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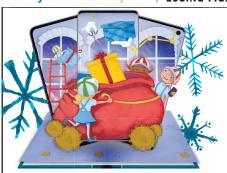
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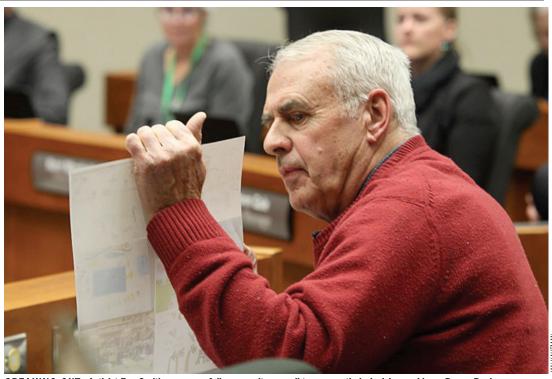
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LOCALNEWS



SPEAKING OUT: Activist Ray Smith unsuccessfully urges city council to reverse their decision and keep Dease Pool open.

Demolition coming

CITY HALL By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Thunder Bay city council has voted to demolish Dease Pool, following hours of tense deliberation Monday night. The vote also directed city administration to continue consulting the community on future uses for the site and adjacent Dease Park, with a report due back by the third quarter of next year.

Around 15 Save Dease Pool protesters marched on City Hall before the meeting, holding placards and chanting slogans. Several stayed for the meeting, supporting three of their members who gave deputations urging council to rebuild the facility.

City administration, in a report prepared by General Manager of Community Services Kelly Robertson, recommended against a rebuild. Their report says the estimated \$2.8 million price tag to build a new pool and change room building isn't justified, especially given the existence of nearby aquatic venues, including Art Widnall pool just over one kilometre's walk away.

Instead, administration recommended demolishing the pool, at a cost of about \$260,000 to the city, and proceeding with community

consultations to determine the site's future. Options include selling the pool property, revamping it as parkland, and recreational investments like a skating rink at adjacent Dease Park.

Council would go on to adopt administration's recommendation, with councillors Andrew Foulds, Aldo Ruberto, and Peng You voting against.

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BRIAN

HAMILTON

The meeting grew contentious at points, with advocates expressing their anger toward city council and administration. Lori Paras said in her deputation that administration had an "agenda to shutter Dease Pool" and that councillor Brian Hamilton, whose McKellar ward contains the pool, had been "working directly against [our] interests."

"Don't tell me I'm not sticking up for my ward, that's just ridiculous," Hamilton fired back later in the meeting. He argued spending millions on a pool used only two months a year would be "irresponsible," given how far the money could go toward other needs in the area. He offered examples like supporting the Underground Gym, and maintaining infrastructure like sidewalks and sports fields.

Councillor Aldo Ruberto agreed it would not be justified to spend millions of dollars on the pool, but argued administration's cost estimates to rebuild the facility were unreasonably high – something he says is a pattern for the city. "We

have to stop this palace standard that's above and beyond anything that's reasonable. People are happy with simplicity."

Kelly Robertson, General Manager of Community Services for the city, told council she was confident the city has enough aquatic facilities to meet citizens' needs without Dease Pool. Coun. Mark Bentz, for one, said this was an important

factor in his decision to vote to close the pool.

But advocates say council's decision is not the end of the matter.

Paras said a local law clinic had offered to represent the group in a potential lawsuit, and invoked the possibility of protesters handcuffing

Merry Christmas! No paper next week

With the holiday season upon us, we're taking our annual one-week break to spend time with our families and loved ones.

Therefore we won't be publishing

an issue of Thunder Bay Source on Dec. 26.

We'll be returning on Jan. 2 with our annual year in review issue.

Merry Christmas and Happy New

Year to all our readers, from Leith, Doug, Pepper, Jen, Nicole, Gary and Ian.

Hopefully Santa and his elves are good to you and yours!

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY



Mainly sunny

Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH -8 LOW -10

SUNDAY

sun and clouds

Probability of Precipitation: 30%

HIGH 0 LOW -4

FRIDAY



Cloudy

Probability of Precipitation: 40% HIGH-2 LOW-4

SATURDAY



A mix of sun and clouds

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MONDAY



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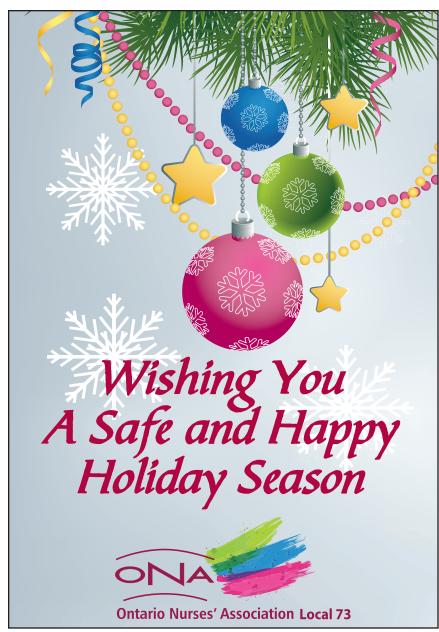
Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH 1 LOW -9

TUESDAY



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Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH -3 LOW -7



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LOCALNEWS



BIG DONATION: Artist and educator Jake Black has committed \$800,000 to the new art gallery.

Artist donating \$800K to gallery

"It's mainly

because of

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the arts."

JAKE BLACK

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Jake Black is a big believer that you can't take it with you.

He's also a big believer in the arts.

It came as no surprise on Friday then, that he stepped up with the single-biggest donation in the Thunder Bay Art Gallery's \$3.5-million capital campaign to build a new waterfront facility, handing over the first installment of a four-year, \$800,000 gift.

Combined with a \$250,000 donation from the John Andrews Foundation and \$50,000

from Copperfin Credit Union and \$50,000 from Intercity Industrial Supply, altogether the Art Gallery hauled in \$1.15 million, nearly a third of the campaign target.

"It's mainly because of my interest in the arts. Music and the visual arts have been a big part of my life," said Black, adding he used to teach arts in school for many years.

"I was always surrounded by art experiences and I saw an opportunity that they were having a local campaign and wanted to have

support from people to donate. And that's what I did, feeling I could be as much of a supporter as anybody. I had taken my savings and I'm getting up in years and I feel you can't take it with you so I wanted to do something of a local nature and it was this art gallery."

Black said the gallery will be a drawing card for tourists and a landmark attraction on Thunder Bay's waterfront.

"I really felt this was something I was really particularly interested in. And I see the versatility in it. It has so many possibilities in the

arts, and not just visual arts, but other uses I can see taking place there – film projections and a just a host of other uses, along with the opportunity to do workshops in the arts, as well as the viewing of people's work," Black

Sharon Godwin, executive director of the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, said she was awestruck when Black first walked in and told her of his intention to make such a large donation to the project.

"It's unprecedented. I don't think there has been another gift of that level for a cultural project in the community, as far as I know, in all of its history," she said.

> "Here's a lovely artist, member and educator who's been a member of the gallery and supporting this community through his work for a number of years. It's so gratifying for the gallery. We just are so thankful."

> Godwin, who hopes to break ground on the new facility next summer, pending the outcome of the environmental assessment process, said they've now raised \$2.4 million of their \$3.5-million

target, but there's still a significant way to go. Friday's donations have really elevated the campaign, she said.

"There are many, many people that we know who are very interested in supporting the project. We hear it all the time. So we feel we're going to get there, but to have this level of support from these individuals is inspiring to others and will inspire others to give to the program."

The \$33-million project has raised about \$29.9 million, including \$5 million from the city, to date.

LOCALNEWS

CN station remains empty

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne – TB Source

More than three years after its last tenant vacated the premises, the CN station remains an unfinished component of the redevelopment of Thunder Bay's waterfront.

To date, there is no sign the historic structure will be put to use anytime soon.

Winnipeg-based ReSolve Group, the developer of two nearby condominium buildings and the Delta Hotel, holds a 60-year lease on the city-owned property.

Company President Gisele MacDonald has not responded to recent inquiries from Tbnewswatch, but Joel DePeuter, manager of Realty Services for the city, said "it's been empty for quite awhile, but it's time to change that."

The terms of the lease are confidential.

However, speaking in general terms, DePeuter said the agreement requires the former railway station "to be open for business and to maintain and operate the building."

He said the lease also lays out "objectives" for the types of businesses to be operated out of the building.

"Businesses that are associated with the hotel or park, or both...Things that are consistent with a tourism-type destination," DePeuter said.

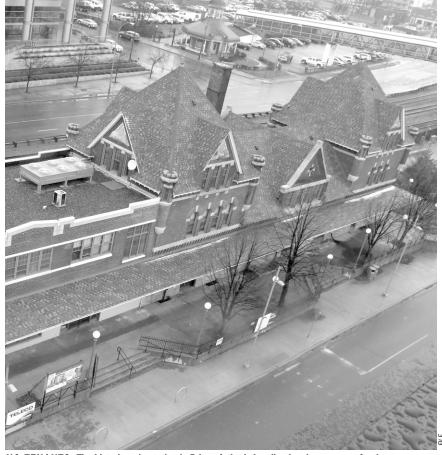
In an interview with Tbnewswatch, he said confidentiality provisions forbid him from disclosing whether ReSolve Group has met all mandated deadlines for development.

"There was a requirement to be open for business at a particular time, and that was met" with the opening of the Breakwater Tap House in 2014, DePeuter said.

The business only operated in the station until 2016.

A sign posted outside the building by ReSolve's property management arm states it is still available for lease, with floor space ranging from 1,500 to 6,000 square feet.

The company's website carries a notice that says "Commercial redevelopment of CN



NO TENANTS: The historic train station in Prince Arthur's Landing has been vacant for three years.

Building now underway. The CN building will provide meeting facilities and conference areas for the new Delta Hotel as well as commercial/retail space."

The city has to approve any subtenants the developer signs up.

"They've spoken to us from time to time about things that they're working on. I think now that the hotel is complete, discussions will be more focused," DePeuter said.

Asked if city administration is concerned,

he said "I wouldn't say we aren't concerned. It's important, so we're going to be working on it. It's an important piece of Prince Arthur's Landing."

Councillor Mark Bentz, the former chair of council's now-defunct Waterfront Development Committee, said council is not involved with the details at this point, but he understands city staff are continuing to work with ReSolve Group "to get something going there."

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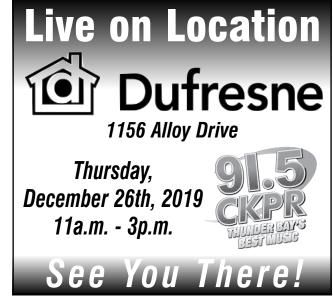


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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Charity is important

his city truly has a heart of gold. Every year, when Thunder Bay's most vulnerable are in need, the people living here seem to come through.

On Monday, more than \$80,000 was raised for Christmas Cheer, an organization that ensures families don't go hungry over the holidays - and that children don't go without a present under the tree.

On Tuesday, our friends at CBC sent more than 70,000 pounds of food to nearly two dozen communities in Ontario's north, ensuring our Indigenous neighbours get to enjoy the holidays with fresh food.

Toys for the North, a few days earlier. sent bundles of toys to Cat Lake and Sachigo Lake First Nations, about 6,000 pounds worth.

Dilico Anishnabek Family Care set a 1,000 Christmas Wish bag target, and collected more than 1,050, far surpassing their wildest dreams.

It's true, the Salvation Army's kettle campaign struggled in its earliest stages this year and could use your help. There's still time to make a difference.

Donations to charities like these and many others remain important. Without the work they do, Thunder Bay would be in a troubling mess.

Until the underlying causes of poverty and addiction are solved, the city needs your help more than ever.

If you're one of the lucky ones, please give as much as you can.

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Hobbs', Voss awaiting verdict

COURT By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

A judge will need to determine 'who was driving the bus' in the extortion case against Keith and Marisa Hobbs and Mary Voss - the accused or the alleged vic-

Closing submissions in the trial against former Thunder Bay mayor Keith Hobbs, his wife Marisa, and local resident Voss were heard in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Thursday before Justice Fletcher Dawson.

Keith and Marisa Hobbs appeared via telephone from

Wawa, unable to attend in person after getting stuck due to a highway closure.

In his closing submission, Crown attorney, Peter Keen, argued that it was Keith and Marisa Hobbs who were principal parties behind the extortion attempts against the alleged victim to purchase a house for Voss with threats of handing over incriminating evidence to police, while Voss was a party to the extortion.

"There is one central issue in the case," **KEITH HOBBS** Keen said. "Whether you convict will hinge on this single issue. Whether Keith Hobbs made a threat against the victim to induce him to buy a house and whether Marisa Hobbs was party to a threat made by Keith to buy a house.'

Brian Greenspan, who is representing Keith and Marisa Hobbs, countered in his closing submission by arguing it was the victim attempting to exert control over Voss and buy silence.

"He bosses everybody in his sphere," Greenspan said. "He has an issue, hush money time. Buy it off. Pay it off. Cash for silence are his words."

Keen focused the majority of his closing argument on Keith and Marisa Hobbs and said it was not the Crown's case that Voss made a direct threat against the

According to Keen, the behaviour of all parties involved in the case was bizarre and odd when compared to societal norms.

However, direct evidence and circumstantial evidence points to the crime of extortion being committed.

"Every extortion is going to involve the use of incriminating evidence," Keen said. "Something bad someone has done for the purpose of getting money out of them."

Videos showing the alleged victim acting erratically

and using vulgar and offensive language were at the centre of the nearly three-week trial. These videos were uploaded to USB drives and one was given to Craig Loverin, a friend of the victim, by Keith Hobbs.

According to Keen's submission, it was Keith and Marisa Hobbs who used these videos to coerce the victim into purchasing a house for Voss.

Keen made reference to a meeting between Keith Hobbs and the victim on the morning of Nov. 16, 2016 and how the victim's behaviour then changed.

"After that meeting with Keith and Marisa Hobbs, he repeatedly says I am being extorted," Keen said. "Not I want to buy you off. Not I want to offer you cash for silence. But I am being extorted."

Keen questioned the truthfulness of the statements made by the accused, as well as Keith Hobbs own testimony during the trial.

Hobbs testified in his own defense and Keen said he reversed himself on a central point in the trial, being that he did in fact tell Loverin to show the videos to the victim, when Hobbs first testified he told Loverin to do what he wanted with them.

"The Hobbs' motivations, as they set out in Mr. Hobbs testimony and in their statements, was not the whole truth to put it most favourable to the accused," Keen said.

The Crown's theory, according to Keen, was that Keith and Marisa Hobbs were driving the bus and Voss was along for the ride.

"Mary Voss's situation is quite different," Keen said. "This is a tough case. There is strong evidence supporting the Crown's position. There is also strong evidence pointing away from the Crown's position."

Keen said Voss was aware of the core details, but there is no evidence of any direct threats made by Voss against the alleged victim.

'You may be left with reasonable doubt as to whether she was part of the threats," Keen told Justice

Greenspan questions credibility of alleged victim

While Keen admitted the alleged victim behaved in a vile manner though does not justifyy being extorted, Greenspan painted a much different picture of the victim, arguing he was attempting to control the situation and buy the silence of others.

"We say that our narrative is more persuasive than the Crown's," he said. "We have the advantage that the witnesses on behalf of the defense and the numerous statements of all three accused, were lawabiding members of the community. By contrast, the primary witness for the Crown was corrupt, vulgar, and by his own words, a person capable of grotesque conduct."

Greenspan said the defense has no case to prove and the burden of proof falls with the Crown.

A decision is expected in February.

Perspective

Looking forward

Greta Thunberg can be an inspiration to everyone

OPINIONBy J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

This past year has been turbulent in many ways but now is not the time to dwell on disappointment and regrets from 2019.

There is a new year ahead and now is the time to look forward to 2020 with renewed vigor and optimism.

Almost every day I read or hear news about hopeful developments, positive events and successful human endeavors that happened last year.

As the year comes to an end I choose to dwell on the people, places and things that make me laugh, make me think and give me hope for 2020.

Before I pass judgement on the year that was, I need to understand the events of 2019 and look for evidence of optimism going forward

You may have noticed the announcements – book of the year, movie of the year, entertainer of the year, invention of the year and even the colour of the year.

Each new year has unexpected surprises but anybody or anything that achieves worldwide "something of the year" status is often very influential.

Occasionally, as was recently revealed, it can be something so inspiring, motivating and urgent that it changes global consciousness

ship in service. She

was later renamed

was scrapped in

Donnacona

1969.

At the same time, it can also be a chilling taste of stark reality and a grim prediction of future events.

These are the mixed emotions that were evoked when *Time* magazine announced its Person of the Year for 2019 – climate activist Greta Thunberg.

How good do you have to be at something before you are recognized as the best of the year?

This brand often goes to the most newsworthy person, good or evil, but this year Greta has taken it to a much higher level.

"How dare

you?"

GRETA

THUNBERG

Her passion is not a publicity stunt and will not become a media circus – this young woman is serious, dead serious.

In Ms. Thunberg's case, I felt chills running down my spine when she scolded world leaders for sabotaging the future of her generation and generations to come.

Her deepest emotions welled to the surface as she boldly and truthfully declared. "How Dare You!"

Her haunting words continue to echo on the world stage and yet somehow, strangely, her message inspires hope.

She is still very young and if she continues her life-affirming mission she could be a contender for Person of the Decade or even Person of the Century.

There were other achievements of note in 2019 that were also thought

provoking although much less compelling than Person of the Year.

The colour of the year for 2019 is living coral, described as an animating and life-affirming coral hue with a golden undertone that energizes and enlivens.

That's nice to know but that information will not likely inspire the global community.

Nor will the book, toy, car, movie, entertainer or song of the year – the world needs less fluff and more Greta

As most people go about their day-to-day activities they don't expect their modest accomplishments to appear on the "best of the year" list.

We all have minor victories and personal triumphs in our daily lives that benefit the people around us.

You might already be Person of the Year for the many good deeds you do within your own family and circle of friends

Keep up the good work – we can't all be Greta Thunberg, but we can make next year better for those we love.

Even if you don't share my

Even if you don't share my optimism I am sure good things will happen to you in the coming year

Let's all look forward positively as if we were running for "Person of the Year" 2020 - I'll see you on the cover of *Time* magazine.

THUNDER BAY

HACK ATTACK



COMPUTER SAVVY: CD Howe students in Grade 6 to Grade 8 took part last week in the Hackergal conference, learning about coding, an event designed to inspire girls to entre the industry.

The Grant L. Morden The Grant L morden The Grant L morden The Grant L morden Show here in dry dock, was the largest ship built at the Lakehead when it was launched at the local shipyard in 1914. At 625 feet long, the bulk carrier, owned by Canada Steamship Lines, was also the largest Canadian

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REVIEW

Review of Long-Term Management Direction Dog River-Matawin Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Resolute FP Canada Inc. and the Dog River-Matawin Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) invite you to review and comment on the proposed long-term management direction for the 2021 – 2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Dog River-Matawin Forest.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The first opportunity (Stage One) for this FMP occurred on October 13, 2016 when the public was invited to participate in the development of the plan. This **'Stage Two'** notice is:

- · To invite you to review and comment on:
 - the proposed long-term management direction for the forest;
 - the areas which could reasonably be harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest operations, during the 10-year period of the plan;
 - the analysis of alternative one-kilometre wide corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years.
- To request your contribution to background information to be used in planning.

How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, a summary of the proposed long-term management direction for the forest can be obtained on the Ontario government website (www.ontario.ca/forestplans). A summary map(s) of the preferred and optional harvest areas for the 10-year period of the plan and alternative corridors for each new primary road which is required for the next 20 years will also be available.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage One of public consultation, the following information and maps will be available:

- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- · A summary report of the results of the desired forest and benefits meeting;
- Environmental analysis, including use management strategies of the alternative corridors for each new primary road;
- Maps that portray past and approved areas of harvest operations for the current forest management plan and the previous 10 years;
- Criteria used for the identification of areas that could reasonably be harvested during the 10-year period of the plan;
- The rationale for the preferred areas for harvest;
- · Summary report of the activities of the local citizens' committee to date.

The above information is available at the Company and MNRF office identified below by appointment during normal office hours for a period of 30 days, **December 16**, **2019 - January 15**, **2020**.

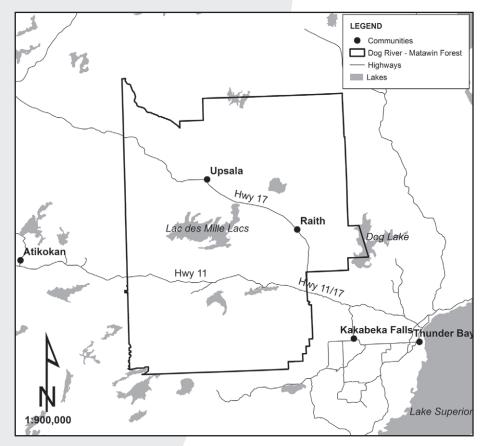
Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Dog River-Matawin Forest must be received by Peter Wiltsey of the planning team at the MNRF Thunder Bay District Office by **January 15, 2020**.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1).

Stay Involved

There will be three more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage Three - Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations March 2020

Stage Four - Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan August 2020

Stage Five - Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan February 2021

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Peter Wiltsey at 807-475-1145.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Alyson Dupuis at 807-475-1512.

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LOCALNEWS

IN BRIEF

Bushby trial pushed to April

COURTBy Doug Dlaczuk – TB Source

The trial for Brayden Bushby, who is facing a second-degree murder charge for his alleged role in the 2017 death of Barbara Kentner, has been adjourned to April.

The Crown and defense counsel for Bushby held a case conference in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Tuesday and Justice Helen Pierce granted the defense an application to adjourn the trial to April 6, 2020.

The three-week trial was first scheduled to open on Jan. 13, 2020, however, according to defense counsel representing Bushby, the adjournment was granted to wait for the Ontario Court of Appeal to deliver a decision in January

concerning the law as it pertains to jury selection. Bushby, 20, is facing a charge of second-degree murder for allegedly throwing a metal trailer hitch from a moving vehicle that struck Kentner in the abdomen while she was walking in the Cameron Street area on the night of Jan. 28, 2017.

Kentner later died in July 2017. She was 34-years-old.

First charged with aggravated assault, Bushby

was later charged with second-degree murder following a review of the case by the Crown and the Thunder Bay Police Service with assistance by the Regional Coroner's Office.

A judge ruled following a preliminary hearing that there was enough evidence to commit Bushby to stand trial on the charge of second-degree murder.

While counsel representing Bushby filed a certiorari application arguing the presiding judge at the preliminary hearing erred in his ruling and the

committal should have been on the lesser charge of manslaughter, the application was ultimately denied.

The trial is still scheduled for three weeks.

Toby Keith to headline fest

Organizers of this summer's inaugural Country on the Bay festival have landed one of the biggest names in music to headline the three-day event.

Country star Toby Keith, who has 20 No. 1 songs to his credit, will top the festival bill, which is slated for July 24 to July 26 at Marina Park.

Keith's hits include Should've Been a Cowboy, Who's Your Daddy, Whiskey Girl, American Ride and Made in America.

Keith, who performed at U.S. President Donald Trump's inauguration, was named male vocalist of the year in 2001 at the Country Music Association Awards, and was twice named favourite male country artist at the American Music Awards.

The 58-year-old will be joined by the likes of Terri Clark, High Valley, Gord Bamford, The Reklaws, The Washboard Union and the Roadhammers at the first-year festival, put on by the promoters of the Dauphin Music Festival.

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Christmas dinner a hit

THUNDER BAY By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

undreds of volunteers worked to make sure no one went without a seasonal celebration at the Salvation Army's 26th annual Christmas dinner Sunday afternoon.

With two full seatings in the Valhalla Inn ballroom, organizers estimated a record 600 people took part. In addition to a Christmas meal, children could pick out stuffed animals and have photos taken with Santa, while parents had the chance to select donated gifts for their children.

It's a memorable experience for many attendees, according to Salvation Army Executive Director Major Lori Mitchell.

"We have people come who have said they've never been served a meal before," she says. "So it's very humbling for us who kind of take those things for granted."

The event relies on the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and a number of organizations. The Valhalla Inn donates the food, while hotel and Salvation Army staff volunteer their time, along with dozens of community members. Organizations like the Thunder Bay Wellness Centre organized drives to donate toys, while the stuffed animals came courtesy of the Lakehead Thunderwolves' Teddy Bear Toss.

Next door to the ballroom, parents could



TOP TOY: Stuffed animals were a popular gift at the annual Salvation Army dinner.

pick from hundreds of toys organized by age group. Candace Gagnon, browsing for items to give her three children on Christmas day, was amazed by the quality and variety on offer. She says the last few years have been challenging, and the event helped fill the gap at Christmas time.

"Sometimes you can't get everything that you need," she says. "To (be able to) pick gifts out is really the sweetest thing."

Outdoor gear a great Christmas present



We all know somebody who loves being outside. Perhaps it is an angler, a hunter, a hiker or a mountain biker. Maybe your loved one enjoys camping, paddling or snow sports. It is the season to do some shopping, so we might as well invest in something that will inspire new adventures in 2020.

Your local outdoors store is a great place to look for the perfect gift, and what follows are a few ideas that might look good under the tree this Christmas:

Fishing rod and reel: Does the outdoors person in your life use an old rod with a broken tip and a busted reel? Maybe they just want to get into something new like fly fishing. A new rod and reel can make those future fishing adventures even more enjoyable. D&R and Riverside Outdoors are the places to find the perfect combo.

Yeti cooler: Whether it is in the boat or on a road trip, everyone needs to keep their food fresh and their beverages cold. My wife bought me a Yeti cooler last Christmas and it has seen heavy use over the past year. I am consistently impressed with the unmatched quality and the superior cold retention. This investment will last a lifetime. Find them at Fresh Air or Sleeping Giant Brewery.

Wide Mouth or Rambler: One thing that drives me crazy is seeing garbage left behind at popular fishing spots and campsites. The greatest gift to our planet may be gifting someone a re-usable Nalgene Wide-Mouth water bottle or a Yeti Rambler coffee mug. Find these at Gear Up for Outdoors and Fresh Air.

Backpack: There are very few days I don't use a pack of some type. Whether you are in the market for a chest pack for the trout fisherperson in your life, a hydration pack for an endurance athlete or a big canoe pack for an upcoming Quetico adventure, a pack is one gift that will keep on giving. Check out Gear Up or Ostrom Outdoors.

A new bike or XC skis: Give the gift of health. Thanks to the wonders of carbon

fiber, new bikes and nordic skis are light, fast, lively and a joy to use. Investing in quality equipment for your loved one will inevitably lead to better health and bigger smiles. Rollin' Thunder, Petrie's and Fresh Air all offer quality products and exceptional service.

Safety gear: Every year, I read about another tragedy that strikes a local hunter or angler. Why not show your special someone how much you care with some new hunter orange clothing, a floater coat, or a low-profile or inflatable PFD. Check out D&R and Wilderness Supply.

An epic event: Getting an entry to a big event like the Sleeping Giant Loppet, Lutsen 99er or Xterra Sleeping Giant can be an inspiring gift. Another option is the gift of a membership to a local club like the Black Sheep Mountain Bike Club, the Thunder Bay Cycling Club or the Alpine Club of Canada-TBay section.

Destination trip: Many of us already have too much stuff. If that's the case in your household, the best gift of them all might be a destination fishing trip. Consider a stay at a fishing lodge in the region or maybe even a fly-in fishing trip for the angler on your list.

Christmas a time for new memories



love the Christmas season. There is (or used to be) a lot of anticipation in the air. And unlike Hallowe'en which is over so quickly, Christmas is celebrated traditionally for twelve days!

Of course, as a kid all that I could think about was what presents I was to receive. But as I got older, the scene shifted. Now there was more emphasis on rituals such as the getting and decorating the tree, of entering Casa Jones to be assailed by the lush aroma of baking, of listening to carols, watching Christmas-themed movies like "The Polar Express" or "A Charlie Brown Christmas", and for me, especially the classic 1951 version of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" starring the phenomenal Alastair Sim, all help keep the spirit of the season alive for

Looking back

Memory sneaks in with flashes of Christmases past from my youth with family. We would go to church after opening presents when I was a boy.

But when I arrived at teenager years, it was the Christmas Eve service we attended. Sure, the decorations around the church (those ladies always did a remarkable job) but for me, it was the music. We were fortunate to have a great choir a la Kings College, Cambridge and a transplanted choir master who had trained in that tradition.

When we ran our horse-riding business, my wife, Laura, the rider/instructor, would get the clients to decorate the outside of the horse stalls. We soon learned that it was crucial to keep the decorations away from the nibbling equine mouths. The inside of the barn was festive. We no longer do that but the horses do get treats on The Day. They don't have stockings hanging from their stalls. The stockings are inside Casa Jones hanging from the fireplace but well away from the fire. Even Baxter, our pooch, gets one.

Even Cleo, Daughter Beth's cat, gets one.

While we did get the Christmas tree up and decorated and Laura hung a garland of pine along the mantel piece with small decorations peaking through as I hung the wreath on the front door, I had taken down the outside lights that had hung along the eaves trough for twenty years. Laura wanted to replace them with LED ones as our electricity bill would be far less.

But I didn't get that one done. Instead, we wrapped them around the posts that support the roof over our front stoop. At least we now have some seasonal colour at night outside.

Our children will be home for Christmas. Beth still lives with us while she attends university; son Doug is house-sitting in town until April. The people spend the winter in Florida and they have a pussycat who needs care. The house is very close to the university that he is also attending. As they say, "nice work if you can get it."

Dog days of Christmas

I spoke of memories: I recall one Christmas when we had just got two pups, free, Luna and Cedric. It was Christmas Eve and we'd gone to a celebration cum carol sing. When we returned, the living room was a disaster of wrapping paper. The pups, not at all happy to be left alone, had torn up the presents, or so we first thought. Actually, the only damage was the wrapping paper. The presents were undisturbed. But when Doug, who was four at the time, saw the mess, he cried out "Oh

Now Christmas is cancelled!" followed by tears. Very rapidly Laura and I took stock and were able to relieve the lad's angst by telling him that none of the presents had been destroyed.

The pups were ecstatic that we were home, that they hadn't been abandoned.

It will be a quiet Christmas for us. I will bask in the warm glow of my family together. And the humour. When Doug and Beth get together, I usually wind up almost on the floor I'm laughing so hard. Two very creative minds leaving their poor father in their dust, as it were. I wouldn't have any other way.

So, friends and neighbours, to you and yours a very merry Christmas, happy Holiday, and that goes for the New Year as

Dilico collects 1,050 wish bags

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source staff

hanks to Thunder Bay's generosity, 1,050 children will awaken Christmas morning to find their holiday dreams have come true. On Monday, officials with Dilico Anishinabek Family Care announced they had collected 1,050 Christmas Wish bags, filled with toys and other gifts for babies, children and youth in need in the District of Thunder Bay.

"What this means to me is the community of Thunder Bay and families, organizations and businesses have really come together to meet the need of Indigenous children in this area. It's so amazing and it's so important," said executive director Darica Borg.

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BIG GIFT: Everlast's Mike Bruno presents Habitat CEO Lana Vukelic with a \$75,000 cheque.

Everlast helps out Habitat with \$75K

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LANA VUKELIC

THUNDER BAY **By Leith Dunick - TB Source**

What better way to welcome Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay's new chief executive officer back to the city than with a \$75,000 cheque?

It's a great way to start her new role, Lana Vukelic said on Thursday, accepting the donation from Everlast, a window and door company that in October 2018 set up a distribution centre in Thunder Bay,

expanding on the Etobicoke, Ont.

"Everlast is just an amazing company," Vukelic said. "They've generously donated so much, including many windows and more recently, on a build we're working on, on Leith Street.

"It is a duplex and a two-family home and these folks have given us all the windows. What a great partnership. We're thrilled and we're

very, very thankful." Mike Bruno, president of Everlast, said he saw how much of an impact his company could have during the groundbreaking for that house earlier this year, when he donated laptop computers to the children who were going to live in the new home.

"We made it our mandate coming into Thunder Bay, coming in from Toronto, that we were going to be involved in the community. When we went to do the dig and were able to give kids stuff that a lot of us take for granted, the response that I had was probably one of the most fulfilling days of my life," Bruno said.

"From that point on, we made it our mandate to contribute a percentage of our

sales to Habitat for Humanity throughout the year."

Bruno said even he was shocked at how much they'd be

"When I got the call last week, telling me the numbers that came in, I had no idea what we'd done. This wasn't about hitting a certain target, this was just about ensuring we were giving back to the community, as well as giving back to Habitat," Bruno said, adding they've also sponsored

other organizations, including minor

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for low-income families, offering them a lowinterest mortgage they can afford.



Heroism to an Olympic nightmare



MARTY

MOVIE TALK

uring the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, security guard Richard Jewell discovers a suspicious backpack under a bench that prompts clearing the area just as the explosive device detonates. Many lives are saved. Jewel is heralded a hero, until it's leaked by the Atlanta Journal Constitution that Jewell is also the FBI's prime suspect. Instantly, Jewel is vilified by the press and hounded by the FBI. Thus begins his Kafkaesque nightmare in Clint Eastwood's production of Richard Jewell.

While there's much to commend in the telling of this complex tale, there are some key choices that work against the

Does things well

Eastwood is effective in two areas here: establishing the characterization of the accused and the bombing incident itself. Eastwood doles out Jewel's backstory in matter-of-fact fashion: he's a portly, geeky guy who favours arcade games, living temporarily with his mother, evolving from mail room clerk into a dedicated, if somewhat overbearing, college security guard.

Eastwood then switches to the scene of the crime a few years later at Centennial Park. Suspense builds as we see a threatening 911 call is made from the park's pay phone. Soon after, Jewell spots the ominous packsack, and he and other personnel feverishly secure a perimeter before the bomb detonates. The effort results in just two casualties and 100 injured spectators but it could have been much worse. Jewel is suddenly a hero.

Then there is the chilling aftermath. Previous incidents lead the FBI to believe that Jewel fits the profile of a "hero bomber." In itself, there is nothing wrong with exploring every angle in such a deadly case. But it's the leak to the newspaper that creates a furor, with Jewell condemned by an 'accusatory and predetermined' media.

Jewell is overwhelmed and bewildered, a man shaken in his reverence for authority and belief in law enforcement. Paul Walter Hauser is thoroughly convincing as a man who has flaws in his behaviour that serve to incriminate him. Kathy Bates as Jewell's overprotective, distraught mom and Sam Rockwell as his dogged attorney offer typically fine support.

However, there's a caveat. Reporter Kathy Scruggs from the AJC as portrayed by Olivia Wilde comes across as brash, self-righteous, and arrogant, and thus is easily dislikeable as is Jon Hamm's slippery Agent Shaw who is a composite character, resorting to some highhanded methods to get Jewell to incriminate himself. American filmmakers cannot resist simplistic melodrama.

Controversy

It's the moment where Scruggs offers Shaw sex for info about the case that has raised a firestorm of controversy. The newspaper and other voices have stoutly denounced the depiction. Evidently, Scruggs was known as a hard-drinking but tough and brave police reporter. Ms. Scruggs passed away in 2001 from an overdose and thus is not present to defend herself.

Thus, Mr. Eastwood's cinematic methodology here is just as questionable as the actions employed by the FBI and the Atlanta newspaper. True, both factions messed up. Jewell is exonerated in spite of them. But Eastwood also colours the truth to suit his own dramatic purposes. Mr. Jewell's story deserves to be told alright, but perhaps on a more level playing field.



RAILROADED: Paul Walter Hauser plays Richard Jewell, who was falsely accused of setting off a bomb that killed one person during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

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Vanna White filling in admirably on Wheel

t made headlines when Wheel of Fortune host, Pat Sajak, was rushed into emergency surgery. But what happened next was even bigger

Vanna White stepped across the invisible barrier and took Sajak's place at the head of the wheel with literally just a few minutes notice. But it wasn't as though she didn't know the game or the players. Really, how hard could it be?

Vanna has almost 40 years of fan adoration to bolster her up. She began as the pretty young model who strutted back and forth across the soundstage in a floor-length gown. She spoke little, smiled a lot and turned the letters as they lit up.

That was the traditional role of the female on a game show 50 years ago. And it hasn't changed much since

However, over the seasons as the technology improved on the show,

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Vanna's already limited job has shrunk. No longer does she turn letters. Of course, she still walks back and forth. But now, she pretends to touch the square that electronically reveals the letter in the

So Vanna went from doing little, to doing next to nothing. She has literally become the definition of 'window dressing." Even the former Barker Babes of The Price Is Right fame did more on set than Ms.

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Yes, despite the modernization of the WoF set, the prizes and even the players, Vanna is a throwback to a bygone era of game shows. The man is the host. Meanwhile, the young female model in a pretty dress blandly smiles and points at prizes and game pieces.

It's every little girl's greatest dream come true. In 1952.

It took Sajak going under the knife - and no one else available on 35 minutes notice - to put Vanna in the driver's seat, introducing and encouraging the contestants while running the game. And why not? In her new role, she's a modern day 50's party host. And with only a few bumps along the way, Vanna has managed quite well.

However, she was worried because hosting requires a different set of skills. (Although what skills her regular job requires is still up for

debate. Being able to walk in a straight line? Not slipping in your heels?)

And while she was covering for Sajak the first week, producers had a few "special guests" lined up for her old job, including Minnie Mouse. (Personally, I'd be worried if an imagination animation could do my job.) So much for job security.

One has to wonder what the New Year will bring. WoF games are recorded weeks in advance. So despite still being in recovery, Sajak will still appear on television this month. White's second week of hosting will then run in early January. And Sajak will return to the job after that.

But will Vanna just slink back into her old "smile and wave" ways? Or will the pretty model finally get some real responsibility to share with Sajak? After all, it's 2020. Give the girl a promotion, already.



LETTER PERFECT: Vanna White took over from Pat Sajak after he had surgery.

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Rookie Campbell excelling

First-year North Stars forward says he learned a lot at World Junior A camp

By Leith Dunick -TB Source

ikolas Campbell has already caught the attention of the hosland. tion of the hockey world.

Just 17, the Thunder Bay North Stars forward has already taken part in the TELUS Cup midget hockey championships and earned an invite to try out for Team West ahead of the World Junior A Hockey Challenge.

Campbell didn't make the cut, but said it taught him a lot about the game and what he needs to do to take his play to the next level.

"It was an awesome experience," said Campbell, who as a freshman with the North Stars has put up 10 goals and 22 points, good for fourth place among all rookies in the Superior International Junior Hockey League this season.

"It was very fast hockey players, super skilled. I learned that coming back here everything has to be done at full speed and you can't just take a stride off. You have to go 100 per cent all the time."

Campbell graduated last spring from the Thunder Bay Kings major midget program, where he put up 62 points in 32 games last season.

He added a goal in two appearances with the Red Lake Miners, joining the North Stars at the start of the 2019-20 campaign.

The Thunder Bay-born forward said he's hoping

to take what he learned at camp and use it to propel to an even better second half, as the Stars look to capture back-to-back Bill Salonen Cup championships.

"I'm just going to skate with my head up, always be moving my feet and release the puck quick," Campbell said.

Winning it all is the team goal. From a personal standpoint, Campbell said he'd like

to be the top freshmen when all is said and done with the season.



GREAT START: Thunder Bay's Nikolas Campbell has 10 goals and 22 points in 26 games for the North Stars.

"I'm trying to win rookie of the year, but that's going to be tough. I'll get my teammates to help me there, and obviously, it's all about winning the championship as well," Campbell said.

His coach, Rob DeGagne, said the first-year Campbell is a special player, which means he wasn't surprised to learn he'd gotten the call to the Team West camp.

"It's fantastic for him just to get the opportunity to try out. You have to be highly rated," DeGagne said recently. "We had a great conversation when he got back. We asked him what he thought the biggest difference was and realistically, the fundamentals were the same, it's just faster.

"That's really what it is - they're a little bigger, a little stronger, a little faster ... He's a good player and most of these players, they'll adapt to it if they play at that level."

Thunder Bay's Nicholas DeGrazia, playing for Sudbury of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League, had a goal and an assist for Team East at the World Junior A Challenge, losing 2-1 to Russia in the gold medal game on Sunday.

Campbell and the North Stars will be back in action on Friday night against the Dryden Ice Dogs at Fort William Gardens. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

Wild's Staal cracks 1,000-point mark

HOCKEY By Leith Dunick - TBSource

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NIKOLAS CAMPBELL

Phunder Bay's Eric Staal is part of an exclusive

The Minnesota Wild forward this past Sunday potted his 12th goal of the season, giving him 1,000 points in his career, just the 89th NHLer to reach the

"It's difficult sometimes reflecting in the middle of a season and a career. But four numbers is a lot of numbers and I'm obviously proud of that," Staal said after the game, as reported on the teams website. "I couldn't have gotten to this number without a lot of

help, so many people and I think that's what you reflect on a lot in this kind of moment.

"And it would have been nicer in a win, but hopefully a few more left ahead of me for the next couple years but it's nice to get that one out of the way."

The first-period power-play goal came in a 5-3 loss to the Chicago Blackhawks and gave him 429 in his career, tying Bill Guerin for 74th all-time.

Teammate Ryan Suter, who passed the puck to Staal, allowing him to tuck it **ERIC STAAL** under the crossbar, told Wild.com he was proud to be a part of the historic hockey moment.

"It worked out perfect that I was able to pass it to

him," Suter said. "It couldn't happen to a better person. He is a class act on and off the ice, just a great person, a great parent and a great teammate. We're all really happy for him."

Staal has 12 goals and 14 assists in 34 games this season, as of Sunday's game, and has passed hall-of-famers Dave Keon and Paul Kariya already in 2019-20. Next up are Brian Propp (1,004) and Lanny McDonald (1,006). Other in reach this season include Pat Lafontaine, Rod

Gilbert and Brian Bellows.



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Randy Scheffee, beloved by all

For more than 30 years, Randy Scheffee was an institution at Thunder Bay Television, our beloved sports anchor who was quick with a joke, often at the expense of his Toronto Maple Leafs.

Sadly, on Monday we lost Randy, who died suddenly in hospital, leaving behind his two wonderful children, Rhiannon and Ty.

I count myself as one of the lucky ones, someone who got to know Randy really well over the past 17 years.

He was as genuine as they come.

Randy loved his children, and beamed with pride when he talked about them – which he did often.



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I don't know how many times I've been asked over the years why Randy didn't show up at more local sporting events.

That was always an easy one to answer.

"He's either working, or spending time with his family."

But when his son Ty was clogging up the offensive line for the Hammarskjold Vikings football team, you better believe Randy was on the sidelines, leaning against the fence, as proud a dad as anyone in the stadium.

Those were games he wouldn't miss, even if it meant passing off his sports cast to someone else for the evening. That's what mattered to him.

We used to tease Randy about his choice of sports teams, particular the Cincinnati Bengals. And, of course, his hair.

I once brought him back a Bengals tie from a trip to the States, which he wore with pride on air, until one day it went missing.

Apparently young Ty took a shine to the tie and hid it away, refusing to give it back to his dad.

It makes me laugh just thinking about it.

And that's a good thing, because we all need a little laughter around here this week.



GONE TOO SOON: Thunder Bay Television's Randy Scheffee watches his son Ty play football for Hammarskjold.

Randy, who always kept a jar of peanuts on his desk, desperately wanted to see the Maple Leafs bring home the Stanley Cup, something he hadn't seen since his earliest days growing up in southern Ontario

Anytime I'd work late, Randy was always there. He loved to talk – sharing his thoughts on the Leafs, his kids – and was a friend to everyone and anyone who came through here over the years.

I spoke to a lot of them on Monday night. It was clear how much Randy was loved by all of them. He mentored countless weekend sports and news anchors, easing their on-air fears with his wit and charm.

"Scheffee was the best guy, always a smile on his face," one former colleague messaged me on Tuesday morning. He really was.

Rest in peace, Randy, you'll never be forgotten.

y almost three-year-old son took me by the hand on Sunday night and insisted I toss the baseball to him in the living room. He actually made contact a

few times, too, which was pretty cool, given the size of the free agent contracts baseball owners are giving early in the off-season.

Anthony Rendon got a seven-year, \$245-million

deal to play the hot corner for the Los Angeles Angels. Great glove, great bat, hopefully his addition will give the Angels the push they need – especially if they can add a starter or two – to get Mike Trout into baseball's post-season.

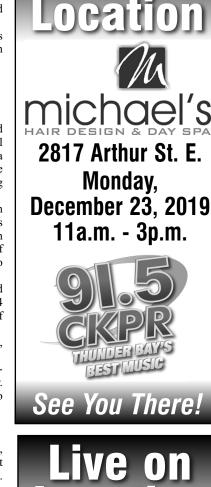
Not to be outdone, the New York Yankees handed right-handed starter Gerrit Cole a nine-year, \$324 million deal to pitch in the Bronx for the better part of the next decade.

I'm a little less enthusiastic about this signing, because pitchers' arms aren't the most reliable.

Nine years is an awfully long time to be guaranteeing anyone \$36 million a year, especially a pitcher. By the way, his bi-weekly paycheque works out to be about \$1.38 million, or about \$17,000 an hour.

Congrats to Thunder Bay's Nicholas DeGrazia, who earned a silver medal as part of Team East at the World Junior A Challenge in Dawson Creek, B.C.

The Thunder Bay product had a goal and an assist in six games, won by Russia 2-1 on Sunday in a thrilling overtime finish.









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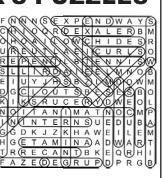
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