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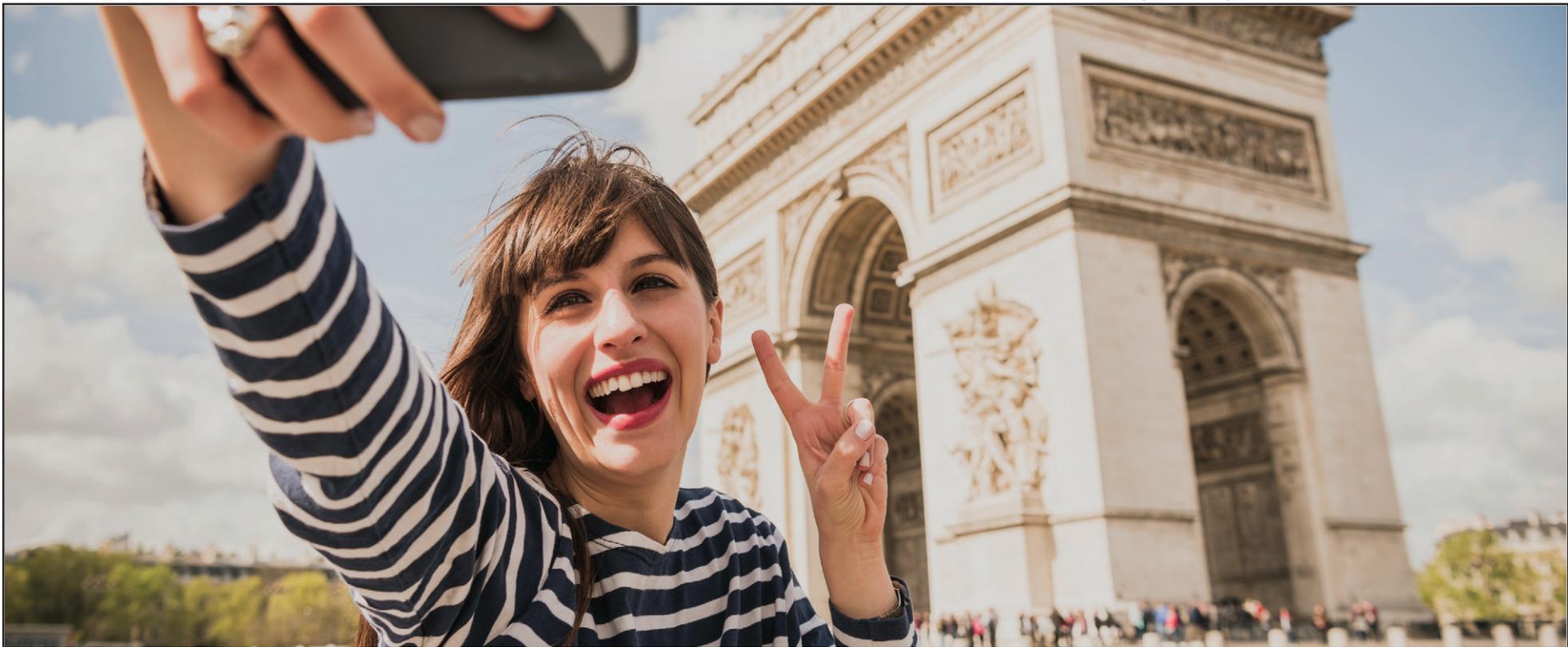
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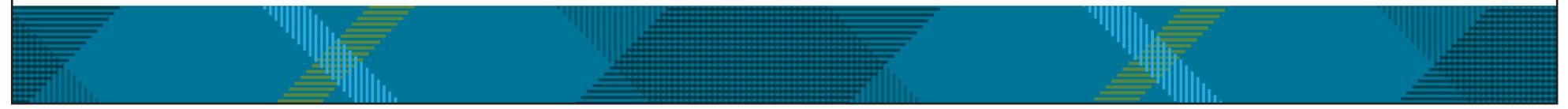
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LOCAL NEWS

# Dog rescues taxing

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

Staff and volunteers with the Thunder Bay District Humane Society are still feeling overwhelmed by several high profile dog rescues in the area, but there is a sense of relief that not only are the dogs getting better, but also those responsible are now facing charges.

Last Friday, a Ginoogaming First Nation Territory couple was charged with several animal cruelty offences following an investigation into 15 dogs found in immediate distress near Longlac on Feb. 7, 2017. Three of the dogs found were deceased.

Following the investigation, 17 additional dogs were surrendered last week to Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) agents while on the property and transferred to the Thunder Bay District Humane Society.

“Between both rescues, we are sitting at 29 dogs here from one family,” said Cassandra Nordal, fundraising coordinator with the Thunder Bay District Humane Society.

Fortunately, the 17 dogs brought in over the weekend were in much better condition compared to the condition of the original 12 dogs.

“Their temperament is a little bit better,” Nordal said. “They are not as timid. They are still pretty scared. It’s just a new environment. We are still waiting for them to be officially vet assessed.”

When the original 12 dogs were first brought to the Humane Society, they were extremely emaciated and malnourished, and only between one and two on a body condition scale.

All 12 dogs have been progressing very well, Nordal said, having gained between 15 and 20 pounds in the last two months.

“They look like totally different dogs,” she said. “It’s really amazing to see. They are still a little bit scared



**OVERCROWDED:** A total of 29 dogs were handed over to the Humane Society.

at times, mostly with men and especially with men with hats. But they are coming around and they are doing really well.”

With another influx of so many dogs at one time, the Humane Society is over capacity and vet bills and food bills are increasing.

**“We are asking for the public’s help and the Thunder Bay community.”**  
CASSANDRA NORDAL

“We are asking for the public’s help and the Thunder Bay community,” Nordal said. “Monetary donations are going to go a long way right now. We have our Pad Plan right now. Even a \$5 donation every month would help.”

The adoptions process is expected to begin on Friday, Apr. 7 for the 12 dogs who were rescued in

February, but given their condition, Nordal said the application process will be longer than normal adoptions.

Despite the added pressure on the Humane Society, Nordal and staff and volunteers, who have been

working around the clock, are pleased to see the dogs getting better every day. And when charges were laid, everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

“It’s pretty relieving,” said Kamil Wierzbicki, one of the lead OSPCA agents in the investigation in Longlac. “Especially in the area of Greenstone a lot of people were happy about that. I guess it has been going on for a long time and no one really stepped forward before. I’m hoping this doesn’t happen again with anyone else, but unfortunately it does happen.”

An emotional Nordal said she was instantly relieved when she heard the news that charges were laid in the case, because she has been a part of it since that first night, a night she said she will never forget.

“From seeing them come in personally that night to where they are now, it’s honestly amazing,” she said. “We thank the public for taking the time and just being patient with us. It’s honestly amazing how they are now.”

DOUG DLACZUK

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Probability of Precipitation: 10% HIGH 8 LOW -3	Probability of Precipitation: 10% HIGH 10 LOW -1	Probability of Precipitation: 40% HIGH 11 LOW 3	Probability of Precipitation: 40% HIGH 9 LOW 4	Probability of Precipitation: 70% HIGH 9 LOW -1	Probability of Precipitation: 60% HIGH 5 LOW -3

# LOCAL NEWS

## Hajdu tapped for US trade mission

Local MP will head Stateside next month

**POLITICS**  
By Jon Thompson – TB Source

Thunder Bay Superior North MP Patty Hajdu has been chosen to participate in a trade mission to Wisconsin that will aim to remind state officials how tightly the Canadian and US economies are linked.

Hajdu made the announcement last Thursday morning in a speech that followed up last week's federal budget release.

"This is really about working with the new administration at all levels, making sure state level legislators and legislators understand just how valuable Canada is as a partner," she said. "Wisconsin does a lot of trade with Canada. We're their primary customer actually."

During the April trip, Hajdu will highlight how trade intertwines the economy over national borders, including the

energy sector and particularly Wisconsin's celebrated cheese industry. Montreal's Saputo Cheese, for example, has a Wisconsin operations that employ 1,000 workers in the state.

New American President Donald Trump discussed renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement before he was elected, the primary document that has governed Canada's trade relationship with the United States and Mexico since 1994.

As Canada's Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, Hajdu is hoping to share the value of that open-trade border with Wisconsin state officials.

"The new administration is talking about things like NAFTA and we want to make sure those conversations go well. So far, we're very confident and we have a lot of optimism but we feel it's very important those bonds are strengthened."



PATTY HAJDU

**IN BRIEF**

## Stabbing leads to an assault charge

City police charged a 43-year-old man with aggravated assault in connection with a stabbing last Saturday morning.

Thunder Bay Police Service officers were called to the 100 block of South Cumberland Street just after 4 a.m. to assist a male who had been stabbed.

The 41-year-old victim was taken to hospital by ambulance, in need of medical attention.

The investigation revealed the individuals involved in the alleged dispute had been consuming alcohol in a nearby apartment when an altercation occurred.

Just before 4 p.m. on Saturday detectives observed the suspect on Court Street by Cornwall Street and arrested 43-year-old Ernest Keith Ningewance of Thunder Bay.

## Hotel facing fines

A Thunder Bay hotel is facing fines following recent fire code violations.

In a release issued last Wednesday, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue said they were alerted to the problem last week through a tip from the public about a Memorial Avenue hotel that was wedging open its fire doors.

The fire service said that defeats the purpose of the fire doors, which are designed to prevent flames and smoke from spreading through a building in the event of fire.

The business was cited for two violations, which carry fines of \$360 apiece.

## Cop car rear-ended

Police have laid charges stemming from a two-vehicle collision involving a police cruiser last Sunday on Belrose Road.

An unmarked police cruiser was traveling northbound on Belrose Road around 10:30 a.m. when it stopped for city road workers who were patching potholes on the roadway.

A car traveling in the same direction rear-ended the police cruiser, which sent two officers and the driver of the car to the hospital with minor injuries.

The investigation was conducted by police and the driver of the car was charged with careless driving.

## Pair killed by train

Two Lac Seul First Nation men have been killed by a Canadian National Railway train in the hamlet

of Hudson, Ont.

Ontario Provincial Police last Friday issued a release stating the two men were found dead at the scene, just after 5 p.m. last Thursday.

The deceased, who were on foot when struck, have been identified as Eric Gray, 40, and Lloyd Quedent, 36.

Sioux Lookout OPP and CN Police continue to investigate the circumstances behind the tragedy, but foul play is not suspected at this time.

Hudson is located near Sioux Lookout.

## Drug trio arrested

Three people are facing charges following a drug bust last Wednesday on West Arthur Street.

Police conducted a search warrant on a home on the 400 block of West Arthur Street, which turned up about \$20,000 worth of Hydromorphone pills, cocaine, crack cocaine and \$2,500 in cash.

A 19-year-old man from Ottawa, a 23-year-old man from Hamilton and a 35-year-old man from Thunder Bay all face various charges in regard to trafficking in illegal narcotics.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Kashechewan homes could be relocated

Agreement to look at sustainability of James Bay reserve

**ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A historic agreement signed last Friday aims to provide a sustainable future for flood-ravaged residents of Kashechewan First Nation.

The goal of the framework, whose signatories include the 4,992-member community, both senior levels of government and Nishnawbe Aski Nation, is to put together a plan to help the James Bay community in the short, medium and long-term, looking at improvements in housing, socio-economic sustainability, health programs and facilities, infrastructure development and schools and community facilities.

The deal will also look into the possibility of relocating the community, which is hit by floods nearly every spring, forcing the evacuation of residents to communities throughout Northern Ontario, including Thunder Bay.

"This is a very exciting moment for the Kashechewan First Nation. After many years of struggle, we are partnering with the governments of Canada and Ontario to help my people. We will work together to ensure that we provide the proper tools to become successful role models for future generations," said



**MOVING OUT:** Residents of Kashechewan flee the flooded area on an annual basis.

Kashechewan Chief Leo Friday in a statement issued jointly by the signatories.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler said the deal is the next step needed to make the community viable and provide protections and hope for its people.

"I am pleased that our federal and provincial Treaty partners have reached this framework agreement with chief and council as a way to address many urgent and long-standing issues in Kashechewan First Nation. This Nation-to-Nation relationship will help build a more sustainable community, and is a

positive step towards reconciliation," Fiddler said.

His sentiments were echoed by Ontario's Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation David Zimmer, on hand for Friday's signing of the document, known as Together We Work for Hope.

"In the era of reconciliation this agreement highlights how both levels of government and First Nations leadership can come together to address longstanding issues. This is a positive step towards improving the quality of life for the people of Kashechewan," Zimmer said.

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### An Olympic mistake

The National Hockey League has gone and done it.

On Monday it was announced the league has decided to pull its players from the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in South Korea. Not since 1994 has the NHL not sent its players to the Games.

League officials say owners don't want to shut down play for three weeks in order to accommodate the Games.

The International Olympic Committee, for its part, will no longer cover the insurance and travel costs for the players taking part in the Games.

Twenty-three years ago, Thunder Bay's Greg Johnson was part of Canada's silver-medal winning team, a roster that also included the likes of Adrian Aucoin, Dwayne Norris and Fabian Joseph.

Four years later it was Wayne Gretzky, Eric Lindros and Dryden's Chris Pronger who could do no better than fourth, stoned in the semifinal shootout by Dominek Hasek and the gold medal-winning Czech Republic.

While it's fun to watch underdog Canadian teams try to win medals, the Olympics these days are about pitting the world's best athletes against each other.

We think that's how it should remain.

While some NHLers, most notably Alex Ovechkin, say they'll ignore the league's decree, most will not. Instead of Connor McDavid and Sidney Crosby, Team Canada could be led by Nigel Dawes and Gilbert Brule.

Excuse us if we don't get too excited.

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### No council oversight

To the editor:

Why has no one on Thunder Bay city council called on mayor Keith Hobbs to explain his relationship with the lawyer who launched a \$300 million class action lawsuit against the city?

The mayor has given notice he intends to sue Sandy Zaitzeff over the release of a video that shows the mayor at a small social gathering at Mr. Zaitzeff's residence.

Fine. But the mayor has a problem. He hasn't explained why he was there in the first place. Hobbs' presence at Zaitzeff's home raises the spectre that the mayor spoke to Mr. Zaitzeff about that lawsuit. Revealing details of the city's legal position would breach his fiduciary responsibility to protect the interests of the municipality.

No one on council has raised a concern about the mayor's action in a public way. Why not?

One reason may be that there's nothing to be done. Council does not have a code of conduct that sets any rules of behaviour.

A code was proposed by city administrators back in late 2015. It was supposed to be discussed at a public meeting. But that never happened. Councillors talked about it behind closed doors. After that private meeting, the proposal was withdrawn.

After that closed-door meeting, [tbnewswatch.com](http://tbnewswatch.com) interviewed Coun. Trevor Giertuga about what council had done.

Giertuga says the code was dropped because "the provincial ombudsman's office will be available to investigate complaints as they relate to the conduct of council members."

Well it turns out that's wrong. The Ombudsman's office does not investigate complaints against the conduct of individual municipal councillors.

I asked the Ombudsman's office to clear up this misunderstanding with the clerk's office in Thunder Bay. The Ombudsman's office says the city clerk's office assured them the city does understand the Ombudsman doesn't investigate individual councillor's conduct.

Interestingly, the city blamed [tbnewswatch.com](http://tbnewswatch.com) for getting it wrong. The clerk's office told the Ombudsman that [tbnewswatch.com](http://tbnewswatch.com) conflated, or mixed up, the code of conduct story with one coming out of the province about an expanded role for the Ombudsman.

The editor at [tbnewswatch.com](http://tbnewswatch.com) says the city never asked [tbnewswatch.com](http://tbnewswatch.com) to correct the story. That's even though the city has an entire department that monitors media coverage of city hall.

I asked Coun. Giertuga about his comment. He has not responded. (Why do we have a ward system when

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



ward councillors won't respond to someone who doesn't live in their ward? Councillors should be accountable to all residents no matter where they live in the city.)

If councillors had passed the proposed code, Mayor Hobbs would have been required to "disclose any personal business, commercial financial, *ethical* or other business interest, where that business or interest may be in real or perceived conflict with his or her official duties." (Emphasis added.)

The dilemma for taxpayers created by the mayor's relationship with Sandy Zaitzeff begs for council to pass a code of conduct.

Shane Judge,  
Thunder Bay

**Editor's note:** Thunder Bay Source is not privy to the contents of any discussions between Mayor Keith Hobbs and Sandy Zaitzeff and has no reason to believe a lawsuit filed the 2012 flood was brought up in conversation between the two men.

### City should be realistic

To the editor:

With the reductions in income from the retail tax base, perhaps the city should go back to the budget

process and separate the dreams from the actual needs of the the citizens of Thunder Bay.

Gordon Frowen,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

### Council size will remain

To the editor:

The option to cut council is a great idea.

We talk about this all the time but how do you get them to alter the size of council?

Do you honestly think that they are going to do themselves out of a job? Not likely. They can't make up their minds on the simplest of things.

I watch every city council meeting. What a joke. I actually feel sorry for staff having to sit there any listen to all the repetition.

It's like a plebiscite on the event centre. It's never going to happen.

Greg Gold,  
Thunder Bay

### No to \$5M for art gallery

To the editor:

All I have to say is we're being forced to leave this city. Sorry we

need more important things than a \$5-million art gallery.

We're not Toronto.

Plus they can afford this, but can't help the SOS program for the Shelter house.

Now our taxes are going to go up more. And make it hard for people to manage the rising costs of taxes hydro gas water and groceries. Good job Thunder Bay on such a crappy choice.

Kim Aalto,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

**Editor's note:** Total cost for the gallery is \$33 million. The city is willing to chip in \$5 million.

### Taxed too much

To the editor:

It's absolutely absurd, we put \$2,000 worth of siding on our house, assessment went up \$19,000.

Why would anyone want to do anything to make their house look better?

Our taxes are almost the same as our mortgage payment, something is definitely wrong.

Carrie Williamson,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

# Perspective

# Reefer madness or reefer sadness?

Trudeau government appears vulnerable on all fronts where pot is concerned, says columnist

**OPINION**  
By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

I wonder how Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be celebrating Canada Day in 2018.

On that occasion Canada will become the first G7 nation to legalize recreational pot.

This is an accomplishment of dubious distinction, mostly because the Trudeau government seems very reluctant to fully commit.

As the policy is announced and lofty goals are stated, everybody looks guilty and a little sad.

It reminds me of the time I got caught with my hand in the cookie jar, looking over my shoulder at my mom.

Only these are very special cookies.

Many will rejoice with the PM when he makes his appearance on Parliament Hill next year on July 1 to spark up a big, fat doobie.

At least, he could if he wanted to, provided he followed all the rules and regulations which will soon be released.

## Too many rules

He might not be allowed to smoke up on stage due to fire regulations and he would have to exhale carefully with respect for non-smokers.

It might be hard for anyone to smoke pot legally on Parliament Hill that day as pot Czar, Bill Blair, spies on the crowd from the Peace Tower.

Mr. Blair will be playing the role of Hall Monitor on the Hill and under his watch, no law, however trivial, will go unenforced.



**COUNTRY GOING TO POT (LEGALLY):** Canada is set to legalize the use of recreational marijuana on July 1, 2018.

In fact, unless Dominic LeBlanc is waiting for him in a van somewhere, Mr. Trudeau's Cana-doobie will remain unlit and be symbolic at best.

This attitude is reflected in arrests and seizures targeting small pot retailers – the hassle will continue until midnight, June 30, 2018.

There is a campaign afoot to turn reefer madness into reefer sadness.

"Smoke 'em if you got 'em but we will do our best to make it as inconvenient, unpleasant and oh yeah, as uncool as possible."

This controversial issue has re-emerged and the Trudeau government appears vulnerable on all fronts where pot is concerned.

Legislation to legalize marijuana in Canada will be announced soon and so

far it looks like a perfect compromise – nobody is happy.

The reason everybody is dissatisfied is because those in charge of changing the law don't really want to do it.

And because they are approaching the task so timidly, there are many contradictions and shaky policies.

However reluctantly the new legislation is introduced, there is money to be

made.

Estimates of the potential impact on the Canadian economy vary between \$12.7 billion and \$22.6 billion annually.

That includes growing and distribution, increased tourism, business taxes and pot paraphernalia – rollie papers aren't cheap any more.

## Hot seller

Initially it is expected to rival hard liquor sales, which leads some misguided Canadians to believe that pot should be sold by the LCBO.

I think they should think this through – this is wrong on so many levels.

Based on the number of broken families and devastated drinkers we see every day, we have a serious drinking problem, especially here in NWO.

Has the LCBO effectively promoted responsible alcohol use and kept booze out of the hands of minors and addicts?

This is exactly what it will be expected to do with marijuana according to the new legislation – the LCBO is clearly not up to the job.

And besides, everybody knows that juicers and pot-smokers don't mix – would you like some amber Canadian Whiskey with your purple Kush, ma'am?

So, where will Justin Trudeau be on Cannabis Day 2018 when he finally gets a toke?

If things continue as they are, he will be huddled inside a port-a-potty somewhere on the Hill with his stash, a pack of zig-zags and a Bic lighter.

Mr. Prime Minister, what a bummer, man.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# A record drug bust

### Police seize about \$350,000 worth of crack and cocaine

#### CRIME

By Jon Thompson - TB Source

**T**hunder Bay Police Service officers have seized \$350,000 of crack and powder cocaine in what they say is the city's largest-yet crack seizure.

Five people have been charged with drug charges in the seizure.

Drug and gang units executed four search warrants last Thursday at an apartment in the South Cumberland Street area around 10 p.m.

They also seized a replica firearm, cash and an asp baton.

#### Charged

Twenty-year-old Thunder Bay woman Olivia Paige Canary, 25-year-old Etobicoke man Jamar Kaydeem Allison, 25-year-old Brampton man Joel Jordan Turner, as well as Toronto-based 33-year-old Kareem Maurice Bryan and 31-year-old Brandon Geoffrey Hinds are all facing cocaine trafficking charges.

All have been remanded into custody and held for future court dates.

"It is concerning to the Thunder Bay Police Service that these types of individuals continue to come to the north in search of greater profits from their illegal drug sales as it so often leads to elevated levels of violent crime along with the



**HUGE SEIZURE:** Police display cash and other paraphernalia last Friday.

increased social problems they help create and maintain," a police release stated.

"These investigations are both complex and time consuming, the

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LOCAL NEWS

# City salaries sky high

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

The city's sunshine list membership was way up in 2016.

The number of municipal employees who made \$100,000 or more last year grew from 234 to 312, a 33 per cent increase.

Individually, it appears top Thunder Bay Police Service officials did quite well for themselves in 2016.

According to Ontario's most recent public sector salary disclosure list, released last Friday by the province, Police Chief J.P. Levesque made \$247,156 in 2016, a 23 per cent increase over the \$200,916 he made in 2015.

Former Deputy Chief Andy Hay, who retired in 2016, earned \$255,770, 44.8 per cent more than the \$176,551 he took home the year before.

Topping this year's local education list is once again Lakehead University president Brian Stevenson, whose salary remained relatively stagnant in 2016 at \$361,285, a little more than \$1,000 more than he earned the previous calendar year.

His Confederation College counterpart Jim Madder made the same as he did in 2016, \$225,923.

Newly installed Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre president and CEO Jean Bartkowiak made \$340,055, while St. Joseph's Care Group president and CEO Tracy Buckler made \$315,134, a modest \$3,138 more than last year. Laura Kokocinski, who heads the North West Local Health Integration Network, earned \$310,656.

None of the three made as much as John Haggarty, the senior medical director of addictions and mental

health, who earned \$367,073.

The top municipal earner was city manager Norm Gale, who was paid \$236,241.

Fire Chief John Hay made \$161,687.

Local MPPs Michael Gravelle and Bill Mauro, both cabinet members in the Liberal premier Kathleen Wynne's government, each took home \$165,851.

On the education front, Lakehead Public Schools' director of education was paid \$198,477 in 2016, slightly more than \$1,000 more than he made the year before, while his Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board counterpart Pino Tassone made \$172,081, a \$5 raise over 2015.

Of note, Lakehead University had 319 employees make this year's list, 19 more than the 300 in 2015.

Ontario-wide, 123,572 people made \$100,000 or more, up from 115,920 a year ago.



**STEADY AS HE GOES:** Confederation College president Jim Madder made the same amount of money in 2016 as he did in 2015.

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## Burnford's Incredible Journey

Local filmmakers to highlight life and work of Thunder Bay-born author

### FILM

By Gary Rinne – TB Source

A public screening next month of the Disney film *The Incredible Journey* will help launch an ambitious project to highlight the life and work of former Thunder Bay author Sheila Burnford.

Burnford, who died in 1984, is best known for the 1960 book of the same name surrounding the adventures of three pets that trekked through the northwestern Ontario wilderness to reunite with the family that owned them.

The story inspired the motion picture and a 1993 re-make, *Homeward Bound*.

But Burnford's work included more than just that one famous book, and now three Thunder Bay residents are taking their own lengthy journey to document and safeguard all her accomplishments.

Kelly Saxberg and Ron Harpelle of ShebaFilms, together with Dianne Brothers, are producers on the project, which is called *One Woman's North*.

It will include a series of films and an archiving component, Saxberg said.

"We're following Sheila and her adventures with her books, and also the friendship and creativity" she shared with her good friend, the late artist Susan Ross of Thunder Bay.

### Sense of humour

Burnford joked about sleeping with her characters

Burnford's six books were essentially autobiographical. Saxberg notes that the first and best-known of them "was based on her animals, and the favourite quote I have from Sheila is that she's the only writer that she knows that actually sleeps with her characters, sometimes all at the same time."

The producers are utilizing the late writer's personal papers, provided to them by her family. They are being scanned and archived. The project also has access to Ross's sketchbooks.

Harpelle said what Burnford and Ross accomplished together was "quite remarkable." After raising their children, they travelled to remote northern communities, with Ross sketching what she saw and Burnford writing about the experience. "They then brought it back down south to the world, and shared it with everyone."



LOOKING BACK: Sheila Burnford's life will be celebrated some time in mid-May at the Trinity United Church Hall.

While Saxberg and Brothers work on the film, Harpelle is focusing on the archiving aspect of the project in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Public Library.

Eventually, the public will be given access to the historical items.

Around mid-May, what Harpelle describes as a version of the Antiques Road Show will take place at the Trinity United Church hall.

"We are going to show the film *The Incredible Journey*, and we'll invite people, if they have anything, whether artifacts or letters or anything related to Sheila Burnford, to bring them along."

He said if people want to contribute them to the archives, they would be gratefully received, but if not then they could be scanned for archiving.

The producers also hope to hear, at the screening, from anyone who knew Burnford. They'd like to set up "a kind of photo booth ... where people can go on a video camera and record" their

recollections or a story about the author.

Burnford's books and the two motion pictures are so well-known that Harpelle feels the archive will draw people to Thunder Bay to learn more about her and her life in the place that she worked.

He noted that during a recent trip to Thailand he came upon a copy of *The Incredible Journey* published in the Thai language.

He said Burnford's family will have to sign off on the archive plans since they own the material, but that's not likely to be a problem.

One of her daughters will travel to Thunder Bay for the screening and for an interview with the producers.

Harpelle notes that Burnford was "a great outdoors person...she loved the great outdoors." He envisions, in cooperation with the city, setting up panels on walking paths at Boulevard Lake or elsewhere, where people would be able to read excerpts of her writings while

pausing.

There's even been talk about a monument to Burnford, which "inevitably includes two dogs and a cat."

### Great starting point

Although there was much more to Burnford than the three heroes of her first book, Harpelle says, "We'll take advantage of *The Incredible Journey* because it's the most well-known," and the one that established her reputation.

A group of about ten individuals have been assisting with recording items and scanning documents over the past two years, but the scope of this project is even larger, having spread overseas.

Harpelle says participants in the documentary have already been interviewed in the U.K. and in France.

Some funding for the project has been provided by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

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# Spring melt produces plenty of dirt



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Finally – the melt. And with it the uncovering of the yard, the lawns, and in the garden, dirt.

This past Sunday, Laura The Gardener, my wife, looked out the window of Casa Jones and was thrilled to see clear swaths of lawn, of the yard between the ‘hoosie’ and the barn being almost completely ice and snow-free, and in places where the ground sloped, running water. She said that she wanted to see dirt.

We’ve had dirt in the house for over a week now. Laura had begun planting indoors. We have two shelves of trays covered in dirt with sprouting seeds of onions, peppers, tomatoes, and herbs. More to come.

“We have to go for a walk. Perhaps the back field is like the lawn in front of the house and the snow will be gone making walking easier.” So off we strode, our two pooches bounding in front.

Indeed the ground was snow-free

until we arrived at the entrance to our trail system. The warmth and sun had not had time to melt the snow and ice.

The going was harder than before since there had been a fair amount of melting with ditches full of water sitting on top of ice.

### Slippery

Where the snow had melted, the ice in many places lay underneath.

One had to pick a track carefully. The trails were well shaded by the trees so that the sun would take a lot longer to do its job of bringing on spring.

But when we finally arrived at the back field that is open, it, too, was still mainly white. There were small stretches of grass by the side of the trail and when we could, we walked on those.

“Look,” I would say, “dirt.” Well, actually it was dirt covered in long grass still sporting its winter shade of brown. Early days yet.

It was a slog. Gone were the wintery days when the trail on top of the snow was hard due to our repeated treks on snowshoes.

On most of the path the remaining snow wasn’t deep, just annoying as our feet would break through or slip sideways. The sun was out and the trees were green and beautiful.

Any tracks that we’d seen the previous week were gone including mine from when I had taken the dogs for a romp.

“Gee,” I said, “look at that. My tracks have disappeared.”

“Given how much snow has gone, they must have melted away,” Laura suggested.

At one point Baxter flushed a grouse. Didn’t see it, only heard the sudden thrum of wings off to the right in the bush and sure enough Baxter appeared from that direction.

### Squawking point

At another point Baxter and Todd spotted a squirrel that ran up the tree and scolded both intruders.

Below the tree was evidence of squirrels having eaten seeds. In places protected by the trees, we found many groupings of deer pellets. At one point Laura observed that these locations were ideally safe for the deer to hang out.

Eventually we reached the main paddock behind the house upon which small patches of snow and remaining ice sat shallowly on the ground.

Later that day we had to head to town

for dinner with friends. As we passed the vegetable garden recently covered in snow, now no longer white but a rich, dark, colour of dirt, Laura yelled, “dirt!”

The magnetic draw, the urge to plant is great in her, to get her hands in rich, dark, dirt. “Tomorrow I will plant spinach in the garden now that the snow has gone,” she enthused. Good. Spinach is the first veggie she puts in the ground.

And speaking of spring and firsts: we’ve seen our first pair of robins; we’ve heard geese over by the beaver pond although it must have come as a shock to learn that the pond is still covered in ice.

Monday morning I saw a pair winging their way west and then I looked down to the feeder to see my first Red-wing Blackbird grabbing some seed before a Grackle pushed him out of the way. So they are back.

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TB Life

# Post boom

Why retirement will be different for the next generation of Canadian retirees

If you look back about 40 years, nearly one half of Canadian workers had an employee pension plan. For those set to retire in the next 10-15 years, again, about half are covered. However, for the cohort of 25 to 44 year-olds the pension situation looks a lot different. Only 40

per cent of 35 to 44 year-olds, and a mere 27 per cent of 25 to 34 year-olds have employee pension plans. Pension coverage might improve as this group ages, but they're unlikely to receive the same level of coverage as

**FRANK ZANATTA, CFP**

THE MONEY COACH

their parents and grandparents.

### Forging their own path to retirement

With a smaller population than the preceding boomers, other potential challenges for this group include reduced government pensions or services, and/or paying more in taxes to keep these benefits. The future will likely require this group to fund most of their own retirement. While this will be a challenge, fortunately for Canadians, there are more ways to save and generate income than ever before, and several benefits to building your own retirement that are not provided by guaranteed pension plans.

### More ways to save

Registered Retirement Savings Plans are now complemented by Tax-Free Savings Accounts – a savings vehicle previous generations did not have. Both offer distinct tax-benefits, and diligently saving into these two accounts alone could provide a well-funded retirement. Individual Pension Plans are another way for the growing ranks of business owners and self-employed to tax-efficiently fund their own pensions.

### More retirement income opportunities

Most investors are well aware of GICs, bonds and dividend-paying stocks, but there are several other ways to generate retirement income – some of which have evolved or are relatively new to the investment-landscape. Preferred shares, bond ladders, Exchange-Traded Funds and tax-deferred solutions can all be positioned within a portfolio to diversify or boost retirement income. Insurance solutions, such as segregated funds and annuities can offer guaranteed income for life, while certain life insurance policies can be set up to generate tax-exempt investment income.

### Gain control of your assets

While there's a lot of comfort with the certainty of a guaranteed pension, if you diligently save and are able to fund a comfortable retirement on your own, you gain control of your income and assets.

### Tax planning matters more than ever

In addition to RRSPs and TFSA's, IPPs, non-registered investments, and insurance solutions could all be apart of your portfolio and will need to be managed tax-efficiently. Asset allocation, income planning, and income-splitting are among the other considerations that can help you effectively manage taxes before and during retirement.

### Advice can help navigate today's environment

Many 25- to 44-year-olds might not have the benefit of family advice on the ins and outs of saving for retirement. Further, they're living in a constantly evolving investment and taxation environment that's quite different than their parents.

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# How to increase your home's value without breaking the bank

Sometimes, what starts off as a small renovation project can quickly escalate in size and cost. To avoid surprises, it is important to consider where to invest, where to save and how to budget as you embark.

For larger projects, refinancing your home or using secured borrowing accounts can be a good option to help cover costs. Often, interest rates on mortgages are lower than credit cards and loans, and it can be simpler to have one consolidated payment. PC Financial has a wide variety of low-interest mortgage options that allow you to earn PC Points, which can be redeemed for groceries, home products and clothing for your family.

To maximize your budget and ensure your renovation helps build value, here are some helpful tips from HGTV and Cityline design expert Karen Sealy on when to invest:

- Kitchen: Investing in modern amenities, while creating an inviting and functional space, will make this important room more enjoyable for you and



appealing to future buyers.

- Flooring: Do your homework and invest in a high quality, timeless choice. Open concept living spaces are a trending aesthetic that can be enhanced by new floors.

- Curb appeal: Make your home more welcoming to visitors and potential buyers by investing in a beautiful garden with well thought-out lighting; redoing your walkways; and adding some simple archi-

tectural details.

Alternatively, here are some items Sealy says you can afford to save on:

- Tile: Comes in varying thicknesses based on use. Wall tiles can be thin — which is a cost saver — while floor tiles should be thicker. Consider porcelain tile, as it is durable and resists chips and cracks, making it a smart option.

- Cabinets: Consider updates to your cabinets instead of buying new ones. Easy changes like adding a bank of drawers or updating hardware could be just the transformation you need.

- Paint: New colour is an easy way to instantly makeover your space and achieve a fresh look. The most important step - good preparation and quality paint.

Before tackling your next big project, it is important to have a budget in place and make sure you are able to properly finance your renovation. PC Financial mortgage advisors can help you find a refinancing option that fits your needs and is in your best interest.

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# Big Trout Bay preserved

**ENVIRONMENT**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A section of Northern Ontario shoreline approved for 300 cottage lots will remain undeveloped after 15 years of negotiations between environmentalists and the American property owner.

Last Wednesday Nature Conservancy of Canada officially announced a deal that will keep the 1,018-hectare property, located at Big Trout Bay, in its pristine condition. Comprised mainly of boreal forest and 21 kilometres of shoreline, the NCC's James Duncan said the property was one of its highest-priority conservation targets.

"It's the last privately owned undeveloped bay between Duluth and Thunder Bay. That in of itself made it incredibly important to take on," said Duncan, the NCC's Ontario region vice-president.

"As well it's an important breeding site for peregrine falcons, which are a species of concern. And, because it's been privately owned, we haven't been able to get in there to really discover what else is on that property."

The sale, which involved partnerships with a the J.A. Woollam Foundation, the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, the Bobolink Foundation and the Rogers Foundation, was partially funded through a \$3.3-million investment by the federal government's Natural Areas Conservation Program.

A number of other organizations, including Green Leaf Advisors, the Conservation Fund and individual donors on both sides of the borders also gave to the cause.

It's a massive international undertaking, Duncan said.



**NO DEVELOPMENT:** Twenty-one kilometres of shoreline will be conserved under a recent property sale.

"When you look at the north shore of Superior, from Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area, all the way over to Pukaskwa National Park, we have an opportunity to set aside the largest, most pristine freshwater coastline in the entire world," Duncan said.

"So even though this may be a small part of that effort, we have a global responsibility to protect the Great Lakes and I don't think there's a better example of private action to do that than projects like Big Trout Bay."

Liberal MP Don Rusnak (Thunder Bay-

Rainy River) said development is important, but so too is the environment.

There needs to be balance.

"I don't think anyone wants to destroy the environment," he said, when asked how conservation fits into the newly installed U.S. government's business-first approach to environmental matters.

"I think responsible people realize that we need to protect our environment, but protect that environment responsibly. We have to have economic development, that's just the nature of the game."

# Radio's Bill Malcolm dies at 60

**OBITUARY**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Long-time local radio announcer Bill Malcolm has died at 60.

Malcolm, survived by his wife Norma, spent more than 30 years on the Thunder Bay airwaves, helping shape the musical tastes of several generations of listeners, doing so with a wry sense of humour and a keen ear for the latest hit record.



**BILL MALCOLM**

recalled ROCK 94, 91.5 CKPR, Energy 103 104 and CFNO Radio program director Brad Hilgers upon hearing the news of Malcolm's passing.

"He had the most amazing voice. He was born for radio."

Malcolm, who got his start in radio in southern Ontario, arrived on Hill Street in the early 1990s with the CJLB merger.

A well-known, much beloved voice already in Thunder Bay since the 1980s, Malcolm spent time behind the microphone with KIXX

FM, CKPR and later Energy 103.5, for which he served as program director, along with Marathon's CFNO.

Malcolm also oversaw the most significant change in CKPR's now 86-year history, flipping the switch with then owner Fraser Dougall to move the station from the AM to the FM dial.

"He was instrumental in helping flip 580 CKPR to 91.5 FM," Hilgers said. "He was the program director at the time."

Malcolm died after a long battle with cancer.

"It's a huge loss for the community," Hilgers said.

## ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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WITH VISION: Katie Kramer with her work, Ghost Trees, during the LU Major Studio at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

## Big and fresh vision

The newest LU Major Studio exhibit evokes some big ideas

### ART

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

**W**orks by the six Lakehead University Major Studio artists currently up at Thunder Bay Art Gallery are big and fresh. Even the smaller, intricately detailed pieces evoke big ideas: about the environment; about history; about us humans in a contemporary world that is still and ever connected to the past and future.

I immediately enjoyed the clearly recognizable style of each artist, separate and distinct as a signature. Also their choice(s) of materials used. These folks know where they're headed!

To that end, the Source chatted with two of the artists; they have some interesting plans on their horizons.

Afhan Mallouk will be opening an art centre not far from home. "I'm starting up an alternative educational centre in Red Rock, where people from all over Canada can come for workshops and art retreats," she explained. "Led by skilled artisans, people will learn things like forging, jewelry-making, weaving, carpentry and glass fusion, to name a few. I chose the idyllic location of Red Rock as it's a great getaway from the city."

To her Major Studio work: with the glass bases of "Co-Exist, 2016" I imagined water, a big lake or the sea; longitude and latitude marked. Instead of ships though, I saw islands: wind-blown, nearly barren. Miniature landscapes, lovely yet not. Gazing at "Fungal Slide Culture," I thought I could be looking at blueprints for scary amusement park rides.

"My process for my sculptures begins in hardware stores and recycling centers. I then explore the mate-

rials' quality by testing their potential for folding, weaving or cutting, toward a goal of reshaping it. I don't begin with solidified ideas because the materials contain gestures of their own." This woman is a scientist!

Katie Kramer's future puts her in Ireland this fall, working on her Master of Fine Arts and Ecology. At the end of a backpacking adventure through Europe a few years ago, Katie landed in Ireland and fell in love. "It has a landscape so familiar to my home in O'Connor Township here. Nature is my big inspiration; I'll be focusing on environmental studies, the impacts on my art."

One look at her beautiful work of blue and green, the water and sky, trees, and maps, and we understand Kramer has always been an explorer. In the gallery she presents us with ghost trees, now rootless and hanging in a cluster; they're made of processed bleached pulp she got from the Resolute mill here in Thunder Bay.

"My home is surrounded by trees. Every winter we go through our land, take both dying and living trees for firewood to heat our home. I've been raised to protect and preserve both land and water because we rely on them to live. I realize industries like Resolute are essential for the world we live in now," she notes. "My idea was to call attention to what is being sacrificed in exchange for the mass produced goods people seem to need. If we can't see what is being sacrificed, we lose appreciation for the resources that go into the making."

LU Major Studio is up until April 16th. Opening reception this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

And meet the artists, hear their ideas, at the gallery on Monday, April 10, between 1 and 4 p.m.

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## IN THE bay

# The many flights of friends and fancy

The always popular Norm Foster returns to the Magnus stage

## THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Magnus' main stage season wings its way to a close with a warm and very human exposé of the lives we lead, and all the interesting people we encounter along the way.

Playwright Norm Foster's signature combination of humour, the foibles of the sexes with resulting tensions, and a smattering of life's more serious moments each of us from time to time must face, has an apropos title: *Here on the Flight Path*.

Our charming hero-of-sorts lives in an apartment building right next to an airport.

Actor Stuart Dowling has a genuine smile in his eyes. Audiences will remember him from a few seasons back as Boolie, the concerned and dutiful son in *Driving Miss Daisy*. Now he engages us as John Cummings, apartment-dweller and curious explorer of human nature as the planes fly at regular intervals over his head.



**A FLIGHT OF FANCY:** Stuart Dowling and Amy Sellors in Norm Foster's *Here on the Flight Path*, running at Magnus Theatre from Apr. 10 to 22.

"No, it doesn't interfere with me; I suppose it's something one just gets used to. Actually," he leans in confidentially, "I enjoy sitting on my balcony, watching the people down below, or imagining the lives of those in the airplanes, where they're going and such." He leans back. "I'm a writer; have a newspaper column called 'Comings and Goings' about

happenings around town, observations about people's behaviours. You know." A quiet chuckle. Again I remark on the genuine smile in his eyes. An honest voyeur, I think, and smile back.

"Yes, it's a good building for meeting people. I've been here four years, have seen the turn-over of tenants. In fact, today," his eyebrows lift, "I think there's someone new moving in next

door. And, of course there's always the Irish pub across the street here; I love going there to hear people's stories."

Compelled, I ask if he is single. Serious eyes now. "I'm divorced; about a year now. I've two great kids, Jack and Rose." The smile is back. "So, yeah, you can put it out there that I'm single."

Meanwhile the dull roar of an

overhead plane combines with the more immediate sound of furniture-movers in the hallway. The new tenant.

Actor Amy Sellors' eyes are an incredible hazel-green. Her character Fay returns a brief but firm handshake. No nonsense here, I think.

"Oh, I know I'm near an airport; might be a bit noisy but I've moved a lot these past few years. I'm looking to settle down." A slight smile, quickly gone. "This place seems nice." She glances around the empty lobby. "A quiet building; hope it's a place where I can just go about my business and that no one will bug me."

Such an attractive woman. I'm thinking here of what the writer-next-door told me, about himself.

"The social scene? Not one of my favourite things. I don't want to get to know too many people. I like people, sure. That's fine. I just want to have somewhere I can call my own space.

Marriage? Oh god no. No!" Fay sounds very certain about this last part.

"Men, and relationships, are much too complicated. Romance? Great in theory only."

*Here on the Flight Path* takes off on Monday, April 10; on until the 22nd. Don't miss your flight.

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# Television studies in need of a review

could lead to early death.

And according to the statistics, "too much television" equated to three hours or more per day.

Considering that when many of these studies began, there were only three networks and a PBS station, three hours does seem like a lot. Back then, we were still forced to physically interact with and experience the outside world – not to mention, each other – without texts, Tweets, or Snap Chats. So we didn't have time to over-indulge in TV-land. Back then.

Now, far be it for me to contradict scientists and their three decades of impressively designed experiments. But television, is no longer just parking your butt like Archie Bunker in his favourite chair and having Edith wait on him hand and foot. (Ironically, his TV viewing gave her lots of exercise.)



**AN EVOLUTION:** The act of watching TV has changed a lot over the years.

Today, television is everywhere and incorporated into every activity. I don't get on my treadmill anymore unless the TV is on. And I clock a lot of miles on that treadmill every week.

Whereas many used to turn on the radio while they get ready for work in

the morning, now we've got television news and music channels blaring in the background while we eat our Cheerios. How else are we going to keep track of Trump's 3 a.m. Tweets?

Television is now available on our phones, our computers, and even our watches. We've added it to our airplanes, minivans, refrigerators and kitchen cupboards. It's in the gym, the bar, and most waiting rooms. So how would you even begin to count the hours we spend with it?

At one time, politicians, businesses and other newsmakers would time their press conferences and announcements around newspaper deadlines or to make the 6 o'clock news.

But with 24-hour news and social media, information is released continuously to constantly engage viewers. Social media sends announcements,

which we then check out online before turning into the complete TV report. Television programs are teased with numerous online trailers that we watch days or weeks before tuning into the real thing.

And while television shows were once solely passive comedies, dramas or news, today's viewers are voting, commenting and interacting with the stories.

So where does television begin and end in our daily life? It's part of a continuous thread of electronic information on our wrist, in our phone, and even, yes, at home in front of our couch. Three hours a day? That's surprisingly easy.

But it doesn't have to be a silent, shameful killer of brain cells and heart rates. Because during the time of those studies, not only have we changed, so has television.



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We've been told for decades that too much TV would rot your brain – or something like that. One test over a 25 year period concluded that too much television viewing in your twenties changed the way your brain processed information and the way you carried out time-sensitive tasks. Another went so far as to claim that the sedentary lifestyle associated with too much television

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it." – Abraham Lincoln

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- Dance company (abbr.)
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- Fertilizer ingredient
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- Foil (2 words)
- Unfledged bird
- Equal (Fr.)
- Assaying cup
- Bicarbonate
- Cleopatra's attendant
- Fungus (pref.)
- Snow (Scot.)
- Shooting match (Fr.)
- Alley (Ital.)
- Cask
- Sup
- Easter flower
- Opera heroine
- Broad structural

### DOWN

- Async-Sync Interface (abbr.)
- Ten decibels
- Side (2 words)
- Indian silk
- People
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# Sports

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## Can the Cubs repeat as champions?

### BASEBALL

By Leith Dunick -TB Source

Baseball is back and so are Thunder Bay's prodigious prognosticators who agree on two things in 2017 – the Cleveland Indians and Chicago Cubs will repeat as division winners. After that, all bets are off.

MLB kicked off its season on Sunday in exciting fashion, San Francisco Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner hitting two home runs, the first hurler to do so on opening day in baseball history.

Will the Blue Jays continue their recent playoff run or will the loss of Melvin Upton Jr. halt them in their tracks? Oh, and that Edwin Encarnacion guy too.

Can Bryce Harper and Max Scherzer finally take the Washington Nationals franchise to the World Series? Who will win the Cy Young Award this summer?

We've taken a peek into our crystal balls and this is how we think it will unfold:



LEITH DUNICK

**HUGE YEAR:** Red Sox pitcher Rick Porcello, seen warming up last summer in Baltimore, won the 2016 American League Cy Young Award.

#### Leith Dunick Editor, TB Source

- **NL East:** Washington Nationals
- **NL Central:** Chicago Cubs
- **NL West:** Los Angeles Dodgers
- **NL wild-cards:** San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals
- **AL East:** Boston Red Sox
- **AL Central:** Cleveland Indians
- **AL West:** Texas Rangers
- **AL wild-cards:** Houston Astros, Toronto Blue Jays
- **World Series:** Chicago Cubs over Houston Astros
- **NL MVP:** Kris Bryant

- **NL Cy Young:** Clayton Kershaw
- **AL MVP:** Mike Trout
- **AL Cy Young:** Chris Sale

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- **AL East:** Baltimore Orioles

- **AL Central:** Cleveland Indians
- **AL West:** Houston Astros
- **AL wild-cards:** Boston Red Sox, Kansas City Royals
- **World Series:** Chicago Cubs over Cleveland Indians
- **NL MVP:** Kris Bryant
- **NL Cy Young:** Noah Syndergaard
- **AL MVP:** Manny Machado
- **AL Cy Young:** Chris Sale

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- **AL West:** Seattle Mariners
- **AL wild-cards:** Detroit Tigers,

#### New York Yankees

- **World Series:** Cleveland Indians over Washington Nationals
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- **NL Cy Young:** Kyle Hendricks
- **AL MVP:** Jose Altuve
- **AL Cy Young:** Justin Verlander

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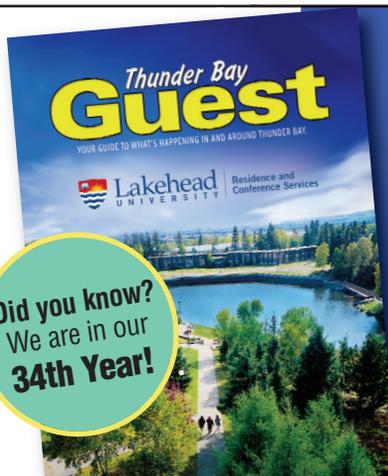
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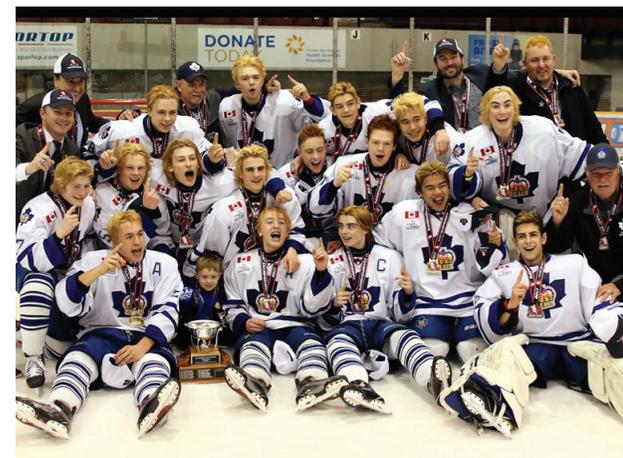


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## sports NEWS



**UNBEATEN:** Toronto went 8-0-0 at the All Ontario Bantam AAA tourney.

# Marlies win

Kings miss playoffs with 1-3-2 mark

## HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**M**ckay Hayes hasn't been with the Toronto Marlboros organization for long, but he made his presence count when it mattered.

Hayes scored the early third-period winner on Friday night, helping the Marlboros complete their perfect run at the 2017 All Ontario Bantam AAA Championship with a 2-1 title-game triumph over the second-seeded York-Simcoe Express.

Hayes, who used to play for the Mississauga Senators, said the reality of what he and his teammates had accomplished was still sinking in.

"I was just so happy," Hayes said after the victory celebration, each player taking a turn skating around the Fort William Gardens ice with the trophy hoisted to the aging barn's rafters.

"I'm just new to the team. I just put (the puck) on the net and it just sailed in."

Winning the Ontario championship is an incredible feeling, he added.

"It's just crazy. I'm just so happy about it. It's a great moment," Hayes said.

Toronto goalie Connor McKenzie backstopped the Marlboros to the win, stopping 22 of the 23 shots directed his way by the Express shooters, including a last-second chance by York's Evan Vierling, who found an open lane, but fired the puck into McKenzie's pads.

"This is what we've been working for all year, since August. We've been on the ice so much and put so much into it. It feels really good," McKenzie said.

"I was just so happy. I can't even describe it. I just have no words."

Marlboro's forward Kellaway Mercer opened the scoring 1:46 into the second, firing a quick slapshot from the left circle that York goalie Alexander Imperio couldn't catch up to and Toronto led 1-0 for most of the period.

But York-Simcoe, who downed Ottawa 6-2 in the semifinal earlier in the day, would strike before the period ended, Matthew Sudbury, powering home a shot from McKenzie's left side to knot the score at a goal apiece.

The two teams played a scoreless first, though a Toronto goal was waved off after on-ice officials ruled the net was off its moorings.

Toronto coach Richard Power said at times it's easy to forget his players are just 14 and 15 years old.

They rolled through the week winning eight times in eight outings, outscoring the opposition 48-8, including an 8-2 drubbing of the Express during the round-robin portion of the tournament, knocking off North Bay 6-2 in Friday's semifinal.

"All year long the boys have been tried, tested and true. They came through in the big situations for us and it's incredible the pressure the boys play under coming out of Toronto and everything that comes with that," Power said.

"Every time they just step up to the occasion for us and sometimes it's not pretty. Sometimes it is pretty, but they always find a way to win."

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# Tree, Jackson earn LU top athlete nods

Thunder Bay's Marco Palermo, basketball's Nikki Ylagan capture rookie of the year

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

Kevin Tree is going out on top. The cross-country star on Saturday captured his record-breaking third straight Lakehead University male athlete of the year award, capping a stellar five-year career that saw him earn a silver medal at nationals in 2015 and a berth on the Canadian national team.

Basketball's Greg Carter won back-to-back awards in 2012 and 2013.

Tree, who plans to continue his running career with an eye to a possible Olympic berth in 2020, said no matter how many times he's heard his name called as LU's athlete of the year, it's still a little surprising each and every time.

It never gets old, he said.

"I'm really happy about it. It's just awesome to be able to do that with my team and it's a great way to close out my



TRIPLE THREAT: Kevin Tree (left) accepts athlete-of-the-year honours from LU's Tom Warden.

five years here," Tree said after collecting his trophy at the school's annual athletics awards ceremony held at the Bora Laskin Law Centre.

Tree said he had an inkling he was in

the running for the award.

And why not, his final season in the blue and gold was nothing short of spectacular.

He took silver at the OUA cross-

country championships, was a first-team OUA all-star, just missed the podium with a fourth-place result at the CIS cross country running championships and was a first-team all-Canadian.

Still, there was a little doubt.

"I was kind of hurt at the end of the cross country season, so I didn't run an indoor season this year. I guess I had half of a season," Tree said. "I was surprised, for sure."

Skier Jenn Jackson captured the female athlete of the year award, following in the footsteps of Alysson Marshall, who took the honours a year ago.

Jackson, who took a couple of years off to focus on her burgeoning national Nordic skiing career, was an OUA all-star and represented Canada on the global stage at the world juniors, while leading the Thunderwolves to a second-place finish at the OUA championships.

Like Tree, she wasn't really expecting to hear her name called.

"We spend most of our winter away, competing for cross country skiing. We don't get to, like the other teams do, get to compete here in front of home crowds," she said. "Just to come back and reunite with the rest of the commu-

nity and be honoured as athlete of the year is pretty tremendous."

Three-point specialist Nikki Ylagan of the women's basketball team took the female rookie-of-the-year honours.

A member of the OUA all-rookie team, Ylagan took the fourth most three-point attempts in the OUA and finished third on the Thunderwolves, averaging 10.3 points per game.

"I'm very grateful and humbled about it," Ylagan said, adding she too had no idea her name would be called or that she was even up for the award.

Thunder Bay's own Marco Palermo took the male rookie-of-the-year award, after a season that saw him named wrestling's U Sports male rookie-of-the-year after winning national gold.

"It means a lot for me, not only for Lakehead, but for my hometown. Being born and raised in Thunder Bay, it was great to represent my hometown," he said. "I actually started off losing some matches in the beginning of the year ... But in the end I pulled through and was able to get the win."

Basketball's Katelyn Zen took home the Hank Akervall Award, while fellow graduating senior Alex Robichaud of the men's team won the Argus Award.

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## sports NEWS



CHAMPION: Wrestler Erica Wiebe won Olympic gold in Rio last summer.

# Wiebe says to never give up

## WRESTLING

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The first time Erica Wiebe stepped onto a wrestling mat, she had no clue it would one day lead her to Olympic gold.

A Grade 9 student in Stittsville, Ont. at the time, it was just another sport, something new she wanted to try out to see if she liked it or not.

Ten years later, she raised her arms in triumph at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, the 75-kilogram gold-medal champion after defeating Kazakhstan's Guzel Manyurova in the final.

Getting there wasn't easy, a message she planned to deliver last week in Thunder Bay, at the Gord Garvie Memorial Wrestling Tournament, put on by the Lakehead Wrestling Club at the C.J. Sanders Field House.

"Everyone saw that moment, where I stood on the mat and won the Olympic Games, but the thing is, along that journey, there are so many challenges, so many failures. I'm telling them that story, that it's not going to be easy, whatever you pursue in your life," said the 27-year-old Calgary resident, who plans to speak to hundreds of students while in town, hand out medals at the tournament and host a series of wrestling clinics.

The key is to not give up, no matter how daunting the challenge might seem.

"For me, I felt successful the moment I stepped on the mat for the Olympic Games. That was when I truly felt like a champion," Wiebe said. "I kind of cultivated for myself the sense that it was enough and the journey that I won was enough for me."

Her success is even more amazing considering when she started in the sport, women's wrestling wasn't even part of the Olympic Games, first offered up the year after she began, in 2004.

"Instantly I was ignited by passion for the sport. Wrestling is the world's oldest and greatest sport. For this age group, if I can just cultivate in them a sense of fun, a sense of play, a sense of wrestling their hearts out on the mat every single time and not being scared to lose, or not being scared to give your all, I think that's what I hope to do," said Wiebe, who regularly trains with Thunder Bay hockey Olympic champion Haley Irwin.

Eight-year-old Addison Arthur couldn't believe she was meeting an Olympic gold medalist and was astonished at just how heavy the medal was when Wiebe handed hers over to the youngster.

"It's really cool because I've never actually met someone like that before. It was really heavy and it was just so cool that she won that. One day maybe I'll be a wrestler like her."

Nine-year-old classmate Taryn Foley said she learned valuable lessons listening to Wiebe's story.

"It inspires me because if you don't win every match, you learn more. And it doesn't really matter if you lose a match," she said.

Fellow Canadian Olympic wrestler Corey Jarvis is expected to join Wiebe in Thunder Bay this week.

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## sports NEWS

# Arabia pots five in Game 2

## SIJHL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Brad Arabia might just have saved the Thunder Bay North Stars season.

The hometown hero scored a whopping four goals in the first period and a fifth on a shorthanded breakaway in the third, leading the Stars to a 9-2 win over the visiting English River Miners on Sunday night at Fort William Gardens.

Arabia's performance, believed to be a league record for goals in a playoff game, included a natural hat trick - all three coming on the power play.

More importantly, it helped the North Stars make a statement, a night after giving up four goals in the final period in a series-opening loss.

Thunder Bay evened the best-of-seven set at a game apiece and took the momentum of the decisive win into Wednesday's Game 3 in Red Lake.

"The guys were bugging me, saying my skill is not up to par," Arabia said of the reception he got from his teammate once the final whistle blew following a rough-and-tumble third as the two teams tried to send a message to one another.

"They were congratulating me. It's something that doesn't happen very often and I'm just thankful I have good teammates to carry me along."

Coach Jeremy Adduono said it's not too often one sees four goals scored by one player in a single period, let alone in a playoff game.

"Brad's a natural goal-scorer. Even looking at the whole year for him, he had over 20 goals, but probably could have had over 30, for sure," Adduono said. "He's a guy that no matter what happens, he seems to get chances. The puck follows him and fortunately for us tonight he had a hot hand and it made a big difference."

Getting the win overshadowed any



**GOAL CRAZY:** Thunder Bay's Brad Arabia set a new North Stars playoff record with his five-goal effort.

number of goals the 21-year-old Arabia might have scored.

They couldn't afford another loss on home ice.

"Them taking Game 1, we couldn't let them take two in a row in our home rink. As long as we kept (the series) 1-1, we know get to go to Red Lake now and hopefully steal two from them and come back here," Arabia said.

"Game 2 was huge for us and we knew we had to bounce back."

Arabia's outing overshadowed teammate Jesse Talakoski's two-goal performance. Troy Sherman and Nicholas Nigro, who added three assists, also scored for Thunder Bay.

At the other end of the rink, Nathaniel Dupuis made 47 stops to keep the Miners at bay most of the night, notwithstanding a giveaway he made trying to clear the puck

in the first two minutes of play, putting it on the stick of English River's Michael Di Lullo, who bounced it off Joe Newhouse into the North Stars net.

Jamie Driedger had the Miners other goal.

Thunder Bay chased English River's starting netminder Michael Lenko after just 13:23, exiting after Talakoski made it 4-1.

For now, it's back to work, Adduono said. "I'm not a huge believer of momentum in a series. In a game, momentum changes. I just told my guys it was nice to win big tonight, but whether you win 9-2 or 2-1 in overtime, it's still 1-1 and that's the only thing we're still concerned about."

The North Stars were without captain Brett Wolframe (upper body) and forward Tyler Minoletti (eye). Both are day-to-day.

The Stars will play Game 5 at the Gardens on Saturday night.

LEITH DUNICK

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# Bobby Orr returning to Staal Open

## GOLF

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Bobby Orr is coming back to Thunder Bay. The Boston Bruins legend in July will make a third straight appearance at the Staal Foundation Open, where last year he gave 11-year-old Kiki Paterson some shooting tips before she scored the game-winning goal in the Summer Classic road hockey competition.

Kiki, a Grade 6 student at St. Martin School, on Tuesday confirmed the hall-of-famer is returning to the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada event, where in recent years he mingled with fans, signing autographs and taking pictures.

The youngster said she's always been a fan of hockey history, but being born after Wayne Gretzky retired, she grew up not knowing who Orr was.



**MENTOR:** Kiki Paterson learns from Bobby Orr.

That changed in a hurry.

"My friend told me about him a couple of years ago and then I searched him up and was really amazed at what he's done," she said.

Having someone like Orr in town during the event is fantastic, Kiki added.

"I think to have him here, so many hockey players looked up to him and I think that it's really a good idea that he'd come. He's just a really cool guy," she said.

Volunteer organizer Gloria Scherban said it's great for the tournament.

"We're so excited," she said, officially launching this year's search for 400 volunteers and 80 caddies.

"He's No. 4 and this is our fourth year. And of course there are four Staal brothers. So there are lots of four themes going on here.

She's hopeful Orr's name can help her volunteer recruitment. The tournament couldn't survive without them, she said, with volunteers totalling 14,000 hours of time at last year's event alone.

"You multiply that over three years and it's a lot of dedication," she said.

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