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More emphasis this year was put on viewing Canada's past with an Indigenous lens, rather than ignoring the uglier side of the country's history. (Leith Dunick)

Peng You to run for mayor

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

At-large Coun. Peng You is the acting mayor for July. He'd like to make it his permanent job come this fall.

The first-term councillor, who finished second running for the provincial Conservatives last month in Thunder Bay-Superior North, on Friday announced his intention to seek the mayor's chair and take over for current Mayor Bill Mauro.

Mauro earlier this week announced he would not seek a second term.

"It's Canada Day and I'm acting mayor. I want to be the real mayor," You said off-stage, moments after drawing the winning ticket in the Fort William Rotary's House



At-large Coun. Peng You recently ran provincially for the Conservatives. (Leith Dunick)

Lottery draw on the main stage at Marina Park.

"I know the election is coming in

October and I think I'm ready to give it a shot to run for mayor for Thunder Bay."

You, who ran away with top spot in the at-large race four years ago, said he's been giving plenty of thought to his political future.

"I think I've learned a lot from my constituents and from officials. I think I have a shot at conquering the (hearts) of Thunder Bay. I don't want to quit. I had to think which position I wanted to go for, either councillor-at-large or mayor," he said.

"Overall, I firmly believe at the bottom of my heart, sincerely want to contribute. I want to do my best and I want the City of Thunder Bay to give me a chance."

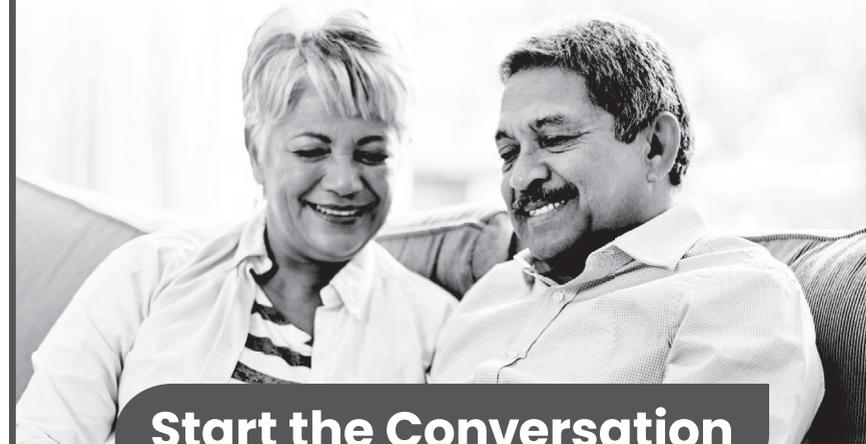
You said as mayor, he wants to focus on economic growth, bringing new businesses and new money to the city, opening the door for a brighter financial future for

everyone.

"We have to focus on bringing in fresh money, fresh ideas," he said. "We have to be open to the world not just nationally, but internationally."

"Secondly this city has to be safe and we have to be united. It doesn't matter who you are. If you live in Thunder Bay, you call Thunder Bay home. We are on the big ship of Thunder Bay and we have to be united and paddle that boat in the same direction."

You, who has not officially filed his nomination papers at the city clerk's office, said he plans to do so on Tuesday. He joins Gary Mack and Robert Szczepanski in the race for the mayor's chair. Mack filed in May, while Szczepanski filed last month.



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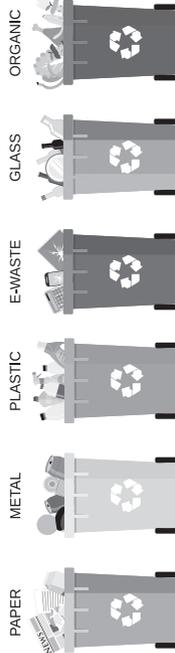
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Police chief under suspension

By TB Source staff

Thunder Bay Police Chief Sylvie Hauth has now been suspended from duty while under investigation by the OCPC.

Acting Deputy Chief Dan Taddeo will take over in the interim, the Thunder Bay Police Services Board announced in an update Tuesday evening.

Administrator Malcolm Mercer is empowered to make decisions on behalf of the board, but gathered input on the issue in closed door meetings with remaining board members Mayor Bill Mauro, Georjann Morriseau, and newly-appointed Coun. Shelby Ch'ng, who was sworn in Tuesday.

Hauth faces hearings on three alleged counts of misconduct under the Police Services Act, the

Ontario Civilian Police Commission announced last week.

Taddeo, who has been with the police service since 1988, says that the majority of his career has been in operational perspectives.

"Namely uniform patrol and the criminal investigation branch. I've had the honour and privilege of working with many great people, very interesting cases both locally and internationally, including the, it's a bit dated now, but the homicide investigation in Mexico that involved two local residents," he said.

"When I was promoted to the senior command team, most of my tasks were administrative in nature and involved in a lot of really great projects of breaking down some barriers that we had here including recruitment and, as of late, the body-worn camera

project."

As acting police chief, Taddeo says his main concern will be about the service's operational viability and the wellness of both sworn and civilian personnel.

"I think it's no secret that the Thunder Bay Police Service has one of the highest rates of violent crime in the country and I think we've seen that this year already with our unacceptably high rate of homicide investigations," he said.

"Having said that, my pride in the men and women of this police service in solving all of these crimes, including arrests as of just recently on one of our homicides, I think speaks volumes to the dedication and professionalism of this police service in being able to bring extremely complex investigations to successful conclusions."



Police Chief Sylvie Hauth has been suspended while under investigation. (FILE)

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This Dogwood Crescent home was the top prize in this year's Fort William Rotary House Lottery draw. (FILE)

Shuniah pair win 2022 house draw

Jill and Julie Colquhoun bought winning ticket

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A pair of Shuniah, Ont. women are the big winners of this year's Fort William Rotary House Lottery draw.

A ticket bearing the names of Jill and Julie Colquhoun was drawn on Friday evening on the main stage at Marina Park, as Canada Day festivities continued along the city's waterfront.

It's a win-win situation, said Fort William Rotary past president Stephen Margarit.

"It's a great day for our club and our members. It's been a while since we've been here at Marina Park on Canada Day doing the official draw. So we're happy to be back and it's great to see the crowd and all the different people that are here," Margarit said.

"A lot of work goes into this every year, procuring the house, making sure it gets built, selling the tickets and it's just so exciting to award a winner a house today."

The grand prize, four-bedroom home, located on Dogwood Crescent, is worth about \$749,000, with

more than \$50,000 in early bird prizes also given out. As a result of selling more than 15,600 of the 20,000 tickets up for grabs, more than \$400,000 will be turned over to local charities, including Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, Wilderness Discovery Centre and the George Jeffrey Children's Foundation.

"We came up a little bit short, compared to what we did last year, but it's still an amazing amount. We're going to be able to donate more than \$400,000 to local and district charities, so we're pretty proud of what we're able to accomplish," Margarit said. "As Rotarians, the reason we do this every year, we can't participate in the house lottery, so it's all about giving back to the charity."

"Throughout the year we see where the funds go and the impact they have on the community and people in our community, so that's what keeps us coming back year after year."

Margarit said the Fort William Rotary Club is already working on next year's draw. Tickets are expected to go on sale in late winter or early spring.

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Plane truth

The chaos at Canada's airports has to stop.

The federal government needs to immediately hire enough staff to handle the increased traffic of travelers eager to make up for lost time.

At the same time, Ottawa needs to fix the situation clogging up passport offices from coast to coast.

While the general public is in part to blame for allowing their passports to expire during the pandemic and not bothering to renew them with the borders closed, the feds had to have been able to anticipate the rush.

Camping out for Led Zeppelin tickets in the '70s was one thing; sleeping in line to get a necessary government document is another.

And guess what, a cabinet committee isn't the answer.

At the same time, airlines must also do everything in their power to bring staffing levels back to normal in order to meet the demand.

Air Canada announcing it will cut 15 per cent of its summer flights, leaving many customers with limited options to rebook, is an egregiously awful way to conduct business.

We want to fly the friendly skies, not sit in airports hoping to be booked on the next available flight.

Stop the spending
To the editor:

The majority of the Police Services Board has resigned. The chief of police is retiring. So why is city council still insisting on spending \$2.4 million dollars on a new police "campus" when most of its proponents have abandoned ship?

If this \$60 million dollar project was so essential to the community in its current configuration, don't you think the people pushing the project would hang around to see it through to the end?

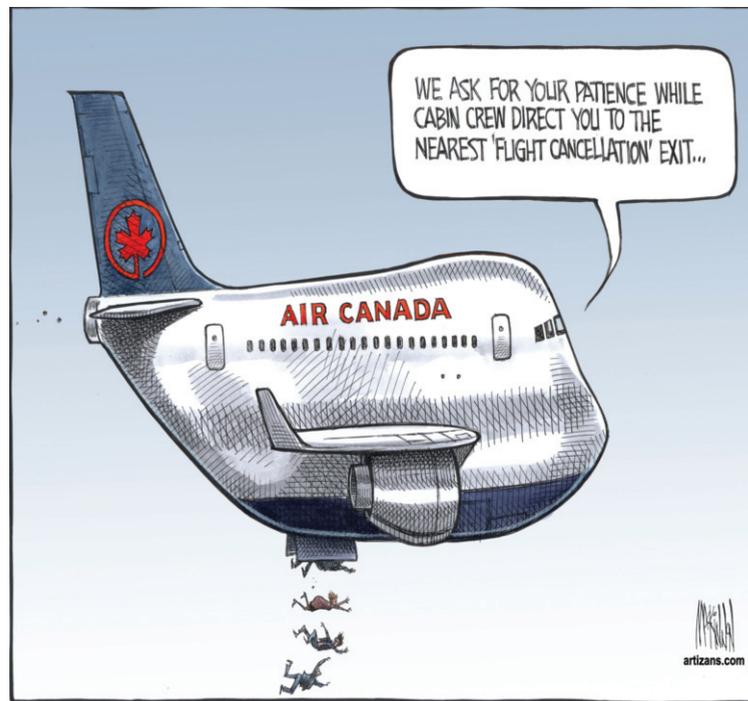
The resignations and the chief's retirement make it clear that this \$60 million behemoth is a toss-off, just something thrown up against the wall to see if it will stick.

There was pressure to do something about an aging Balmoral Street station that was bulging with new hires.

But the Police Services Board and senior police managers were distracted by their internal political divisions and dysfunctional relationships between just about everyone.

So, instead of hiring experts in policing and police buildings and going through a public consultation

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



involving multiple building alternatives, the Police Services Board simply hired a local architect.

The public record suggests the Police Services Board and the chief drew up a wish-list of the facilities to be included in a new building. The architect did some square

metre calculations and concluded the Balmoral site wasn't big enough.

And that was about it.

The slapdash mess was handed off to city council to deal with. Before the resignations, council ordered Gerry Broere, the manager

of construction services, to work with police administration to begin detailed design work. Council set aside \$2.4 million to complete the work.

I've been told the police department is going out to tender to hire a project manager to oversee the design phase.

What council should do is suspend the entire exercise until we have a new police chief in place and the Police Services Board is reconstituted.

With any luck, we'll get responsible people who go through a proper planning exercise that looks at multiple options. Those could include sharing facilities with other policing services in the region and seeking federal and provincial funding for specialized, but not core, police facilities such as a training centre, firing range and 911 call centre.

We need new policing facilities. But we don't need a \$60-million monolith kilometres from our downtown cores. There are cheaper and better options. We just need responsible people to conduct a proper planning exercise.

Shane Judge,
Thunder Bay

Heaney's poetry announced a new arrival

Death of a Naturalist (1966) launched the literary career of Seamus Heaney who was born in County Derry in Northern Ireland.

Heaney went on to produce poetry, criticism and translation that established him as the leading poet of his generation. In 1995 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Death of a Naturalist announced the arrival of an exceptional new talent. Its fresh, memorable poems mined the author's rural childhood in Northern Ireland with such vivid animation that they rapidly achieved a readership that was uncommon for the poetry of any period.

Poetry has always been the

cinderella of literary art forms and is not taken as seriously as novels. Short stories are also considered second rank.

Poetry and short stories are given more consideration in Canada than they are in the United Kingdom, where they are treated as a novelty and given limited space on shelves and displays.

Poetry is thought to be 'high brow' or 'indulgent' or 'difficult to understand' by many people. It exists at a higher plane of consciousness and is somehow cut off from everyday realities.

But Heaney's poetry is very grounded in every sense of the word. It conjures up the sights, sounds and smells of the earth and the countryside that inspired him to write these beautiful verses.

The very first poem, *Digging*, contrasts Heaney's use of a pen with his father's handling of a spade: 'Between my finger and thumb/The squat pen rests; snug as a gun/Under my window, a clean rasping sound/When the spade sinks into gravelly ground/My father digging. I look down'

This contrast between pen and spade suggests that Heaney will earn his living as an intellectual while his father was a farmer and cattle dealer. This signifies a class and generational divide. The poem ends: 'Between my finger and my thumb / The squat pen rests / I'll dig with it'

The pen is mightier than the sword; and swords can be beaten into plow blades. The beginning of Seamus Heaney's remarkable life in literature was marked with poems of lasting impact that helped to establish the collection as an instant classic.

Mid Term Break is an intensely personal poem about the death of his four year old younger brother who

was killed in a car accident: 'In the porch I met my father crying / Whispers informed strangers I was the eldest / Away at school as my mother held my hand'

More than any other poet since Wordsworth, Heaney can make us understand the outside world is not outside, but what we are made of.

In *Death of a Naturalist* he describes the fear he felt as a child when the farm was invaded by frogs who he thought were coming to avenge his collection of frogspawn: 'I sickened, turned and ran. The great slime kings / Were gathered there for vengeance and I knew / That if I dipped my hand the spawn would clutch'



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When the pandemic is over

BY JR Shermack

There is a pressing question that Canadians are asking right now and the answer is very elusive.

At some point in time, probably sooner rather than later, the COVID crisis will end and the risk will diminish but until then how will we know when the pandemic is over?

The unsatisfactory answer to that often asked question is that it depends on who you are, where you live, whether you are fully vaccinated and whether you have access to medical care.

But among many Canadians right now there is a noticeable swell of optimism that the health risks are minimal and it's safe to get back to normal activities.

In Canada, including here in Thunder Bay, the masks are coming off and Canadians are doing things and going places that were restricted a few months ago.

We are still using masks in places where they are required, but uncovered, smiling faces are a sign

that 'back to normal' is becoming the new normal in many communities.

Canadians have made it this far thanks to health science professionals, health care providers and a population enlightened enough to follow public health guidelines.

We were privileged to have access to cutting edge technology including a highly effective vaccine which brought us to where we are today.

And now we dare to dream of better times ahead.

A recent survey shows that 76 per cent of Canadians believe the worst of the pandemic is behind us and the threat is receding - the majority of restrictions have already been lifted.

Infectious disease specialists are saying that the pandemic is coming to a close here in Canada and we can safely return to our pre-COVID activities - many already have.

Spirits are high as friends and relatives gather together from across the country to enjoy long overdue reunions in the company

and comfort of loved ones.

We have the knowledge and resources to keep our families safe and when the sun is shining and the birds are singing it's easy to forget about COVID for a while.

Sometimes it feels like the pandemic is already over here in Canada and communities can breathe an unmasked sigh of relief while they enjoy continued good health.

Unfortunately when you look at the big picture the global situation doesn't reflect the Canadian experience.

Not when you consider other parts of the planet where the World Health Organization (WHO) sees cases rising in many countries, causing an overall global increase of 20 per cent.

Here in Canada we can choose to be vaccinated against COVID-19 while elsewhere a global shortage and inequity of vaccine distribution has left many populations highly vulnerable.

Accordingly, WHO is not prepared to declare that COVID is

over - the director general stated "the pandemic is changing, but it's not over".

The virus continues to mutate and highly contagious variants are driving the increase among vulnerable, unvaccinated victims, even in some areas of Canada.

Nevertheless, there is increased hope that 2022 will mark the end of this ordeal for Canadians.

As for me, I remember feeling cautiously optimistic last summer about this time and also the summer before, but this year feels more like the summer before that, in 2019 before COVID.

Fortunately, optimism is also contagious and it is encouraging to see family, friends and the community at large come alive after COVID.

People will decide for themselves when the pandemic is really and truly over for them and it looks like many Canadians are prepared to face the future and get on with their lives.

What a relief it will be when the pandemic is over.



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Tickets are \$100 per angler and they are available at D&R Sporting Goods and Woody's Marine & RV.

Fish will be weighed beside the boat launch at Prince Arthur's Landing and the weigh station will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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Other supporting acts include Chepnko, Yung Kings, Liam Maguire, Dallas and O'Rose.

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July 9

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July 9

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Tickets are \$10 online and \$20 at the door (\$15 for women).

The doors open at 8 p.m. and the show is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

Visit atmostbay.ca for tickets and more information about the show and other events.

July 10

How Did We Get Here?

Michael Heykoop explores how the world has reached its current state of chaos and moral ambiguity.

The seminar will take place at the Valhalla Inn from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Indigenous culture was celebrated on Canada Day at Fort William Historical Park. (Ian Kaufman)

Canada Day is changing

By Ian Kaufman -TB Source

Local Canada Day events may have been scaled back, but still drew thousands of Thunder Bay residents to events recognizing the occasion last Friday.

That looked at least a little different than it has in the past, with organizers emphasizing chances to reflect on Canada's colonial history and recognize Indigenous cultures, while tuning down more celebratory aspects of the day.

At Marina Park, that meant the city put off its traditional fireworks display to the end of the summer, while it hosted a Nishnawbe Aski Nation exhibit addressing myths about First Nations and a sacred fire.

Celebrations at the waterfront also included artisans, food vendors, and musical performances from local artists including Shy-Anne Hovorka and the Martin Blanchet Jazz Quintet.

Louisa Costanzo, the city's cultural development and events supervisor, said the city had looked to find a balance that celebrated the day without avoiding hard conversations.

"Like several other municipalities that are re-envisioning Canada Day celebrations throughout the country, we made some changes this year," she said.

"We really have to understand not

everybody celebrates this day."

David Simard helped host the sacred fire, inviting attendees to offer prayers, share stories, and learn about Indigenous culture and history.

From Lac Seul First Nation, he now lives and works in Thunder Bay. He usually spends July 1 at a pow wow and hasn't traditionally recognized Canada Day, but said he wanted to be part of the change in how the occasion is marked.

"We want to raise awareness about First Nations, period," he said. "We're part of this country, we're part of this land. Canada was built on First Nations land, and it's really important [people] understand that, and that we're all treaty people. We share this land, we share our resources together."

The discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves at residential schools last year opened a wider conversation about the country's past, he said.

"We're not running away from it, and we also want to remind Canada that this happened under their watch, and it always has been. Now that the rest of Canada is getting educated, it's a really important time that we have this really awkward conversation. Sometimes it's ugly, sometimes we don't want to hear about it, but it's the truth. It's really important that we speak the truth about what happened here."

Woman dies at falls

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

The tragic death of a Thunder Bay woman at Wolf River Falls on Canada Day occurred during an effort to recover a drone.

Ontario Provincial Police released further details Monday afternoon regarding the incident that claimed the life of 25-year-old Pooja Vyas.

Staff-Sgt. David Moscall of Nipigon OPP said Vyas and two other people were attempting a crossing of the fast-flowing river when she was swept away.

"Our understanding is that one of the individuals was operating a drone, and the drone had landed in the trees. They were trying to retrieve it," he explained in an interview.

Moscall said he understands the trio formed a daisy chain to get across the river.

"I presume that they underestimated the speed of the river, and weren't able to successfully navigate that stretch of water."

Vyas and another person, identified by a police source as her husband, were both swept over the falls.

She succumbed to her injuries at the scene while he was taken to Thunder Bay with life-threatening injuries.

Wolf River Falls is located about 30 kilometres northwest of Dorion.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue's high angle recovery team was called to assist police and paramedics, and had to make their way down a cliff at an 80-degree angle.

The water, Moscall noted, was extremely fast-moving and cold.



Wolf River Falls is located 30 kilometres northwest of Dorion. (Visit Nipigon/Facebook)

First responders "did an amazing job in a horrible circumstance" where they were confronted by multiple complications, he said.

"If anyone's been in that area, it's horrible terrain. They had to move these individuals over 500 metres to get them to where paramedics could work on them."

Moscall said area rivers have much more water than they usually do this time of year.

"The water is moving a lot more quickly than local residents are used to seeing. [Exercise} caution when you are around the water...It's just a fraction of a second when you can be in extreme difficulty."

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Meaning lawful in Islam, Halal is the opposite of Haram

In the last few years there has become a further emphasis on more socially conscious farming. In Thunder Bay we have been a bit more progressive about supporting local farmers and food operations than other larger centers.

This is noticeable all around our community and very prevalent in our restaurants and local markets. One word you may be noticing more and more while walking through the meat aisle at the local grocer is Halal. Quite simply translated it means "permissible" or lawful in Islam.

Most of us are vaguely familiar with the term kosher in relation to food. There are quite rigorous guidelines for the health and cleanliness of the environments in which the food is stored and prepared.

The term Halal has some similar guidelines as to how the animals are treated and certain religious rituals which need to be performed immediately prior to slaughter for the animal to be considered Halal.

Animals certifiable for Halal designation include all domestic birds, all cattle, sheep, goats, camels, all types of buck, rabbits, fish and lastly, locusts.

Yes, locusts. By islam, the

opposite of halal is haram (or unlawful) and is forbidden for consumption by Islam. The only animals specifically designated as Haram are birds of prey, carnivorous animals (wolves, etc), reptiles, pests, rodents, and pigs.

The other reasons for a haram designation would be related to the treatment of the animal either leading up to or at slaughter. The cause of death must be done by hand and be as quick and humane as possible to achieve a Halal designation.

In my previous life working in camp kitchens, we needed to work within a lot of different guidelines for personal diets and

religious requirements. When I was in the camps in western Canada serving up to 4000 people a night, we needed to ensure there was poultry on every meal. Poultry is the only animal protein universally accepted by all religious beliefs. I had a very eye-opening experience one evening when a gentleman was adamant that I was playing games with him.

Earlier in the day I had discovered that Canada's mainstay corndog the pogo was in fact made using chicken franks and not pork.

This blew my mind. So, when this man came up for his poultry meal, he insisted I was attempting to deceive him.

Now I can understand why he would think that because quite "frankly" (get it?) I just learned

this information myself.

He asserted I go get the box and go show him the ingredients. Now, knowing full well I was right, I was happy to oblige.

It was a lesson I took seriously though; this guy was ready to throw down over this, and I would have been on the receiving end.

Local Halal protein is available from the Cadeau family that operates Wolf River Farm in Dorion and purchases can be made right at the farm gate. <https://www.northwest-beef.com/wolf-river-farm>

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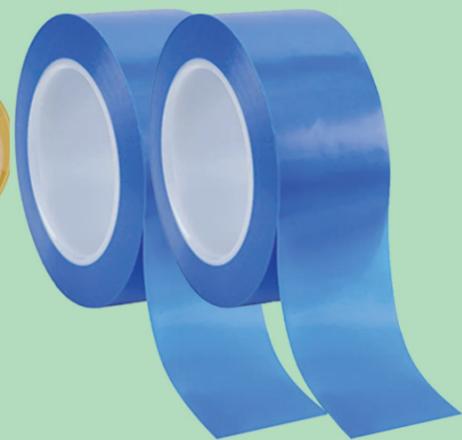
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Family Fishing Week has arrived

We are currently in the middle of Ontario's Family Fishing Week, which continues through Sunday.

Each year, Canadian residents are provided with several opportunities to try the sport of fishing in Ontario without having to purchase a fishing licence. Family Fishing Week is the fourth and final licence-free event, as we were also able to try fishing for free during Family Fishing Weekend in February, and again during Mother's Day and Father's Day weekends.

These free family fishing events are intended to encourage families to spend time together outdoors

and to help more people discover a love for the sport. As well, these free fishing periods serve to remind us of the value of Ontario's recreational fishery, and the importance of keeping it healthy for future generations.

Free fishing week participants always fish under the Conservation Fishing License limits which are set out in the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary.

It is important to know that these conservation limits are not the same as regular sport fishing licence limits. For example, anglers fishing here in Zone 6 can

possess just two walleye instead of four, and all rainbow trout must be released.

It is also essential to remember to carry a government-issued photo ID that states your name and date of birth during free fishing week if you do not have an Outdoors Card and licence.

Throughout the rest of the year, Canadian residents between the ages of 18 and 64 years must purchase a valid fishing licence to legally fish in Ontario.

Fishing licences in our province are reasonably priced at \$8.57 for the Outdoors Card and \$26.57 for a sport fishing licence or just \$15.07 for a conservation fishing licence.

Thankfully, every penny from licence sales are re-invested into

protecting the future of fish and wildlife in Ontario through population research, monitoring and funding the conservation officers who protect our valuable natural resources.

For anyone looking to try fishing for the first time, or wanting to get reacquainted with the sport after an extended break, my advice would be to keep it simple.

There is no need to invest a lot of money to try your luck with fishing this weekend. Start by digging out the old rods from the shed or pick some used ones up at a yard sale for a few bucks.

Likely the line will need to be replaced as it degrades quickly after a few years. For lures, rummage around in the old tackle box for a few time-tested

favourites like spoons, spinners and jigs. But truthfully, a simple worm on a hook with a split shot for weight and a small bobber to keep it from getting snagged on bottom is all you really need to catch most species.

With the gear sorted, it is time to hit the water. With rivers at ultra-low summer levels, the best bet right now is to visit an inland lake with some public access and maybe even a dock so you can fish from shore.

With Family Fishing Week happening now, there couldn't be a better time to give fishing a try for the first time, to take a new angler out with you, or to take the whole family for an unforgettable day of angling adventures.



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July finally arrives

So here we are in July.

Everywhere is green, green, rich green. The end of June and the first weeks of July are traditional haying time.

Our hay supplier is busy 'at it'. I drive down into the valley and see his fields being swathed, raked, and baled. Fortunately, the weather has held more or less.

I'm told that he requires at least three days without rain (preferably more) in which to accomplish the haying task: day one - cut; day two - rake into rows to make it easy for the baler to pick up; day 3 - bale those rows. He bales large, round bales that we pick up with truck and trailer when we need them.

Last Thursday I drove to our local variety store and saw the farmer cutting. My wife, Laura, drove by those fields on Saturday and reported that he had already made nice, large, round bales. Goodie.

As I have mentioned before, with all the snow melt and then rain the crop should have sufficient moisture. All that was required was a few days of heat. I guess we received enough.

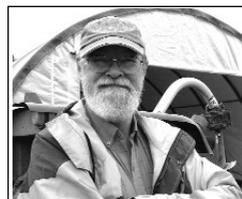
As I recoup from my surgery, I feel stronger each day and Friday we took the pooches for a long walk, something I hadn't been able to do for five weeks. I was a tad tired when we re-entered Casa Jones but I felt refreshed and happy to be back on our trails again.

The only problem was the length of the grasses growing in the field and when we entered the bush and were no longer in the wind, the swarming



Hay fields are being prepped this month.

deer flies. Fortunately, I had sprayed my exposed flesh with Deet (now there's a smell of summer!). However, I forgot to also spray my ball cap. Nasty buzzing critters love gathering



Fred Jones
RURAL ROOTS

under the front peak of the cap. But the dogs, especially our old big guy, Baxter, were being harassed. Once out of the bush, the wind hit and the flies disappeared. Naturally I had to shower prior to hitting the sack for the night.

The only drawback to our trek was finding wood ticks on our clothing. I had three crawling up my pant leg. So, we did a tick check on the pooches and mercifully only found one on new-pup-on-the-block, Sophie. Sophie is a pure-bred

black lab, a retriever who loves water (unlike the other two dogs).

There is a ditch on part of our route back to the house and sure enough Sophie ran into it. Further on, there is a hole in the side of a bank dug by the chap who made our trails.

Even before we reached it, we heard the splash and there she was swimming/wading in the water. It was hot so even Lily and Baxter trooped to the edge to slake their thirsts (neither of these two canines like being in water).

Saturday, Laura decided that it was time to mow the trails. She climbed aboard the riding lawn mower and off she went swathing a path south from the house to the gate at the bottom of the paddock.

I went to the barn to throw hay to the horses (they stay inside their stalls during the day in summer when the biting bugs are loose outside).

As I returned to the house, I noticed that I couldn't hear the mower. "Huh," I thought, "she has elected to mow the trail through the 'back 40' and continue making the circle back to the house.

I thought that she just wanted to make a path through the long grasses down to the gate that might reduce the chances of ticks sticking to our clothing and to pooches.

Laura returned late to report that the grasses are the thickest she's ever seen.

Interesting because I was on the phone with my friend, Dave, who lives in town and he, too, said that he'd not seen the grass on his lawn being so thick.

Yup, all that snow melt and then rain proddy done it.

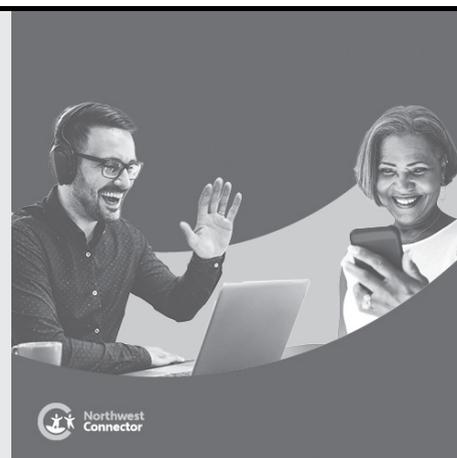


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Horror gets busy signal

The Black Phone (SilverCity) looks to emulate the works of Stephen King. But though the screenplay is based on a short story by Joe Hill, who's in fact the son of Stephen King, "The Black Phone" is only a so-so entry in the horror genre.

Director/co-screenwriter Scott Derrickson and co-writer C. Robert Cargill borrow familiar "Kingsian" tropes, but some very telling elements have slipped through the cracks, including true narrative tension.

Set in a Denver suburb, 1978, the story centers on beleaguered teen, Finney (Mason Thames) and his spunky young sister, Gwen (Madeleine McGraw). Finney is being bullied at school for reasons unexplained, other than Finney being brighter than his thuggish classmates. Finney's protector friend suggests he learn to stand up for himself. There's some subtle foreshadowing.

Finney and Gwen have to endure further misery on the home front from their abusive, alcoholic, scruffy father (Jeremy Davies), especially when Gwen displays clairvoyant tendencies possessed by their deceased mother.

The neighbourhood is gripped in terror as several kids have gone missing, ostensibly kidnapped by a mysterious figure known only as "The Grabber" (Ethan Hawke) who's prowling around in a black van.

So there we have familiar King-like elements: mysterious disappearances, psychic power, an abusive parent, a phantom kidnapper/killer.

Finney himself gets scooped by the Grabber, wearing a weird mask and claiming to be a part-time clown. (Finney's too polite to run away from obvious danger, apparently.) Finney's drugged and confined in a dingy, sound-proofed unfinished basement featuring only a mattress, a toilet, a few rolled up rugs and a black wall phone that keeps ringing, despite severed wires.

On the other end of the line Finney gets escape advice from the ghosts of the Grabber's victims, in between random visits by the Grabber himself, conveying more weirdness than true menace.

The middle section stalls mightily. We



Mason Thames plays Finney Shaw. (Universal)

don't get any clues into the Grabber's twisted psyche. What compels him? There is little threat. The Grabber doesn't seem intent on inflicting psychological torture on Finney, so why is Finney being kept alive? Is Finney the beneficiary of the psychic phone calls because he's expected to be the physical manifestation of the ghosts' vengeance?

Other bits go dangling. Finney manages to dislodge a grate on a window, thereby providing a potential escape hatch but then it's forgotten entirely, unnoticed by the Grabber.

The various plot elements do not coalesce into a satisfying payoff. Instead, the filmmakers rely on hackneyed sudden Jack-in-the-Box pop-ups by the Grabber's bloodied ghostly victims, supposedly signifying a similar fate for Finney, instilling neither fear nor horror.

The film's final sequence manages to generate modest suspense, though niggling questions emanate even from this business as well, involving the Grabber's attachment to his mask and another occupant in the Grabber's house.

Thames and McGraw are very good but they're on their own. Pity that the only support offered to them by the script is a busy signal.



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Olivia Korkola, Robert Balabuck, Dan Zadkovich (seated), Jasmine Madeo, Jo-Ann Waytowich (seated), Danny Johnson, Martin Blanchet and Susie Campbell.

Playing under the big top

By Linda Maehans -TB Source

Get ready for one sweet toe-tappin', rib-ticklin' harmony-ride.

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With the return of "Home: A Bluegrass Celebration, by Jo-Ann Waytowich and Danny Johnson-and-Friends, once again Magnus brings us the best musical energy and comical-poignant storyline this side of Hillbilly Heaven.

And you'll know there is such a place because this stellar 100% home-grown cast will take you there. Easily. With grace and the kind of combined musical prowess that comes together once in a blue moon. Not sure if we're havin' one in July; don't matter. You'll be under blue skies, and your heart will be full.

Well, not quite for the blue skies. I mentioned a big top. The latest acquisition to Magnus' "tickle-trunk" of equipment, so the premiere (and only) professional live-theatre company between southern Ontario and Winnipeg can continue to shine here in

the Lakehead year-round. In fact, it's a bit of a re-brand: Magnus in The Park will become exactly that in summer months, then move inside when our northern climate dictates. Either way, we say bring it on!

Artistic director Thom Currie is pleased with the new tent.

"When we did Patsy Cline in the park (August 2020) we were really at the weather's mercy; started throwing around ideas for an outdoor structure of some sort, maybe build something ourselves. We looked to our friends at the Stratford and Shaw Festivals, who had erected big tents during everyone's Covid experience. It seemed like a great solution for us too. We needed it to be large enough to house an audience of 200-or-so; plus the stage; plus the band; the sound-and-lighting props; and set on an angle so as to bypass any wind off the lake." Yeah, we are situated by Superior.

"It's behind the fly-tower, so it doesn't obstruct any views toward Algoma; and our audiences will be protected, nice and cozy, from the elements. Same for the musicians. The wind will just blow over the tent, not into it."

Thom explained how a B.C. firm

Tentnology helped install the durable smooth structure angled into Waverley Park a few weeks ago. It's solid. Able to withstand winds up to 195 km/hour. Seating by Magnus, with accommodation for wheelchair clients. And a few local food vendors set up in the side parking lot for refreshments and delicious nibbles during shows: sounds perfect.

The tent can also be shared by other arts-groups in the community, looking to perform in Canada's oldest publicly-designed park: Waverley. Some wonderful heritage, here.

"The tent is a permanent part of Magnus now. And why we've resurrected our name: Magnus in The Park. Going forward, we'll do at least a couple of (summer) shows in the tent; it'll be up from May to end of September every year. And so we invite other community users, companies, bands, orchestras, who might like to perform in a building-grade, fully tricked-out tent to come talk with us."

Meanwhile, snap up your seats for Home: A Bluegrass Celebration, playing (literally) in Magnus in The Park July 14-30. Sure to be another sell-out sizzler: yee-haw!

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

T-Wolves land highly touted wing

The Lakehead Thunderwolves continue to add to their arsenal.

The men's basketball team this week announced Burlington wing Tyler Sagl has agreed to join the team in 2022-23, coming off a successful career at the college and high school level.

Most recently he played at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

"I chose Lakehead University because they have an amazing coaching staff, the program is top notch, with great facilities and they have one of the best fan bases in the country. I'm super excited to get to work.

Sagl was named to the MAAC all-rookie team and averaged 8.5

points a game, the highest of any rookie in the league.

He also scored in double figures 11 times.

"We're very pleased to be able to add a player of Tyler's caliber to our roster, he brings a high level of shooting, physicality and versatility" said coach Ryan Thomson, currently coaching in the CEBL this summer.

Sagl will join his younger brother Chris, who made the OUA West all-rookie team last season.

Ex-cat makes jump

Another former Thunder Bay Border Cats player can now call himself a big-leaguer.

Matt Batten, an infielder who played for the Cats in 2015, got the call on Thursday by the San Diego Padres.

Batten entered the game as a pinch runner for Luke Voit and took over at second base.

The 27-year-old earned his first major league at bat in Saturday's game against the Dodgers, pinch-hitting for Nomar Mazara in the ninth inning of a 7-2 loss, and fouled out.

Batten sent the past two seasons in AAA ball in the Padres system, and was hitting .299 with 10 home runs and 31 RBI in 59 games in 2022.

As a Border Cat seven years ago, Batten played 69 games, hitting

.231 with six triples and seven doubles in 69 appearances.

He is a graduate of Quinnipiac University and was drafted in the 32nd round by the Padres in 2017.

Batten is the 294th former Northwoods League player to make the major leagues.

Other former Cats in the majors include Michael Papierski, Penn Murfee and Jason Vosler.

Chill blanked on road

The Thunder Bay Chill still control their own playoff destiny, but the hill they have to climb got a little steeper on Sunday night.

The Chill, in the midst of a four-game road trip, fell 3-0 to Peoria

City, leaving them nine points out of the Deep North Division's second playoff spot at 3-2-3.

Peoria City (6-2-3), who holds down that spot, got a first-half goal from Justin Freitas in the seventh minute and second-half tallies from Tim Ennin in the 73rd and Tal Segev put it away in extra time.

The Chill wrapped up the road trip on Tuesday and Wednesday night against St. Croix and Minneapolis, before returning home for a pair against FC Manitoba on July 15 and July 16.

Peoria City, which has played four more games than Thunder Bay, will wrap up against undefeated Des Moines on July 16.

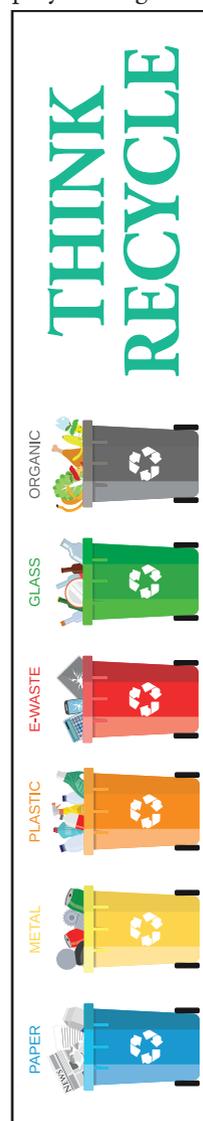


Tbaytel is pleased to announce that Scott Potts, a board member since 2019, has been appointed chair of the Tbaytel Municipal Service Board.

Scott is a longstanding member of our community, serving on various boards throughout his career. He graduated from Lakehead University with a bachelor of commerce degree and holds a chartered professional accountant designation.

Scott is the owner of SP Management and Advisory Services and previously served as VP of Infrastructure and Planning and CFO for St. Joseph's Care Group. Scott will be succeeding Jack Jamieson who has served the Tbaytel Municipal Service Board since 2008, the last 8 years as the chair. Jack will continue to serve on the Board as past chair until the end of his final term in 2023, lending his guidance and expertise.

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DePiero wins Open

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Jamie DePiero was four shots back after eight holes on Sunday.

Six holes later, he was tied for the lead.

By the time he hit the 18th tee, the Thunder Bay golfer was two shots in front of playing partner Evan DeGrazia, looking like a sure bet to finally have his name etched on the AON District Open trophy.

Eventually he did, but it took DePiero an extra playoff hole to capture his first local major title, after an errant second shot found the woods on the final hole at Whitewater Golf Club, leading to a bogey and a 36-hole tie with DeGrazia.

Regrouping for the playoff, DePiero, the runner-up a year ago, found the fairway on the 10th, while DeGrazia hit a low hook that bounded far off the playing surface, leaving him little choice but to punch out and hope to get up and down to extend the match.

Instead he two-putted for bogey, while DePiero reached in regulation and made his par to claim the championship.



Jamie DePiero won his first AON District Open.

"It's pretty amazing," said the 32-year-old DePiero. "There's a lot of history (on this trophy) in Thunder Bay, so to have your name on it is pretty special. It's awesome, it feels really good."

DePiero, who spent time last summer on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada, said it was disappointing not to

get it done in regulation, but a win's a win.

"I probably should have laid back (on 18). I tried to get it close to the green and it was kind of a dumb decision. But I was pretty quick to switch the focus and focus on what I needed to do coming up on 10," he said.

After entering the day tied with DePiero after the two golfers fired identical 71s in Saturday's opening round at Fort William Country Club, DeGrazia built a four-shot lead through eight holes.

Down two on No. 14, DePiero birdied, while DeGrazia needed two shots to get out of the green-side bunker and the match was tied.

"I've hit that shot probably 100 times in my life. To have that happen - I put a good swing on it, my club just didn't want to go through," DeGrazia said.

A double-bogey on 17 put him two shots back, but he made them up to force the playoff with a birdie on the 18th, DePiero finding the woods on his second shot attempting to hit the green.

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Staal Open produced lots of great golfers

From 2014 to 2018, July meant the return of the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada to Whitewater Golf Course.

It's an event I looked forward to covering every single year.

One look at the weekly PGA Tour leader-board tells you why.

From Canadian Corey Conners, who finished second and third in his two appearances in Thunder Bay, to C.T.

Pan, Joel Dahmen and Mackenzie Hughes, the tournament has produced multiple winners on the big tour over the past several years.

It's a shame we couldn't keep the tournament going.

That said, I thought I'd take a look back at the five tournament winners and see what they're up to these days.

Wes Homan (2014): Homan edged Greg Eason by a single stroke to take the inaugural title, but it hasn't translated to a lot of success on either the Korn Ferry Tour or the PGA Tour. His last finish on the big circuit was a T64 at the Rocket Mortgage Classic in 2018-19, and he missed the cut in

his lone Korn Ferry Tour appearance this season. **Notables in the field:** Joel Dahmen, Abraham Ancer, Michael Gligic.

J.J. Spaun (2015): Spaun is the most successful of all the past Staal Open champions, winning

this year's Valero Texas Open to earn a spot in three of this year's four majors and a two-year exemption on tour. He's 28th on the FedExCup ranking, has won more than \$2.4 million this year and 12 top 10 finishes on the PGA. **Notables in the field:** Corey Conners, Michael Gligic, C.T. Pan, Mackenzie Hughes.

Taylor Moore (2016): Moore edged Conners by three strokes, in what was probably my favourite of the five to cover. Six years later, the Texan is having a breakout season on the PGA tour, with top 10 finishes at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans and The RSM Classic, as well as a T16 at Pebble Beach. He's made 11 cuts in 21 events and has won close to \$1 million this season, leaving him inside the top 100 on the FedExCup standings. **Notables**

in the field: Corey Conners, Michael Gligic, Aaron Wise, Tyler McCumber.

Johnny Ruiz (2017): Couldn't dig up too much on Johnny Ruiz, though it appears he's left tournament golf behind and has settled in as a golf coach at Westlake Golf Course. **Notables in the field:** Kramer Hickok, Tyler McCumber, Michael Gligic.

Ben Griffin (2018): Has bounced around the golf world a bit since winning four summers ago, but he's poised to make the jump to the PGA Tour full-time in 2023. Griffin sits No. 2 on the Korn Ferry Tour rankings, with three runner-up finishes in 2022, guaranteeing him playing time next season. **Notables in the field:** Michael Gligic, Lee Hodges, Taylor Pendrith.

As you can see, with a guy like

Michael Gligic in all five fields, it can take a long time to make the move to the PGA Tour. I'd be a little remiss if I didn't break out at least one other Canadian, who has probably gone on to have the most success after playing at Whitewater.

Corey Conners (2015, 2016): With three top 10 finishes at the Masters, where he's yet to miss the cut in four appearances, he's probably the best golfer Canada has produced since Mike Weir (with apologies to Adam Hadwin).

He's sixth on the Presidents Cup rankings (Hughes and Hadwin are 11th and 12th), boasts a win at the 2019 Valero Texas Open and is ranked 29th in the world. I'll call it now, he's Canada's next major tournament winner. Big stretch, eh?



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Sittler is still a perfect ten

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Forty-six years ago, Darryl Sittler entered the NHL's record books, scoring 10 points in a single night against the Boston Bruins.

Nearly five decades later, it still stands. That comes as a bit of a surprise to Sittler, now 71, who said he thought the record wouldn't survive the 1980s.

"I often thought Wayne Gretzky or Mario Lemieux in their prime in the '80s they were getting 200 points a season and that they would be the guys to do it. But they weren't able to. They got eight points a couple of times," said Sittler, in between signing autographs on Wednesday at Newfie's Pub on Simpson Street.

Gretzky put up eight points on two separate occasions, while Lemieux did it three times, including once in the 1989 Stanley Cup playoffs.

Bryan Trottier, Peter Stastny, Bernie Nicholls and most recently, Sam Gagner in 2012, are also members of the eight-point club.

Sittler, who spent nearly 12 full seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs, from 1970 to 1982, said the increase in scoring of late gives him hope someone in today's game might give his record a run for the money.

"Guys like Connor McDavid - he's getting 10 chances to score a game. So you never know. It might be broken. It's going to be hard to break it. I'm proud to own it and it was awesome to do in a Leafs uniform."

Sittler's record-setting night came with rookie Dave Reece in nets for the Bruins, who was set to return to the minors with the pending return of future hall-of-famer Gerry Cheevers from the World Hockey Association.

Filling in for Gilles Gilbert, Reece was in net for all 10 Toronto goals, six off the stick of Sittler. It would prove to be his final NHL contest.

Sittler, who finished the 1975-76 campaign with an even 100 points - a first for a Maple Leafs player - left the Leafs for Philadelphia in January 1982, his relationship with the team that drafted him eighth overall in 1970 soured beyond repair.

At the time he was Toronto's all-time leading goal-scorer and point-getter,



Darryl Sittler spent parts of 12 seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs, from 1970 to 1982.

putting up 389 goals and 916 points in a Leafs uniform.

Sittler spent three more seasons in the National Hockey League, two with the Flyers and one final campaign with the Detroit Red Wings, elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1989 and in 2017 was named one of the game's 100 best players of all-time.

By then Sittler and the Leafs had mended their relationship and he continues to represent the team. Like his own Leafs era, the current rendition of the team has the talent needed to make a long playoff run, but just can't get over the hump.

The Kitchener, Ont. native can relate.

"It's been frustrating for the fans and the people supporting the Leafs. Obviously we've got a very good team. You don't get the number of points in the regular season that we got. We're in a tough division, but Tampa Bay's done it before," said Sittler, who helped lead the Leafs to the semifinal in 1978, only to be swept by Montreal in four straight.

"We got up against (Tampa) and basically lost by one goal in two games. The hockey gods weren't with us this year. Hopefully we can get back on the saddle and try it again next year and maybe it'll be our year."

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