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Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin model sees Tikinagan through pandemic



Tikinagan Child and Family Services relies on community connections to weather challenges of COVID-19.

helped Tikinagan Child and Family Services continue to grow during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Following Tikinagan's Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin model, we used the wisdom, guidance, teachings, and direction our communities and Elders to help move forward together in these unprecedented times," said executive director Thelma Morris.

The Ojibway/Oji-Cree phrase "everyone working together to raise our children," a value reflected in Tikinagan's dual-mandate approach to child welfare.

Tikinagan is accountable to chiefs of the 30 First Nations it serves to provide services that are culturally sensitive to the needs of Indigenous children, families and communities. Created as one of the first Indigenous-led child welfare agencies in 1984, Tikinagan is one of 53 children's aid societies mandated under Ontario's Child, Youth and Family Services Act to protect children from harm.

The service model is now described in detail in a set of comprehensive service manuals, including service standards and policies, and case management procedures and forms.

"Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin is designed to respect the inherent authority of First Nations to care for our own children," according to the agency. "It acknowledges that our First Nation mandate supersedes provincial legislation and that our ultimate goal is the pursuit of complete First Nation jurisdiction over our own child welfare services."

"Until this goal is achieved, Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin services are designed to be culturally appropriate and meet the

guiding philosophy based in community collaboration has needs of our First Nations and provincial legislation, regulations and standards."

> In practice, the Mamow Obiki-ahwahsoowin model means emphasizing multi-generational connections through Wee-chee-way-win Circles, supporting connection to traditional languages, and providing care through community-based workers, who often live in the communities they serve.



Workers collaborate with community representatives on client files to determine their needs and how to meet them while aligning with family and community values.

They look at aspects such as language, religion, values, and time spent previously with the prospective foster parent, seeking to cause as little disruption as possible in the life of the child while keeping them close to their community and culture.

"We seek to maintain a child's connection to their community, culture, and family," says Tikinagan's board chair Lorraine

Crane. "This is important for our people because this is our history and our way of living. Childcare law was knowledge passed down."

It's a philosophy that served the agency well as it moved to adapt to the pandemic, with community-based staff becoming more essential than ever to maintain service delivery in its communities.

That now also includes Thunder Bay, with Tikinagan serving children and families from its 30 First Nations residing in the city.

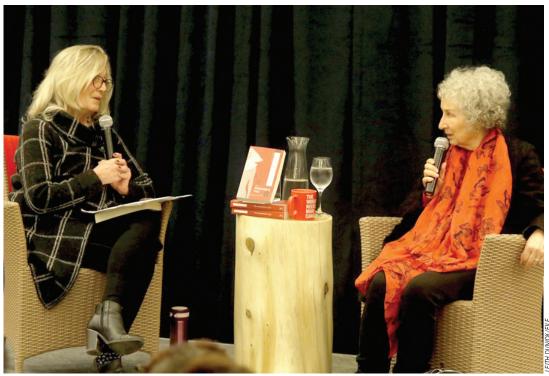
The expansion into Thunder Bay continued during pandemic, with children and families beginning to be transferred from other agencies, and the hiring of new staff and establishment of new office space in the city.

Learn more at tikinagan.org or call 1-800-465-3624



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LOCALNEWS



GONE TOO SOON: Lisa Laco (left) Interviews author Margaret Atwood at Chapters in Thunder Bay in January 2018.

Lisa Laco dies at 64

Longtime CBC morning show host a voice for her community

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ongtime Thunder Bay morning show icon Lisa Laco has died.

Laco, who recently retired from a two-decades-long stint as the host of CBC Thunder Bay's Superior Morning program, announced at the time she was suffering from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

She was 64.

Laco, born and raised in Newfoundland, rose through the media ranks in her home province, filling just about every imaginable role from DJ to news reporter to television anchor.

She then moved onto the CBC, working at both the Corner Brook and St. John's stations before moving to Thunder Bay in the early 1990s.

Laco produced the morning show in those early years before moving into the host's chair, a position she held until her retirement.

"She was a highly regarded journalist, with an empathetic heart and analytical mind. She knew how to laugh at her mistakes – a very important skill for any broadcaster. She was also a mentor and friend to many young journalists passing through Thunder Bay," reads a note posted by her family on Friday to her Facebook page.

"Lisa was in the chair for defining moments - such as the September 11th attacks, where, while the news was still breaking, she and her team broke off from national programming to inform listeners of the events happening."

Stood strong

She was a pillar of the Thunder Bay community, giving back any chance she could. From after-election specials to pop-up remote broadcasts from every corner of the city and beyond, Laco saw every day as an adventure.

Over the course of her career, it's estimated she

conducted more than 3,000 interviews, including a chance to speak with beloved Canadian author Margaret Atwood, hosting a public Q&A session at the local Chapters outlet.

"Most of her interviews, though, were with people from Thunder Bay and the region – and these she truly loved. She loved laughing with her guests; crying with her guests; and most importantly, listening to her guests. She radiated a warmth both on and off the air, and her listeners felt it - upon retirement, cards poured in from across the region, each one of which she read and was thankful for," the family's post continues.

"She loved every moment of it and considered herself truly fortunate to be able to do what she loved."

Still giving back

In keeping with her strong belief in reconciliation and the students of Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School, a bursary has been established to help students at the school complete their studies.

"Lisa will be forever remembered for her sharp mind and uncanny recall, her ability to empathize, her ability to listen, her warmth and her candour. She was a champion of many causes, but one she held near and dear to her heart was mental health, which she publicly and frequently spoke out about to help break the stigma around it. Through her, countless people were able to feel a bit more comfortable in their own skin, and many reached out over the years to tell her of their own struggles. She listened to every single story."

Laco is survived by her husband Brad and sons John and Andrew Ryan, three sisters and two brothers, as well as her husband's family.

She was predeceased by her parents, William MacDonald Brown and Carol Hope Brown.

A private funeral service is scheduled for Aug. 28 at Redwood Park Church and the service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Donations to the Lisa Laco Bursary Fund can be made to the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council at www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/63859.

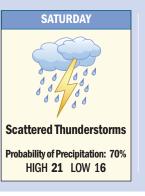
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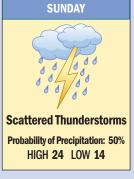
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Nuisance bear calls have skyrocketed

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

The number of bear complaints in the Thunder Bay region and Northwestern Ontario has increased dramatically this year.

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry says multiple factors have led to a rise of nearly 300 per cent in calls to the ministry.

Between April and mid-August, MNDMNRF received 950 reports of nuisance bears in the Northwest Region, compared with only 360 in the same period last year.

In the District of Thunder Bay, there were 230 calls up to mid-August, compared with only 100 a year ago.

Ministry spokeswoman Jolanta Kowalski said a late spring frost, a prolonged drought, and forest fires have all contributed to the increase.

"The hot and dry weather across the



GOING HUNGRY: Bear sightings in the city have nearly tripled this year, in part because of the failure of the local blueberry crop.

Northwest Region combined with a late frost that killed many blossoming fruits has caused a decrease in the amount of natural foods found in the bush," Kowalski said Monday.

She said that in many areas the

blueberry crop has either failed or is in very limited supply.

Kowalski said one of the worst

displaced bears from their usual territories which may be contributing to more frequent human/bear interactions.

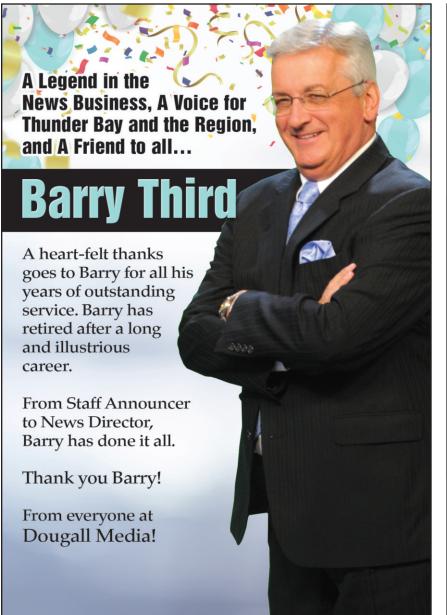
She noted that the arrival of one bear in a residential area may result in multiple calls to the ministry about the same animal.

Statistics released Monday by the Thunder Bay Police Service show police are also dealing with an extreme increase in nuisance bear complaints.

As of Aug. 22, they had received 75 calls for service, compared with only 17 last year and five the year before at this same point in the season.

Of the 75 incidents, 70 involve calls from residential areas of the city and only five were rural calls.

Over the last six years, the second busiest season for bear complaints to the TBPS was in 2018, when it responded to 34 calls for service by Aug. 22 of that year.





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Third doses coming for some

HEALTH
By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Third shots of the COVID-19 vaccine are expected to roll out to eligible groups over the coming weeks, says Thunder Bay's medical officer of health.

But despite plans by U.S. authorities to authorize third doses for all Americans, Dr. Janet DeMille said it still isn't certain a booster shot is necessary for most people.

The province on Tuesday approved third shots for higher-risk groups including transplant recipients, patients undergoing immuno-suppressant treatments, and residents of "high-risk congregate settings" like long-term care homes.

That decision was informed by evidence of lower immune response to the vaccine among those groups, DeMille said, including for LTC residents.

"We know that older people, especially people who may have underlying conditions where they require long-term care, they may not have had an adequate response to their first and second doses, or it may have waned."

There's no firm answer on how many will be eligible for third doses in the Thunder Bay District, but DeMille said it could be around 2,000 people, extrap-



NO ANSWER YET: The health unit's Dr. Janet DeMille says certain older people will be targeted first.

olating from provincial estimates.

That additional demand won't strain vaccine supply, which remains strong, she said.

Third doses should begin rolling out in the next two to three weeks, said DeMille, and will largely be administered by staff in hospitals and long-term care homes, rather than vaccine clinics or pharmacies. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control said this week booster shots would be available to all Americans, presenting studies they said indicated vaccine protection had begun waning for early recipients.

The CDC plans to allow third shots of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines eight months after the second dose beginning in September, though some approvals are still required.

The World Health Organization has urged wealthier countries not to offer booster shots, arguing the focus should be on distributing vaccines to countries that have had little access. The failure to ensure global vaccine equity is not just an issue of justice, but risks seeing new and more dangerous variants of the virus emerge, the WHO has warned.

According to DeMille, it's not yet clear third doses are necessary for the general public.

"I think for most people, two doses will be enough," she said. "It's an ongoing process and we may hear more information on who should get a third dose, but it really needs to be an evidence-based approach."

"What's very clear, though, is the evidence shows that two doses will work very well for most people, especially to protect against severe cases that require hospitalization or ICU admission, or result in somebody's death."

Pilot killed in crash identified

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The pilot in last Monday's deadly plane crash at the Thunder Bay Airport has been identified.

According to a post made to the 374 F/L Chisholm Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets Facebook page, the pilot's name was Peter Balodis, who graduated as squadron commander in 2008.

The crash victim flew with MAG airlines and Bearskin Airlines, most recently as part of the aviation team fighting forest fires in Northwestern Ontario.

Balodis was 30.

The crash is being investigated by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

A preliminary probe shows no anomalies in the plane's controls prior to the crash.

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EDITORIAL

Saying good-bye

he media landscape in Thunder Bay will never be the same.

Last Friday, the family of former CBC Superior Morning show host Lisa Laco announced on Facebook that she had died, mere months after retiring after more than 20 years on the Thunder Bay airwaves.

Laco was a friend to everyone she met, a no-nonsense journalist with a twinkle in her eye and a hard-hitting question in her pocket.

But she was so much more, a fervent supporter of Northwestern Ontario and all of its people.

She epitomized what it means to be a journalist - objective, but also empa-

So too did Barry Third, the longtime anchor at Thunder Bay Television.

Third announced his retirement earlier this year, and on Tuesday he spent his final day inside the TBT newsroom.

A fount of wisdom whose knowledge of the local news scene is unmatched, his insight into the mechanics of the city and surrounding areas will be sorely missed going forward.

May his Green Bay Packers or San Francisco Giants win him another title this season as a retirement gift.

These two giants of the local media scene can never be replaced, we can only strive to live up to their legacies.

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Climate plan a failure

To the editor:

emember the Paris Agreement, an international climate change treaty with the stated goal of limiting global warming to "well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to pre-industrial levels."

China extorted conditions that limited the "developed" nations of West, but gave free will to "developing nations" until 2030 with regard to limiting CO2 emissions and later signed the treaty in September 2016. Where upon then U.S. President Donald Trump did the correct thing and pulled the U.S. and its money out of the treaty.

Well let's bring things up to date.

Five Asian nations (developing) account for 80 percent of the world's newly planned coal power stations, according to a report published by the non-profit climate research think tank Carbon Tracker.

China, Indonesia, India, Vietnam, and Japan currently plan to build over 600 new coal plants between them, according to the report, with China being number 1.

Beijing has approved plans to build 187 new coal facilities "despite a pledge by President Xi Jinping that China will become carbon neutral by 2060," according to a remark made by Xi during a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2020. In other words does this mean, the 2060 emissions peak will equal the output of all finished operating coal plants??

India is the world's number two coal consumer after China and is currently planning to build 92 coal power stations. Indonesia is planning to build even more coal power stations than India, with 107 new plants currently in the works, Carbon Tracker revealed. Vietnam has 41 such plants planned, followed by Japan with 14.

The Asia-Pacific region consumed more than three-quarters of all coal used globally in 2019, according to British Petroleum's 2020 Statistical Review of World Energy. Surprisingly a considerable amount of coal is mined and exported from British Columbia to along with Commonwealth country Australia.

With the U.S. Democrats coming to power, the Biden administration will be pouring billions of dollars in catch up money to the Paris Agreement, thus further bankrupting the nation. Canada, where according to our PM global warming is happening faster than anywhere in the World, things will get worse as we hitch on to the US coat

Sooner than later the "developed" will become the "developing" nations in this climate fiasco.

> Robert Chondon, Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Ho Chi Minh and BLM



you ever wondered who first said 'Black Lives Matter' it was Ho Chi Minh in The Black Race (1925). Referencing the use of slave labour as 'the two legged beast of burden' he asked: 'Why are the colonists not using camels to carry their cargo? It is because camels are too costly for the white money-grubbers; meanwhile Black lives don't matter at all. It is not necessary to pay for their labour.'

The Black Race by Ho Chi Minh and selected works on racism (2021) has been republished as a reminder of its relevance to the contemporary Black Lives Matter debate.

Ho Chi Minh was driven out of Indo China by French colonial oppression.

He travelled extensively in Europe, Africa and America and used his lived experience to inform The Black Race, which includes graphic essays about 'Lynching' and 'The Ku Klux Klan'.

These make for very uncomfortable reading but, at the same time, his lively, crisp, concise, often humourtinged inimitable style made him one of Vietnam's best writers and poets.

His Prison Diary is a beautiful collection of short poems that powerfully describe what it's like to feel the knee of colonialism bearing down on the necks of the oppressed.

Ho Chi Minh points out that lynching and the Klan were motivated by economic jealousy.

Either the Black people in the area were more prosperous than the Whites, or the Black workers would not let themselves be exploited thoroughly.

In all cases, the principal culprits were never troubled, for the simple reason that they were always incited, encouraged, spurred on and then protected by politicians, financiers and people in power, and above all, by the reactionary press.

From 1889 to 1919 over 2,600 Black people were lynched in America. During the same period 708 Whites were also lynched, some for having organized strikes, others for supporting the Black struggle.

The slaveholding bourgeoisie saw in the Klan a useful agent, almost a saviour.

The Klan was 100 per cent Americanism, that is to say, antiCatholic, anti-Semitic, anti-Black and anti-working class.

The ideology of slavery was driven by the underlying economic base of capitalism. Racism and capitalism are inextricably intertwined.

There are also some uncomfortable truths about Canada which had approximately 4,200 slaves between 1671 and 1834, the year when slavery was abolished.

About 1,500 were Blacks while the remainder were Indigenous. There are not many accounts of Indigenous slavery in Canada.

Ho Chi Minh's selected works on systemic racism remain relevant

The Black Lives Matter movement has highlighted the message that the roots of institutional racism can be traced to the European enslavement of Africans through the systems of imperialism and colonization.

We still have a long way to go one century later, after Ho Chi Minh wrote his book. It serves as a reminder that Black, Indigenous and People of Colour - people who have been oppressed under the heavy yoke of systemic racism - need to re-learn history and stand up together for everybody's rights and freedoms.

Keeping kids safe

Vaccination trials under way for those under twelve

OPINIONBy J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

Even though we have public health measures to protect ourselves during the pandemic one compelling question remains unanswered, "What about the children?"

Once COVID 19 vaccines were proven safe and effective in most adults, clinical trials began for children as young as 12 years old.

These children are now being vaccinated without incident and further tests are under way on kids under 12 in what is called an "age deescalation strategy".

In this scenario younger and younger children are being vaccinated and the results are carefully measured and studied in the hopes of protecting our kids from disease.

Children are not particularly vulnerable to COVID and many of the infections that do occur in this age group are very mild, sometimes completely asymptomatic.

However, researchers from Public Health Ontario have found that infected children play a significant role in spreading COVID 19 whether they have symptoms or not

In rare cases (less than 0.01 per cent) children can experience a complication called multisystem inflammatory syndrome – this ailment can be effectively treated in hospital

The added benefit of vaccinating kids against relatively mild childhood

diseases is that it continues to protect them as they get older.

When children become adults some infections are more dangerous – Three well-known examples are measles, mumps and chicken pox, which can be problematic for adult patients.

Vaccines generally work equally well in both adults and children but in the very young, a developing immune sytem can interfere with their effectiveness.

That's why the measles vaccine is

We can't rely

on chance

and luck to

keep our

children safe.

not given to babies until they are 12 - 15 months old.

That is also why a vaccine for children under 12 is taking so long – scientists and doctors want vaccinations that are safe and effective and not dangerous or counterproductive in kids.

But as children return to classrooms in Canadian schools this fall parents and grandparents are understandably nervous about the spread of COVID.

They are especially troubled by the record high number of children being hospitalized in the U.S., some in intensive care and on respirators.

The easily transmitted delta variant is fueling a rapid and alarming increase in cases - will we see a similar increase among our youngest unvaccinated Canadians?

For families concerned about their kids under 12 returning to school this question is too disturbing to even consider.

Fortunately, Canada isn't yet seeing a surge of pediatric COVID cases and hospitalization.

One reason for this is our country's high vaccination rate - over 70% of the eligible population in Canada is fully vaccinated and well-protected, even against delta.

This is encouraging but the fact remains that a fourth wave of COVID 19 is now gaining momentum and is preying on unvaccinated Canadians.

And the largest group among that vulnerable population is children under 12, many of whom will

be returning to classrooms in September.

Generally, what happens in our schools will be a reflection of the community at large – high vaccination rates and low active case numbers are crucial objectives.

According to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit almost 80 per cent of our local population is fully vaccinated and case numbers are low. But we can't rely on chance and good luck to keep our children safe – it will take effective disease management and continued due diligence by the general public.

Clinical trials are under way to determine a safe and effective vaccine for children under 12 and results are eagerly anticipated.

What is happening to American kids won't necessarily happen here.

And we can avoid that nightmare scenario in Canadian communities if we keep one compelling question in mind, "What about the children?"

FLYING HIGH



BALL DROP: Golf Balls from Heaven, a fundraiser in memory of golfer Dustin Barr, who died from cancer last year, raised \$37,000 for Special Olympics. A tournament, also held last Friday, raised another \$23,000 for a variety of other charities, including Ronald McDonald House.

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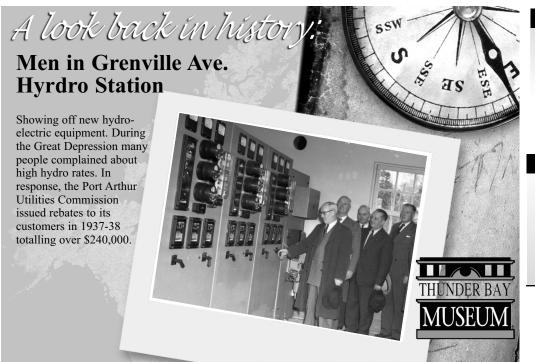
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LOCALNEWS

BrewHa! festival taking to the streets

Event will take place in late September

THUNDER BAY By Justin Hardy - TB Source

The 2021 BrewHa! Craft Beer Festival is taking it to the streets on Sept. 24 and 25, one of the first licensed multi-day in-person events since the start of the pandemic.

"We're really excited, it's been a long two years without an in-person event, and I think gauging by how quick the ticket sales went, Thunder Bay's pretty excited too," event organizer Alaina Linklater said in an

Instead of the usual location at the Marina Park, the event this year will be held on Cumberland Street between Van Norman Street and Red River Road. The portion of the street will be closed to traffic during the

"We wanted more of an intimate, smaller scale event, and the opportunity came up to partner with the Waterfront BIA, and we thought it was a great opportunity to really amplify all the bars and restaurants in the area that have been hit so hard over the pandemic, as well as change up the vibe this year, we're bringing it to the streets," Linklater said.

The event will consist of three 250 person sessions over two days, the first session being Sept. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. the second and third session will be held on Sept. 25, 1 to 4 p.m. for the second session, and 5 to 8 p.m. for the third.

Tickets, which sold out quickly, were \$30 and include entry to the event, a collectible glass, as well as four beer tokens.

A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to support the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Attendees are asked to follow all posted social distancing protocols.



RAISE A GLASS: Alaina Linklater is an organizer of this year's BrewHa! event, scheduled for Sept. 24 and Sept. 25.







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SIGNS OF THE TIMES: A roundabout at the intersection of Edward Street and Redwood Avenue will open later this fall.

Roundabout lessons

City holds session to help motorists navigate safely

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ois Hacio wants to be roundabout ready. The Thunder Bay woman on Saturday joined dozens of other motorists and pedestrians at the intersection of Edward Street and Redwood Avenue, where construction workers are putting the finishing touches on a newly installed roundabout expected to open later this

Hacio said she took part in the city-sponsored information session to get a better understanding of how to drive in a roundabout, a traffic calming measure not totally unfamiliar to Thunder Bay drivers used to using a similar one at the Pearl Street entrance at Marina

"I'm not really concerned, it's just good to maybe practice and get someone to show me if I'm going the wrong way," she said.

Not worried

Hacio said she's not too concerned about other drivers, adding she's used the Marina Park roundabout

"So I think I'm OK," she said.

Javed Iqbal also stopped by on Saturday to check out the almost-finished roundabout and said he likes

Still, one can never be too cautious when introducing something new to Thunder Bay drivers.

"It looks pretty good, but initially everybody has to get used to it, otherwise somebody is going to run into something," he said.

The city set up a tent on a closed off section of Edward Street, across from Northwood Park Plaza, introducing information session participants to roundabouts through a short video and a brochure they could take home.

The brochure contains separate instructions for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Drivers are asked to reduce speed upon approach of the roundabout and must yield to vehicles and cyclists that have already entered the circular. When a space opens, motorists proceed in a counter-clockwise direction, signalling at their desired exit. The roundabout is a two-lane section of road.

How-to manual

The brochure also includes instructions when emergency vehicles approach, noting drivers should not stop inside the roundabout, but instead exit as normal, pull to the right and the let the emergency vehicle

Pedestrians are advised to wait for a safe gap before crossing the street, while cyclists are advised to either drive as if in a vehicle or dismount and walk their bike across the crosswalk.

Kayla Dixon, director of engineering and operations for the City of Thunder Bay, said the information session, which could be repeated before the roundabout officially opens, said it was a good chance for those unfamiliar with roundabouts to get a quick lesson how to properly use one.

"We do have videos for people. They can watch the video before they proceed through the roundabout and basically get them a little bit more familiar and a little more comfortable using the roundabout," Dixon said.

"It's largely because it's new and people are not familiar with how to properly use them. They have questions about 'How do I turn left, how do I go straight?' There are some valid questions out in the community that we're hoping to answer today."

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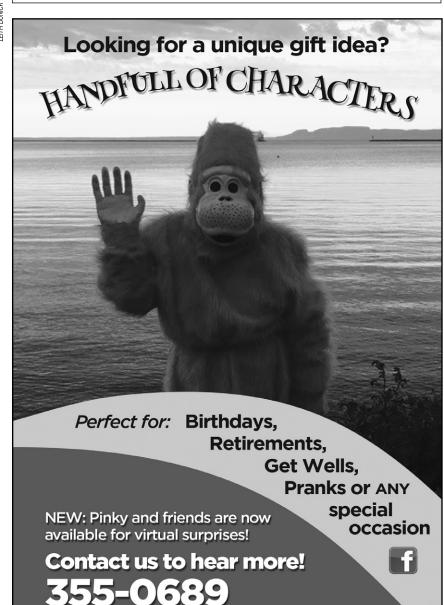
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BAD REPUTATION: The northern pike is synonymous with fishing in Northern Ontario, but is often overlooked or thought of as a nuisance by anglers.

Northern pike not respected

The northern pike gets no respect. They are referred to as snakes, gators, hammer handles, slimers and jackfish. Considered a nuisance by anglers targeting walleye, they are often handled poorly and some anglers even refuse to bring them into the boat.

But when the walleye bite is slow, a big pike can certainly inject some life into an otherwise uneventful day

on the water.

With the relentless heat we have experienced this summer, the walleye bite has been slow in many

lakes.
When we are faced with

when we are faced with clear sunny skies, temperatures pushing 30 C and not the faintest hint of a breeze to ripple the water, catching walleye can be a real challenge. On these hot late summer days, the walleye tend to vanish and only show up to feed at sunrise and sunset.

Luckily, while we apply another coat of sunscreen and wait for the sun to dip below the treetops, there is indeed good fishing to be had

If we turn our attention away from the

walleye and focus on back bays and weed beds, we can be rewarded with the constant and aggressive strikes of big, hungry northern pike.

Simply changing our perspective and embracing these monster pike as the hard-fighting predators they are can keep us entertained with good fishing action

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THE GOOD LIFE

throughout the hottest days.

Pike have razor sharp teeth and they often cut right through standard monofilament fishing line on the initial strike.

Every walleye angler

has been frustrated by aggressive pike ravaging our lure supplies, so switching to some heavier gear or at least adding a thin steel leader will allow us to preserve our fishing tackle when targeting pike. Luckily, unlike walleye, pike tend to not mind the presence of a steel leader.

Combined with a stout rod and a reel with a smooth drag, battling a big toothy pike becomes a lot more fun when you are not worried about losing an expensive fishing lure each time you go to set the hook.

Some of the most thrilling pike fishing happens in shallow water where you can see big pike stalk your bait or have them smash a top-water lure with reckless abandon.

Don't worry if the fish misses your bait on the first attack, they will usually be happy to strike again.

Once hooked, a monster pike can put on a scorching display of strength. Northern pike are known for taking long, sizzling runs and powerful dives, but the fun doesn't really start until that big gator sees the boat.

The close contact thrashing of a trophy pike that is nearing capture has resulted in plenty of broken lines, snapped rods and shattered hearts.

If you do manage to land a trophy pike, a pair of long-nosed pliers and an assistant can be real assets in helping to remove the hook while keeping the fish in the water. As you carefully hoist the fish up for a quick picture, be sure to support it horizontally before releasing it to grow even larger.

Dreaded Murphy strikes again



Regular readers of these scribblings know that occasionally I get unwanted visits from my "dear friend" Murphy (of Murphy's Law).

These visits are unexpected, unpredictable, and unwanted. Like his law states: "If something can go wrong, it will." And it does - often.

But suddenly Murphy decided not to inflict his malice on Farmer Fred but instead on his long-suffering spouse, Laura, The Gardener, the horse person, the brains in this marriage.

Strong finish

The vegetable garden, despite a killer frost July 7 followed by the hottest July on record with zilch amount of rain, has bounced back and verily thrived all due

to the steadfast attention of La Laura out there watering even after the sun has set and the no-seeums have emerged to plague her.

The result is a cornucopia of produce as evidenced by the steady back and forth treks to and from the garden with large metal bowls laden with harvested stuff. Depending on what is in the bowl will, of course, determine what kind of processing is to take place. Onions and garlic need to be dried; potatoes, carrots, and beets must be cleaned; beans topped and frozen; cucumbers must be turned into pickles.

It was the turn of the cucumbers. Laura set about jarring pickles. "We have to wait a week before trying them to see if they pickled," she announced. Saturday we opened a jar. Inedible. Ratz! Why? Way too much salt. But every year Laura has produced excellent pickles so what happened? Turns out she used the wrong type of course salt. Ratz! But isn't one kind of course salt the same as the next? Apparently not. Murphied! Oh well, the cucumber patch is still producing so

Laura is (as I write) at it again with the pickling of cucumbers, this time with the correct course salt.

Sunday we grabbed a picnic lunch, attached the motorboat to the truck, and headed off to Northern Lights Lake for a day on the water and possible fishing.

The weather was perfect: no wind, water flat calm and amazingly warm as we sped across the lake and up Trafalgar channel to the big bay and then to the large sand beach where we plunked down to eat our sandwiches.

Lunch finished, we headed across the bay to a fishing spot I call Bass Bay since we've caught some big bass there over the previous two summers. We had several bass bite but always managed to get off the hook.

Murphy showed up after we had motored down the northwest arm and tried our luck there. First, he gave Laura a dandy mess in her fishing line on the reel so much so that she announced that she couldn't use her rod until the knotted mess was sorted out and she didn't want to spend the time in the boat painstakingly undoing the knots.

"Then go ahead and use my rod," I offered. She did. After several casts, same thing happened - knotted mess in the line. Murphied!

Now, usually it is Laura who catches the fish. I drive the boat and am not serious about fishing.

Getting late

Well, it was getting on towards evening so we headed back to the landing to load the boat and drive home fishless. "So," I remarked as we were driving home, "Murphied, eh?" "Yes but he was rather gentle in his mischief as compared with what he does to you," she answered. "How so?" I asked. "Even though the fishing lines got tangled, I could still cast; and even though the first batch of pickles was too salty, I still have cucumbers with which to make more pickles now that I have the correct salt.'

Let us hope that if Murphy (heaven forbid!) elects to taunt Laura again, he continues to nudge rather than wallop as he does with me.

Burning ban remaining

DRYDEN, ONT. **By TB Source staff**

ain has dropped the forest fire hazard in parts of Northwestern Ontario that have experienced the worst fire rate in the province this

But the Aviation, Forest Fires and Emergency Services agency gave no hint Monday whether the lifting of a season-long ban on all outdoor burning is about to be lifted.

The hazard in much of the Northwest is now low or moderate.

Exceptions include parts of the Thunder Bay and Nipigon districts where it is high.

Over a week ago, the Restricted Fire Zone was lifted only in parts of the Nipigon and Wawa districts.

AFFES spokesperson Jonathan Scott said in an interview Monday that Thunder Bay and areas to the east have received much less rain in recent days than areas to the west.



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Spooky chills overcome faulty climax



MARTY **MASCARIN MOVIE TALK**

he psychological horror film is more or less alive and well with The Night House, (SilverCity). Director David Bruckner (The Ritual) skillfully sets up the familiar, unsettling story about Beth (Rebecca Hall), a high school teacher haunted by her husband's sudden recent suicide.

Edgy Beth has barely begun to grieve before she is beset by chills. She is a little unnerved by the sight of the boat that sits by the dock, the same boat her husband used when he inexplicably took his own life with a pistol shot to the head. Mysterious foot prints on the boards disappear. A dock gate is oddly unlatched.

She begins to have all too real nightmares replete with creepy bumps in the night, frightened females flitting across her property, the stereo suddenly blasting to life with their rock wedding song. Then she snaps awake. Silence.

Her modern multi-storied lakefront home built by her husband Owen (Evan Konigkeit) nestled within a cluster of trees may have served as the peaceful idyll for a happy couple. But for a wife reeling in solitary grief, the house is suddenly eerily still, too many windows to look out of....or look into.

Screenwriters Ben Collins and Luke Pietrowski have the formula down pat--mix the scares with dollops of exposition together with discoveries made by the heroine herself, to conjure a foreboding sense of mounting horror.

The exposition comes from gradually

revealed disclosures by Beth's retired neighbour Mel, (Vondie Curtis-Hall), and her best pal, Claire (Sarah Goldberg) experiences involving Owen which, individually, seemed worrisome but not dire enough to interfere. They fret over her state of mind. Beth also finds Madelyne (Stacy Martin) a young book store clerk who reluctantly shares her own interactions with Owen.

Their reveals, combined with Beth's discovery on her husband's phone of female images that resemble her, suggest a husband she never knew. Owen had many secrets. Predator? Serial adulterer? Dabbler in the occult?

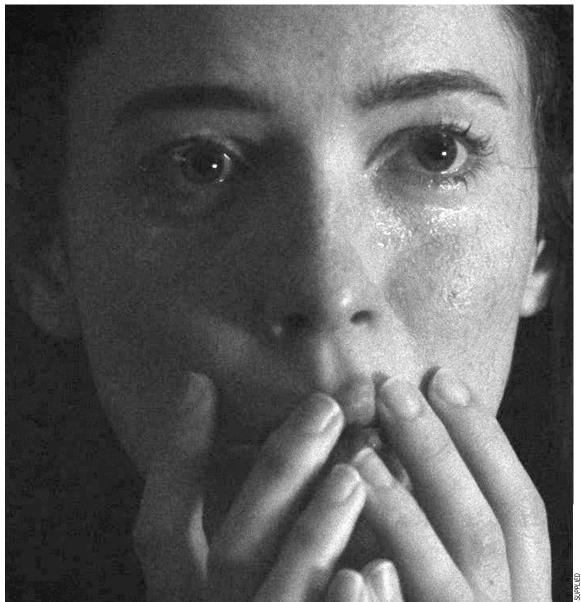
Reveals about Beth herself plays a bit into the plot—a near death experience in an auto accident as a teenager, battles with depression, her husband being her 'rock.' Hall masterfully holds the whole film together as a woman not only haunted by her husband's untimely death, but by her own troubled past.

Beth's ability to distinguish between reality and the threatening gets muddled thanks to indulging in a bit of drink, but she stands her ground, defiantly seeking closure with the ghostly happenings.

Director Bruckner indulges in a few 'jack-in-the-box' jolts but he utilizes excellent camera work and a spinetingling sound design, replete with fuzzily rendered haunting voices, and composer Ben Lovett's sinister score.

Alas, the climax is a jumble (the otherwise effective sound design muddles a crucial ghostly reveal) that does not quite provide satisfying explanations for much of what we've seen. The payoff fails to match the increasingly intense build-up.

But thanks to Rebecca Hall's standout performance, effective cinematography, and a spooky soundtrack, one relishes the supernatural pleasures of The Night



RECENT TRAGEDY: Rebecca Hall, as Beth, portrays a high school teacher haunted by her husband's suicide in The Night House.

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Fans have a say, but are not in charge

When Alex Trebek announced he had cancer, even ardent fans who urged him to fight the diagnosis were already quietly thinking about who would replace him in the end. Just this month, after weeks of guest hosts stepping in and "auditioning" for the coveted role, executive producer, Mike Richards, proudly announced that he, himself, was the new host of *Jeopardy*!

Seriously? After making so many people jump through hoops, he gave the job to himself?

Of course, Richards softened the news by adding that real-life Ph.D. and actress, Mavim Bialik of *The Big Bang Theory* would host the show's primetime specials. But the damage was done.

Viewers had been offering their input for weeks. Those who dreamt of former winner Ken Jennings or PBS host and Kunta Kinte himself, LeVar Burton leading the show felt cheated. And then Richards' past reared up to bite him in



the, uh, rear,

A reporter found numerous comments he made on a comedy podcast show seven years ago. The Anti-Defamation League demanded an investigation into him. And viewer reaction was not pretty even among those who didn't actually see or read the comments, but just "heard about them.'

OK, I have to ask, what was Richards thinking? He was on a show that was

recorded and sent out into the world? Did he think it would disappear like a bad smell? Or that no one would remember?

Having said that, viewers' perception of their power, has gone to their heads.

Yes, in entertainment, fans influence what airs and what doesn't. After all, ratings - or the number of people watching - is king. Ratings decide how valuable the airtime is for advertisers and controls the money the networks can make selling commercial spots. The more people are watching, the more people will see the commercials. So the more the networks can charge for that airtime which then pays for the show.

If no one's watching, there's no value. No value means no money. No money means the show won't be purchased. Nobody purchasing the show means no money to make it. End of show.

That's a lot of power in the hands of a lot of anonymous "someones" hanging out at home with a remote control, short attention span, and a butt-sized imprint on their favourite spot on the couch. (Yes, I too have one.)

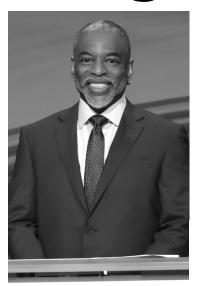
Understandably, in this case, viewers fell into a fantasy that because the host candidates were being auditioned publicly on television, we all had a say in the final decision. Surprise! We did not.

We, as viewers, aren't privy to all the details involved in producing a show. Schedules, long-term goals, financial demands, timing, legal options, politics, advertisers ... So no, you and I will never have the final say in casting decisions. Get over it.

Was the process – or the game – rigged? Of course.

One can't compete and play referee as

But at the same time, the officials will never ask someone in the stands to make the final call.



VIEWER'S CHOICE: LeVar Burton is a fan favourite to host Jeopardy.

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- letter
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- (abbr.) 29 Produce
- 30 Var of Bebecca Son of Isaac and Rebekah
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Morrison heading Down Under

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ormer Lakehead Thunderwolves coach Scott Morrison is off to the land of kangaroos, koalas and championship basketball.

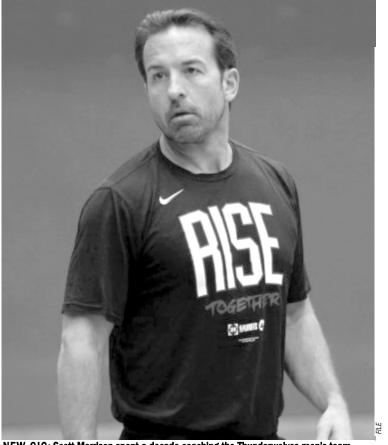
The P.E.I. native has signed a threeyear deal to coach the Perth Wildcats, 10-time champions in the National Basketball League. He spent the past four seasons as an assistant coach under Brad Stevens with the Boston Celtics. Stevens resigned his coaching duties earlier this year to take on the role of president of basketball operations.

Morrison, who coached Lakehead from 2003 until 2013, bringing the team to four straight Final 8 appearances including a silver-medal finish in his final season before leaving to coach the G-League's Maine Red Claws - said he can't wait to head Down Under.

Great opportunity

"Outside of the NBA, the Perth Wildcats head coach position was one of the best available in the world. Perth is a great city in an English-speaking country, making it an easy transition for my family. Any time you get a great career opportunity and a great opportunity for your family, you have to go for it," Morrison said in a release issued early Tuesday by the team.

"I'm excited for the challenge. I'm excited to get back to being a head coach after a few years of being an assistant, and I'm very honoured to be joining Perth's great history of



NEW GIG: Scott Morrison spent a decade coaching the Thunderwolves men's team.

winning.'

SPORTS SHORTS

Morrison interviewed for head coaching vacancies in both Boston and Washington, but ultimately didn't land either job, leaving him looking for new

work.

Perth seemed like the perfect opportunity, he said.

"There's an expectation for this organization to do well and to live up to the past, but that's not something I'm afraid of. I've always been the kind of person and competitor that embraces the pressures. It just makes achieving your goals that much sweeter," Morrison

"I know that the Wildcats 10 championships is a record for the league, which makes it easy for us to determined what the goal is and that's No. 1. To be successful as a coach you need to be part of a great team, and there's a great staff and a great group pf players already in place that I'm excited to get to know and learn from."

Big shoes to fill

Morrison replaces Trevor Gleeson, who won NBL titles five times between 2013-14 and 2019-20, falling in the final in 2020-21 after a 25-11 finish. Gleeson left for an assistant coaching job with the NBA's Toronto

The veteran coach shares the same name as the Australian prime minister and said over the years it's led to some interesting exchanges on social media, where Canada's Scott Morrison has been known to stir the pot a time or two himself.

"Over the years it's been funny to get a lot of people hitting me up on Twitter, cursing at me, complaining at me," he

"If the shoe was on the other foot and my favourite Canadian team hired Justin Trudeau to coach the team I think I'd get a great kick out of that, so I don't blame anybody for laughing."

lympic fever never materialized

s's been a while since I've penned a sports column in these pages.

For starters, I was on vacation the

first two weeks of the month, travelling across Canada to introduce my four-year old to my father, who had not yet met Nolan.

It also meant I didn't get much of a chance to watch the Olympic Games.

It wasn't hard to tell that the Canadian women had won soccer gold, the streets of Victoria, B.C. flooded with happy honking after Julia Grosso delivered the winning

It was a where-were-you-when moment for the country. My answer? In bed, still asleep. There's a threehour time difference, of course.

I got to see some highlights, like

Andre DeGrasse winning gold in the 200-metre Penny Oleksiak shining once again in the Olympic pool. But that's about it.

I have to admit, I'm less and less interested in the Games.

Maybe it's the wall-to-wall coverage. Maybe it's all the pre-packaging the networks do. Maybe it was pandemic fatigue this time around.

Certainly past Olympics stand out in my sports memory.

I watched the Miracle on Ice on a tiny 13-inch television at my grandfather's place in Victoria and Donovan Bailey's incredible 100-metre win in 1996 at a party in Halifax with my good friend Jamie Butler, who sadly is no longer with us.

Maybe I'll find my Olympic passion again next year, when hopefully NHLers are back at the Winter Games.

ow about Miguel Cabrera hitting his 500th home run on Sunday against the Toronto Blue Jays?

There were times I thought he might not get there, but the former triplecrown winner and future hallof-famer has had a bit of a late-career resurgence this summer.

I still love those historic moments in baseball.

The first one I witnessed, or at least heard, was Pete Rose nailing his 3000th hit in May 1978 against the Montreal Expos. It seems like yesterday.

ood luck to all of you drafting Gyour fantasy football teams the next two weekends.

I've done a few for-fun drafts already and guys who are sliding include Ezekiel Elliott and Saquon Barkley. Guys I've been targeting in later rounds include Michael Carter, Jerry Jeudy and Javonte Williams.

I've got plenty of shares of all three. Just don't tell Ryan Bonazzo, he's tough enough to beat as it is. I don't need him or Matt Vis knowing when I'm going to zig, not zag.

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