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### LOCALNEWS

# Fox guilty of assault in 2016 death

Charlotte Hudson, 40, was sister of accused

### COURT By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Kimberly Fox has pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm in the January 2016 death of her sister.

According to court records, Charlotte Hudson was found dead of ligature strangulation, but there was no evidence that could establish who was responsible for her death.

The pathologist in the case noted signs of blunt-force injuries to Hudson's head, torso and extremities.

Court was told that Fox's sister-inlaw, Juliet McKay, was with the two women on the night of Jan. 12, 2016 and witnessed a physical altercation between Hudson and Fox. She testified she witnessed Fox kick Hudson repeatedly in the face while Hudson

was on the floor.

McKay and Fox then left for a night on the town, with stops at several local bars.

McKay returned to Hudson's residence after 3 a.m., while Fox spent the night at her parents' Walkover street home.

Fox was arrested the following afternoon.

Forensic DNA evidence confirmed the victim's blood was on the accused's foot and shoes.

Fox, who has been in jail since the incident occurred, was sentenced to 18 months behind bars, but the time was deemed served, having received the equivalent of 1.5 days for every day she was in jail.

Fox previously was convicted in 2015 of aggravated assault in the death of her then boyfriend.

A condition of her sentence means Fox will have to submit her DNA to a police databank and she faces a weapons prohibition for 10 years.



SET FREE AGAIN: Kimberly Fox, seen in this 2015 file photo, in 2016 was charged in the death of her sister Charlotte Hudson.



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### LOCALNEWS



DEADLY ATTACK: The killings of six people praying at a Quebec mosque have sent chills into the local Muslim community.

# Local imam reacts to **Quebec City tragedy**

## Politicians label mosque killings as an act of terrorism

### RELIGION By Gary Rinne - TB Source

leader of Thunder Bay's Muslim Acommunity says they are sharing

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HIKMATULLAH

SHERZAD

the grief suffered by the people affected by the fatal shootings in Quebec on Sunday night.

In an interview with TB Source, local imam Hikmatullah Sherzad called the deaths of six people and wounding of many others at a Quebec City mosque "a tragedy," and said he is mourning the loss of innocence.

Sherzad said the

will host a service in honour of the victims tomorrow.

He acknowledged that while a lot of people may be drawing a connection between the actions of U.S.

President Donald Trump and the incident in Quebec, he's not ready to do that. "I would personally just wait for the (police) investigation to go forward," Sherzad said. "We need more facts," he added.

Sherzad estimates the number of Muslims in Thunder Bay to be as high as 1,000, many of those being students from out of town who are in the city

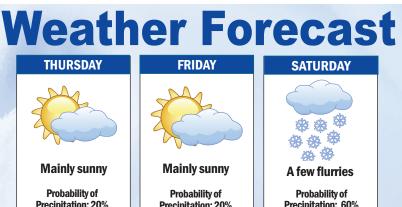
Thunder Bay mosque at 591 John St. attending university or college.

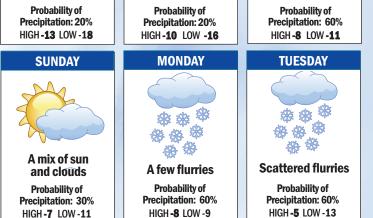
The mosque hosted a community gathering with people "from all over Thunder Bay...in solidarity, knowing very well that acts like this cannot divide us, only unite us."

Chris Adams, spokesperson for the Thunder Bay Police Service, said police "will be vigilant regarding the Thunder Bay (mosque) regarding patrols."

Adams' response came following an inquiry from tbnewswatch.com as to whether police will conduct extra patrols in the vicinity of the John Street facility.

Adams added that police had expressed their sympathy to the Thunder Bay Muslim Association regarding the incident in Quebec City.





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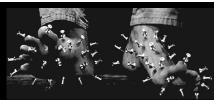




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MILITARY MIGHT: Thunder Bay-Atikokan MP Don Rusnak called the closure of the local Veterans Affairs office a big mistake.

# Local veteran's office re-opens after 2 years

### Federal Liberals make good on 2015 election promise THUNDER BAY

### By Nicole Dixon - TB Source

ore than 1,500 local veterans Celebrated the reopening of Thunder Bay's Veterans Affairs office Thursday.

Second World War veteran Roy Lamore said after more than two years of closure it feels like a second Christmas.

"The impact

is going to be

enormous."

DON RUSNAK

"We have been waiting for this for so long," Lamore said. "You wouldn't believe how good we feel because it's something we've been looking forward to for over two years."

The new office is located on the first floor of 130 Syndicate Avenue South and will employ seven staff to serve the veterans.

The staff will be able to answer questions regarding Veterans Affairs Canada services and benefits, arrange pension and medical examinations and assist those with completing and submitting applications and receipts.

"It's great," Lamore said. "It's not the best place in the world, but I'm not going to argue ... maybe down the road we can talk to the government to see if we can get a better location."

Lamore's concerns stem from the lack of accessibility the building has for those in wheelchairs, but he doesn't plan on worrying

about that at the moment. For now Lamore and the other veterans will continue to celebrate and focus on a new location later down the road.

Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP Don Rusnak said closing the Veterans Affairs Canada office by the previous government was a big mistake.

"There's a lot of people who need service, especially, the people who have served our country," Rusnak said.

"The impact is going to be enormous ... we have veterans and some have serious issues and they need that one on one support that this office will provide."

Some veterans need assistance in adjusting into civilian life and getting those jobs skills.

Those who have been in the military are accustomed to a regimented life style for many years, so getting those life skills and getting reintegrated back into the community is crucial.

"When it's based in the community they can connect with the homeless shelters...they can find the veterans who have slipped through the cracks and provide them with the support they need to get back on their feet," he said.

"If we didn't have an office here we wouldn't have that ability to have the staff connect with the local homeless shelters or other service organizations that provide service to those veterans."

Rusnak said for all the veterans in the region no matter where they are located they don't want to see any veterans slip between the cracks.

He hopes the new Veterans Affairs Canada office in Thunder Bay can help make those connections and prevent anybody from going unnoticed.

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LOCALNEWS

# Singer says save wall

### CITY HALL By Jon Thompson – TBSource

A movement to save a crumbling wall of rock is rolling behind a prominent local musician.

Speaking on behalf of the Save the Stone Thunder Bay Facebook group, Rodney Brown appealed to city council on Monday to request it reconsider preserving the High Street retaining wall.

Administration has suggested replacing the "rubble" construction with pressed concrete and has opened tenure for art depicting the city's role in the First World War. Neighbourhood residents attending a June ward meeting rejected that vision, requesting the city consider restoring the stone.

### Lots of notice

Brown's page attracted more than 500 members in its first two days, most of whom are city residents.

"I support saving everything old. It gives us our past, an understanding of where we came from and who we are," Brown said. "So we know who we are, why we're here and where we should go in the future."

Brown's deputation was steeped in storytelling as a millieu to present the wall's timeless value to place. He spoke of an Italian immigrant stone mason who built it, then recalled his own childhood impression of passing the fortresslike imagery to meet the Hillcrest Park view.

Brown assured council he supported public art but insisted the masonry built into the wall already



KEEP THE PAST: Rodney Brown tells city council he supports saving everything old.

is art in itself.

"I know a young artist who wrote in who told me he's eager to compete and develop the design but artist engagement should not be used as consolation for losing a well-loved landmark," he said.

"It would perhaps be better allocated to a project in an area where people could stop, contemplate and appreciate the work."

Couns. Larry Hebert and Aldo Ruberto committed their votes to supporting preserving the stone on the retaining wall. Brown was encouraged.

"I was impressed. There seemed to be a lot of support on the council for saving what's there so I think it went very well," he said after the deputation. "I think the city could save a lot of money by using what's there and just fixing what's there and maintaining what's there. I believe it's an asset. That wall can last forever and continue to tell stories in Thunder Bay."

### On the list

The wall's reconstruction is listed among 2017 budget priorities in Red River Coun. Brian McKinnon's ward but he said its proposed cost has already crested \$2.4 million.

Administration has reached out to Algonquin College's stone mason program in hopes of exploring the restoration option.



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# **Editorial**

### **EDITORIAL**

# Fake news a real thing

This week's tragic and deadly attack at a Quebec City mosque is a clear example of why true journalism can't be allowed to die in Canada or anywhere around the world.

As the facts began to slowly trickle out – and no thanks to the country's 24hour news networks who were nowhere in sight – reports suggested two suspects were in custody.

Soon the names began to leak, and one happened to be Moroccan.

Mohamed Khadir was the man's name. Turns out, police released him the next day and revealed he was actually a witness, who had been in the mosque praying at the time the attack began.

Also arrested was a 27-year-old white male named Alexandre Bissonnette, who has since been charged with six counts of murder and five of attempted murder.

Even U.S. President Donald Trump jumped to conclusions, with his mouthpiece Sean Spicer saying the attack demonstrated the need for America to keep the bad people out – a thinly veiled way of saying "radical Islamic terrorists."

Even after the truth emerged, the socalled alt-right flooded online comment sections with conspiracy theories, even accusing the government of being behind the deadly attacks and condemnig Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's open-arms policy when it comes to refugees.

Be thankful to live in a country that sees the good in everyone, unlike a frightening number of our neighbours to the south.

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### Thanks to staff

To the editor: wish to extend my gratitude and thanks to the staff at Pioneer Ridge, who over the past six plus years have become not only friends, but family. Thank you for your friendship and taking care of my wife, Marjorie.

> Robert Abbott, Thunder Bay

### Rural ratepayers not hosed

#### To the editor:

Regarding the letter of unfair sewer tax for rural residents "source January 26 2017".

I do understand the frustration of paying for a service you do not receive. However the rural residents are not facing unfair taxes, it is the lack of accountability at city hall to enforce policies.

Enforcement of policy is impossible at every level of government because of the bureaucracy, and lack of integrity of administrations. The authorities cannot, and will not enforce policies to ensure their self preservation.

I have perused many policies at all levels of government with little results due to the lack of cooperation of the people that are supposed to be enforcing our policies.

As far as the sewer tax goes, I believe our city council does not fully understand how it is collected, or how it can be used.

The enhanced infrastructure funds is part of the increased levy, and must be used to reduce the huge road and drainage deficit we are facing in Thunder Bay

> Frank Armiento, Thunder Bay

### **City should curb spending**

To the editor:

nteresting to see the metaphors politicians use to describe their various actions. We have heard through the years that alliances have been "forged", legislation is sometimes described as "cobbled together", policy is "crafted" and now from Coun. Frank Pullia, the city needs more revenue tools.

Literary devices are often employed by politicians to dissuade skepticism and elevate their endeavours to the end that, as Oscar Wilde might say, "they attain the dignity of manual labour."

Is Mr. Pullia convincing? How much sweat is involved when a budget is cast without a care for who will be paying for it or whether they can afford it?

When all that is required to increase revenue is a tap or two on a keyboard and the will to do it? And when political will is shored up with advocacy

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



polls that tell your voters that, by agreeing to a dedicated tax, the infrastructure gap will melt away – who cares if it doubles down the road?

There will be other schemes and metaphors and polls later to draw courage from.

If there has been a consistent thread in the communications strategy of city council, it has been the infantalization of its citizens.

Like an ongoing motivational speech pitching a 10-step program, corporate communications preaches that reality need not stand in the way of our "dreams" and "imaginings."

Evidence of this ongoing infantalization reached an apex in the last election when funding the event centre required the government of Canada to change a national policy just for us.

Bureaucrats coached us through various public engagement exercises to think correctly and "imagine" with them. They treated us as naive children, and we went along. They made fools of us all.

Mr. Pullia tells us municipal government is not sustainable. Not only does he want new sources of revenue, he wants to change the whole basis of the property tax system. That could take a while he says.

No kidding. For the interim, he wants additional powers from senior government – to tax. In other words, the city wants a whole lot more money, and the world has got to change to give it to us. Thunder Bay isn't the problem.

It's Ontario. It's Canada. The whole world has got it wrong, and our intergovernmental affairs committee is setting about to change it. Are you laughing yet?

Senior governments should be advised that, before they give more money to Thunder Bay, they should determine if Thunder Bay has demonstrated competency managing the money they have. Tricky that.

Peter Pan must have flitted around council chambers the day they discussed the event centre. Forget that there were no funding partners.

What would have happened if there were? The never-ending stream of money directed to operate and ensure its competitiveness in an ever-upgrading market would have conflicted with this city's capacity to fulfill its obligations to the rest of the community.

The recent city report indicating a cannibalization of funding in the rest of the community for the waterfront might seem lavish in comparison should an event centre of the scale imagined be built and priorized for its strategic importance.

Mr. Pullia is correct. The situation is unsustainable. But are his solutions realistic? More powers to tax? Or does the solution lie elsewhere? Perhaps the city must learn that the best it can do is to first provide consistent, basic support for the entire community and every taxpayer in it regardless of postal code and second, to be intelligent enough to exploit the natural advantages in our community, but not so damnable foolish as to try to create them from scratch.

The city must break the chain of "Rob Peter to Pay Paul" development schemes that provide an immediate benefit of jobs (most temporary) and tax base (offset by expenses), only to pass unpayable bills downstream to future generations.

We have news for Mr. Pullia.

We are not born to provide an inexhaustible revenue stream for city council.

Because you choose to call us "customers" instead of citizens gives you no license to treat us like walking dollar signs to be monetized with all the accounting creativity the city corporation can muster.

The tool requisition suggests council just doesn't get it, and citizens' naive compliance can no longer be counted on.

Council be advised: the days of the "kiss my grits" theory of public engagement have come to an end.

William Olesky, Thunder Bay

# **Perspective Canadian cuisine**

**HELLO KITTY** 

### A mixture of the good, the bad and the bad for you

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

am not a picky eater but I would never describe myself as an adventurous diner.

When friends return from farawayvacations they sometimes tell me about unusual meals they experienced.

I don't share their enthusiasm some of their meals included critters and parts of critters I never even considered eating.

When I ask them how it was they say "it wasn't bad" or "it tasted like chicken" but I have my doubts.

However, it was recently brought to my attention that visitors to our country might be equally squeamish about Canadian cuisine.

For example, while vacationing in Newfoundland, out-of-towners might visit the Bacalao Restaurant in St John's.

### To each his own

They are welcome to enjoy a nice, fresh batch of deep-fried cod tongues dredged with flour, salt and pepper and served with scrunchins.

The cook leaves the little jelly part attached to the tongue but some people cut it off - it may be an acquired taste.

Most Canadian cuisine is less quirky, as discovered by Lenore Newman in her book, Speaking in Tongues: A Canadian Culinary Journey.

She discovered colourful regional

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Paterson Park at the cor-ner of Miles and May

Streets was created thro-

ugh the generosity of the

Paterson family, who acquired the property after Fort William

Central School closed in 1960. For years, the Macgillivray Pipe

Band would play for

park visitors during

the summer months.

With the new court-

house completed

across the street,

expect the park to

experience a rebirth.

This week in history:

dishes all across the country and a core Canadian cuisine seems to be emerging.

It features fresh, seasonal foods, wild and natural ingredients and is influenced by our multi-cultural society.

You can enjoy butter chicken on your poutine or you can have a butter chicken pizza in the Fraser Valley.

Sushi is Japanese but at a high end sushi restaurant in Vancouver smoked salmon, lobster, lettuce and asparagus make the "Great Canadian Roll".

If you order fresh crab in Tofino the cook will walk to the end of the dock to fetch one for you right from the cage.

This illustrates another interesting concept, "dead fresh" - anyone who has ever stopped for a Canadian shore lunch will understand the meaning.

This taste experience is often described as, "It doesn't get any better than this."

Many Canadians embrace "wild cuisine" as an ethical and healthy choice - some say we eat more wild food than any other country.

Natural fisheries are a big part of our food supply, also moose, dear, game birds, berries and other natural delicacies.

Canada's pioneer tradition is part of our culinary culture and has roots in the Native Community.

At "Tea N Bannock", a First Nations restaurant in Toronto you can order elk stew, a trout dinner or something called "Navajo Indian Tacos' Another menu offering is a

'trapper's snack" which is a slice of fried Klik luncheon meat on a piece of bannock.

Simple fare but easy to prepare over a fire in the bush.

Due to our harsh climate many Canadian foods are seasonal like fiddle heads and rhubarb, common spring crops in eastern provinces.

Maple sap also flows in the spring - if we have a national food Ms. Newman thinks it might be maple syrup, followed closely by poutine.

#### Maple madness

This sweet Canadian condiment is a dietary staple featured on the menus of donut shops across the country.

It is part of our winter culinary tradition - stopping before hockey practice to get a maple glazed and a double-double for the rink.

It's not a fancy or sophisticated cuisine but it is comforting.

Seal flipper pie and beavertails are not often used as examples of great cuisine.

But from my observation, Canadian cuisine is a mix of the good (most of it) the bad and the bad for you.

It is largely based on oral and practical traditions and like the country itself, there is something at the table for everybody.

And if you're squeamish like me, just cut the jelly bits off the cod tongues.

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CAT'S GOT YOUR TONGUE: Chloe is an eight-month-old bobcat and one of the stars of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, which made a traveling stop last week in Thunder Bay.

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### LOCALNEWS

# Suspected voyeur released, not charged

### **POLICE** By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Asuspicious male detained by Thunder Bay Police at Lakehead University has been released.

According to a release issued by the Thunder Bay Police Service, officers were called to reports of a suspicious male at the Chancellor Paterson Library shortly after 6:30 p.m. Friday evening.

Based on a description provided by a female who first made the report, officers located and detained a male for further questioning.

"As a result the officers did speak to

the male and the conclusion was that there were going to be no criminal charges laid at this time and the male did leave and was escorted by officers off the property and the female was supported by university staff," said Const. Julie Tilbury, Thunder Bay Police Service spokesperson.

The incident was closed after a follow-up review by the criminal investigation branch.

In late 2016, at least two incidents were reported of women being recorded with a cell phone without consent at the library on the LU campus in October and November.

Sherri-Lee Petrie, coordinator with the Gender Issues Centre at Lakehead University, said students are more nervous and more vigilant now following incidents at the library in late 2016.

"I think students are always going to be more nervous or vigilant anytime anything takes place," she said. "It's a natural response to be hyper-vigilant after you suspect or have something actually impact you that is traumatic."

Petrie has been in contact with the survivor of the previous incidents in 2016, who is working closely with the office of Human Rights and Equity at Lakehead.

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"My reaction is very similar to the survivor I have been working with and that is that obviously we are disappointed that no charges have been made," Petrie said. "We're disappointed but we also want to make sure that charges get laid to the right person and that right charges are being laid."

Tilbury added that previous incidents at the Lakehead University library have brought Friday's incident to light, but clarified there is nothing to suggest that the incidents are linked based on the information they have.

"People need to understand that each

individual incident must be taken on the merits of its own and we can't just lump similar type incidents into being connected," she said. "Investigations have to be done appropriately and hopefully at the end of the day we will end up with the right result and keeping everyone safe."

Tilbury did commend the woman who reported the incident on Friday,

"In this situation, this young lady was uncomfortable and she did the right thing, she reached out for some help," she said. "The help was given and a conclusion was come to based on all the information available at this time."



# A healthier kitchen for a healthier you

Believe it or not, your kitchen can play a big role in helping you stick to your new year's resolutions of getting healthier and eating more fruits and veggies. The way you organize the space and the items you bring into it can make it easier to make smarter food choices every day. Consider these three simple adjustments that can help create a healthier you.

1. Water everywhere. The health benefits of drinking enough water are almost endless. You'll benefit from more energy, better digestion, improved mood, and a reduction in toxins. But do you know what's in your tap water? Give your water a makeover by looking for a filtration system advanced enough to catch trace pharmaceuticals. For a built-in option and sleek look, GE offers advanced pharmaceutical filtration in many of their



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2. Grow your own greens. Herbs add fresh flavour to any meal, often reducing the need for salt and butter. But buying large bunches of pre-packaged herbs can be expensive and wasteful if you only need a handful. Instead, dedicate some space in your kitchen to growing your own. Try a single pot of parsley or chives, as both are easy to grow. Take it to the next level with GroVert, which offers beautiful living wall planters; or Urban Cultivator, a fully-automated kitchen garden that takes up about as much room as a small wine fridge.

3. Put fruit on display. Fruits and vegetables are easily forgotten at the bottom of a crisper drawer. Pull out your prettiest platters or a little-used cake stand and make fruits and vegetables part of your kitchen décor. Not only will you brighten up your space on a grey winter day, but they'll be the first thing you see when you stroll into the kitchen looking for a snack. Learn more online at geappliances.ca.

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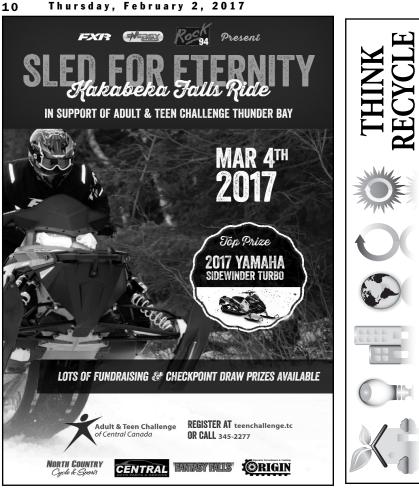


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# MEANINGFUL MOMENT: The lion dance is a traditional Chinese dance that signifies prosperity in the new year. **Celebrating lunar Chinese New Year**

### CULTURE By Nicole Dixon - TB Source

or Chinese families in Thunder Bay and around the world, the Lunar New Year's celebrations have begun.

For many families, the traditions surrounding the celebration of the Chinese New Year vary extensively, but for those celebrating at the DaVinci Centre Saturday night the New Year's Day festivities featured a traditional lion dance.

Thunder Bay Chinese Canadian Association president Edward Chang said the lion dance is a traditional Chinese dance signifying prosperity in the New Year.

"The lion dance brings good luck and he scares away all of the evil spirits," Chang said.

Performed in a lion costume and accompanied by music the lion dances by imitating a real lion's movements.

The lion wakes up, dances and blesses those who

have come to rejoice.

"He also has a little activity where he takes some lettuce, eats it and finds money within in the lettuce," Chang said.

"He chews it ceremoniously and spit it out and that denotes that there's plenty of money to go around for the following year."

Every 12 years, Chinese families celebrate the year of the rooster and those people who are born during the year of the rooster are persistent, strong and have a good sense of humour.

"Chinese New Year celebrates a different sign for a different animal every year and it's based on the Chinese Lunar calendar, so it doesn't always fall on the same day," he said.

"Most of the time we celebrate the New Year on the weekend following the day, but this year we get to celebrate it the day of."

Chang added that the Chinese New Year celebrations usually last for about two weeks.

# **February is a month without Murphy**



**S**o, February – the Heart Month, Valentine's, red, cinnamon candies, and for Farmer Fred, the hope for a Murphy-less month.

I was hoping that this new year, the year I turn 70, will be different, that my intense New Year's resolution to not be so forgetful, to be more aware, would be like turning a corner instead of doing the same old, same old. But during the final days of January, it is not to be.

During the final week of the month – last week - I took Big Red to my mechanic "up road" as a Brit farmer might say, to install a new in-line heater and a new ignition since the original would no longer work.

Donny, my mechanic "up road", performed the tasks and next day I got the call that Red was ready. Good timing as son, Doug was home so he could give me a lift. I suited up in my 'tractor suit', the one with 'elventeen' holes in all of the jacket pockets that I've yet to repair with duct tape, and off we went.

There was Red looking refreshed which is odd since it is an old machine. Must have been a projection on my part. Donny came out and showed me the new ignition switch and the new heater. Wonderful!

I climbed on board, clamped on the ear protection – Red is loud when running – started it up without mishap, and took off waving to Donny as I departed.

The drive was good since it wasn't freezing. Red and I bounced down the road and eventually turned into our driveway and on into the shelter where Red is stored. Great.

I knew that I wouldn't be driving it soon since I'd just put a new, round, hay bale in the winter paddock for the horses prior to heading "up road" to Donny's.

Sunday morning (still January now) I head to the barn to put feed in the stalls and let the equines inside for their 'brekky'. While they were in munching, I looked to see how their round bale was doing in the paddock. Hah! I would need to bring in a new one as this one was pretty low.

So I head to the tractor shelter and try to start Red. Nothing, nada. Not even an ignition light. Now what?? Slowly the thought dawned that perhaps when I returned from "up road", I'd forgotten to switch off the tractor lights. It is the law that slow-moving vehicles such as farm tractors must have their lights both front and rear on if driving on a public road. I recalled turning them on but I didn't recall turning them off when we got back home. Dang! The light switch was still in the 'on' position. That meant that the battery was completely drained of any znitts. Conclusion? Murphy strikes again!

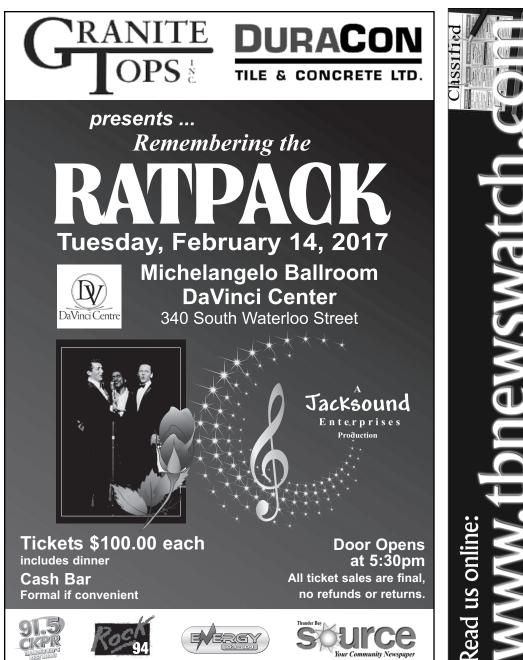
Ah well, I would now have to attach the charger and wait.

Several hours later, I trudged out to check on the battery only to see that the charger indicated 'fully charged". Good. Now I tried the ignition just to see if there was a light. Nothing. No light, therefore no go. Rats. No question: Murphy is visiting Farmer Fred again.

Maybe it was this new battery charger I'd bought with clamps that barely fit the battery posts. Lucky that I have a second charger that I attached, turned on, and left. Three hours later I checked on the charger only to discover the light that indicates 'charger error' was blinking. Now what? So I set the charger at a lower amperage and returned to Casa Jones.

Phew! Upon heading out to bring in equines into their stalls for the night, I checked the ignition and voila! A red light. The charger was humming along beautifully. I decided to leave the charger to charge all night and in the morning first thing, switch the extension cord to plug in the heater. After breakfast, after wife and children have gone to schools and job, I would go to the barn, feed the horses, and then fire up Red to fetch a fresh hay bale and trundle it into the paddock.

So now I'm 70 and it is February and Murphy? Just have to wait and see.





### **TBLife**

# Syrian eatery opens

Toubaji family hopes Damascus Donair is a culinary success

### **BUSINESS** By Nicole Dixon - TB Source

hunder Bay foodies now have the opportunity to enjoy authentic Syrian flavours in the downtown waterfront district.

Zaher Toubaji and his family arrived in Thunder Bay last year after fleeing Syria and waiting more than four years in Lebanon. Toubaji, his wife Nisreen and daughters Hadeel and Sema have settled in and opened a takeout facility on St. Paul Street known as Damascus Donair.

Through a family interpreter Zaher said the community support feels like a mother welcoming her child home.

"We are so excited to open the restau-

rant," Zaher said. "We've received a very warm welcome from the community."

The takeout facility has had a number of visitors since opening day Monday where there was an abundance of people waiting outside to order food.

The menu features chicken towouk, fattoush salad, humus and Zaher's secret Baba Ghanoush along with some Arabic groceries.

The facility is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Zaher and his family hope to expand the facility sometime in the future.

Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour Patty Hajdu believes it's rewarding to open up our country to people who want to work hard and contribute to the community.

"When we see a small business being started by newcomers to Canada ...that's exactly what we need to grow our economy," Hajdu said.

"Many immigrants are job creators and if (Damascus Donair) expands they will be hiring people and that's the best story of all in terms of immigration."

history of immigration, so it's wonderful to see the Toubaji family starting a business, integrating into the community and contributing back.

The Toubaji family will be adding to the economy of Thunder Bay by contributing to the cultural fabric of the community and adding to the rising food scene.

people in terms of opportunities to experience new food and new culture but more than that I think they demonstrate the principal that we believe in Canada," she said.

"When you have a hand up you and you can actually contribute to your community in ways that otherwise would not be possible."

Hajdu added the sense of gratefulness from the Toubaji family is overwhelming and quite touching.

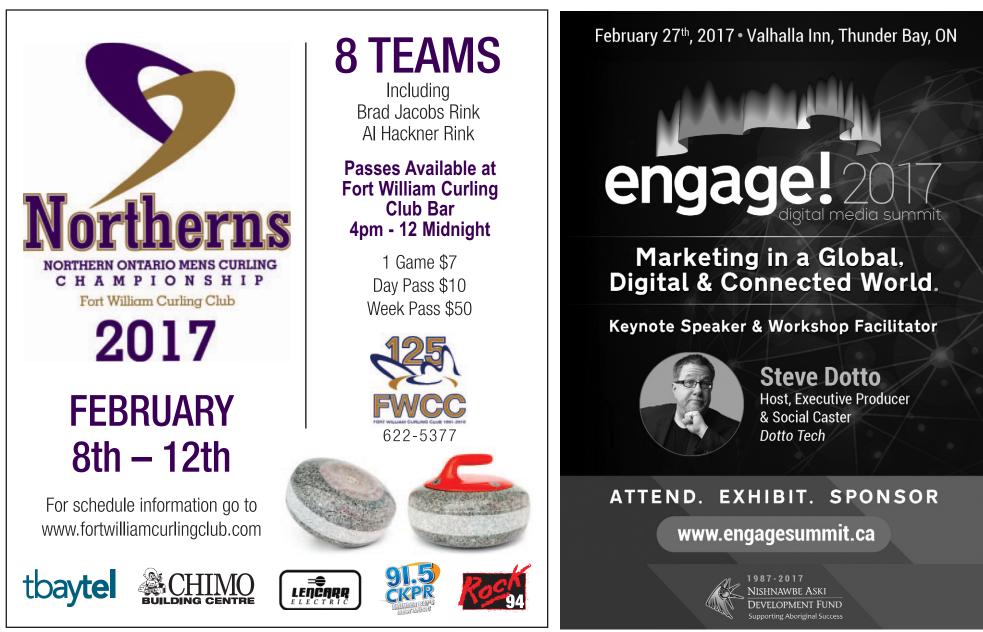
Hajdu added that Canada has a rich

"They are providing other options to

actually can create so much from that



GOOD EATS: The Tabouil family celebrated the opening of Damascus Donair with a ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday.





# **Canadian celebration**

Amanda Marshall, Barenaked Ladies and Randy Bachman headline Blues Fest

### MUSIC By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Organizers have taken care of business when it comes to this year's Thunder Bay Blues Festival lineup.

Once again it'll be an all-Canadian slate, topped by the legendary Randy Bachman, who rose to music fame as a member of the Guess Who, then followed it up with the chart-topping rockers Bachman Turner Overdrive.

After record-setting crowds rolled through the turnstiles at last year's event, the first to go all-Canadian, organizers decided to see if they could capture lightning in a bottle for a second straight year.

Once again it's a deep lineup and one that retains a strong blues contingent, staying true to the festival's origins.

"We really worked hard to build on the success of last year by booking Canadian fan-favourites who always deliver world-class performances, and we've also made it possible for people to see them all in one place, over one weekend, and all for what works out to be less than \$6 each, when purchased on a weekend pass," Halvorsen said.

"We consciously sought out the best Canadian artists – including Maple Blues Award nominees and winners, along with Juno nominees and winners, and Canadian music icons."

The opening night, Friday, July 7, might be this year's must-see night, with Kim Mitchell, Sam Roberts on the undercard and a rare headlining appearance by Amanda Marshall wrapping up the evening.

It's got the Auditorium's Trevor Hurtig excited.

"Amanda Marshall is a nice little coup for us. She typically only plays a handful of dates on any given year, and typically sticks with casino dates," said Hurtig.

"Being able to get her to come to Thunder Bay makes for a very rare opportunity to see her perform in front of a major festival audience."



RANT AND ROAR: Alan Doyle performs at the 2013 Thunder Bay Blues Fesival.

Saturday night, topped by the Barenaked Ladies, could be equally fun. Other acts on stage that day include Barney Bentall and the Legendary Hearts, Lighthouse, the Powder Blues Band and crowd favourite Alan Doyle and the Beautiful Gypsies.

Another Hurtig favourite, Angel Forrest, is a reason to get to Marina Park early on Saturday.

"Angel Forrest is a hot Canadian blues talent that we were very fortunate to have been able to book. She won three Maple Blues Awards recently, including female vocalist of the year the past four years, producer of the year and songwriter of the year."

Bachman leads a Sunday lineup that includes the 24th Street Wailers, Anthony Gomes, Widemouth Mason and Big Sugar.

The rest of the blues component is strong, Hurtig said.

"Julian Taylor is amazing, and he is bringing the full band with horn section. Powder Blues Band is right on par with Downchild from last year. Jack Semple is an amazing blues guitarist, and of course, Big Sugar, Anthony Gomes, 24th Street Wailers and Jerome Godboo are all awesome blues artists."

Local talent is also front and centre, the opening act on each day of the three-day event: Rock Steady on Friday, Boardroom Gypsies on Sunday and Dr. Buck and the Blues Bangers and Driven on Sunday.

Tickets go on sale on Saturday.

Also on sale that morning at the Community Auditorium box office are tickets for this year's Murillo CountryFest, slated for Aug. 11 and Aug. 12 at the Murillo Fairgrounds.

Brett Kissel, Cold Creek County, Washboard Union and the James Barker Band highlights Friday night's lineup.

Tim Hicks is the Saturday headliner, with Doc Walker, Jess Moskaluke, Bobby Wills, Chris Krineke and Strawdawg, Scott Van Teeflen and Scott Skirving on stage earlier in the day.

"We set out to take the successful formula from last year and expand it to a two-day format," said festival organizer David Allen."

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TIME FOR CHANGE: Marsha Knight (and Gary Farmer perform in Magnus' Crees in the Caribbean.

# **Surprise ending**

### THEATRE REVIEW By Linda Maehans - TB Source

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When we step out of familiar surround-ings, leaving our familiar routines far behind, we naturally can't know what to expect. That's the essence of surprise.

Magnus' current production, Crees in the Caribbean by Drew Hayden Taylor, presents a paradox.

We're asked to embark on an adventure of new experiences with Evie and Cecil; and we do. But at the same time we are given a most satisfying sense of familiarity and reassurance.

We know these people.

We've met them before. Oh sure, our origins might not be Cree; and like Evie and Cecil we may never have visited the sunny Caribbean before.

But in the adept hands of the playwright, who knows and understands his culture well and who then pens his characters so convincingly, we can't help but feel the honesty of this story as if it were our own.

This adventure of both the commonplace and the unexpectedis genuine and sincere. Nothing about it rings untrue.

Of course these qualities are manifest in our main characters Evie and Cecil: a longmarried couple who are on a second honeymoon of sorts in celebration of their 35th anniversary.

From their first moments on stage together, Marsha Knight and Gary Farmer have us believing they are an actual couple; their chemistry is such that we don't even question that. Farmer's illustrious background and artistic career does him much credit here.

His Cecil is initially a gruff and unvielding grizzly bear, but soon we begin to see the soft pads of his paws and underbelly, so to speak.

Meanwhile Knight's Evie is a charming mix of attributes: the strength and wisdom that not all mature women manage to achievewhile still retaining the signature youth and attractiveness of their muchyounger self.

We easily see such a woman in Knight's portrayal: nicely done. And as said, we all know a woman like Evie, somewhere in our own lives.

Now to the third side of the human triangle in this story: a young chambermaid at the resort whose delicate appearance belies a determined resilience in the face of her less-than-ideal circumstances. Julia Porter's makes her debut at Magnus Theatre as Manuela, an honest girl whose destiny it is to cross paths in personal ways with both Evie and Cecil.

Particularly effective are the "side scenes," off to the right-of-stage for the audience, that Porter shares first with Evie and then with Cecil. She connects with each of them, or rather, they with her; we're left half-thinking she might just return back to Canada with them when the holiday is over.

The ending of the play was unexpected for this reviewer; I didn't see it coming. Just as none of us can see what happens with love and life sometimes.

Director Thom Currie said "we hope you're going to leave the theatre a little changed.'

I'm guessing the packed house on opening night collectively did just that.

Enjoy the beautiful set and lighting of Crees in the Caribbean; but most of all, enjoy this genuine journey of the places love and life takes us. It's on at Magnus until Feb. 11.



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# Mary Kills People touches on taboo

ifetime and Global TV are breaking new ground with the dramedy *Mary Kills People*. This six-episode series follows an ER doctor who saves people at the hospital and defies the

law by secretly assisting the terminally ill to commit suicide in her off hours. It's been described

as a "dark comedic drama." Well, no kidding. It's death.

As the daughter of a funeral director, death was a part of my life. I was just a teenager when my parents

decided it was time to have "the talk." No, not that one. The one where they discuss what I am to do if they both die or are in a coma for more than a month.

But death is still something most

don't want to talk about unless they're discussing the latest serial killer drama. Then, it's perfectly acceptable. Ironically, while the series was being shot, the federal government passed a

> new law which could have made the show irrelevant. However, since Bill C-14 puts very narrow limitations on those who qualify, physicianassisted suicide will still be illegal for many in Canada. Meanwhile, U.S. viewers are still battling for any end-

of-life rights.

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It's something Tara Armstrong, has always questioned. As part of a university writing assignment, she interviewed hospice workers which led to the creation of MKP. Consequently, the series offers differing viewpoints. And the scripting has been so careful that I have to marvel at the irony in naming this "Angel of Death" after Christianity's paragon of virtue.

Dr. Mary Harris justifies her actions by saying that dying isn't a crime. And she never administers the lethal dose. The patient does ... in a champagne glass ... at a place of their choosing.

It sounds lovely and idyllic. Unfortunately, in the very first scene, the drug she used from a street dealer was diluted and the patient didn't exactly go peacefully. She had to smother him with a pillow before his wife arrived. And Mary had to go back for the cash.

Yes, this is a cash business. After all, someone's got to pay for her recovering addict assistant and the supplies which she hides under the floorboards of her shed. Not to mention the kind nurse who refers dying patients – for a fee.

Of course, Mary claims the cash is simply to ensure that people take this step with careful thought. She has strict "protocols."

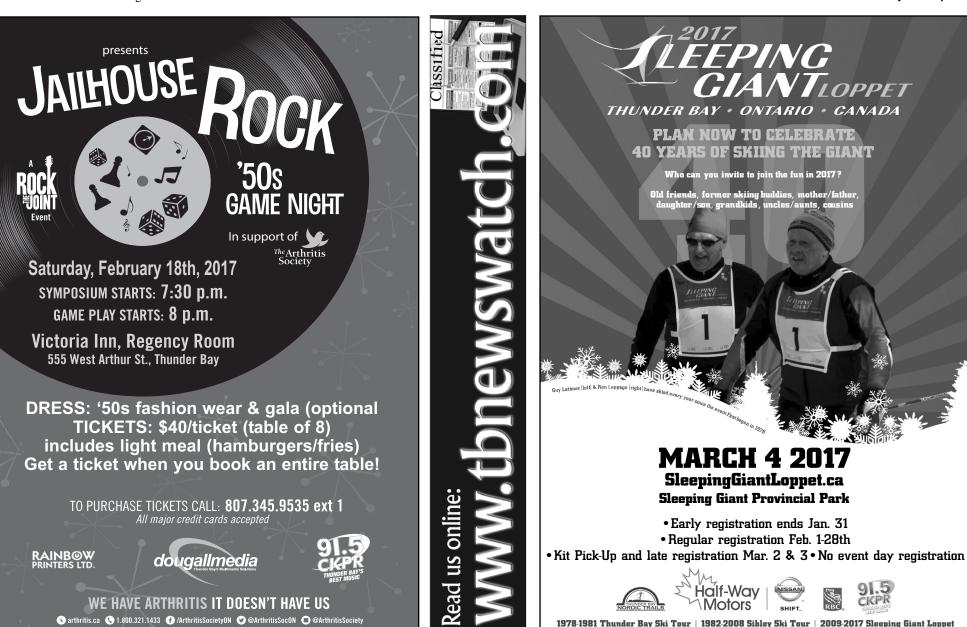
But we can't forget that her actions are illegal. So it's a tad odd that she lets one elderly patient do herself in publicly on a park bench. Have to feel bad for the child who finds that cold, blue corpse.

And now the police are investigating Mary, her kids have found her stash, and her dealer is getting suspicious.

While the comedic touches certainly make the topic more palatable, this may inflame the ire of those who condemn assisted dying. But thus far, *MKP* hasn't crossed the line. Even if Mary has.

After all, life is often ironic. Why not death?





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words are not always pleasant." - Tibetan proverb

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Medicine that heals is not always sweet and caring

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# Wolves swept by York Lions

Lakehead falls to eighth in OUA West playoff hunt UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

### By Leith Dunick TB Source

ack Shields lived up to his last name.

The York Lions goalie put on a spectacular display between the pipes on Saturday night, stopping 30 of 32 shots directed his way to power his team to a 3-2 win at Fort William Gardens and complete the weekend sweep.

Shields, who leads the OUA with a 1.65 goals against average, was at his finest as the Wolves swarmed the Lions zone in the final two periods, outshooting York 24-10.

But a late goal by Lakehead forward Kelin Ainsworth was all the home side could manage in the second and third, the stingy Lions blue-line living up to its reputation as the No. 3 defensive team in Canada.

"We had our chances and we didn't bury them," said Ainsworth, whose power-play tally with less than five minutes to go in regulation was the fifth-year forward's ninth of the campaign.

"That came back to bite us."

Missed opportunities were the story of the night for LU, losers of two straight.

### Early saves

Shields turned aside Dylan Butler's breakaway backhand early in the first, then later got a bit lucky when the puck took a crazy hop on the side boards and redirected its way toward the empty Lions

net. Lakehead's Billy Jenkins caught up to it and made a move on Shields, but had the rubber swatted away by a Lions defender before it crossed the goal line.

The Wolves, for the second straight night, couldn't capitalize on a lengthy 1:32 two-man advantage in the second, LU unable to find the proper aim on Shields.

"We did a good job," said York's coach Chris Dennis, who spent two years as an assistant with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"When you get stuff like that it



#### SAVED: Lakehead goalle Devin Green makes a stop last Saturday as teammate Linden Springer holds off York's Mitch VanTeeling.

takes some sacrifice. We had some shot blocks and the guys did a great job. Mack made some saves."

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Lakehead's inability on that particular power play was a source of frustration to Wolves coach Bill McDonald.

"We got the puck up top like we wanted to, but we had three shots and they didn't even hit the net. They were over the top of the net and that can't happen," McDonald said. "It's either got to hit a stick in front for a rebound or whatever.

"The guy (Shields) played good. He made some really good saves. You can see they're a good team and that's what they rely on, more or less defence and their goaltending."

Playing from behind against a team

like York (17-6-2) is never an easy task to overcome.

Eighth-place Lakehead (10-11-2) found themselves in that position most of the night, after Lions defenceman Derek Sheppard opened the scoring 1:32 into the contest, firing the puck from just inside the blue-line to beat Thunderwolves goalie Devin Green, who made 18 stops on the night.

Bryce Milson doubled the lead at 13:18 of the first, marching in on Green after LU defender Patrick Murphy was taken out of the play.

"I don't know if it was a penalty or not, but it doesn't matter. The guy walked right in. It was either bad luck or a bad non-call," McDonald said.

Brennen Dubchak's quick release finally got the Wolves on the score sheet, one-timing Sam Schutt's pass from behind the Lions net with less than a second to go in the opening stanza.

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### Game-winner

Greg Milner had the lone goal of the second, a slap-shot that evaded Green 14 seconds into a York power play.

Lakehead's Carson Dubchak had back-to-back chances to even the score in the first 90 seconds of the third, but both shots were turned aside by Shields.

**Claw marks**: The Wolves were without forward Cody Alcock (lower body), who was injured on Friday night. They also played with just five defencemen, Matt Alexander and Jake Ringuette also sidelined with injuries ... Lakehead is now four points up on Western with five to play in the race for the final playoff spot in the OUA West.

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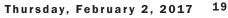


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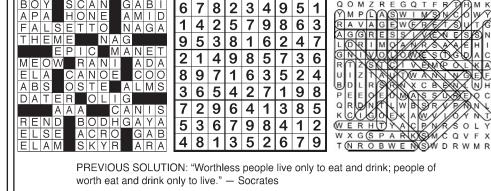
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