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Doctor diagnosed with COVID-19

Physician may have exposed 100 workers at regional hospital

HEALTH By Gary Rinne – TB Source

Adoctor who worked in the intensive care unit and other areas of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre has been diagnosed with COVID-19, resulting in contact tracing and tests for over 100 staff and a smaller number of patients.

Hospital officials say they believe there is a very low risk that the doctor infected anyone else, but they are taking all necessary precautions to ensure there has been no spread.

At a media conference Monday afternoon, Dr. Stewart Kennedy, TBRHSC's COVID-19 response leader, said the hospital management team is disheartened to have to report that an investigation is underway into the possibility of a COVID-19 outbreak.

Hasn't met threshold

The current definition for a hospital outbreak in Ontario is two labconfirmed cases within a hospital. No such outbreak has been declared at TBRHSC in this instance as yet.

Nonetheless, "This development is certainly upsetting to everyone involved, and we recognize that it may increase anxiety with a number of people at the hospital and in the community,"



UPSETTING: Dr. Stewart Kennedy says the hospital is disheartened at the situation.

Kennedy said.

He said the hospital is collaborating with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and its infection prevention and control experts to trace contacts.

"All known contacts, including patients, staff and professional staff have been, or will be, tested as soon as possible." Kennedy added

The doctor, whose name has not been released, worked in various areas of the hospital between May 25 and May 30. Protocol requires daily screening of all

" hospital staff, and the doctor had no

suspected COVID-19 symptoms until Sunday, when he fell ill in the morning and tested positive later in the day.

The doctor, now in self-isolation, maintains two homes, one in Thunder Bay and one in eastern Ontario, where his family lives.

Kennedy said he had been at his eastern Ontario home for two weeks prior to returning to the city to work.

"We have a strict protocol that the locum signs off on. The physician was at home for two weeks before coming to Thunder Bay Regional Hospital, so he was not working in a hot zone before returning to the city," Kennedy said.

He added that the doctor had been tested for COVID-19 at the end of April, but was not re-tested until Sunday, after he declared symptoms "outside his regular symptoms regarding his allergies and some other minor medical conditions."

Kennedy said the hospital's leadership team is "deeply troubled" by the incident, which he said will have a significant impact on patient care.

A plan to ramp up elective surgeries, which was scheduled for implementation Monday, is now postponed indefinitely.

"Our focus at this time is to contain the spread and protect patients, staff and community members," Kennedy said.

He said hospital staff who don't suspect or don't display any symptoms will continue to work during the investigation.

Followup investigations are being conducted with eleven patients the doctor came into contact with, who remain in hospital, as well as some outpatients.

Kennedy said there's a potential that over 100 staff were also exposed, but emphasized "this is low-risk exposure...when you assess risk, you look at high probability and low probability, and this is low probability."

Hospital officials said the "time course" of the doctor's illness suggests the infection likely developed before he returned to Thunder Bay.

They said studies show the likelihood of passing on the infection tapers off after eight days, eventually becoming virtually negligible, even though the presence of the virus may still be detected.

As a result of the incident, tighter travel restrictions have been reimposed on staff from outside northwestern Ontario.

Relaxed rules

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Regional...

DR. STEWART

KENNEDY

At the start of the pandemic, the hospital restricted any travel from outside the region, but relaxed the rules

in order to bring in doctors to support hospital staff who were working to the point of exhaustion.

While working at the hospital, protocol requires them to wear a mask and gloves during patient interactions, as well as gowns when patients are isolated.

Asked if this doctor was wearing the required personal protective equipment at all times, Kennedy said "there may have been breakage of

protocol for short periods from time to time."

He said the hospital will conduct an investigation, adding "Any physician who has undergone a positive COVID-19, any nurse who has undergone a positive COVID-19, requires a thorough investigation to make sure protocols were followed."





Man arrested in sixth murder of 2020

Denis Bernard charged with second-degree murder in hotel killing

CRIME By Karen Edwards - TB Source

36-year-old man faces a second-Adegree murder charge in connection to a homicide that occurred on the weekend.

Denis Terry Bernard, born 1984, appeared in Thunder Bay bail court on Monday, June 1, and was formally read a charge of seconddegree murder by Justice of the Peace Bruce Leaman.

Bernard was remanded in custody to next week as he seeks counsel.

Thunder Bay Police Service responded to the Midtown Inn on May

30 at around 10:20 p.m.

Police say they found a seriously injured 29-year-old male who was transported to the hospital and later pronounced dead.

Police have identified Paul Winnifred Vivier, 29 of Victoria, B.C., as the victim, according to a police news release. Bernard and Vivier were known to each other, police

> The accused will appear back in court on June 9.

A post-mortem examination of the victim was scheduled to take place on Monday.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call police at 807-684-1200.

It was the city's sixth murder of 2020. - Karen Edwards is a Local Journalism Initiative reporter with Thunder Bay Source.



INVESTIGATING: Police on Sunday were still holding the scene after a murder took place the night before at the Midtown Inn.



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After a delay, lawns finally get mowed



finally did it. I mowed the lawns. I waited for the month of May to end. Why?

I had read an appeal from concerned gardeners and apiarists that May is the month when the pollinators – bees both bumble and honey – do their intense scouring of the dandelions for pollen. Then, of course they visit other plants and, in that process, they pollinate. The pollen rubs off. Nature at work.

Each day I would look at our lawns and see the grass growing longer and longer. The dandelions grew too and it was a spectacular sight especially when the wind ruffled the yellow flowers in undulating waves.

I had thought of leaving the dandelions until those yellow flowers all changed to white puffs – seeds, that the wind would send flying across the land. So, why not wait until the yellow had changed to white? Two reasons.

The first reason was how long the grass was getting to be. While the scene was beautiful with all that yellow contrasting with the green of the grass, we noticed that the wood ticks liked it too. Evidence of wood ticks appeared on pooches.

Other options

The second reason for manicuring the lawns was when after talking with my wife, Laura, and mentioning that I wanted the bees to grab as much pollen as possible, she counselled that there was plenty for the pollinators now with the Saskatoon bushes, the crab apple trees, and dandelion decorated areas we don't mow.

First, I had to troop into the tractor shelter where I store the riding lawn mower and reconnect the battery and pray that it starts.

Then I remembered that the oil should be checked which I did and all was well. I turned the key and Voila! The riding lawn mower or RLM fired up right away. Great.

I have, over the years, developed a mowing pattern.

All I had to do was try and remember it. Didn't take long and off mower and I trundled.

The morning was glorious with bright sunshine. My sunglasses made the colours of sky, trees, grass, and dandelions even richer. Wearing them also helped me spot any bees on dandelion flowers lying in the path of the lawn mower. I would stop and wait until they moved on to another section of lawn, and then resume my mowing.

My son, Doug, has for the past

Sead us online:

couple of summers worked for a township mowing vast expanses of lawn. I asked him when I came into Casa Jones for a break how he dealt with the bees.

To wait or not

Did he also pause until they had finished with the flower and moved out of the way? I knew from last summer that he, like me, respected the bees knowing that they are essential to the health of plants and have a job to do. His advice?

"I wait for a short while and then I gently ease forward and bump the bee to get it to move. I don't run them over." Good man. David Suzuki would be proud of you. I am.

Fortunately, after my break and resuming the mowing task, I rarely encountered any more bees. Once or twice and they seemed to move off quickly.

I guess that where I was mowing, the bees had already sucked the flowers dry. Now they have flowering bushes and trees available for getting the pollen.

And speaking of which: we had rain last week which was a good thing.

Sunday morning, I noticed some rain water sitting in our metal wheelbarrow. The wee puddle was surrounded by a thin, yellow line of pollen. Even in some puddles on the driveway I saw evidence of pollen.

Even on the surface of our aboveground swimming pool where the solar cover doesn't cover, I could see some pollen.

So, a rich time of year in the country for bees, for gardeners, and, of course, black flies. As I wrote last column (I think) black flies are pollinators too. They fertilize the blueberries.

And while the mowing should reduce the likelihood of flying and/or clinging pests, I really wish that I'd been able to leave the lawns with their gorgeous carpet of yellow until it all turned to puffy white.





Editorial

EDITORIAL

Health-care tests a must

Now is not the time to be letting up our guard against COVID-19.

Unfortunately, it's a lesson learned the hard way at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre this week – one that could come with dangerous consquences.

According to hospital officials, a doctor, known as a locum, had been at home for two weeks and returned to the Regional to work in its critical care department.

The doctor in question was screened and did not appear to be exhibiting any signs of COVID-19, other than his usual allergies.

For several days he did his rounds, but then started showing signs of having the virus.

He was tested and found to be positive, potentially exposing up to 100 co-workers and also several patients to the virus.

Until this pandemic is lifted, the hospital should make testing mandatory for any health-care worker or hospital employee who travels outside of the Thunder Bay district. It's not worth the risk.

We understand workers are tired and in some areas, there just aren't enough

specialists to go around. But what if all 100 employees come down with COVID-19? Then the hospital would be in a real mess.

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Save the LPH

To the editor: t is important that we preserve important buildings as their histories and stories contribute to the collective memory of the city.

It is good to see the efforts being made to sustain the Finnish Labour Temple which played such a crucial role in the labour movement history of Thunder Bay.

I would suggest that similar efforts should be made regarding the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital which faces an uncertain future.

Built in 1938 and later extended it stands as a reminder of the scale of mental health challenges in this city. These have become even more significant since the LPH closed, and have been compounded by racism and poverty.

With the COVID-19 pandemic triggering a new wave of mental health challenges it is timely to remember the important role that the LPH played in the city's history for over 50 years.

I would like to see all or part of the LPH preserved or repurposed in some way. It could become an isolation hospital for future pandemics or an evacuation centre for communities displaced by fire or floods or an arts centre or a combination of these and more.

> John Pateman, Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Don't take low cases for granted

OPINION

By JR Shermack – For TB Source

Some new clichés are being widely used to nurture comfort and inspiration among a COVID-weary worldwide population.

In press releases and news conferences it is increasingly common to hear "cautious optimism" with reference to our present situation and future scenarios.

Here at home government officials, medical professionals and average Canadians are also chanting another mantra, "We are all in this together."

Of course we've always been in this together and once the virus subsides we will continue to be in this together whether we like it or not – just saying.

Not all equal situations

I agree with this obvious statement of fact although some specific populations and regions are in this much deeper than others.

For instance, senior Canadians in longterm care facilities have been devastated by the virus and in Ontario the Greater Toronto area is the main hot spot. But elsewhere in the province many smaller, geographically isolated regions have effectively avoided disaster and some have been virus-free for weeks.

In a recent interview Health Minister Patty Hajdu used examples from Northwestern Ontario communities to illustrate this and she said she felt cautiously optimistic.

Right on, minister.

Hajdu continues to inspire confidence with her honesty and sincerity and our entire community should be cautiously optimistic right along with her.

But be careful Thunder Bay – when I go out for supplies I often witness behavior that could be flagged as overly, if not overtly optimistic.

Our region should be thankful for how well the virus is being managed but now is not the time to be smug or over-confident.

Nevertheless, for those communities who successfully manage the virus and behave responsibly and respectfully toward each other, there is tantalizing news.

Mayor Bill Mauro has been hinting at a possible regional approach and now the province is considering the merits of a regional re-opening of the economy. Don't get too excited – the pandemic isn't over, social distancing remains in effect and protective face masks are still a highly recommended common courtesy.

But according to Mr. Mauro the idea of regional openings is gaining traction and the subject is being discussed by medical officers of health across the province.

Locally, Dr. Stewart Kennedy believes Thunder Bay and the region could continue to open up, thanks to its low case load.

But we are still a long way from normal and even if Northwestern Ontario gets a regional reprieve due to good behavior, the public health risk remains.

Some are giddy with excitement at the prospect of a re-opened economy but for me personally there is one very important factor missing from the discussion.

When and how are Canadian families going to be reunited and what measures are needed to keep loved ones safe as we welcome them back into our homes? Millions of lonely Canadians are counting the days until they can expand their family bubble to include isolated and sadly missed relatives.

Re-opening the economy and reuniting families are seldom discussed together but can we realistically separate family life from a well-functioning economy?

The premier is still twitchy about opening the province too rapidly, especially after the disgraceful incident at Trinity Bellwoods Park in Toronto.

Tough to see

Irresponsible and reckless behaviour in the middle of a health crisis is discouraging – it has been called "performative disobedience."

That performance was very hard to watch for heartsick family members patiently waiting and hoping for good news.

The last thing we need right now is an extended lockdown due to the thoughtless actions of a few cavalier Canadians who disregard the pandemic.

As the province, the country and family bubbles reopen we need to demonstrate by our actions that Patty Hajdu's cautious optimism is justified.









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Centrepin reels great fishing tool



hrough the first few months on the open water season I have spent at least 90 per cent of my angling time with a centerpin reel in my hand. While a traditional spinning reel is necessary to effectively cast hardware, and the rhythmic casting of a fly line is both therapeutic and beautiful, there is simply nothing as effective as using a centerpin set-up for long, natural drifts in a river.

A centerpin looks like a large-diameter fly reel, but it has no drag, which allows it to spin freely on its axis (its center pin) to cover a ton of water with infinitely long, drag-free drifts. The reels will be loaded with a braided backing line and then several hundred metres of monofilament line on top.

The large, smooth-spinning spool picks up the line quickly, ensuring no time is wasted on the retrieve and allowing the angler to keep the bait in the water as much as possible. Centerpin reels do have a clicker, but it is used for transporting the reel, not for fishing. So, once a fish is hooked, you actually use your hand to palm the spool to create the necessary amount of drag.

This direct connection to a big, hardfighting fish makes every battle exciting. Of course, there are drawbacks to every type of fishing and with the centerpin, it is the complexity of casting. Even expert anglers who have tried centerpin angling will know the frustrations of trying to

cast without tangling the line as it flies off the free-spooling reel. Fortunately, the learning curve is quick and most people will acquire some variation of the Wallis cast, which involves simultaneously spinning the spool while casting the bait.

The big advantage of centerpin fishing is that it creates the most natural presentation possible in moving water by using a float to keep both the weight and bait off bottom. This allows a drag-free drift at the same speed as the river current. Below the float is some split shot for weight, and then the bait. Using a float not only keeps the bait from hanging up on bottom, but it provides a visual strike indicator and a vertical presentation that results in far fewer foul-hooked fish.

Floats can be easily adjusted to cover different depths as the angler moves around and fishes different spots on the river. In the fastest water, it is necessary to hold back the float a bit because the surface current is usually moving significantly quicker than the current below.

Centerpin rods, typically between 11 and 13 feet in length in our area, also help with a natural presentation by keeping the line off the water during the entire drift.

Centerpin fishing is also remarkably versatile. You can effectively fish a natural presentation in every type of current from fast-flowing runs to big deep pools where the water moves at a painfully slow pace.

Considering the versatility and effectiveness of fishing with these remarkable reels, it becomes evident why this type of fishing, which originated in nineteenthcentury England, has been adopted by modern river anglers throughout Ontario and across Canada



GREAT ANGLING: Keith Alley says centrepin fishing creates the most natural presentation possible in moving water.



IN THE bay

Twilight Zone meets X-Files



The Vast of Night (streaming Amazon Prime) represents a very promising debut of a talented director, Andrew Patterson, who draws inspiration from *The Twilight Zone, The X-Files*, and other sources to give us a refreshing, delightfully eerie entry in the sci-fi genre.

Set in 1950s Cayuga, N.M. (pop 492) where geeky glasses, pleated skirts, and ponytails abound along with the town's all-consuming passion for local high school basketball. Nearly everybody is attending the first game of the season.

Patterson sets the tone starting with an effective Zone TV parody, "Paradox Theatre" replete with a Rod Serling sound-alike intro, before shifting attention to the high school where student senior Everett (Jake Horowitz) a genial, horn-rimmed hipster is called upon to help the gym student volunteers address some odd electrical issues right before the game. Assorted rodents chewing through wires are the alleged culprits.

From there, Everett engages in extended amusing banter with a junior student, Fay Crocker, (Sierra



STRAIGHT ARROW: Sierra McCormick stars as Fay Crocker in The Vast of Night.

McCormick) a school band horn player, who is such a straight-arrow novice that she needs Everett's expertise on mastering her new portable reel-to-reel tape recorder. ("You haven't been curious enough to push a button?" he teases.)

Fay responds by peppering Everett with articles she's read in science magazines about transportation in the future where cars self-drive thanks to 'electronic highway control,' and "a voice that comes over the radio and gives you directions." Both students have night jobs, Everett as a wise-cracking DJ for the radio station and Fay as a part-time town switchboard operator. These key functions will draw the two together into curious goings-on.

A strange radio signal on the radio and oddly disrupted phone calls plus creepy stories recounted by a black man talking furtively on the phone about working on a secret government project followed by a chat with a distraught elderly woman with odd experiences of her own convince Everett and Fay that something's not right in the night sky.

This may sound all very familiar, but Patterson sidesteps sci-fi clichés, focusing primarily on the lively interplay between Everett and Fay (Horowitz and McCormick are very good) before he begins to deliciously dole out the requisite ominous occurrences and equally weird revelations that generate suspense, recalling vestiges of Roswell and Area 51.

The amusing, often overlapping dialogue and Everett's drawling, cool-nik slang are intriguing to the ear, (closed captioning might help), recalling a similar style employed in *The Thing from Another World*.

Patterson also masterfully conjures unsettling atmosphere with extended tracking shots of a quiet, deserted main street enveloped by darkness. (Everyone's at the game, remember, including the cops.)

The ultimate object of Everett and Fay's pursuit in the night sky is rendered in decidedly low-budget but effective fashion, as Patterson opts for a low-key, elusive conclusion.

If the payoff does not quite match the build-up, so be it.

The pleasures of *The Vast of Night* lie more in the 'getting there' where we luxuriate in Patterson's inventive, moody vision, a kind of *American Graffiti* meets *Close Encounters of the Third Kind.*



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TV shows will have to adapt to COVID-19 world

As countries start to relax the social distancing rules and open for business, the question remains: When will Hollywood follow and resume production of our TV shows?

My question is more specific: What will those productions look like in a social distancing world?

At my job, I have limited co-workers on-site and we still talk to each other from across the room.

When we pass in the hallway, people hug the walls and even turn their backs on each other for safety. The click of my high-heel shoes is now used by others as an early warning system that I'm coming around the corner.

But TV and movie sets are full of bodies working long hours in close quarters.

They have meals catered and left out for people to graze. Technicians work in tight areas to set lights and micro-



phones. Make-up artists are constantly doing touch ups. Studio audiences are crammed into their seats.

So production will certainly have to change behind the scenes. The more obvious adjustments, however, will be in front of the camera.

What many don't realize is that empty space tends to expand on camera. So on-set, the furniture is smaller. Rooms are more cramped. And actors perform with much less personal space than in real life. It makes the scene more intimate and audience more connected.

This trend was more obvious when daytime soap operas were popular. Those characters often conversed with their faces six to 12 inches apart. When was the last time you yelled at someone standing so close you could taste what they had for lunch?

Of course, that cannot happen anymore. But will they maintain the six foot minimum? Will the characters turn their backs "for safety" as others walk by? How will they interact?

And "let's talk about sex, baby." It's a huge part of television. So how will they shoot "frisky time" safely? Will the actors have to don full PPE to make whoopee? "No glove, no love" will certainly take on a whole new meaning.

Remember Ross and Rachel's first kiss on *Friends*? Even 25 years later, it

tops many "Most Romantic" lists. But today, Rachel might not open all those locks on the door of Central Perk to let Ross in. Forget the historic moment. He'd be safer on the other side.

No, next season's dramas may involve a '50s-era notion of romance: long lingering looks through a video screen, knowing glances across a room, and then the camera pans away as sex is left to the imagination. I like it.

Some shows were pretty ingenious in crafting their final episodes this past spring. *All Rise* did a video chat episode. *The Blacklist* was part video, part graphic novel. So I can't wait to see how writers acknowledge people's interactions in a COVID world.

Then again, by fall they might just ignore the new social norms altogether. After all, parts of North America are already acting as though it never happened.







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Cats season cancelled

BASEBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Thunder Bay Border Cats manager Mike Steed says he's saddened to learn the Northwoods League team won't be on the field this summer.

He'd been holding out hope a solution could be found.

But when the Canadian government extended the border closure with the United States until June 21, and with no guarantees it would reopen at that time, he knew the writing was on the wall. Add in the unlikelihood of fans being able to gather at Port Arthur Stadium this summer and there was just no way the Border Cats could play in 2020.

The good news, at least for the American contingent on the team, is they'll be able to play on a team being temporarily assembled in Bismarck, N.D., to be known as the Flickertails. The new team, a oneyear solution to provide players a place to play, will join a three-team pod and play out of the North Dakota capital.

It's making the best of a bad situation, said Steed, who is holding out hope he'll be able to join the team as manager later this year, should border restrictions be eased. Unfortunately it's no real solace for the team's Canadian contingent, the



NO PLACE TO PLAY: Jakob Newton is one of 10 Canadians on the Border Cats 2020 roster.

of being able to get on the field in

largest in franchise history. "For the American guys, the alternative Bismarck made it a little easier," Steed said.

"But they've heard about coming to Thunder Bay and what Thunder Bay was all about, the experience of playing at Port Arthur Stadium and the fans. I think it was very tough on the Canadian players. Having 10 guys on the roster this year, 10 very talented guys who were into being Canadian and playing for the Border Cats, I think being in limbo right now was very tough. And it was tough on me."

The Canadians including returnee Jakob Newton, could join the Flickertails later in the season, with few other playing options available to them at this point.

Steed is hopeful many of the players will make their way to Thunder Bay in 2021.

"I don't know the exact percentage, but there's a large number of that roster, and the Canadian kids, who are eligible to come back to Thunder Bay next year," said Steed, who also managed the Border Cats in 2009 and 2010.

"I've made it perfectly clear that we'd like them to still have that opportunity in '21 to come back and be that Border Cats team."

The Cats were supposed to begin play last Tuesday.

Sportsnet's Campbell delivers PPE

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

amie Campbell was quick to sign on to the Conquer COVID-19 movement – and equally as quick to insist that Canada's northern communities not be left out. He meant it, too.

Armed with a 1976 Fred Lynn baseball bat to measure physical distancing space, the instudio host of the Toronto Blue Jays Sportsnet broadcasts on Friday hopped into his jam-packed Conquer COVID-19labelled white Volvo and drove 15 hours to Thunder Bay to make the organization's latest personal protective equipment delivery.

Campbell made two stops in the city on Saturday morning, dropping off supplies headed to Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek. His whirlwind tour of the north concluded at the Court Street offices of Matawa First Nation, where he unloaded several boxes of masks, gloves and other supplies destined for five fly-in communities north of Thunder Bay.

Early on in the Conquer COVID-19 effort, a movement inspired by hockey legend

Haley Wickenheiser and given a massive social media boost by Deadpool himself – Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds – Campbell said he saw a lone tweet from a paramedic in Timmins on the hunt for PPE supplies.

"When I was a teenager, I spent a couple summers in Timmins and it had a very profound impact on me. As soon as I saw the tweet, I replied to the guy and I said, 'I'll figure something out.' They needed PPE and if I have to I'll drive it myself," Campbell said.

"Within about three days I had a vehicle full of PPE and had plans to be in Timmins. Timmins is the reason I volunteered for the northern drives. But because of my experience there I knew that it was important for the big city, like the GTA, to understand that everybody needs our help."

Driven by a mix of doctors, business leaders, entrepreneurs and celebrities, the Conquer COVID-19 movement, which wrapped up its campaign on Friday, raised more than \$2.5 million in its efforts to source and deliver PPE that was in short supply to those who desperately needed it in the health-care community.

Ontario's north was high on that list.



LONG RIDE: Broadcaster Jamie Campbell drove 15 hours to Thunder Bay last weekend.

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Doctor diagnosed with COVID-19

Locum physician may have expsosed 100 staff, plus patients

HEALTH By Gary Rinne – TB Source

Adoctor who worked in the Intensive Care Unit and other areas of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre has been diagnosed with COVID-19, resulting in contact tracing and tests for over 100 staff and a smaller number of patients.

Hospital officials say they believe there is a very low risk that the doctor infected anyone else, but they are taking all necessary precautions to ensure there has been no spread.

At a media conference Monday afternoon, Dr. Stewart Kennedy, TBRHSC's COVID-19 response leader, said the hospital management team is disheartened to have to report that an investigation is underway into the possibility of a COVID-19 outbreak.

Hasn't met threshold

The current definition for a hospital outbreak in Ontario is two labconfirmed cases within a hospital. No such outbreak has been declared at TBRHSC in this instance as yet.

Nonetheless, "This development is certainly upsetting to everyone involved, and we recognize that it may increase anxiety with a number of people at the hospital and in the community,"



UPSETTING: Dr. Stewart Kennedy says the hospital is disheartened at the situation.

Kennedy said.

He said the hospital is collaborating with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and its infection prevention and control experts to trace contacts.

"All known contacts, including patients, staff and professional staff have been, or will be, tested as soon as possible." Kennedy added

The doctor, whose name has not been released, worked in various areas of the hospital between May 25 and May 30. Protocol requires daily screening of all

" hospital staff, and the doctor had no

suspected COVID-19 symptoms until Sunday, when he fell ill in the morning and tested positive later in the day.

The doctor, now in self-isolation, has worked at the hospital as a locum - a physician brought in from out of town to supplement local hospital staff - since it opened in 2004.

Kennedy said he had been in eastern Ontario before recently returning to Thunder Bay.

"We have a strict protocol that the locum signs off on. The physician was at home for two weeks before coming to Thunder Bay Regional Hospital, so he was not working in a hot zone before returning to the city," Kennedy said.

He added that the doctor had been tested for COVID-19 at the end of April, but was not re-tested until Sunday, after he declared symptoms "outside his regular symptoms regarding his allergies and some other minor medical conditions."

Kennedy said the hospital's leadership team is "deeply troubled" by the incident, which he said will have a significant impact on patient care.

A plan to ramp up elective surgeries, which was scheduled for implementation Monday, is now postponed indefinitely.

"Our focus at this time is to contain the spread and protect patients, staff and community members," Kennedy said.

He said hospital staff who don't suspect or don't display any symptoms will continue to work during the investigation.

Followup investigations are being conducted with eleven patients the doctor came into contact with, who remain in hospital, as well as some outpatients.

Kennedy said there's a potential that over 100 staff were also exposed, but emphasized "this is low-risk exposure...when you assess risk, you look at high probability and low probability, and this is low probability."

Hospital officials said the "time course" of the doctor's illness suggests

the infection likely developed before he returned to Thunder Bay.

They said studies show the likelihood of passing on the infection tapers off after eight days, eventually becoming virtually negligible, even though the presence of the virus may still be detected.

As a result of the incident, tighter travel restrictions have been reimposed on staff from outside northwestern Ontario.

Relaxed rules

At the start of the pandemic, the hospital restricted any travel from

outside the region, but relaxed the rules in order to bring in doctors to support hospital staff who were working to the point of exhaustion. While working at the

hospital, protocol requires them to wear a mask and gloves during patient interactions, as well as gowns when patients are isolated. Asked if this doctor was

EDY Wart wearing the required personal protective equipment at all times, Kennedy said "there may have been breakage of protocol for

short periods from time to time." He said the hospital will conduct an

He said the hospital will conduct an investigation, adding "Any physician who has undergone a positive COVID-19, any nurse who has undergone a positive COVID-19, requires a thorough investigation to make sure protocols were followed."





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Man arrested in sixth murder of 2020

Denis Bernard charged with second-degree murder in hotel killing

CRIME By Karen Edwards - TB Source

36-year-old man faces a second-Adegree murder charge in connection to a homicide that occurred on the weekend.

Denis Terry Bernard, born 1984, appeared in Thunder Bay bail court on Monday, June 1, and was formally read a charge of seconddegree murder by Justice of the Peace Bruce Leaman.

Bernard was remanded in custody to next week as he seeks counsel.

Thunder Bay Police Service responded to the Midtown Inn on May

30 at around 10:20 p.m.

Police say they found a seriously injured 29-year-old male who was transported to the hospital and later pronounced dead.

Police have identified Paul Winnifred Vivier, 29 of Victoria, B.C., as the victim, according to a police news release. Bernard and Vivier were known to each other, police

> The accused will appear back in court on June 9.

A post-mortem examination of the victim was scheduled to take place on Monday.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call police at 807-684-1200.

It was the city's sixth murder of 2020. - Karen Edwards is a Local Journalism Initiative reporter with Thunder Bay Source.



INVESTIGATING: Police on Sunday were still holding the scene after a murder took place the night before at the Midtown Inn.



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After a delay, lawns finally get mowed



finally did it. I mowed the lawns. I waited for the month of May to end. Why?

I had read an appeal from concerned gardeners and apiarists that May is the month when the pollinators – bees both bumble and honey – do their intense scouring of the dandelions for pollen. Then, of course they visit other plants and, in that process, they pollinate. The pollen rubs off. Nature at work.

Each day I would look at our lawns and see the grass growing longer and longer. The dandelions grew too and it was a spectacular sight especially when the wind ruffled the yellow flowers in undulating waves.

I had thought of leaving the dandelions until those yellow flowers all changed to white puffs – seeds, that the wind would send flying across the land. So, why not wait until the yellow had changed to white? Two reasons.

The first reason was how long the grass was getting to be. While the scene was beautiful with all that yellow contrasting with the green of the grass, we noticed that the wood ticks liked it too. Evidence of wood ticks appeared on pooches.

Other options

The second reason for manicuring the lawns was when after talking with my wife, Laura, and mentioning that I wanted the bees to grab as much pollen as possible, she counselled that there was plenty for the pollinators now with the Saskatoon bushes, the crab apple trees, and dandelion decorated areas we don't mow.

First, I had to troop into the tractor shelter where I store the riding lawn mower and reconnect the battery and pray that it starts.

Then I remembered that the oil should be checked which I did and all was well. I turned the key and Voila! The riding lawn mower or RLM fired up right away. Great.

I have, over the years, developed a mowing pattern.

All I had to do was try and remember it. Didn't take long and off mower and I trundled.

The morning was glorious with bright sunshine. My sunglasses made the colours of sky, trees, grass, and dandelions even richer. Wearing them also helped me spot any bees on dandelion flowers lying in the path of the lawn mower. I would stop and wait until they moved on to another section of lawn, and then resume my mowing.

My son, Doug, has for the past

Sead us online:

couple of summers worked for a township mowing vast expanses of lawn. I asked him when I came into Casa Jones for a break how he dealt with the bees.

To wait or not

Did he also pause until they had finished with the flower and moved out of the way? I knew from last summer that he, like me, respected the bees knowing that they are essential to the health of plants and have a job to do. His advice?

"I wait for a short while and then I gently ease forward and bump the bee to get it to move. I don't run them over." Good man. David Suzuki would be proud of you. I am.

Fortunately, after my break and resuming the mowing task, I rarely encountered any more bees. Once or twice and they seemed to move off quickly.

I guess that where I was mowing, the bees had already sucked the flowers dry. Now they have flowering bushes and trees available for getting the pollen.

And speaking of which: we had rain last week which was a good thing.

Sunday morning, I noticed some rain water sitting in our metal wheelbarrow. The wee puddle was surrounded by a thin, yellow line of pollen. Even in some puddles on the driveway I saw evidence of pollen.

Even on the surface of our aboveground swimming pool where the solar cover doesn't cover, I could see some pollen.

So, a rich time of year in the country for bees, for gardeners, and, of course, black flies. As I wrote last column (I think) black flies are pollinators too. They fertilize the blueberries.

And while the mowing should reduce the likelihood of flying and/or clinging pests, I really wish that I'd been able to leave the lawns with their gorgeous carpet of yellow until it all turned to puffy white.





Editorial

EDITORIAL

Health-care tests a must

Now is not the time to be letting up our guard against COVID-19.

Unfortunately, it's a lesson learned the hard way at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre this week – one that could come with dangerous consquences.

According to hospital officials, a doctor, known as a locum, had been at home for two weeks and returned to the Regional to work in its critical care department.

The doctor in question was screened and did not appear to be exhibiting any signs of COVID-19, other than his usual allergies.

For several days he did his rounds, but then started showing signs of having the virus.

He was tested and found to be positive, potentially exposing up to 100 co-workers and also several patients to the virus.

Until this pandemic is lifted, the hospital should make testing mandatory for any health-care worker or hospital employee who travels outside of the Thunder Bay district. It's not worth the risk.

We understand workers are tired and in some areas, there just aren't enough

specialists to go around. But what if all 100 employees come down with COVID-19? Then the hospital would be in a real mess.

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Save the LPH

To the editor: t is important that we preserve important buildings as their histories and stories contribute to the collective memory of the city.

It is good to see the efforts being made to sustain the Finnish Labour Temple which played such a crucial role in the labour movement history of Thunder Bay.

I would suggest that similar efforts should be made regarding the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital which faces an uncertain future.

Built in 1938 and later extended it stands as a reminder of the scale of mental health challenges in this city. These have become even more significant since the LPH closed, and have been compounded by racism and poverty.

With the COVID-19 pandemic triggering a new wave of mental health challenges it is timely to remember the important role that the LPH played in the city's history for over 50 years.

I would like to see all or part of the LPH preserved or repurposed in some way. It could become an isolation hospital for future pandemics or an evacuation centre for communities displaced by fire or floods or an arts centre or a combination of these and more.

> John Pateman, Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Don't take low cases for granted

OPINION

By JR Shermack – For TB Source

Some new clichés are being widely used to nurture comfort and inspiration among a COVID-weary worldwide population.

In press releases and news conferences it is increasingly common to hear "cautious optimism" with reference to our present situation and future scenarios.

Here at home government officials, medical professionals and average Canadians are also chanting another mantra, "We are all in this together."

Of course we've always been in this together and once the virus subsides we will continue to be in this together whether we like it or not – just saying.

Not all equal situations

I agree with this obvious statement of fact although some specific populations and regions are in this much deeper than others.

For instance, senior Canadians in longterm care facilities have been devastated by the virus and in Ontario the Greater Toronto area is the main hot spot. But elsewhere in the province many smaller, geographically isolated regions have effectively avoided disaster and some have been virus-free for weeks.

In a recent interview Health Minister Patty Hajdu used examples from Northwestern Ontario communities to illustrate this and she said she felt cautiously optimistic.

Right on, minister.

Hajdu continues to inspire confidence with her honesty and sincerity and our entire community should be cautiously optimistic right along with her.

But be careful Thunder Bay – when I go out for supplies I often witness behavior that could be flagged as overly, if not overtly optimistic.

Our region should be thankful for how well the virus is being managed but now is not the time to be smug or over-confident.

Nevertheless, for those communities who successfully manage the virus and behave responsibly and respectfully toward each other, there is tantalizing news.

Mayor Bill Mauro has been hinting at a possible regional approach and now the province is considering the merits of a regional re-opening of the economy. Don't get too excited – the pandemic isn't over, social distancing remains in effect and protective face masks are still a highly recommended common courtesy.

But according to Mr. Mauro the idea of regional openings is gaining traction and the subject is being discussed by medical officers of health across the province.

Locally, Dr. Stewart Kennedy believes Thunder Bay and the region could continue to open up, thanks to its low case load.

But we are still a long way from normal and even if Northwestern Ontario gets a regional reprieve due to good behavior, the public health risk remains.

Some are giddy with excitement at the prospect of a re-opened economy but for me personally there is one very important factor missing from the discussion.

When and how are Canadian families going to be reunited and what measures are needed to keep loved ones safe as we welcome them back into our homes? Millions of lonely Canadians are counting the days until they can expand their family bubble to include isolated and sadly missed relatives.

Re-opening the economy and reuniting families are seldom discussed together but can we realistically separate family life from a well-functioning economy?

The premier is still twitchy about opening the province too rapidly, especially after the disgraceful incident at Trinity Bellwoods Park in Toronto.

Tough to see

Irresponsible and reckless behaviour in the middle of a health crisis is discouraging – it has been called "performative disobedience."

That performance was very hard to watch for heartsick family members patiently waiting and hoping for good news.

The last thing we need right now is an extended lockdown due to the thoughtless actions of a few cavalier Canadians who disregard the pandemic.

As the province, the country and family bubbles reopen we need to demonstrate by our actions that Patty Hajdu's cautious optimism is justified.









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Centrepin reels great fishing tool



hrough the first few months on the open water season I have spent at least 90 per cent of my angling time with a centerpin reel in my hand. While a traditional spinning reel is necessary to effectively cast hardware, and the rhythmic casting of a fly line is both therapeutic and beautiful, there is simply nothing as effective as using a centerpin set-up for long, natural drifts in a river.

A centerpin looks like a large-diameter fly reel, but it has no drag, which allows it to spin freely on its axis (its center pin) to cover a ton of water with infinitely long, drag-free drifts. The reels will be loaded with a braided backing line and then several hundred metres of monofilament line on top.

The large, smooth-spinning spool picks up the line quickly, ensuring no time is wasted on the retrieve and allowing the angler to keep the bait in the water as much as possible. Centerpin reels do have a clicker, but it is used for transporting the reel, not for fishing. So, once a fish is hooked, you actually use your hand to palm the spool to create the necessary amount of drag.

This direct connection to a big, hardfighting fish makes every battle exciting. Of course, there are drawbacks to every type of fishing and with the centerpin, it is the complexity of casting. Even expert anglers who have tried centerpin angling will know the frustrations of trying to

cast without tangling the line as it flies off the free-spooling reel. Fortunately, the learning curve is quick and most people will acquire some variation of the Wallis cast, which involves simultaneously spinning the spool while casting the bait.

The big advantage of centerpin fishing is that it creates the most natural presentation possible in moving water by using a float to keep both the weight and bait off bottom. This allows a drag-free drift at the same speed as the river current. Below the float is some split shot for weight, and then the bait. Using a float not only keeps the bait from hanging up on bottom, but it provides a visual strike indicator and a vertical presentation that results in far fewer foul-hooked fish.

Floats can be easily adjusted to cover different depths as the angler moves around and fishes different spots on the river. In the fastest water, it is necessary to hold back the float a bit because the surface current is usually moving significantly quicker than the current below.

Centerpin rods, typically between 11 and 13 feet in length in our area, also help with a natural presentation by keeping the line off the water during the entire drift.

Centerpin fishing is also remarkably versatile. You can effectively fish a natural presentation in every type of current from fast-flowing runs to big deep pools where the water moves at a painfully slow pace.

Considering the versatility and effectiveness of fishing with these remarkable reels, it becomes evident why this type of fishing, which originated in nineteenthcentury England, has been adopted by modern river anglers throughout Ontario and across Canada



GREAT ANGLING: Keith Alley says centrepin fishing creates the most natural presentation possible in moving water.

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Twilight Zone meets X-Files



The Vast of Night (streaming Amazon Prime) represents a very promising debut of a talented director, Andrew Patterson, who draws inspiration from *The Twilight Zone, The X-Files*, and other sources to give us a refreshing, delightfully eerie entry in the sci-fi genre.

Set in 1950s Cayuga, N.M. (pop 492) where geeky glasses, pleated skirts, and ponytails abound along with the town's all-consuming passion for local high school basketball. Nearly everybody is attending the first game of the season.

Patterson sets the tone starting with an effective Zone TV parody, "Paradox Theatre" replete with a Rod Serling sound-alike intro, before shifting attention to the high school where student senior Everett (Jake Horowitz) a genial, horn-rimmed hipster is called upon to help the gym student volunteers address some odd electrical issues right before the game. Assorted rodents chewing through wires are the alleged culprits.

From there, Everett engages in extended amusing banter with a junior student, Fay Crocker, (Sierra



STRAIGHT ARROW: Sierra McCormick stars as Fay Crocker in The Vast of Night.

McCormick) a school band horn player, who is such a straight-arrow novice that she needs Everett's expertise on mastering her new portable reel-to-reel tape recorder. ("You haven't been curious enough to push a button?" he teases.)

Fay responds by peppering Everett with articles she's read in science magazines about transportation in the future where cars self-drive thanks to 'electronic highway control,' and "a voice that comes over the radio and gives you directions." Both students have night jobs, Everett as a wise-cracking DJ for the radio station and Fay as a part-time town switchboard operator. These key functions will draw the two together into curious goings-on.

A strange radio signal on the radio and oddly disrupted phone calls plus creepy stories recounted by a black man talking furtively on the phone about working on a secret government project followed by a chat with a distraught elderly woman with odd experiences of her own convince Everett and Fay that something's not right in the night sky.

This may sound all very familiar, but Patterson sidesteps sci-fi clichés, focusing primarily on the lively interplay between Everett and Fay (Horowitz and McCormick are very good) before he begins to deliciously dole out the requisite ominous occurrences and equally weird revelations that generate suspense, recalling vestiges of Roswell and Area 51.

The amusing, often overlapping dialogue and Everett's drawling, cool-nik slang are intriguing to the ear, (closed captioning might help), recalling a similar style employed in *The Thing from Another World*.

Patterson also masterfully conjures unsettling atmosphere with extended tracking shots of a quiet, deserted main street enveloped by darkness. (Everyone's at the game, remember, including the cops.)

The ultimate object of Everett and Fay's pursuit in the night sky is rendered in decidedly low-budget but effective fashion, as Patterson opts for a low-key, elusive conclusion.

If the payoff does not quite match the build-up, so be it.

The pleasures of *The Vast of Night* lie more in the 'getting there' where we luxuriate in Patterson's inventive, moody vision, a kind of *American Graffiti* meets *Close Encounters of the Third Kind.*

TV shows will have to adapt to COVID-19 world

As countries start to relax the social distancing rules and open for business, the question remains: When will Hollywood follow and resume production of our TV shows?

My question is more specific: What will those productions look like in a social distancing world?

At my job, I have limited co-workers on-site and we still talk to each other from across the room.

When we pass in the hallway, people hug the walls and even turn their backs on each other for safety. The click of my high-heel shoes is now used by others as an early warning system that I'm coming around the corner.

But TV and movie sets are full of bodies working long hours in close quarters.

They have meals catered and left out for people to graze. Technicians work in tight areas to set lights and micro-



phones. Make-up artists are constantly doing touch ups. Studio audiences are crammed into their seats.

So production will certainly have to change behind the scenes. The more obvious adjustments, however, will be in front of the camera.

What many don't realize is that empty space tends to expand on camera. So on-set, the furniture is smaller. Rooms are more cramped. And actors perform with much less personal space than in real life. It makes the scene more intimate and audience more connected.

This trend was more obvious when daytime soap operas were popular. Those characters often conversed with their faces six to 12 inches apart. When was the last time you yelled at someone standing so close you could taste what they had for lunch?

Of course, that cannot happen anymore. But will they maintain the six foot minimum? Will the characters turn their backs "for safety" as others walk by? How will they interact?

And "let's talk about sex, baby." It's a huge part of television. So how will they shoot "frisky time" safely? Will the actors have to don full PPE to make whoopee? "No glove, no love" will certainly take on a whole new meaning.

Remember Ross and Rachel's first kiss on *Friends*? Even 25 years later, it

tops many "Most Romantic" lists. But today, Rachel might not open all those locks on the door of Central Perk to let Ross in. Forget the historic moment. He'd be safer on the other side.

No, next season's dramas may involve a '50s-era notion of romance: long lingering looks through a video screen, knowing glances across a room, and then the camera pans away as sex is left to the imagination. I like it.

Some shows were pretty ingenious in crafting their final episodes this past spring. *All Rise* did a video chat episode. *The Blacklist* was part video, part graphic novel. So I can't wait to see how writers acknowledge people's interactions in a COVID world.

Then again, by fall they might just ignore the new social norms altogether. After all, parts of North America are already acting as though it never happened.



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Cats season cancelled

BASEBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Thunder Bay Border Cats manager Mike Steed says he's saddened to learn the Northwoods League team won't be on the field this summer.

He'd been holding out hope a solution could be found.

But when the Canadian government extended the border closure with the United States until June 21, and with no guarantees it would reopen at that time, he knew the writing was on the wall. Add in the unlikelihood of fans being able to gather at Port Arthur Stadium this summer and there was just no way the Border Cats could play in 2020.

The good news, at least for the American contingent on the team, is they'll be able to play on a team being temporarily assembled in Bismarck, N.D., to be known as the Flickertails. The new team, a oneyear solution to provide players a place to play, will join a three-team pod and play out of the North Dakota capital.

It's making the best of a bad situation, said Steed, who is holding out hope he'll be able to join the team as manager later this year, should border restrictions be eased. Unfortunately it's no real solace for the team's Canadian contingent, the



NO PLACE TO PLAY: Jakob Newton is one of 10 Canadians on the Border Cats 2020 roster.

of being able to get on the field in

largest in franchise history. "For the American guys, the alternative Bismarck made it a little easier," Steed said.

"But they've heard about coming to Thunder Bay and what Thunder Bay was all about, the experience of playing at Port Arthur Stadium and the fans. I think it was very tough on the Canadian players. Having 10 guys on the roster this year, 10 very talented guys who were into being Canadian and playing for the Border Cats, I think being in limbo right now was very tough. And it was tough on me."

The Canadians including returnee Jakob Newton, could join the Flickertails later in the season, with few other playing options available to them at this point.

Steed is hopeful many of the players will make their way to Thunder Bay in 2021.

"I don't know the exact percentage, but there's a large number of that roster, and the Canadian kids, who are eligible to come back to Thunder Bay next year," said Steed, who also managed the Border Cats in 2009 and 2010.

"I've made it perfectly clear that we'd like them to still have that opportunity in '21 to come back and be that Border Cats team."

The Cats were supposed to begin play last Tuesday.

Sportsnet's Campbell delivers PPE

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

amie Campbell was quick to sign on to the Conquer COVID-19 movement – and equally as quick to insist that Canada's northern communities not be left out. He meant it, too.

Armed with a 1976 Fred Lynn baseball bat to measure physical distancing space, the instudio host of the Toronto Blue Jays Sportsnet broadcasts on Friday hopped into his jam-packed Conquer COVID-19labelled white Volvo and drove 15 hours to Thunder Bay to make the organization's latest personal protective equipment delivery.

Campbell made two stops in the city on Saturday morning, dropping off supplies headed to Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek. His whirlwind tour of the north concluded at the Court Street offices of Matawa First Nation, where he unloaded several boxes of masks, gloves and other supplies destined for five fly-in communities north of Thunder Bay.

Early on in the Conquer COVID-19 effort, a movement inspired by hockey legend

Haley Wickenheiser and given a massive social media boost by Deadpool himself – Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds – Campbell said he saw a lone tweet from a paramedic in Timmins on the hunt for PPE supplies.

"When I was a teenager, I spint a couple summers in Timmins and it had a very profound impact on me. As soon as I saw the tweet, I replied to the guy and I said, 'I'll figure something out.' They needed PPE and if I have to I'll drive it myself," Campbell said.

"Within about three days I had a vehicle full of PPE and had plans to be in Timmins. Timmins is the reason I volunteered for the northern drives. But because of my experience there I knew that it was important for the big city, like the GTA, to understand that everybody needs our help."

Driven by a mix of doctors, business leaders, entrepreneurs and celebrities, the Conquer COVID-19 movement, which wrapped up its campaign on Friday, raised more than \$2.5 million in its efforts to source and deliver PPE that was in short supply to those who desperately needed it in the health-care community.

Ontario's north was high on that list.



LONG RIDE: Broadcaster Jamie Campbel drove 15 hours to Thunder Bay last weekend.

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