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LOCALNEWS



HALF-A-CENTURY OLD: The Centennial Botanical Conservatory was built in 1967 to celebrate Canada's 100th birthday.

Conservatory renewal is going to be studied

THUNDER BAY By Jon Thompson - TB Source

he city is planting seeds this week that will grow into a renewed conservatory.

A Request For Proposals closes Friday that will choose a consultant to investigate the future of the Centennial Botanical Conservatory.

The conservatory has undergone limited improvement since it was built in 1967 for Canada's centennial anniversary celebrations. Its age has been showing in recent years, including a brief closure in 2013 after several glass panels fell from its ceiling.

Consultants will address the potential of the facility's greenhouses,

including expanding their practical use to consider the possibility of growing more regionally native plants for the city to use in lowimpact developments.

Practicality and public opinion will both play a role in administration's recommendations on the scale of improvement plans, according to city engineering director Kayla Dixon.

"If we do end up rebuilding a new conservatory, which eventually there will be either reconstruction or rehabilitation, we need to know what plants are viable still and can be transplanted to another building or there has been some discussion of doing an overbuild of the existing conservatory display house," she said.

Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng has advocated for the conservatory as a movement has formed around its surging popularity over the last couple of years.

She is eager to maximize the conservatory's applied purposes as well as public engagement with the facility.

"They're passable but the public can't necessarily go and look in the greenhouses. With the new greenhouses -- my hope is we'll get new greenhouses -- it will open up the scope for the kinds of plants we can grow, lower our operations costs and use the savings to replace the glass," she said.

"That's my overarching goal for this."

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Police ID victim of highway fatality

POLICE By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Ontario Provincial Police have identified the woman who was killed on Friday in a fatal three-vehicle collision on Highway 61.

In a release issued on Monday morning, police said 45-year-old Rachel Legarde of Fort William First Nation died as a result of the collision, pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, the victim's vehicle was traveling northbound on Highway 61 and collided with a pair of southbound SUVs traveling in the opposite direction at the Kaministiquia Bridge.

The female driver of one of the SUVs, the male driver of the other and the female passenger in the victim's car were all transported to hospital with serious injuries.

Police are now turning to the public for information related to the crash and ask witnesses to phone OPP at 939-2133 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



LOCALNEWS

Reduce highway speed: Chief

Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins is asking the province to slow traffic on Highway 61

THUNDER BAY By Jon Thompson - TB Source

The Chief of Fort William First Nation is calling for reduced speeds on Highway 61 in the wake of a fatal vehicle collision on Friday.

Chief Peter Collins' said he has contacted Thunder Bay-Atikokan MPP Bill Mauro, requesting changes to speed limits on the highway stretch in the vacinity of the Chippewa Road turnoff to the First Nation.

Tragic incident

As Collins called for greater community's prayers to the family of 45-year-old community member Rachel Legarde, who died in the incident as well as her daughter who was injured.

"I think there's some work we need to do to get the traffic slowed down in that section of the highway,"

Collins said. "Maybe we can get some kind of speed reduced in the "I don't know interim but I'm not 100 per if anyone cent sure what the (Ministry of Transportation) is going to do on that front." Collins argued the Legardes wouldn't have had

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PETER COLLINS

to travel the highway route if Thunder Bay and Canadian National Railway

had been able to reach a safety precautions, he conveyed his resolution regarding the fate of the James Street Swing Bridge, the connecting point between the First Nation and the Westfort neighbourhood, which was badly damaged in an October 2013 fire.

In court

A lawsuit the city filed against CN in February 2015 over which party is responsible to repair the 112-year-old bridge has yet to be resolved. Collins called for both sides to work toward a solution as he pointed out members of his community are the ones paying the price of indecision.

"I don't know if anyone takes it seriously enough," he said.

"We've been pushing CN and the city to come to a solution in this issue. At the end of the day, we're the victims in this issue as we were the victims in 1905."

Mauro was not immediately available for comment.



REDUCE SPEED: Chief Peter Collins is calling for speeds on Highway 61 to be reduced following the death of Fort William First Nation member, Rachel Legarde.



TRANSPORTATION **MASTER PLAN**



Notice of Study Commencement and Public Open House

We are underway!

The City of Thunder Bay is launching its **Transportation Master Plan** study which will guide the City's transportation infrastructure investments for the next 20 years and beyond. The study will develop a practical, long-term plan for the City's transportation system to meet the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists. The study will be conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

Have your say!

Public input is essential to the success of the Transportation Master Plan. Please visit the study website at www.ThunderBayTMP.ca for study updates. to review study progress, and to submit your ideas and feedback.

Come out and meet us!

The study team wants to hear your ideas on how to improve transportation in Thunder Bay. Over the course of the study, three Public Open Houses will be held to invite input from the community. The first Public Open House will be drop-in format with study team members available to discuss your ideas for Thunder Bay's future transportation system. Details are provided below.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

When: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 Drop in between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM Where: Italian Cultural Centre, 132 South Algoma Street (Bus routes: 3M Memorial, 11 John, 13 John-Jumbo)

Questions? Ideas? Contact us!

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LOCALNEWS

Hotel delayed again

Waterfront facility won't be completed until 2018

THUNDER BAY By Jon Thompson - TB Source

Construction on the four-star, Delta-Marriott Hotel in Prince Arthur's Landing will not be complete until 2018.

According to ReSolve Group Inc. president Gisele MacDonald, construction that began in November 2016 is expected to be complete in early 2018, not 2017 as the company has previously indicated.

"Completion day is 16 months from the time we started, which would be in November,' MacDonald said.

That timeline would surpass the extended completion deadline of the end of 2017, which the city granted the company last year.

MacDonald added crews have now completed the project's "elevation 100," the waterfront hotel's lower basement.

"We will be starting the tower and the steel structure of the building will go up, weather permitting, anywhere between the end of



February and mid-March," she said.

The eight-storey hotel was first announced in 2012 under promise of opening in spring 2016. The Marriott hotel chain purchased Delta in 2015 and MacDonald had said the new ownership recommended a number of design changes at that time.

She reiterated the Delta brand's significance to the project's strategy on Thursday.

"We're very excited to be there. I know Delta is excited to be there," she said.

"We chose Detla because of its strong track record in contributing to growth of tourism in secondary markets so to us, Delta fits perfectly in Thunder Bay. Basically both Delta and ReSolve are excited to bring this property to market."

Lotto Max ticket sold locally

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Someone in Thunder Bay could be \$1 million richer.

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The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation on Saturday announced a winning Max Millions ticket in Friday's Lotto Max draw was sold in the Thunder Bay area.





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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Staal Open returning

was good news this week for Thunder Bay's summer sports profile. The city on Tuesday learned the Staal Foundation Open, the local stop on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada, will be back for a fourth and fifth year.

Its return was in some doubt, with questions surrounding who would take the reins and guide the ship with most of the week-long tournament's leadership moving on after three years.

The event has helped put Thunder Bay on the map since it first arrived in 2014.

The help of the hockey playing Staal family has no doubt been a huge boon to the event.

They've helped bring the likes of Bobby Orr, Grant Fuhr and a whole host of fellow NHLers to the city, which in turn has boosted attendance numbers.

In turn, fans have gotten to see the stars of the game of golf up close and personal the past three summers. Players like Mackenzie Hughes, Corey Conners, Taylor Moore and Dan McCarthy could become household names on the PGA Tour in rapid fashion.

The tournament brings hundreds of people to town each summer and has a hefty economic imprint during its seven days in town.

The city also benefits from national publicity each year, the major sports networks paying a little closer attention to the tournament, thanks in part to the Staal connection.

Welcome back, with open arms.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't post crash video

To the editor:

With such a tragic loss that video should not have been posted on tbnewswatch.com. The poor family and friends who might come across it, it's too shocking. It would haunt me forever.

> Martine Caza, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

New rink idea

To the editor:

think they should add a skating trail/sidewalk that goes around the marina, or somewhere at Centennial Park with place to warm up or rent with places for hot chocolate vending machines.

Let's think outside the box. There's no need to pay someone to find ideas. Maybe use being down at the waterfront rink is a sign council is to out of touch with city needs improvements and buildings, etc. that make a great city.

> Craig Latta, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Snowarama to hit the trails

THUNDER BAY By Nicole Dixon - TB Source

Snowmobilers from across Northwestern Ontario will be gearing up next month to hit the fresh trails and kick off the Easter Seals fundraising season.

Snowarama is back for its 14th year, and 13-year-old ambassador alumni Zachary Pylychuk said it's his favourite Easter Seals event.

"I'm looking forward to seeing old friends, old faces and just catching up with some people," Zachary said.

Being in a wheelchair doesn't always allow Zachary to attend many winter events, but Snowarama gives him the chance ride in the wind.

For nine years, Easter Seals has been helping Pylychuk live a more independent life through the programs and services they provide.

Before having surgery Zachary was having a lot of trouble breathing.

"I was a lot shorter and it was crushing some of my organs, so having the surgery has helped me straighten out," he said.

"I went for surgery and Easter Seals helped a lot with the process and getting back home."

Zachary said Easter Seals is important because of how many other kids they help.



RETURNING: Anne-Marie Polhill (from left), Frank Vecchio, Emily Pike, 6, Rhonda Harrison and Zachary Pylychuk kick off Snowarama.

said.

Easter Seals senior development officer Rhonda Harrison said throughout the past 14 years, Snowarama has raised more than \$370.000.

"We help families purchase equipment for mobility, communication devices and summer camps," Harrison

"We help purchase wheelchairs, leg braces, bathroom modifications, lifts and summer camp opportunities.'

Harrison said the summer camp is great for families as it allows the youth to spend time with kids just like them.

The event takes place on Feb. 11 at Grand Portage Lodge and Casino with a longer ride that is about 120 miles and a short ride on the reservation that is about 35 miles.

To celebrate Snowarama's 14th year, there will be 14 different prizes including two trips to Las Vegas.

Perspective

FAT BIKE RACING ON THE RISE

Repairs can work Rather that tossing aside things, try fixing them up

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

Sometimes when things break or don't work properly they can be adjusted or repaired.

For example, we have a favourite pair of grass shears and last summer they were starting to show signs of wear.

We could have thrown them out, but after a decade of trouble-free performance those shears deserved better.

And besides, they don't make things like they used to and finding a suitable replacement might be difficult.

But where do you go to get your grass shears repaired - I had no choice, I would have to attempt a repair job.

Now, I'm not the world's best handyman, but I have been known to dabble in household repairs from time to time.

Extended life

Very often a low-tech fix or replacement part has extended the life of a favourite tool or appliance by years or even decades.

So as I sat down with the shears to investigate and hopefully repair the problem, I was hopeful.

There are others - a growing number of consumers are trying to reduce their environmental impact through the fixer movement.

There are signs that the age of "reuse" may be returning as repair

undertook

extensive repairs to

the structure mak-

ing it one of the

town's best hotels.

Today, the hotel is

occupied in part by Crocks.

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cafés, run by amateur repair enthusiasts, are opening everywhere.

Many disgruntled Canadians, myself included, are saddened and dismayed by the increasing amount

of throw-away consumer products. My generation learned about the three "R's" when we were in school, and not reading, writing and arithmetic.

We subscribed to the "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" mantra as a formula to save the world.

Because of the way it was promoted to us, I always thought the first "R" was the most important we had to reduce consumption.

Unfortunately that wasn't very popular, so consumption continued to rise and we tried to ease our conscience by re-using grocery bags and water bottles.

By this time we were already drowning in disposables, from Bic lighters and beverage containers to major appliances and even automobiles.

We live in a throwaway society whenever something breaks it is often easier, cheaper and more convenient to trash it and buy new.

As a last resort we try again to ease our conscience with recycling programs but collecting aluminum cans and plastic bottles is a fool's errand.

It seems like those three "R's" were just busy work to keep us occupied while the world's biggest industrial consumers and polluters went unnoticed.

The Fixer Movement has added a

fourth "R" which stands for "Repair" – why discard a pair of perfectly good shears when they can be easily repaired?

When I pried off the cover and looked at the inner workings I was surprised and encouraged by what I saw.

The simple device consisted of a spring, some levers and connecting rods and a tiny screw for adjusting the angle of the blades.

Wasn't expecting it

Two things surprised me, the simplicity and efficiency of the design and the fact that somebody had decided to include that tiny adjusting screw.

I used an equally tiny wrench to make a tiny adjustment and after a light sharpening the shears performed as good as new.

Miracles like this are happening wherever concerned individuals decide to make the most of the Earth's limited resources.

A group in Toronto set up "Stuffie Hospital" where kids bring their stuffed toys for medical attention like new button eyes or zippers.

Repair shops are creating business and employment opportunities.

That fourth "R" is not for everybody - you have to see the value in re-use and have the skill and patience to make repairs.

Speaking personally, nothing matches that feeling of exhilaration and accomplishment you get from a successful repair and a rescued pair of shears.

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LOCALNEWS

Carbon monoxide calls on the rise

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue responded to more true calls for carbon monoxide in 2016 compared to previous years, but officials say there is a silver lining.

"I know we have more detectors out there," said captain of fire prevention, Eric Nordlund. "The legislation has recently changed that requires residential properties have carbon monoxide alarms so that increase in the number of alarms will naturally lead to an increase in the number of calls."

In 2016, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue responded to 238 calls for carbon monoxide alarms, down slightly from 252 in 2015.

However, the number of true calls, which is a call where carbon monoxide was detected and confirmed, rose from 38 in 2015 to 46 in 2016.

At 24.9 per cent, the percentage of true



BE PREPARED: Ontario Fire Code requires carbon monoxide alarms in all residences.

calls in 2016 is the highest it's been in the last four years. So far in 2017, four of the six carbon monoxide calls have been true.

"Carbon monoxide alarm calls have

stayed pretty much the same," Nordlund said. "We've seen an increase in the number of true alarms or actual problems with fuel fired appliances that have caused carbon monoxide to go into the environment in someone's home."

Carbon monoxide is a tasteless, odorless gas produced when fuels such as natural gas, propane, heating oil, or even wood, do not burn completely. It can be produced in furnaces, heaters, gas stoves, and vehicles.

In 2014, carbon monoxide detectors became a requirement for all residential buildings under the Ontario Fire Code. A working CO detector is required on every floor of a residence where an individual sleeps.

"I think Thunder Bay is doing a good job at compliance," Nordlund said. "Thunder Bay Fire Rescue has attempted to do a fair bit of public education on the issue. We engage all of our fire suppression crews to identify problems with either smoke or CO alarms on every call that they go to on a residential property."

If fire crews find that a property does not have proper CO or smoke alarms, the

owner will be issued an inspection order with time to install working alarms. Failure to do so could land someone with a \$360 fine for each missing alarm.

The SAFE program with Thunder Bay Fire Rescue also offers smoke and CO alarms to people in extenuating circumstances such as severe financial need or people living with a physical or cognitive disability.

According to Nordlund, it is not uncommon to see an increase in calls for carbon monoxide during the winter months because heating devices are working much harder.

"With this recent cold weather, I've noticed more CO alarm calls, but I think those will even out over the rest of the winter," he said. "We likely have better compliance with the requirements to have CO alarms, so therefore we are going to have more CO alarms out there and they are more likely to detect the problems."



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Changes coming to Scand

Scandinavian Society Board will step away from popular downtown restaurant

FOOD By Gary Rinne - TB Source

Ninety years after it opened as a cafe, the Scandinavian Home Society restaurant on Algoma Street in Thunder Bay is moving in a new direction.

The society's volunteer board has decided to step away from the restaurant business to concentrate on promoting Scandinavian culture and heritage in other ways.

Board spokesman David Heroux says the restaurant will remain open under a lease agreement with Shelley Simon, who also manages the Silver Mountain Station restaurant in Nolalu.

Heroux told tbnewswatch.com the decision was long in the making, but that the not-for-profit board decided it could not continue focusing on the restaurant.

"We're finding as the membership ages, it's not quite the level of expertise that you need to effectively run a restaurant," he said.

The agreement with Simon stipulates the restaurant will continue to promote its Scandinavian heritage.

"As long as they maintain the cultural sensitivities and foods that our members have enjoyed over the many years ... That was the mandate that we have with the lessee," Heroux said.



NEW DIRECTION: Scandinavian House cook Flo Cormeau moves to pour breakfast potatoes from the deep fryer onto the grill.

He added Simon "has expressed a real interest in maintaining the Scandinavian culture," and has already researched it, leaving the board and the general membership both feeling comfortable with the decision.

That doesn't preclude changes in the restaurant's operation, however. Heroux said he expects Simon will not only maintain the traditional menu items but will enhance it with food items the board may not have considered in the past.

He said that she will also consider expanded hours and explore the addition of craft beer and wine to the menu.

The Scandinavian Home Society dates back to 1923 when it was established as a support group for immigrants. Heroux said members are looking forward to the future.

"We were spending far too much time managing a restaurant. So the idea of cultural exchanges...being able to promote Scandinavian culture, was being put on the back burner...Hopefully we'll be able to do the things that the board was initially empowered to do." **Do you have an opinion to share?** E-mail the editor at Idunick@dougallmedia.com







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3 life-saving skills you need to know

earning simple skills that could save a loved one's life in an emergency is essential knowledge you'll never regret acquiring. Here are three skills every parent, young adult and older adult should have:

1. CPR. Learning how to perform CPR properly through an in-person or online class is easy, but can be used in many emergencies. This includes heart attacks, sudden cardiac arrest, drowning, and choking. This life-saving technique which consist of pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest can be used on adults, children and infants (but not newborns) to keep oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and other vital organs until first responders arrive. Many CPR courses also offer first aid training as well, another useful skill for emergencies.

2. Using an AED. An automated external defibrillator is a device that checks a

person's heart and delivers an electric shock if it has stopped beating normally. Designed to let you deliver a shock only if it determines one is needed, AEDs like the Philips HeartStart are safe and easy to use. It has a simple step-by-step process with clear, adaptive voice instructions to help even the most inexperienced responders.

According to Heart and Stroke Foundation, taking action by doing CPR and using an AED quickly is extremely important because most cardiac arrests happen at home or in a public place. It's so common that it barely makes a ripple in the news, yet a growing number of Canadians are alive today because someone saw them collapse and had the courage to quickly start CPR and



use an AED.

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LET IT GROW: Joanne (Giovannia) and Jackie Ruberto show the progress on their leg hair growth as they kick off Jan-U-Hairy, a fundraiser for brain cancer research in memory of local woman Natacha Ruberto.

Letting it grow for cancer research

Fourth annual Jan-U-Hairy hopes to raise \$10,000 in pledges

HEALTH By Jon Thompson - TB Source

Local women are putting down their razors and pulling out their pocketbooks to support the fourth annual Jan-U-Hairy fundraiser for brain cancer research.

Many are seeking pledges from friends, family and even colleagues, who have dared them to come to work with their unshaven legs exposed.

Last year marked the first time a man participated as Kenora's Arcade Zilinski proudly shaved his legs at January's end amid women who had been growing their leg hair all month long.

The furry fundraiser grew from a hospital visit Natacha Ruberto took to address a persistent headache in 2012. She passed away suddenly in December of that year after undergoing surgery to remove a brain tumour.

As the year anniversary of Natacha's death approached, her cousin Jackie Ruberto assembled family and friends to turn their feelings around Christmas without her into a positive force.

A lot has changed in the four years since Natacha

passed away but the tradition of fuzzy fundraising has become an annual institution.

"She left behind two little ones so we thought, we'll have fun, raise some money, grow the hair on our legs," Jackie said.

"Now it's year four and we'd love to see it grow into something that her children could take part and take over. They're going to be nine and six (years old) this year so maybe by the time they've taken over, we could have done huge for research by then."

The event raised \$7,400 in 2016 and Jackie has set a \$10,000 fundraising goal for this month. The family's efforts have raised a total of \$23,000 since they launched the fundraiser back in 2013.

"Yes we joke and kid about the hairiness and whathave-you but deep down, cancer sucks. There are so many different kinds of cancer and this is just our silly way of raising money."

Natacha's mother Joanne (Giovannia) Ruberto said the family chose the first month of the year to coincide with Natacha's birthday on Jan. 7.

She sees support for the initiative growing beyond Thunder Bay's city limits, suggesting there may be an appetite for Jan-U-Hairy to be embraced by a broader audience.

"We want to take it out of Thunder Bay," Joanne said. "We do have people give us pledges from out of town, out of province and out of country. I've received pledges from Belgium and Southern Ontario, from Wales and France."

TB**Life**

The case of the pizza-purloining pooch



Todd the dog wandered into the living room licking his chops. "Oh no, what has he gotten into?" I wondered. The dog bowls – we have two – are in the kitchen, not down the hall. Suddenly, there was a yell from the direction of my son's bedroom: "Where's my pizza!?"

It was Saturday night. Son Doug had arrived home with a friend and a large pizza. Typical of teenagers, they disappeared into Doug's bedroom. Baxter, one of our two dogs was on the couch in the living room; Todd had been lying on the throw mat at the beginning of the hallway and next to Doug's room. All was quiet except for the 'busies' in the kitchen as daughter Beth and her mother, my wife, Laura, were making supper.

I was downstairs adding more wood to the wood boiler to 'keep the home fires burning', it being a typical January night and cold. Task completed, I wandered upstairs to yell "hello" to returned son and friend. But, to quote one of my favourite authors, the Rev. Dr. Charles Dodgson a. k. a. Lewis Carroll regarding the fate of the oysters, "but answer came there none...", I proceeded into the living room drawing deep breaths filled with the aromas of something delicious.

Apparently when Doug had gone to the washroom and friend had

gone into the kitchen, the bedroom door had been left ajar and likely the aroma of pizza had wafted out of the room and perhaps some prevailing draft had sent it out the bedroom door and around the

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So Todd is an opportunistic dog and recognizing an opportunity, lumbered to his feet and went to investigate. And what did he discover? Bonanza! A pizza box open on the bed with several slices uneaten all at a convenient dog height. No need

to climb up anywhere since dog is tall. Just scarf at leisure since there was no one in attendance to prevent him. Snack snatched and devoured, Todd ambled happily back into the living room, tail wagging, licking chops, to join the rest of the family. It did not require S. Holmes to

discover what had happened. The facts of the case were such: bedroom door open, pizza aroma evident, no one to prevent investigation by pooch, huzzah! Food at dog height.

> The next morning at breakfast, Doug appeared. It was he who said that the food was at dog height. Laura quipped that it would make a great book title. She also informed Doug that Todd has a reputation for his fondness for pizza. Doug grunted.

My thought is that while Todd is a pizza afficionado, Baxter could have just as easily purloined the pizza as Todd but didn't because the wafting aroma reached Todd first, Baxter being in a reclining position on the couch at quite a distance from the hallway.

We all know that dogs are opportunists especially when it comes to food. We have learned through experience that food stuffs susceptible to being snatched by canines must be put at disadvantageous heights well above the kitchen counter since both dogs can easily reach the counter. We have arrived home to discover ripped cellophane of bread packages strewn across the living room carpet, loaf devoured.

But this is the first time that either of them has extended their opportunism beyond the kitchen. The solution is, of course, increased vigilance. If victuals are to be consumed in a bedroom, keep the door firmly shut.

Food at dog height – too tempting. And possibly a good book title.



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The muses of Mozart

Jessica Linnebach to play Violin Concerto during TBSO Masterworks

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What's known in history as the Classical era gleams with musical giants: Ludwig van Beethoven; Joseph Haydn; various members of the Bach family; and the child wonder or genius, pick your description, of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

Mozart was dead by age 35. Yet how might his energy, from the 18th century when its brilliance first ignited, sound back to him today, were he here with us in 2017?

In a way I believe he is. When the curtain rises on TBSO's Masterworks next week, this city's premiere orchestra presents to us the muse of Mozart: of Wolfgang Amadeus himself; of his father Leopold; as well as some musical ideas by other composers who rode on young Wolfgang's coat-tails.

Young start

Mozart composed his Violin Concerto No.3 in G major when he was 19-years-old. Interpreting this sparkling sunshine-and-light inspiration is a Canadian classical violinist whose passion first began at age seven and whose bio now reflects her global talent. Jessica Linnebach has performed with major orchestras on stages throughout North America; more recently she completed a concert tour as guest soloist in Europe and the Middle East. A member of the first violin section at the National Arts Centre since 2003, Linnebach was named associate concertmaster in 2010. She's a founding member of Zukerman Chamber Players, a world-renowned string ensemble led by violin-and-violist Pinchas Zukerman.

Linnebach performs on the Taft Stradivarius (1700). Its creator, Antonio Stradivari was born in Cremona, Italy in 1644. The time frame for the birth of this particular violin has been called the superb craftsman's "Golden Period." Today the Taft Stradivarius is valued at \$5.5 million.

And now, how's this for those who like to contemplate quirks? Antonio Stradivari lived to age 93. Nineteen years later, Mozart was born. The violin concerto he composed at age 19 will be heard by audiences in Thunder Bay on Jan. 19. The sound? It will resonate on a special Stradivarius instrument under the talented fingertips and bow of Jessica Linnebach.

Family affair

The evening's program includes Wolfgang Amadeus' father Leopold. And perhaps those coat-tails I mentioned, because some say the authorship of the Toy Symphony belongs to Haydn instead.

A preview listen, first to the Mozart version, had me hearing all sorts of repetitive calls and rhythms; (birdsong) cadences; (wind-up toy) spinners; noises reminiscent of circuses; and children's parties: horns, clackers, and those paper whistles that shoot out with air. The Haydn version also invoked merry-making; I immediately thought of new year's eve because the performing orchestra wore party hats and also played with rattles, whistles and spinners. Delightfully this version also conjured for me the bells on horses pulling sleighs of revellers through snowy fields under starry skies. Let's imagine what we'll hear in Thunder Bay!

Guest conducting for Masterworks 3 is Mélanie Léonard, also a passionate Canadian woman who says she couldn't imagine any other career than the one she has on a podium with her collaborative baton.

The show will be held at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on Thursday, Jan.19. The music begins at 8 p.m.



MASTERING A GENIUS: Jessica Linnebach will play Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major during the TBSO Masterworks on Jan. 19



BOY GENIUS: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Violin Concerto was written when he was 19years-old



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STILL FIGHTING OLD BATTLES: Gal Gadot will be Wonder Woman in the upcoming live-action film, but the superhero is facing battles at the UN, having recently been dismissed as an honorary ambassador for women and girls.



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What is Wonder Woman's next role?

Over the last couple of years, women in the media and entertainment industry have been speaking out against inequality for women. In 2016, a network chairman was ousted for sexual misconduct and the U.S. came "this close" to its first female president. It seemed like a good year.

And then before Christmas, Wonder Woman was fired.

Earlier this fall, the UN chose Wonder Woman to serve as an Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Women and Girls. This, apparently, didn't go over well with approximately 45,000 people who signed an online petition to have the superhero removed from her post. Now, you might be confused – as I

originally was – since Wonder

Woman is a fictional character. However, this was essentially a marketing campaign to challenge female stereotypes and fight discrimination and violence against women. Ironically, it was Wonder Woman's stereotype that was her undoing.

Why? She was described by protestors as a "white woman of impossible proportions ... the epitome of a 'pin-up' girl."

What's wrong with a pin-up girl? Besides being unattainable? And those proportions? Since when does one's measurements dictate one's ability to do one's job?

She also wears a metallic bustier, short-shorts and knee-high boots, making her "an overtly sexualised image" at a time when the world is still objectifying women. True again.

Yet male superheroes have been dressing in skin-tight spandex and a codpiece for decades. They've had broad shoulders that arrow down to a tiny waist and strong muscular thighs and nobody's complained about that.

Of course, they're covered while Wonder Woman is practically busting out of her bra. However, women have breasts whether they're on display or not. Should

she cover every curve as though ashamed of her body? Is that the lesson young women should learn? Hide before you're objectified?

Sorry, but the President Elect has publically rated women from a four to a nine for years. Which means the leader of American society is just as likely to degrade a woman in a burlap sack as one in a bikini. So a costume change isn't going to solve the problem.

But I would like to note that since Wonder Woman wears no mask, that

American eagle bra may be the most effective tool to keep the villains' eyes away from her face and protect her alter-ego identity. Smart gal.

Besides, what is wrong with identifying as a sexual being? When did "feminist" become synonymous with "asexual"?

Wonder Woman's appearance does make her a culturally insensitive role model in some parts of the world. So obviously, this campaign would have to be selectively used.

But modernized countries should realize that Wonder Woman's figure is only one part of the character. She fights crime, runs fast, leaps high, and deflects bullets with her wrist-cuffs. That's why little girls have wanted to dress up as her since 1942. Wonder Woman kicks butt.

Besides, she's also got the most supportive bra in town. And as any woman will tell you, that's something to aspire to.





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See page 18 for this week's answers to the puzzles.



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TOURNEY COMING BACK: Walter Keating Jr. takes part in last July's Staal Foundation Open at Whitewater Golf Club.

Staal Open returns

GOLF By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Staal Foundation Open is back for at least two more years. Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada director of tournament business affairs Scott Pritchard on Tuesday confirmed the popular event would be returning to the schedule in 2017 and 2018.

It was a mere formality, said Pritchard in making the announcement at city hall. The sponsorship commitments were made as early as last July and a then the final pieces of the puzzle was put in place when new board of directors was selected to guide the tournament for the next two years and beyond.

The tournament's return was never really in doubt, Pritchard said. "We had a commitment from the Staal family at the conclusion of the '16 tournament. Once we had that commitment we got a commitment shortly thereafter from Tbaytel. So we had the commitments. Then it was a matter of getting our ducks in a row," Pritchard said.

Over its brief, three-year history,

the Staal Foundation Open has proven to be a hit, regularly raising the most money of any event on Tour for charity. It's also hugely popular with the players, who regularly rate it as one of the top three

tournaments on the summer circuit. Eric Staal, whose family lent its name to the event for its first three years, said they're glad to be back again in 2017.

"The community has really rallied around this tournament for the last three years, raising over a half-amillion dollars for local families and children fighting cancer," said Staal, the top point-getter with the Minnesota Wild in 2016-17, in a video message recorded for Tuesday's news conference.

"We hope you stay involved and look forward to seeing you this summer at the Staal Foundation Open from July 10 to 16."

Tournament director Scott Smith said 2017 will be a transitional year, as he prepares to fully step back from his duties in 2018.

This year's event will provide a chance to mentor the tournament's next generation of leaders, with an eye on keeping the Staal Foundation Open going for several years to come.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun and exciting to have some fresh blood in this and come up with some new ideas and make the event bigger and better in the next two years," Smith said, adding he's glad to see the commitment for 2017 and 2018 is now official.

The new board includes Anna Bahlieda, Brian Campbell, Walter Flasza, Jason Johnstone, Tom Mustapic, Gloria Sherban and Heather Vita, with holdovers Smith and Marv Detweiler taking on advisory roles.

Pritchard said he's hopeful the two-year commitment is only a start.

"Once we go through that we'll explore opportunities to extend. The long-term goal for the Tour, in particular, is to have sustainable events in communities that are making an impact. I think we would all agree it would be shame that if beyond this two-year commitment we didn't extend it beyond that," he said.

Wolves rally past Toronto

BASKETBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

At this stage of the game, every point counts for the Lakehead Thunderwolves.

Locked in a battle for one of the final playoff OUA women's basketball playoff spots, the Wolves used a huge second half effort Saturday night to pick up a crucial 73-61 win over the host Toronto Varsity Blues, picking up points against a team ahead of them in the standings.

Lakehead trailed by eight at the half, but rallied after the break, vaulting past the Varsity Blues with a 33-8 run to mount an insurmountable advantage and improved their record to 3-6.

The Wolves got the lion's share of their points in the paint.

Starting centre August Ricketts piled in 15 points, while reserve pivot Gillian Lavoie came off he bench and added 15 of her own.

Lakehead did most of its damage in the third, finishing the quarter on an 18-2 run, Katelyn Zen picking up seven points in the quarter.

A 13-2 run to start the fourth put the game away, Lakehead jumping out in front by 17 when Lavoie hit a jumper six minutes in.

Lakehead returns home this weekend for a pair of games against Brock.



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RARE START: Lakehead goalie Justin McDonald allowed three goals in Saturday night's 4-2 loss to the Brock Badgers.

T-Wolves drop pair

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

here's an old adage that says hockey is a game of inch-es.

It was never truer than on Saturday night.

Early in the third period the puck took a bad hop off the end boards, fooling Lakehead Thunderwolves goaltender Justin McDonald. Josh Timpano pounced on the loose puck and slammed it home, the visiting Brock Badgers taking a 3-1 lead at Fort William Gardens.

Later in the final stanza, the Thunderwolves still down by two, Billy Jenkins rang one off the post.

An inch here or an inch there and it could have been a much different outcome, said LU coach Bill McDonald, who instead watched his team emerge on the wrong end of a weekend sweep, dropping a 4-2 decision on the heels of Friday's 5-2 defeat.

"It's a game of inches, a game of chances and a game of bounces," McDonald said, who had nothing but praise for the Wolves effort.

"I feel bad for the guys in there because they spent a lot of energy and they did what I asked. (Brock's) got a heavy team and we've got a quick team. We took time and space throughout the game for the most part, and it just didn't come up on the right end for us the last couple of nights."

While the Wolves want to learn from their mistakes, they also want to put the weekend out of their minds as quickly as possible.

The seventh-place Wolves (8-8-1), leapfrogged by the Badgers (10-8-1), have only Waterloo and Western standing between themselves and a second straight playoff miss, and the players know they squandered a chance to pick up valuable points in the opening weekend of the OUA's second half.

"It's got to be done right now. We've got another big weekend coming up. We're in a really tight race. I don't know if there's any points gap between second and eighth," said sophomore defenceman Linden Springer, who put the Wolves on the board first for a second straight night in the final minute of the opening period, his long shot eluding Brock goalie Clint Windsor.

"The standings aren't going to look the same tomorrow and probably won't after next weekend either. It's a big push from here on out and we need to start getting some points."

Sammy Banga finally solved LU goalie Justin McDonald, who stopped 28 shots on the night, his first of two on the night coming off a rebound at 4:35 of the second

His second came at an opportune time, with just 14 seconds to go in the period.

"If you have a TSN turning point, I think it was (that goal)," Bill McDonald said.

"It doesn't help when that happens."

The Thunderwolves had plenty of chances to put the puck past Windsor in the third. Rookie Devin Fullum was sent in alone on the Badgers goaltender while the Wolves were killing off a penalty, but fired the puck into Windsor's blocker. Carson Dubchak had a chance in close a little later in the period, but the puck was smothered by Windsor

Zach Whitlock, playing just his seventh game of the season, pulled the Wolves to within a goal with 41 seconds to play, but Brody Silk fired the puck into the empty net at 19:49.

"We're leaving quite pleased," said Brock coach and Thunder Bay native Murray Nystrom. "We knew today was going to be a different type of game than it was vesterday, and it was."

Claw marks: The Wolves were without captain Justin Sefton (upper body), E.J. Faust (heel) and Evan Mignault (upper body). All three are considered day-to-day. Attendance was 1,919.

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