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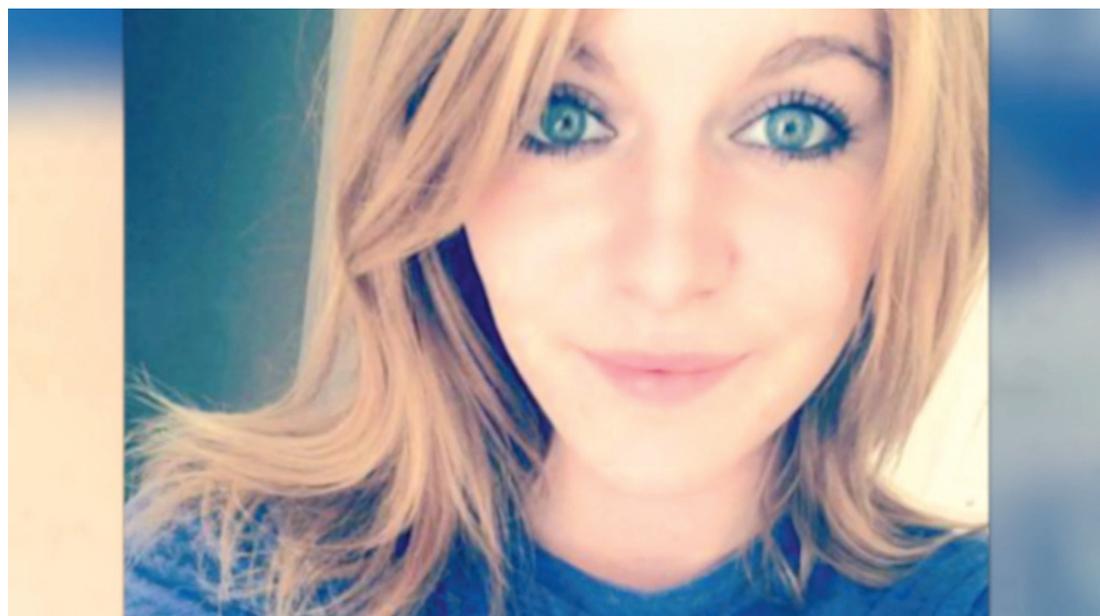
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Organizers say a lack of funding to cover police costs to block streets was the reason there was no parade this year, convincing some a return to the grassroots is needed. (Justin Hardy)



ONGOING INVESTIGATION: Alyssa Turnbull was first reported missing on April 14, 2020.

Two men charged

Brian and Nicholas Soos have been charged in connection with the 2020 disappearance of Alyssa Turnbull in the Nipigon area

NIPIGON

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

With two people now facing charges in connection with the disappearance of 26-year-old Alyssa Turnbull, the Ontario Provincial Police continue to seek information that could help determine what actually happened to her in the spring of 2020.

"We again call on anyone who is listening or watching to reach out, even if you think the information is insignificant, please reach out and talk to our investigators, let us know what that little tidbit of information is because it could lead to us locating Alyssa's remains and bring closure to her family," said Bill Dickson, acting manager of media relations with the OPP.

Turnbull was last seen in the Nipigon, Ont. area between March 23 and 25, 2020 and she was reported missing to police on April 14, 2020.

Earlier this week police arrested and charged Brian Soos, 60, and his son, Nicholas Soos, 27 in connection with Turnbull's disappearance. Both are charged with committing an indignity to human remains and obstruction of justice.

In April 2022, the OPP confirmed that foul play was suspected in Turnbull's disappearance and the evidence found so far has led police to the conclusion that she is likely deceased.

"We believe Alyssa was taken and she was killed," Dickson said. "Will we ever find her remains? We hope so. We will continue trying and we will continue looking. You need to have a body before you can say categorically that someone is deceased.

At this point, there has been no sign of Alyssa since she disappeared. There has been no trace of her, no online trace, no physical evidence of her having been somewhere."

Dickson added that Brian and Nicholas Soos will be questioned about Turnbull's disappearance but he cannot speculate on what they might or might not know.

"We want to talk to everyone who was in the area who might have that piece of information that could lead to solving this case and finding out what really happened to Alyssa Turnbull."

This case has also drawn a lot of speculation in the public, but Dickson said investigators need facts and evidence, not stories, to draw any meaningful conclusions.

But the public's help is still needed in an investigation that has been ongoing for more than two years and still has many unanswered questions.

"Public information has played a part in this investigation and will hopefully continue to play a part in this investigation," Dickson said.

A \$50,000 reward is still being offered for any information that results in the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in Turnbull's disappearance or aids police in locating her.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their local police service. Police will follow up on any information provided, regardless of how insignificant it may seem.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can call CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca/

"We believe Alyssa was taken and she was killed."

BILL DICKSON

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COVID-19 summer case outlook

Thunder Bay's COVID numbers are not flattening the way they did in the summers of 2020 and 2021

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By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Summer temperatures aren't flattening the COVID curve the way they used to.

Midway through June, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit has already recorded nearly three times as many cases as it did all last summer – despite far more limited access to testing.

It's a trend Thunder Bay's medical officer of health, Dr. Janet DeMille, chalks up largely to the rise of the Omicron variant.

"Delta had a higher level of transmission than the previous variants, but Omicron was really a game-changer," she said. "We saw it spread even to people who were vaccinated, so the vaccine didn't necessarily protect people from getting infected the way it did with the Delta variant."

The relaxing of most public health measures in Ontario has also likely played a role, she said.

"We did a reopening last year, but some measures were still in place, and obviously masking was still in place. Now we're sort of letting go of that."

Previous summers saw pronounced and protracted dips in COVID infections.

In 2020, the number of active cases remained in the single digits from the beginning of June through the end of August, with just 21 total cases in that time.

In 2021, active cases fell to single digits by the end of June, and stayed there until August 30, with a total of 131 cases.

From June 1 to 17 of this year, the health unit had already tracked 373 cases, with 98 active as of Friday.

With increased levels of immunity, however, DeMille said



CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC: Dr. Janet DeMille said COVID-19 numbers may not decline as sharply as previous summers.

the increased summer spread of COVID-19 should result in fewer severe outcomes.

"We still have a decent level of immunity, and I'd say it's fairly high, whether it's through vaccination [or] having the infection, and many people having a combination of both," she said. "So even if people do get infected, that will help protect them."

DeMille noted a possible bump in COVID indicators over the past week, but is hopeful numbers will continue a downward trend she observed through most of June.

There were 28 people in hospital with COVID-19 across the district as of Friday, with four of those in the ICU – both up slightly from the beginning of the month.

The number of COVID outbreaks in high-risk settings, meanwhile, had declined significantly to two, including one at the Pioneer Ridge long-term care

home, and another not disclosed by the health unit.

DeMille said she's still optimistic July will bring COVID numbers to a point where there's little active community spread.

"We're heading in the right direction," she said. "Even though we may not get to where we were those last two summers, I think just being able to be outside, the virus could spread less. That will be on our side."

DeMille pointed to continuing spikes of COVID-19 in some areas, including in the United States, as evidence the virus still needs to be watched closely.

"This pandemic isn't over," she said. "We do anticipate further increases, even here and in the province. We're trying to delay that of course, until the fall, hopefully having a good summer. But there's a level of uncertainty, for sure."

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PRIDE IS A PROTEST: With many pride events leaning more and more towards commercialization, many in the community believe that the 2SLGBTQIA community needs more community-based events.

Pride protest held

Protest organized in place of the cancelled Pride parade

THUNDER BAY
By Justin Hardy - TB Source

After learning that Thunder Pride didn't have the resources to hold a formal Pride parade this year, Lak Williams and Sarah DiBiagio organized a protest to take matters into their own hands.

"I understand what goes into making one happen, but, since it didn't happen, we just kind of took matters into our own hands as there were concerns from the community about lack of representation and visibility in the streets despite them having a street fair," said Williams.

"It doesn't have quite the same effect as walking in the streets like a parade would. So we decided to take more of a grassroots approach and maybe do more of a protest style instead and have a march today."

Pride originally started as a protest and riot after police raided New York City's Stonewall Inn, roughing up and

arresting its 2SLGBTQIA patrons in June 1969 and, with that history in mind, many in the 2SLGBTQIA question why Thunder Pride's parade was cancelled this year.

"One of the main reasons that there wasn't a pride parade this year is that apparently there wasn't enough funding for the police to block off the roads, which is kind of ironic because pride as we know, started as a protest against police brutality," said Williams.

"So, it's to a lot of people's confusion why we're not able to have access to the streets as we would, due to financial reasons when police were never welcomed at pride for the longest time. It just goes to show how far removed it's almost become and I think it's about time we get back to the grassroots and spread awareness and be visible, especially for the people who couldn't be here today."

With many pride events leaning more and more towards commercialization,

Williams, like others in the community, believes that the 2SLGBTQIA community needs more community-based events.

"It's super important, especially because it's coming from the community rather than doing things on behalf of the community," they said. "I mean, I might be a little biased but, I feel it's not that difficult to do some community engagement and talk to the folks that you want to do events for rather than doing events on behalf of them."

President of the Rainbow Collective Thunder Bay, Jason Veltri, says he also wants to see more community involvement in the movement.

"It's massively important, you know, you can't expect two organizations to do all this work. This is a lot of planning that goes into Pride month," he said. "So we encourage more people to get involved in the movement, organize events, raise money, give back to their community in ways that matter to them."



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EDITORIAL

Hospital violence

Violence against frontline workers has to stop.

While a visit to the emergency room can be stressful for everyone involved, lashing out and assaulting those charged with caring for you is not the answer.

The hospital, while trying to be sympathetic to people's plights, has to protect its staff, and have taken measures to minimize the number of incidents taking place.

One of the key steps is hiring more security.

Long waits in the ER are a fact of life.

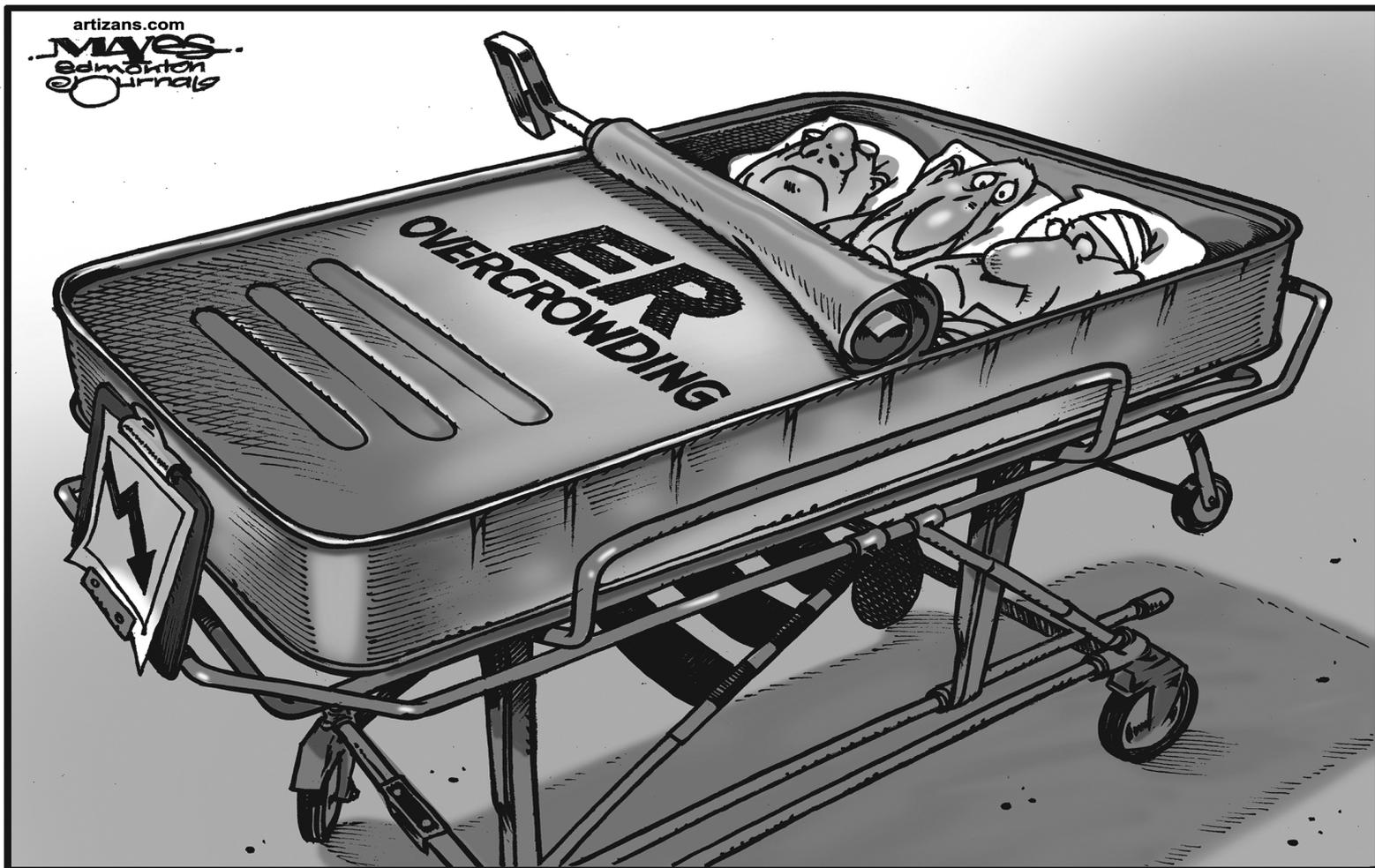
Ontario's health-care system is overwhelmed and Thunder Bay is no different.

The province needs to act and it needs to act now.

Funding more staff, and if necessary, building new spaces to handle the ever-increasing influx of patients is a must.

On that end, Premier Doug Ford must address the long-term care and other issues that are clogging up the region's largest hospital, which at last count was back to over-capacity.

It's not good enough to make promises. Action is needed now.

**No One Round Here reads Tolstoy great read**

No One Round Here Reads Tolstoy: memoirs of a working class reader by Mark Hodkinson is a treat for anybody who loves books and reading.

Mark Hodkinson grew up among the terraced houses of Rochdale in a house with just one book. His dad kept it on top of a wardrobe with other items of great worth - wedding photographs and Mark's National Cycling Proficiency certificate. If Mark wanted to read it, he was warned not to crease the pages or slam shut the covers.

This was not an uncommon experience.

There were no books in the house that I grew up in. My parents left

school as soon as they could and my mother could barely read or write. My father was a Romany Gypsy which is an oral culture that does not value books and reading.

When they bought me my first book - *Paddington* by Michael Bond - it was a big event.

They stood in wonder at my bedroom door watching me read. They talked about it in hushed reverent whispers, 'He is only nine years old and he can read!' I can only imagine what they might have said if they had lived to see me become a Chief Librarian!

Today, Mark Hodkinson is an author, journalist and publisher. He still lives in Rochdale, but is now snugly ensconced (or is that buried?) in a 'book cave' surrounded by 3,500 titles - at the last count.

No One Round Here Reads Tolstoy is his story of growing up a working class lad during the 1970s and 1980s. It's about schools (bad), music (good) and the people (some mad, a few sane), and pre-

eminently and profoundly the books and authors (some bad, mostly good) that led the way and shaped

his life.

It's also about a family who just didn't see the point of reading, and a troubled grandad who, in his own way, taught Mark the power of stories.

In recounting his own life long love affair with books, Mark also tells the story of how reading and writing has changed over the last five decades, starting with the wave of working class writers in the 1950s and 1960s, where he saw himself reflected in books for the first time.

This fundamental problem still remains within the publishing industry. Women and Black people have been able to break through

this glass ceiling (in a limited way) but working class people are still mostly excluded.

Change needs to come not just by supporting working class people to write but from the industry itself - who it employs, so that when people are reading stories from working class writers they are understanding them - but secondly the publishing industry has to value the stories that working class people want to write about.

So it is for all of us who care about supporting working class writers to buy their books, if we are a working class writer to write a book, and to talk about working class writers whenever we can.



John Pateman
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Protestors flogging dead horse

By JR Shermack

I was talking to a Canadian friend last week who grew up in Westfort, but has been living in China for several years now.

He mentioned that Chinese people were intrigued by the antics of a few disorderly Canadians.

In particular they were enthralled as government buildings in Ottawa were surrounded and blockaded by hundreds of horn-blowing trucks in the inaptly named "Freedom Convoy".

Big rigs were festooned with the Red Maple Leaf to mask the unruly behavior of angry ruffians as they disingenuously demanded rights and freedoms they already have.

The protestors called for all COVID restrictions to be lifted (they largely were already) and said they were fighting for some unspecified freedoms to be restored.

After hearing news of the Canadian protest Chinese people were stunned by the audacity of an angry mob storming Parliament and amazed that it took so long for a

government response.

Civil disobedience to this extreme is inconceivable in many parts of the world and if it ever does occur it is decisively curtailed by swift government action.

What makes the freedom convoy even more mind-boggling to foreign observers is that Canada is consistently ranked among the top countries in the world in which to live.

And based on Canadians' political rights and civil liberties we are also among the freest.

However, because Canada is a functioning democracy even the most ill-conceived and unreasonable protests and disruptive behavior are tolerated as much as possible.

Rights and freedoms sometimes come at a cost.

That's how a group that has no regard for the significance of the maple leaf waving over the peace tower in Ottawa was allowed to lay siege to Parliament Hill for two weeks.

Even those with petty and unsub-



Freedom Convoy supporters gather in Thunder Bay in February 2022. (FILE)

stantiated gripes can sabotage the rights and freedoms of fellow citizens with ill-informed opinions and aggressive action.

The problem with some

Canadians is that they don't know the difference between a problem and an inconvenience.

Canadians have the right to protest but sometimes it seems that those who exercise this right have no idea what they are complaining about.

In spite of the noise and disruption they tend to generate, the behavior of unruly mobs generally lacks direction and serves no discernable purpose.

This was obvious during the so-called Freedom Convoy that disrupted Parliament buildings in Ottawa and left millions of Canadians saddened and dismayed.

What upset Canadians the most was seeing the Canadian flag besmirched as it became associated with the disorderly behavior of an unruly mob.

Since our present flag was raised for the first time in 1965 the Red Maple Leaf has grown to become internationally esteemed.

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and freedom, diversity, inclusion and mutual respect.

But for many Canadians the flag has been dishonored by the disreputable, hostile group that used it as a prop for their misbehavior.

Whenever a vehicle has Canadian flags attached you have to wonder who is driving, a proud citizen or an angry, disgruntled Freedom Convoy member.

And now Ottawa police are preparing for 'freedom movement' rallies planned for late June through to Canada Day and the rest of the summer to protest remaining COVID restrictions.

Many countries, Canada included, are learning to live with the virus and move on, but a few contrary protestors continue to flog a dead horse.

The people in China who live in fear of sudden closures, more restrictions and renewed lockdowns will be shaking their heads in disbelief.

Canadians waving the red maple leaf on Canada Day this year won't know what to think.

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The Paramount Theatre presents the musical Chicago: High School Edition, on Thursday.

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June 24

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June 24

Thunder Bay Chill soccer

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10,000 days of a boil water advisory

NESKANTAGA FIRST NATION
By Clint Fleury - TB Source

A milestone should be a point of celebration. However, Neskantaga First Nation is doing anything but celebrating 27 years of being under a boil water advisory.

"This is not something we are proud of by any means but it is real and happening today in our community," said Chief Wayne Moonias in a press release. "Acknowledging 10,000 days in boil water advisory is impactful in so many ways –there has been so much loss of dignity and lack of trust over this."

For 10,000 days, the small population of 400 First Nations people has been boiling their water to keep pollutants out of their drinking water.

In 1995, the federal government



TROUBLING MILESTONE: June 19 was marked 10,000 days under a boil water advisory for Neskantaga First Nations.

paid for the construction of a water treatment plant near Neskantaga, but the production of clean drinking water proved to be ineffective as technical problems with the plant arose immediately afterward.

Since then, Neskantaga First Nations has been under a boil water

advisory.

The problem with the water has gotten so bad that the community was fully evacuated on two occasions in 2019 and 2020.

After launching a legal challenge in 2019, a settlement was reached a year later.

The settlement provides:

Approximately \$1.5 billion in compensation for individual First Nation residents affected by a lack of clean drinking water; the creation of a \$400-million First Nation Economic and Cultural Restoration Fund; the creation of a First Nations Advisory Committee on Safe Drinking Water; and at least \$6 billion to improve access to safe drinking water on First Nations.

The government also renewed its pledge to end long-term drinking water advisories in First Nations communities by 2021.

However, the federal government has yet to fulfill that pledge.

As of May 28, of this year, there are still 34 long-term drinking water advisories in effect in 29 First Nations communities across the country, according to

Indigenous Services Canada.

In 2017, the federal government announced an \$8.8 million upgrade to the water treatment plant in Neskantaga First Nation.

Yet, failures in the water treatment plant persist after several attempts to fix the problem.

Over the past three years, Neskantaga First Nations have been working with the government to find the root cause of the problem by commissioning an independent report on the design suitability of the upgrades to the water treatment plant, the distribution and wastewater systems, and the best options for a new water treatment system. As well as, entering into five-year operations, maintenance, and training contracts with the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

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Charges upgraded

Raejon Johnson has now been charged with homicide

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff

The victim of a May 31 assault at a May Street residence has died, the Thunder Bay Police Service announced Friday.

As a result, the suspect in the death of Alan Cory Esquega, 34, of Thunder Bay, will now face a charge of second degree murder, upgraded from aggravated assault.

Esquega died on June 12 after being treated at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. An autopsy has been completed and reviewed, police said.

Suspect Raejon Raheem Johnson, 22, who was previously arrested by the Thunder Bay Police Service in connection with the assault charge on June 1, was arrested Friday by the Brantford Police Service on the upgraded charges.

Johnson was released on conditions including remaining in Brantford, after a bail hearing.

Arrangements are being made to return to him to Thunder Bay, police said.

The victim and the accused were known to each other, said



NEW CHARGES: The victim of an assault on May Street on May 31, 2022 passed away in hospital on June 12.

Det. Insp. Jeremy Pearson at a press conference Friday.

The incident is believed to relate to the drug trade, but Pearson declined to provide further details, saying that information would form part of the court case.

"I do believe, and the investigation has shown to this point, that the illicit drug trade was a factor in the relationship and the interaction," he said.

Pearson said he couldn't disclose what kind of weapon was used in the assault, but that it was not firearm related. Police previously said the weapon was a "blunt object."

Investigators have gathered evidence including witness statements related to the interaction on the night of May 31 when the assault took place.

Police were called to a residence in the 200 block of May Street at about 7:45 p.m. on May 31, where Esquega was already being treated by paramedics. He was later taken to hospital.

The investigation remains ongoing.

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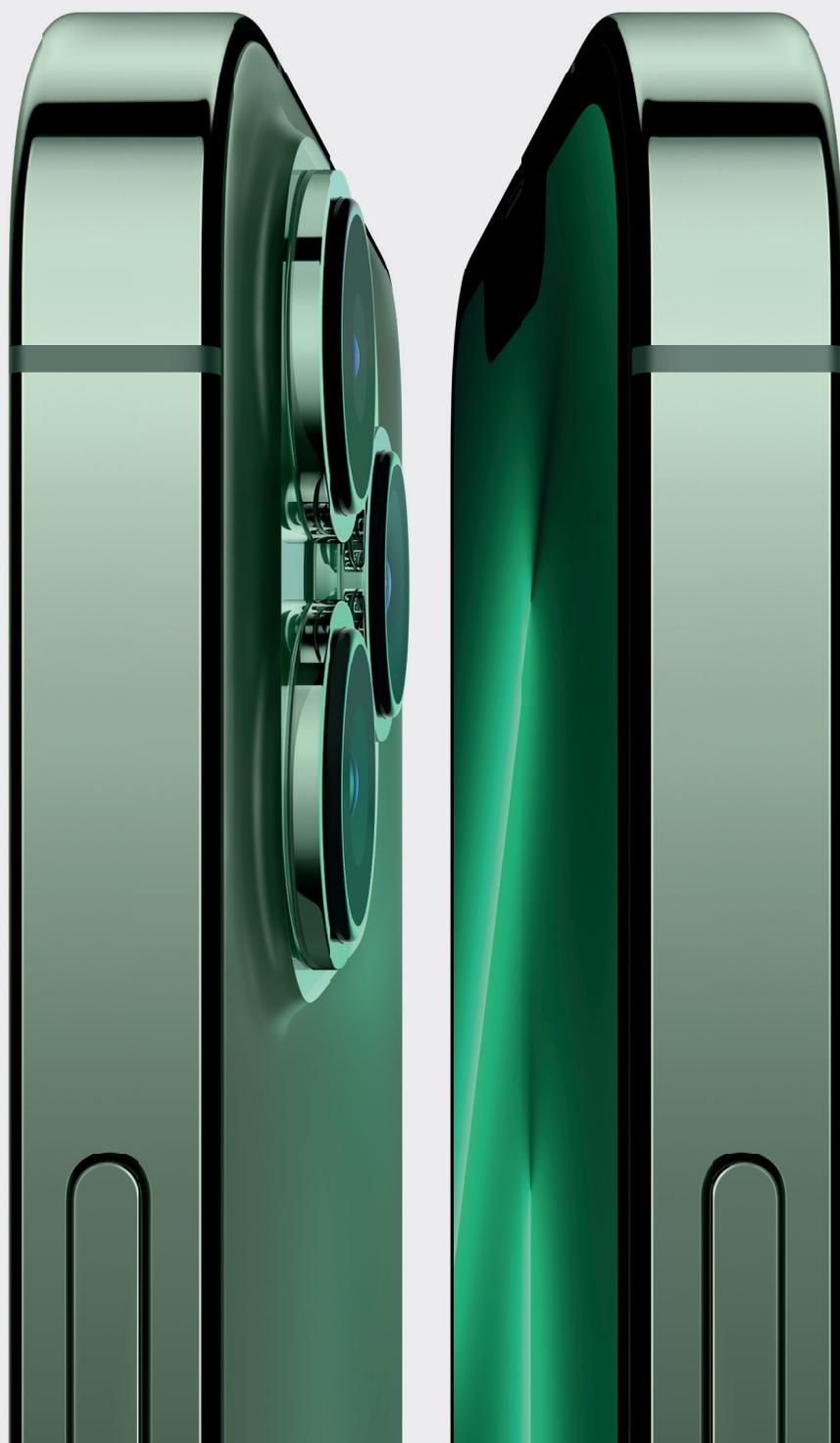


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For most of us, fishing is a hobby and a great way to spend our precious leisure time. If we break it down, the simplicity of fooling a fish into biting our hook is really the goal. However, in the process of hooking that fish, it is easy to make things unnecessarily complex and expensive. Anyone who has been looking to upgrade their gear lately has surely discovered that high-end rods, reels and even lures can be shockingly expensive. If we get too caught up in the idea that we need to spend a fortune on gear to go fishing, we could end up missing out on a lot of fun. In fact, sometimes keeping it simple and

sticking to a reasonable budget can be part of the challenge and a whole lot of fun.

The list of essential items needed to get started in fishing is not as long as you might think.

First things first, you will need a rod and reel. For the sake of simplicity, a spinning rod and reel is probably the most user-friendly option. There are an infinite number of rods on the

market but a medium action rod that is about 6 feet in length is probably the sweet spot. A longer rod will cast further and aid in fighting fish, but it will also be tougher to handle.



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REWARDING FEELING: Fishing on a budget can still yield big rewards.

For the reel, it is best to avoid the cheapest ones and invest a bit more in one that will last at least a couple seasons. There are a few

key things to look for when making this selection. Typically, more ball bearings is an indicator of quality while plastic parts mean the reel is cheap and will not last long or be enjoyable to use. Ultimately, it is best to pick up the reel and try it out. You want to feel the smoothness of the bearings as well as the weight and tightness of the construction.

Loading up the reel with line is the next step. Monofilament is both inexpensive and easy to cast and untangle, so it is a great option. I would suggest 8 lb. mono on a do-it-all rod and reel combo because it is light enough for trout, strong enough for pike and just perfect for bass and walleye.

Finally, we need to add some hooks and lures to the tackle box.

There is no need to go crazy here as a few simple options will cover the bases for most species. Pick up some lead-head jigs with twister tail bodies, a couple crankbaits, some spinners or spoons and some hooks and sinkers and you have all the basics needed to catch most fish. Inevitably, the tackle collection will grow over time, but this is all we need to start with.

Fishing can get very expensive if we let it. But even the best fishing gear and a fully-stocked tackle box is no guarantee of angling success. When the fish are biting, using affordable equipment can be just as effective. The best gear for you is whatever you can afford, so hit the water with a budget set-up and never let a lack of funds lead to a lack of fun.

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Nurses assaulted at Regional hospital

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

Just days after Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre announced a campaign against violence against hospital staff, details are emerging about assaults against two nurses.

In a social media post, president and CEO Rhonda Crocker Ellacott says charges were laid in connection with separate incidents on the weekend when "our frontline hospital staff were the victims of a level of violence no human should have to face - let alone people who are here to help."

According to Thunder Bay Police, investigating officers were told that on Sunday afternoon, a nurse was helping a patient on a stretcher in the emergency department when a 39-year-old man struck her.

In the other incident, on Saturday evening, a 15-year-old female patient attacked a nurse who was attempting to assist her.

She was charged with assault causing bodily harm.

In her post, Crocker Ellacott said she has instructed that on-site security be increased immediately for the protection of staff and patients.

She said she also plans to discuss an increased presence with TBPS.

"Meanwhile, we will be communicating internally with departmental leaders about



Hospital president and CEO Rhonda Crocker Ellacott is upset at recent violent attacks against two nurses at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. (FILE)

increasing the amount of diligence in identifying the warning signs for any potential escalation to ensure any problems can be dealt with proactively," Crocker Ellacott stated.

She said the incidents on the weekend were not isolated.

"I understand many people in

society are struggling right now for many different and justifiable reasons - but violence is never the answer."

Crocker Ellacott went on to appeal to the public to treat hospital staff with respect and courtesy, adding "anything less will simply not be tolerated."

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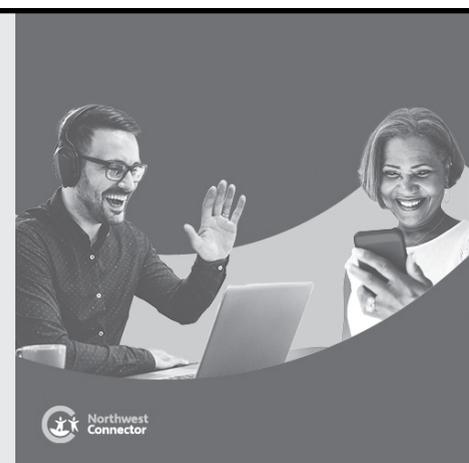


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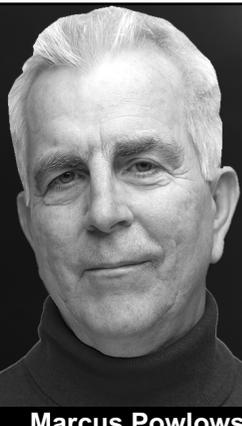
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Smells of summer memories

If the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, then the shortest distance for me to memory is smell.

The summer has arrived officially as of Tuesday and with it gorgeous aromas from the bush surrounding Casa Jones.

Thus far the temperatures have not been very summery but I'm told that is about to change. Saturday morning at 6 am I read plus 1. Oh no! Did we get frost? Unfortunately, we did. It damaged several of the recently planted veggies in the garden.

We didn't cover because the forecast was for a minimum night temperature of plus 7.

But soon the air warmed and the smell of freshly blooming lilacs filled the air. I clipped a few branches to bring into the house and stuff into a vase for a centerpiece on the dining room

table. Memory?

The smell of the lilacs takes me back to my grandparents' farm that I would visit as a kid during the summer. Gran was an incredible flower gardener and lilac bushes bloomed all around the house.



Fred Jones
RURAL ROOTS

Since I have been recovering from my hospital stay and told it will be six weeks before I can leap tall buildings in a single bound, I have had to take it very easy.

I do get out three times during the day: first, to put feed in the horse stalls and then bring in the equines once I see frantic swishing of tails and manes due to the appearance of tormenting black flies; then again in the afternoon to throw the horses hay in their stalls and check on their water pails; and again around supper time to repeat the noon task.

Then we must wait until almost ten at night before the black flies (who don't like the dark) disappear and we can let the horses loose into their paddock to graze throughout the night.

When, earlier this past week, I felt strong enough to go to the barn instead of leaving all the chores to my long-suffering Laura, upon entering the feed room, I was transported back to my grandparent's farm when I used to go into their feed room where they stored turkey and chicken feed. The aromatic insight was brief but powerful.

That cold Saturday morning meant that I could light a fire in the fireplace in our living room. What I burn is balsam from standing dead trees I've retrieved from our bush.

When I step outside to be greeted by Mama Raven waiting for some food, the heavenly aroma of balsam smoke wafts down and into my nostrils.

Lately Mama Raven has been

even sitting on our front stoop staircase waiting for me. She is not afraid and I've learned where to dump her food without Sophie, our new puppy, being able to get at it.

We are happy because Mama and Papa Raven successfully bred three healthy ravenlings, all noisy and demanding.

I usually take my place in my comfy chair in the living room to read and listen to music and occasionally I hear clumping on the roof. I go outside to look up at the roof and see two or three of the raven kiddlies staring down at me.

"It isn't yet time for your supper," I shout, "I gave you breakfast and you will have to content yourselves with that."

Eventually, they will have to fend for themselves in the wild.

Sunday afternoon I chanced to look out our southern window to see the pair of geese who are nesting in our beaver pond. "Gee," I thought, "they should

have goslings by now." Then suddenly two more geese heads popped up out of the grass, two smaller versions of their parents.

So, at least two goslings survived. Haven't seen any baby or adult Sandhill cranes for a while as yet.

The dandelions are now covering the lawns. I know from summers past that cutting the lawns is risky as I don't want to harm any of the honey bees flitting from dandelion flower to dandelion flower in search of nectar.

But I have seen, thus far, no bees buzzing over top of the dandelions.

And besides, mowing the lawn now means that the dandelions will just pop back up hopefully when the bees do decide to seek out the nectar of the yellow flowers.

The black flies are still ferocious but I'm hoping the heat will encourage good berry crops on the bushes and hay in the fields.

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Chernosky roars to feature win

By Johan Vass - For TB Source

Cole Chernosky is collecting checkered flags. His latest victory the feature winner at Gondik Law Speedway in Superior WI. In the heat race he started 1st and ended 1st. In the Feature he started seventh and drove her to the checkered flag.

Chernosky has won some races at the Thunder City Speedway as well. He took the first ever checkered flag in the B-Mod class making history at the new speedway.

He is coming off a double class win by taking top spot in A-Mod and B-Mod classes. To say he is on a winning streak is an understatement.

His dad Don Chernosky is his crew chief and he helps his son in



Cole Chernosky started seventh in the feature race, but wound up taking the checkered flag.

many ways. The No. 33 would like to thank his dad and his sponsors: Pennzoil Full Auto Service Centre, Hood Equipment Canada Inc.,

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Congratulations to the No. 33 team on their success. I asked Cole what he thinks has lead to the success, "This years success, well we have been at it for awhile, it takes alot of time and laps to get to know your car or any car for that matter. Over the off season we worked on the cars all winter to get them to where they need to be.

Also week to week maintenance, going through the cars making sure

they are on point and ready for the next race. A lot of people don't know what it takes to be competitive week in and week out and also how frustrating it can be if the cars aren't performing properly. But this year has been paying off and hopefully we can keep the checkered flags coming."

Cole is engaged to Madison Myrefors and the wedding date is set for July 2023. Cole would like to thank her for the support of his racing career. She really is part of his crew.

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CELEBRATING PRIDE: The festival featured many booths, including vendors from the 2SLGBTQIA community, snacks and drinks, and plenty of activities for kids to enjoy.

Celebrating Pride

Thousands participate in first in-person Pride festival in two years

THUNDER BAY

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

Thunder Bay's 2022 Pride festival saw roughly 1,000 attendees within the first hour of the event and Jason Veltri, president of the Rainbow Collective Thunder Bay says that he's thrilled to have everybody back in person for the first time since the start of the pandemic.

"We're finally reunited after two years of being apart to see folks coming out on the street enjoying the festival and the music and the food, it's a pretty overwhelming day right now to see as many people out," he said.

The festival featured many booths, including vendors from the 2SLGBTQIA community, snacks and drinks, and plenty of activities for kids to enjoy.

"It's really nice seeing everybody bounded together, everybody connecting and accepting

everybody for who they are," said Avery Foster, pride attendee.

"Especially now after COVID, after the pandemic, it's really nice, especially, like, nobodies wearing masks and it's really cool because we all get to be together again and celebrate everybody for who we are."

Veltri says that it's important to remember that pride still matters especially with what we're currently seeing in the States and around the world.

"This anti-trans, anti-homosexual behavior laws, governors that are restricting the rights of trans people to play sports," he said. "We have to exist. We have to be seen. We have to be valued. And this is part of that process is having these celebrations, gathering as groups, and really ensuring that our voices are heard and we can live authentically as we are."

Busker's Festival cancelled

THUNDER BAY

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

The annual Bay & Algoma Busker's Festival has been cancelled for a third consecutive year, and festival coordinator Brian Hamilton says business owners who help run it didn't have the time to help put it on.

"The Busker's Festival organizing committee is made up primarily of local business owners, you know, many of which are really enduring a post COVID economy," he said.

"So, we are struggling with staff shortages and rising food costs and the rest of it, which actually requires that many of us are kind of stuck in our businesses and aren't able to

really deliver that volunteer capacity required to throw the exceptional event that Busker's is."

While many residents might feel disappointed that Busker's Festival has been cancelled again, Hamilton says the organizing committee will use the year as another opportunity to grow.

"Every year is a learning opportunity, but primarily, and what we've been doing over the last few years is really building up the brand and the event," he said.

Hamilton also says that they do plan to try to hold smaller events like block parties to try to rejuvenate the neighbourhood in a post-COVID economy.

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Lightyear: action-filled, wobbly orbit

Lightyear (SilverCity) is Pixar's origin story for one of their most beloved *Toy Story* characters, gung-ho space ranger and endearingly narcissistic, Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Tim Allen, made famous by the hyperbolic line, "To infinity and beyond!"

Buzz became one of young Andy's favourite action figure toys, thanks to seeing the character in a 1995 space movie entitled, "Lightyear," the same movie we're watching. Here, Buzz is a bit different (voiced by Chris Evans), stubbornly individualistic, much to his detriment.

Pixar's *Toy Story* franchise appealed to kids of all ages. *Lightyear* has similar intent but doesn't quite reach the same stellar heights.

The story involves Buzz trying to get his crew back to Earth, whom he inadvertently marooned on a mysterious planet after a mission in deep space. Buzz accidentally damaged a fuel cell thereby crippling their space ship.

A year ensues before the crew's scientists devise facsimile power units, having established a colony on the planet in the interim. Determined to atone for his error and get everyone home, Buzz test drives the facsimiles in hyper-speed in what are four-minute intervals to him, but to the crew on the planet, four years elapse with each test.

By the time Buzz finally achieves a breakthrough, decades have ensued for those on the planet. Buzz is relatively the same age but his colleagues including his only friend Commander Alisha Hawthorne (Uzo Aduba) have passed on, fostering children and grand-



Buzz Lightyear attempts to get his crew back to Earth, including Commander Alisha Hawthorne. (PIXAR) children.

Buzz is saddled with three misfit space ranger cadets (one of whom is Izzy, space-wary teen and granddaughter of Buzz's commander friend Alisha, voiced by Keke Palmer). They are sporadically competent and comically fallible, partly due to conveniently timed villainous intervention and through their own bumbling.

Buzz is also assisted by Sox, a cute round-eyed robot companion cat, a quirky combo of kitty and HAL-9000. (Sox merchandising will go through the stratosphere. Hey, didn't Andy want a Sox toy too?)

In the meantime, the planet has been invaded by killer robots led by Zurg, (James Brolin). (We'll dodge a spoiler

backstory reveal here.) So it's Buzz and his motley confederates to the rescue.

The plot is wearily stretched out. The crew battles Zurg for possession of one precious power unit that our heroes bobble about interminably. Through it all, Buzz learns about the value of teamwork and how to forgive oneself for a mistake.

Interestingly, Commander Alisha's gay character (would this happen in a 1995 action movie?) gives *Lightyear* its intermittent emotional pull.

The standard Pixar formula is serviceable: screwball characters tossing off comical quips, flashy animated action and earnest life lessons. Except here, neither the characters—especially Buzz—nor the convoluted plot resonate in the same way as the "TS" franchise, despite borrowing elements from *Up* and *Interstellar*.

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