, a potential rotation

candidate, hadn't allowed an earned run in nine innings this year.

The Red Sox lead the majors with a .277 batting average as of Sunday's games. The Toronto Blue Jays, on the

it's one of the main reasons they're treading water, losing three of four to the Kansas City Royals. Vladimir Guerrero has been a

other hand, are hitting just .230 and

pleasant surprise, finally doing what the experts said he would.

It's a shame, because the Jays lead the American League with a 3.06 team

It's opposite world in Dunedin. Toronto was supposed to be a great hitting team, but the pitching staff which is banged up at the moment was suspect.

Marcus Semien, Lourdes Gurriel, Cavan Biggio and Jonathan Davis, who has hit just .100 filling for an injured George Springer, have to pick things up or Toronto's going to be in real trouble, especially if the pitching staff comes back to Earth.

## Ryan Bliznikas given Football Canada award

**FOOTBALL** By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay football coach has Aearned a builder award from Football Canada.

Ryan Bliznikas, vice-president of the Thunder Bay Minor Football Association, was awarded the honour on Thursday.

Football Canada said Bliznikas has been "instrumental in bringing learning, coaching and playing opportunities to teams in Thunder Bay through his extensive networking with other provinces and organizations.

"It could be said that Ryan saved

the 2020 season by introducing flag football in the spring, which resulted in a record number of participants, and notably, a record number of first-time female players."

The builder award was one of four given out.

Calgary's Melissa Roth, the director of the Calgary Bantam Football Association, was named volunteer of the year. Organization of the Year went to Saskatoon Minor Football, while the community MVP was Isaac Pepin of Saint-Augustin-de-Desmuaure, Que., who has been leading the charge to get kids playing sports again.



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