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LOCAL NEWS

land at mall

BUSINESS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A major American retail giant is headed to Thunder Bay.

Marshalls, a self-described off-price store, will be setting up shop at Intercity Shopping Centre, taking over the space being vacated by HomeSense's looming departure from the mall.

HomeSense won't be leaving the city, but instead will join forces with sister company Winners Apparel in a combined store location at the Thunder Centre.

All three companies are owned by TJX Canada.

Company spokesperson Emily Lamb lastThursday said the new Marshalls store is expected to open in the fall of 2018.

Marshall's first arrived in Canada in 2011. with 41 open in Canada at the start of 2017 and 16 more expected to open by year's end. The company operates more than 1,000 locations in the United States.

Marshalls to Bench stands against bullies

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

embers of the Thunder Bay Police Service made a colourful donation to Crestview Public School on Wednesday.

Sporting bright pink dress shirts to stand up to bullying, officers dropped off a friendship bench for students to use to signal they need someone to talk to about any number of problems they might be facing in their every-day lives.

The bench, inspired by Florida teen Acacia Woodley, who was bullied as a child for her diminutive size, is a welcome addition to the rural school, said 12-year-old Katherine Deschenes, a Grade 7 student at Crestview.

"We're going to put it out in the hallway to show all the kids and parents and everyone that we don't support bullying and we want to stop it," Katherine said. "We support the people that are being bullied and we want to make it so they are happy and it just stops."

Unfortunately, despite the small size of her school, bullying still happens in the hallways and on the playground.

A friend of Katherine's was targeted more than

"She's one of my best friends. There's a few kids here who have been bullied that I know of," she said. "Just because it's a small area doesn't mean bad things don't happen."

Having a friendship bench is a step toward a solution, Katherine added.

"Definitely," she said.

Police Chief J.P. Levesque said it was the Thunder Bay Police Association whose members came up with the idea for the bench donation.

"If you're having a tough day, and maybe somebody is picking on you a little bit, come have a seat and hopefully a friend will join you. Maybe you make a new friend, but you've got somebody to support you," Levesque said.

"It's like a peer-support system. We thought it was a great idea."

Levesque said it's something they hope to bring to other schools as money becomes avail-

Crestview principal Joanne Giertuga said raising awareness about bullying is one of the best ways to prevent it from happening.

The bench has other uses too, she said.



THINK PINK: Members of the Thunder Bay Police Service visit Crestview Public School students last week.







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GETTING BETTER: Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepinescum (centre) has seen progress this year in S the city's approach to improving safety for children coming from remote First Nations communities to attend school in Thunder Bay.

Council scolded for its inquiry absence

CITY HALL By Jon Thompson - TB Source

The city's legal department advised city councillors not to attend the 2016 coroner's inquest into the deaths of seven First Nations youth who were living in Thunder Bay pursuing their education.

Considering those councillors were tasked with approving the municipality's response to the inquest's recommendations on Monday, their absence during the proceedings was a detail that didn't escape Nishnawbe Aski Nation Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum.

Noticably not there

"During the inquest, I'm not sure if any of you came to sit in that courtroom to listen to the testimony of the parents who lost their children and to the police officers and to others who were part of the inquest," Achneepineskum said.

"(Nishnawbe Nation Grand Chief Alvin

Fiddler) and I, the staff and our education partners made an effort to be part of that inquest. I don't remember seeing any of you there ... I believe you as a city council, you have the responsibility to ensure we don't keep losing our students.'

Coun. Rebecca Johnson was the only member of council who claimed to have watched a live stream of the inquest, but no elected official claimed to have attended in person. McKellar Coun. Paul Pugh and Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng formally apologized for their

"I'm afraid. I'm ashamed of myself for being afraid and not going," Ch'ng said through tears.

"I watched from the sidelines. I just read the articles and the reports but I

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and not

going."

SHELBY CH'NG

wasn't there and it was because I was afraid. My shop is within 10 metres of the courthouse and I didn't go once. And I'm sorry."

Council unanimously passed the plan, which includes developing \$1.35 million in youth programming over five years as well as improving recreation and mentorship opportunities.

Thunder Bay's ambition in the inquest's aftermath is planted in improving

communication and relationships with the Indigenous community. Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School and the Matawa Learning Centre representatives both expressed progress has been made over the last year.

Achneepineskum sees the city's response is moving faster and more effectively than either the provincial or federal governments.

"It is true there have been significant changes," she said.

"The city is willing to work with our students and our educational facilities here as well as the Thunder Bay Police Service is very receptive to working with our students in coming there and building those relationships. That's very impor-

New job

The Thunder Bay Police Services Board is creating a position designed to be permanently held by an Indigenous person but the new seat won't come with a vote. Both NAN and the board have committed to lobbying the province for that role to become a voting member, as Ontario is currently overhauling its Police Services Act.

"I did tell the police services board, having a resource person was not what we were looking for," Achneepineskum said.

"We accept that will be a temporary solution at this time but it's not one we'll accept as a long-term fixture."



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LOVE IT LOUD: Thunder Bay already has more than its fair share of music fans.

Making a music city can be done

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Graham Henderson says too many communities overlook music as a potential economic driver.

The CEO of Music Canada, he estimates the economic impact of the music industry in Ontario alone to be \$1.2 billion a year.

Paul Pepe, Thunder Bay's tourism manager, agrees.

"In 2014, 31,000 visitors to our region spent over \$7.3 million on live entertainment, live music in Northwestern Ontario," Pepe said on Wednesday, kicking off an afternoon conference aimed at helping Thunder Bay transition itself into Becoming a Music City.

"It's a big economic driver on so many levels. Not only does entertainment support local musicians and entertains local residents, it has an economic impact and a social impact that goes far beyond that as well."

Henderson was flush with examples of cities that have embraced music in a variety of different ways, pointing to Austin, Texas, Melbourne, Australia and Hamilton, Ont. as places that have become music friendly

The city of Austin, the home of Willie Nelson and Austin City Limits, includes music in every pitch trying to lure businesses, events and young people into their community.

There's not a reason a city like Thunder Bay couldn't unlock its Music City superpower, smash glass ceilings and create a better environment economically and culturally - and not necessarily just for music, Henderson said.

It involves everyone from the Chamber of Commerce, which put on the event, to city tourism and culture officials, to musicians, entrepreneurs and the music-listening public.

"You need to get all of these individuals from the community together in one room to start talking about the importance of music, understanding music maybe in a different way and the type of economic potential it can unlock," Henderson said.

It goes far beyond live music, he added.

While events like the Thunder Bay Blues Festival, Summer in the Parks, Rock the Fort and concerts at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium and local bars get the front-line attention, there's nothing stopping a behindthe-scenes industry from cropping up too, Henderson said.

"We've got a competitive advantage with music here, and what we really need to start to do is marketing that to the world," Henderson aid.

"Our experience is this scales. It doesn't matter whether you're in Collingwood, London, Ont. or Thunder Bay. You will have opportunities. I wouldn't write it off just because of a geographic location.

Well-known local musician Jean-Paul De Roover, who spoke on Wednesday, said it's all about bridging the business side of the industry with the talent.

"It's getting the first step of a conversation going in order to identify what it is the community wants, what it is we really need, and what we're going to be doing as we move into the future."

LOCALNEWS

Parks suffer death by a thousand cuts

CITY HALL

By John Thompson - TB Source

Managing city spending is no walk in the park, but one city councilor is growing worried over what local residents are beginning to see when they walk through their parks.

Current River Coun. Andrew Foulds voted against cuts to parks every time they arose over the 2017 municipal budget process, which on Tuesday ended with a 3.59 per cent levy increase.

"It's almost like a death by a thousand cuts," Foulds said. "Just a little bit here and a little bit there and all of a sudden, our parks system isn't what we want it to be for our citizens."

Council voted down Foulds' attempt to continue funding for the sleigh-ride program at

Centennial Park in his ward. Ceasing to offer the program will save the city only \$13,300 a year.

ANDREW FOULDS

"I see this as a real loss to the kids of the community. I see it as a real loss of life experience," Foulds said. "I remember going to the sleigh rides at Centennial Park. It's one of those experiences that lasts a lifetime and I think it's a real loss to this community that we'll no longer have that."

Foulds was successful in saving the Muskeg Express from budget cuts.

The miniature train at Centennial Park will continue to have a \$15,300 annual impact on the city's budget.

Those decisions were made on the same night as council voted down a motion that would have saved the Chippewa Wildlife Exhibit from permanent closure. The zoo's closure will save the city a net \$83,000 annually. The move to reduce Chippewa Park's rides and Centennial Park's Logging Camp and Museum from seven days a week to five will save the city a total of \$25,100.

The budget came a month after city administration issued a report showing 55 per cent of city parks to be "in very poor condition," when the waterfront park is excluded from the calculation.

The city will spend \$8.2 million on parks operations in 2017, 1.8 per cent more than it did in 2016 but

nearly half that increase was reinstated through the budget process.

Foulds pointed out that investment won't close what has become a maintenance gap in the parks department. He hopes to make parks an election issue in 2018.

"Until council realizes the value of maintaining parks like a building, like a road or like any other asset, you need to make the ongoing investment, the ongoing maintenance so you're not hit with catastrophic costs or closures "

City administration projects capital investment in parks will continue to fall over its three-year plan, however. The city will spend a net \$2 million of its \$406-million budget on parks renewal this year and that expenditure is expected to be cut in half in its 2018 budget. Net recreation trail expenses will fall from \$475,000 this year to \$200,000 next year, then be reduced again to \$150,000 in 2019.

The \$185,000 spent on sports fields this year in preparation for the 2017 Under 18 Baseball World Cup will fall to \$145,000 in each of the subsequent two years, including a 70 per cent reduction.

The urban forest program is the only program whose budget is estimated to rise. Its envelope will grow from \$780,000 in 2017 to \$855,000 in 2018 and \$930,000 in 2019, largely due to the cost of confronting the invasive emerald ash borer.

City director of engineering Kayla Dixon said the 2017 parks budget reflects a bump in the three-year forecast, thanks to additional federal funding.

"At this point, there has not been a specific focus on investment in parks. We are still determining what our infrastructure gap is there," Dixon said.

"That would involve some direction by council to increase that and then a decision: do we increase that by itself or increase that and have a reduction someplace else?"



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EDITORIAL

Absence deafening

City council made a mistake. Last year, while the inquiry into the deaths of seven Aboriginal youths was making national headlines, our elected municipal representatives stayed away.

They acted on the advice of the city's legal team, who told them not to attend the courtroom hearings.

The question that remains is why.

Clearly the city was going to play a huge role in helping to enact any of the recommendations that emerged.

Councillors weren't going to be called to the stand, nor were they going to be held personally responsible for the awful, tragic ends met by the seven who died while attending school in the city.

They had nothing to lose and everything to gain by showing up and showing their support, trying to grasp an understanding of the troubles and dangers faced by teenagers forced to attend school hundreds of miles from home.

There's no question council and the mayor are sympathetic to the plight of those who died and their families.

But actions, so they say, speak louder than words.

Showing up, even just occasionally, would have sent the message that there was a true desire to help enact the change so badly needed.

More importantly, it would have given council better insight into the problem and shown the family of the victims just how serious they are about finding solutions that actually work.

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Liberals killed hydro

To the editor:

Provincial Liberals sabotaged Ontario hydro. Look at our own power generating station. We should have converted it to natural gas which is twice as cheap as the pellets from Norway.

These pellets also don't count towards emissions because they take into consideration the amount of oxygen a tree creates during its life span.

In reality these things could be even worse than coal when burning.

Then we are also getting our Hydro One sold right from underneath us. I find that no different then me selling my neighbour's car and keeping the money to pay off my gambling bills.

It should be all the taxpayers of Ontario that should start a huge classaction law suit because we own that. I'd rather see us with the money than the crooked Wynne government even if it was just \$5 apiece.

To top it all off we watch a greedy crooked bastard go from \$750,000 a year to \$4 million a year?

No wonder our hydro bills are the most expensive in North America.

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> Darrell Brassard, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Fixing Thunder Bav

To the editor:

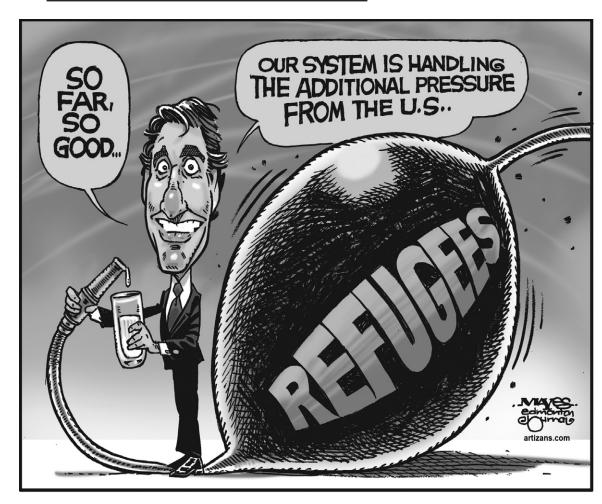
'm a Thunder Bay fan and always will be. It is one of the most beautiful settings for a city in Canada; from the calm shores of Lake Superior to the rolling mountains surrounding the city. It's what's in-between that needs the conversation.

I was always the one in the middle, clouded with defending my city to the "haters" (aka a large percentage of locals).

Constantly highlighting the good and not acknowledging the bad. Attending news conferences on grand openings and funding announcements, while closing my eyes as I passed the rotting buildings and vacant urban land.

The number one issue with Thunder Bay is not the lack of civic pride, racism, substance abuse, etc. The number one issue facing Thunder Bay is the understanding that its population is not going to grow.

There's been a carrot dangling in front of decision-makers and citizens, which changes year after year of what's going to create or attract the population; from health innovation to geology research to immigration to education. Some of these have occurred, some have not. The truth is LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



the data does not support any growth, but actual decline.

What does this mean? Is all lost for Thunder Bay? Absolutely not. What do you do if you lose your job

and you're on 50 per cent of your original income?

You spend 50 per cent less. The average cost per taxpayer for city services for someone who lives downtown in a city is \$1,416. The average cost per taxpayer for city services for someone who lives rurally is \$3,462.

By urbanizing Thunder Bay, it can effectively cut city service costs by 50 per cent for those residents.

What does urbanizing include? Defining the services that your citizens receive, where those services operate and limiting sprawl of those services and development.

Thunder Bay needs to be a lot smaller. The first step in becoming a small city is understanding you're a small city. Say it out loud everyone, "Thunder Bay is a small city, and it's OK." It hurts, I know.

The population density is too low causing the cost of service to skyrocket.

Neebing Ward: A tax revenue versus the cost of service study needs to occur to understand the cost of this ward. If the cost per taxpayer for services exceeds what taxpayers are willing to pay, Neebing Ward needs to become a township or merge with Oliver-Painoonge.

Chippewa Park: You don't need a study to understand that this park operates at a loss. Building refurbishments and maintenance costs alone does not justify the quality-of-life impact on local residents. Here is a great opportunity to approach Fort William First Nation and discuss handing the land back to the original owners.

Fort William First Nation: Any community that uses services from another community, pays for those services.

This is such a touchy topic due to the fear of sounding prejudiced, but all Thunder Bay services used, need to be paid for; ambulance, fire, transit, etc. I challenge you to find another community that leaves its city limits to provide free service to neighbouring communi-

Council: There's a document in Thunder Bay called the Official Plan. It's a document updated frequently based on data and research to provide a land use plan for city development.

This document is constantly being vetoed by council to approve development projects outside areas where they should be.

Council needs to wrap its head around the fact that development doesn't always mean increased tax revenue. As discussed earlier, the cost of service for

these rural (outside the planned development zones) residents are dramatically higher.

Administration: A review of services offered by the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay needs to occur. It hurts me to say this as a vocal socialist, but there are certain services better left to private industry that Thunder Bay is currently offering. This review is not only for the services offered, but for where they are offered as well.

The intensification of services will assist in the intensification of citizen dwellings/commercial activity.

Not to compare Thunder Bay to Detroit, but they are learning a real lesson right now about sprawl and cost of service.

Not having the funds to continue service to the suburbs that sprawled during the time of 'wild-west-planning' and cheap cars and fuel, the city now offers incentives for citizens to move to the urban area.

Once intensification occurs in Thunder Bay, city budgets can be then focused on quality services to serve its citizens and affordably address the plethora of other issues facing the community.

There's real opportunity to disrupt the constant; the uncomfortable conversation just needs to start.

> Jonathan Hendel. Waterloo, Ont.

ALL SASS

Laughter is human

The ability to laugh emerges at two or three months

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

Sometimes I feel like I could really use a few good laughs – how about you?

During a recent Googlequest I noticed a large number of on-line videos devoted to laughing babies.

My curiosity got the better of me and I clicked into a parade of chuckling, chortling, babbling babies and toddlers.

Some were laughing uncontrollably and it wasn't long before I was too the sight and sound of childish laughter is irresistibly uplifting.

I continued my search and soon discovered a CTV documentary, Laughology, which questions why babies are laughing and why we laugh along with them.

This filmis narrated by a man who lost the ability to laugh and follows him on his quest to retrieve the

The story describes how he fell off the laugh track, how he climbed back on and what he discovered about human laughter along the way.

Parents are always amazed and amused when they first hear their $in fants \ laughing-most \ babies \ begin$ to laugh cheerfully between two and three months of age.

Long before they learn to speak, they can communicate with smiles and laughter.

But it isn't something they learn from their parents or something they imitate after seeing and hearing other people laugh.

Blind children also begin laughing at two or three months - so do children who can neither see nor hear.

This shows us that human laughter is a very primal response, one that can be traced back millions of years to prehistoric times.

The earliest humans needed to communicate in order to survive and laughter, as opposed to aggression, was a useful social lubricant.

It created harmony and promoted the teamwork and co-operation

needed to cope with a very challenging environment.

Laughing is an involuntary, instinctive response triggered deep within our subconscious minds.

That's why it is so hard to suppress a sudden laugh, even when you know it will be inappropriate or embarrassing.

It's out of our control, we can't choose when to laugh.

Nothing is more painful to witness than the squeals, squeaks, gasps and snorts of someone trying to hold in a good belly laugh.

By the same token, you can't summon laughter on demand - the result will always be insincere, awkward and nobody else will be laughing.

However, when we do laugh authentically and enthusiastically our minds and bodies react in interesting

Having a good laugh boosts the

immune system and triggers the release of neuropeptides which combat stress and disease.

Laughter releases a surge of dopamine, the "feel good" hormone, which reduces tension and triggers other positive responses.

Intense laughter involves both body and mind in what can be an intense physical engagement.

We are all familiar with expressions such as rolling in the aisle or busting a gut from laughing so hard.

When we are convulsed or doubled over with laughter our internal organs are stimu-

> lated. The physical demands of laughter require us to inhale more oxygen, giving heart and lungs a boost and a

workout. Just as important are the social benefits of a few good

Modern humans depend on laughter as a social lubricant to promote a sense of community,

just like our early ancestors. It is an effective tool for making and maintaining important social bonds because laughter is infectious.

It spreads like wildfire and once started it is very difficult to extin-

Laughing is very good for you on many different levels and if you don't believe me, check out the laughing babies and try not to laugh with them.

Right now, everybody could use a few good laughs, am I right?

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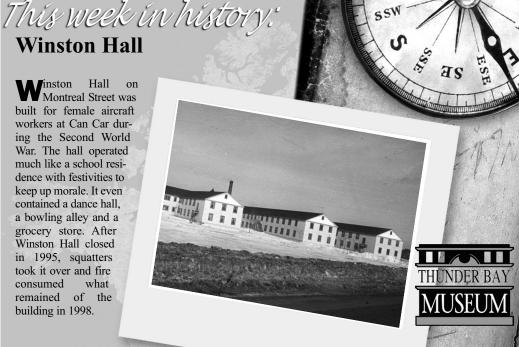
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Rafferty likes look of leadership race

Charlie Angus, Guy Caron have joined the hunt for top NDP job

POLITICS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ormer NDP MP John Rafferty says he'd be fine with any of the three announced candidates in the party's federal leadership race.

The battle grew by two on Monday, with Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie

S pring is the time for house sales and renovation projects. Besides deciding

Angus and Quebec MP Guy Caron has to make a straight line toward the (Rimouski-Neigette-

Témiscouata-Les Basques) throwing their names into the ring, joining B.C.'s Peter Julian (Burnaby-New Westminster) in the mix.

Rafferty said all three candidates have areas of expertise and would make good leaders going up against the Liberal government of Prime Minister JOHN RAFFERTY Justin Trudeau.

Successful home purchases and

renovations start with a budget

goals that Canadians want,"

Rafferty said, taking a poke at Trudeau by calling him the pipeline prime minister.

He wants a leader who is willing to properly address climate change in an effective way and also deal with income disparity and the growth and advancement of the middle class.

"And I think the third key is to ensure the promises

Indigenous people in Canada."

The former Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP, who served from 2008 to 2015, said there's a lot to like about all three announced candidates, starting with Caron.

"He has very economically sound judgment when it comes to finances," Rafferty said.

Angus, the NDP critic of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, is as knowledgeable as it gets on the needs of Canada's Aboriginal people, Rafferty said.

"As far as Indigenous people and their issues, I don't think there is a better candidate," Rafferty said, adding it would also be nice to see a Northern Ontarian at the helm of the party, currently led by Thomas Mulcair, who was ousted last year during the party's annual convention.

Julian would have the best handle on the proper approach to climate change.

"All three of them bring particular skills to the job," Rafferty said. The 63-year-old former politician has

not publicly stated who he plans to

"Not at the moment," he said, adding he knows all three very well.



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READY TO FUNDRAISE: William Roberts plays at Intercity Shipping Centre to kick off the Walk for Alzheimer's campaign launch.

Walk for Alzheimer's returning on May 27

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Taking last year's Walk for Alzheimer's outdoors proved to be such a big success organizers decided to do it again in 2017.

Randy Moore, president of the Alzheimer's Society of Thunder Bay, on Thursday said their first venture to Prince Arthur's Landing brought in a record \$60,000, so this time around they're shooting for

"It's basically the biggest fundraiser we have every year," Moore said. "The walk brings together families and individuals who have been affected by dementia

and Alzheimer's, and people who are just supportive of the organization.

"We raise funds and do a walk around the waterfront."

The money is a key component to the local chapter's ability to provide services to clients in the city, where there ares about 2,300 people living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

"Them, and their care partners, both need a lot of support and we help provide a lot of knowledge and a lot of the information that helps

them along that path," Moore said. "This fundraiser is imperative. We couldn't function without it. This walk alone raises almost 10 per cent of our annual budget and every dollar that's raised stays in Thunder Bay. The funds are used to provide counseling, group support, public education - any one of the numerous programs we offer at the Alzheimer's Society of Thunder

The walk is scheduled to take place on May 27 at Prince Arthur's

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Limb risking

Sheer ice. No grip. How the heck was I to get the water hose to the horse water tub? That was the puzzler with which I had to deal Saturday.

The Big Melt had reduced significantly snow banks and created a fast-flowing river in front of the paddock. "Great," I thought, "soon we will have solid, bare ground upon which to walk." It wasn't to be. Mid-way during the wonderful warm and melting ice and snow, the

Mid-way during the wonderful warm and melting ice and snow, th temperature dropped.

Not to worry, I thought, as the next morning I tentatively stepped on the newly-formed ice. My boot went through, breaking the surface, and melt water slowly swirled around it. What I didn't consider was that the temperature was to drop even further the next night and with it would come a stiff wind.

The following morning I sat in my comfy chair in our living room, fire crackling in the fireplace, mug of coffee firmly gripped in my paw, cat nestled in my lap as I attempted to read my latest book.



Outside, still dark. I had an hour before I had to awaken wife and children and get them off to school and work.

My attention was drawn to the sound of a dull roar that came and went. I could feel the house being gripped by

a strong wind. "Well," I thought, "so nice to be in a warm and cozy 'hoosie" as I snuggled a bit further into the chair, the cat complaining about the movement and being ever-so-slightly disturbed.

What had occurred outside came to light after family had departed for their respective appointments (school, college, work) and I opened the door to head across the yard with pooches to bring in equines and give them their morning grain.

The blast of wind rapidly sought any opening in my apparel. I actually had to encourage Baxter, the short-haired one, to come outside. We trooped across the yard to the barn and instead of hanging about outside, the dogs eagerly barged past me when I opened the entrance door.

Feed in stalls, I made the perilous journey to the gate to the Winter Paddock where the horses had spent the night chowing down on the round, hay bale.

The wind was quite ferocious, whipping around the corner of the barn. The approach to the paddock gate is a down-hill slope, not steep but when I stepped on it I almost went skating. Sheer ice. What had been but a thin crust the previous day had solidified such that my weight and, as I learned a few minutes later, that of the horses, didn't break through.

So walking wasn't just tricky, it was hazardous. I slipped a couple of times but managed to remain upright. What worried me was the horses and how they would manage to negotiate this rink in their attempt to get to the barn.

The horses were all waiting at the gate for me to let them loose. The horses quickly assessed the "sit-chee-ay-shun" (as my father used to say) and, instead of making a straight line for the barn, headed for a patch of snow that was to the side. In single file they formed a new path that permitted them to cross the stretch between the gate and the top of the rise avoiding the ice. Phew! No broken limbs.

All fine and dandy for them; what about me who had to get a water hose to their tub? The problem is that I don't have any loose sand or gravel that I could spread on icy surfaces.

While the horses were inside out of the wind and eating their grain, I hauled out the hose reel and unwound the hose, walking it to the tub. There is only a ten-foot expanse where I had to risk limbs, tentatively placing each foot until I could step on rock-hard snow (thanks to the howling wind) and proceed to the water tub. Then I had to retrace my steps to turn on the water and again, head back to the tub to make sure water was, in fact, flowing into the tub, then, satisfied, head back to free the horses from their stalls. Somehow, I managed not to fall.

The horses drifted out of the barn and found alternate routes through snow that permitted good footing until they made it through the gate and then up to the round hay bale.

So now I just have to wait for Jack Frost et Co. to depart and allow the warmer temperatures to finish what they began lo' those several weeks ago. At my age, I'm not a keen limb-risker.

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Get the Full Monty experience

Cambrian Players to present the full musical version of The Full Monty

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

hances are, if you visit a favourite Great-aunt for afternoon tea and mention "full monty" she will know what you're talking about. This eyebrow-raising, blush-causing Britexpression is actually quite accurate. It means "everything which is necessary, appropriate, or possible." Put bluntly, it means "the works". Gee, that could apply to lots of things in life, wouldn't you agree?

When Cambrian Players present The Full Monty to Thunder Bay audiences next week, they'll be goin' all the way with the American Broadway musical

It's hard to read the expression in Pam Lukowski's lovely blue eyes. I've just asked about her 12-year old son Nathan, and now her husband, her ex, has just invisibly slipped into our conversation. Actor Lukkaroinen's body tenses. "I'd like us to be friends, but that's up to him. I really need some child support." She hesitates. "I'm in another relationship these days, with a very, very nice man. But Jerry still has to keep his end of the bargain.

My social life?" Pam smiles. "Well, the girls and I love to go to Tony Giardano's club. Recently the Chippendales were there! Before, the only thing I got to see on a night out



THE WORKS: Mari Lukkaroinen and Neil Paterson on the set of The Full Monty.

were the Buffalo Bills. That's a basketball team." She's back to a frown.

Now it's my turn to hesitate, as I try imagining a Chippendale show. "Oh it's so much fun," gushes Pam. "Just watchin' that guy, up there dancing, and we got to put money into his pants! It was quite the show!" I notice Pam is smiling again.

Jerry Lukowski is a responsible hardworking guy. One look into serious eyes, tawny with flecks of light, and immediately I also think to myself this guy is adventurous. Actor Neil Paterson makes his Cambrian debut as Jerry the ex-steel worker, unemployed for 6 months now. He's also an ex-husband. Quietly he states "I'm broke." That can't feel good. "But I've got some ideas, so the boys and I have a few decisions to make." He grins, leans back in a stackable wood-metal chair and tells me when it comes right down to it he's no shy nervous-nelly type. "And I'm pretty good at recruiting others to follow my lead." I notice again that tawny light in Jerry's eyes.

Wearing her first director's hat with Cambrian this time is Candy Badanai.

She notes Cambrian's production is about much more than what its title conjures in most people's minds. "There's actually a very good story here. To do with body image, yes, but it's also a great musical. We're having lots of fun pulling this show together for our audience."

As said, the storyline does contain some human and very current themes: unemployment; blue-collar roles; depression; parents' rights; homosexuality; impotence; suicide. Yet such serious topics are balanced off nicely by anticipation and the expectation of, well, you-know-what. Candy smiles. "In the end, this is The Full Monty. Through life's up's and down's for sure, but in the end we're takin' you all the

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Magnus presents Of Human Bondage

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

seems a timeless tale. When W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965) penned his classic tragedy about human need for love and beauty, for creative passion, and the resulting damage when passion becomes obsession, he knew a thing or two about the society into which he was born. What could Maugham or anyone else have done to alter Victorian

Of Human Bondage, adapted for the stage by contemporary playwright Vern Thiessen, is resurrected in perfect style and scope and nuance at Magnus Theatre next week.

The Source met with three actors who effortlessly transported me back over a century to England and a time when pomp and fuss, ambition and class, ideals, and the escape from poverty outweighed most anything people were

struggling to achieve.

Raven-haired Gabriella Colavecchio is a natural beauty. No wonder her character Mildred attracts her share of attention in the busy London tea-house where she works. When asked about her dreams in life, it is clear Mildred has made up her mind. "If I had my way, I'd marry this German businessman I've met. He's doing very well for himself; earns seven pounds a week."

There are stars in her eyes.

"We'd live in Birmingham, maybe even Germany. He'd take me to lavish parties; I'd have beautiful gowns, and pearls. And I'd go dancing every night. How I'd love to go dancing every night!

Phillip? Oh, I suppose he's nice enough. He's reliable. A bit boring, but reliable." She doesn't have much more to say about Phillip.

Ken James Stewart's gaze is unwaveringly sincere. As Phillip, he seems rather shy; there's a slight hesitation in his



A TIMELESS TALE: Ken James Stewart as Phillip Carey and Gabriella Colavecchio as Mildred Rogers rehearse for the upcoming Magnus production Of Human Bondage.

every word. He seems a man of dashed hopes. "Well, yes, being a painter was my dream. I went to Paris, studied, and painted. But," he looks straight at me and I can see the anguish in his eyes, "I realized I was nothing but mediocre. Being a man who cannot live with mediocrity, I did the smart thing, returned to London and now am studying medicine.

"Mildred?" Phillip is reluctant to reveal his true heart to me. "She's, well, she's unlike anyone I've ever met. She's not what one would call classically beautiful. And, she isn't kind. But she is..." Phillip

sighs and stops. "I'm sorry, I cannot speak adequately about her." He's flushed. And now he can't seem to meet my gaze.

Phillip's friend, Cronshaw, is also an artist; but actor Kevin Hare couldn't be more unlike his reticent associate. His boisterous self-confidence and swaggering manner takes a bit of getting used to. "How is life for me?" He leans closer. "Well, I've three different sexually transmitted diseases; I prefer to get my daily caloric intake from alcohol rather than food; and sometimes I don't have a place to live."

Now Cronshaw looks straight at me.

"But I'm very, very happy." I can see he's serious. "Phillip? He is lovely. A shining light. I have great hope for him; I wish him ever and only the best." Again I see he is absolutely serious, and sincere.

Of Human Bondage opens at Magnus on Monday, March 6. Don't miss this remarkable production.

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EDUCATION OR GLORIFICATION?: The shooting in an Orlando nightclub sparked vigils across the United States.

Reliving the real horror in Orlando



Univision's weekly news show Crónicas de Sábado recently aired a special re-enactment of the 2016 Pulse nightclub mass shooting complete with actors and special effects. They called it Baño de Sangre. Translated, it means Blood Bath.

The producers interviewed the survivors shortly after the massacre which killed 49, many of whom were still in shock and emotionally traumatized. Some had no memory of the interviews while others claim they thought they were speaking with news reporters.

Just months later, Univision began promoting the episode that included actors and special effects. So it's no surprise that the victims along with Orlando's LGBTQ community condemned the show and asked Univision to re-think its broadcast.

Univision responded by removing the commercials promoting the show and releasing a statement that the show would be "deeply respectful of the many people whose lives were impacted by this tragedy." Then they aired the show as planned.

In this age when nearly everyone has a Smart Phone and generations are developing a narcissistic need to share their images with the world, television news has unlimited access to real-time video. Networks air footage of a police stand-off at a college campus while it's still going on thanks to bystanders uploading images at alarming speeds.

Consequently, we have clearer - and yet more unclear - information about the events in our world. They're blurry, full of panic and horror, offering more shock and awe than actual facts. But they get ratings.

And true crime partial re-enactments have been a popular television tool for decades. So is it any surprise that these producers went one step further with added blood and special effects? After all, realism is necessary to get the complete

The question is: Do we need this picture?

Shortly after a woman was killed on Highway 61 this past January, dashcam footage of the three-car accident was aired during the TBT News Hour. Was this appropriate? Or necessary?

With the growing concern over the safety of that stretch of road, there was a strong argument that the video would have educational value to the public. The images were slightly blurry and at a distance so no one's privacy was invaded. No one's personal loss exploited. However, it did clarify what happened better than the postaccident photos.

Can Univision say the same? Given the preponderance of violence in entertainment, most adults can imagine what it was like with a gunman shooting inside the crowded Pulse nightclub.

And what is the educational value? Is this a how-to video for the next generation of crazed killers?

Every day, television news must decide what kind of visuals to add to their stories. It can be a fine line between information and intrusion. Education and glorification.

Real news focuses on the former. Fake news takes advantage of the latter.

Obviously, the survivors and the victims' families didn't have to watch Blood Bath's violent re-enactment. Most probably didn't. But now it's out there. And it should have been enough for everyone the first time.

Do you have an opinion to share?

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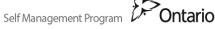
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QUICK RUN: Sophle-Anne Robinson of Thunder Bay finished fourth in the women's slalom races last Friday at Loch Lomond.

Local skiers shine

SKIING By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Aaron Puskas has a big decision looming.

An up-and-coming star football player with the St. Ignatius Falcons, the Thunder Bay teen has also proven he knows his way around a ski hill, if his results at this week's Canadian Under-16 Alpine Ski Championships at Loch Lomond Ski Area are any indica-

Puskas finished third in Tuesday's super giant slalom competition and was one better in the slalom race, finishing in second.

"The first day, the Super G, was amazing. Finishing third was everything I could have hoped for," Puskas said.

"After the second day I was pretty upset after falling, but you know what, having another day like today where I came down in second, I feel amazing. It's really great."

A force on the gridiron who last fall helped the Falcons win a fifth straight junior title, Puskas said skiing has been a family passion for

as long as he can remember.

Choosing between the two isn't easy, but skiing has one thing football doesn't.

"I love speed. Speed is amazing. I love going quick," he said. "The feeling of arcing a ski, that feeling of shredding it is awesome."

The results this week have given the teenager confidence he might have a future in the sport.

"This is what I've been training day and night for. It's always been on my mind. Hopefully skiing can take me (to) a job, maybe racing with the Canadian ski team at some point. Hopefully on the World Cup circuit," Puskas said.

"That's what I'm going for."

Puskas wasn't the only local skier who showed the skills needed to compete with the best athletes the country has to offer.

Sophie-Anne Robinson, a Grade 10 student at Ecole secondaire Catholique de la Verendrye, was fourth in Friday's women's slalom race, having finished 25th in the combined race and 29th in the

The 15-year-old thinks she could

have done better earlier in the week, but isn't dwelling on it

"The first two days weren't my best, but today I felt like this will be my best day," she said.

"I was hoping to get a top 10 finish in the giant slalom, but I fell yesterday. It was pretty rough. But the day before that the conditions were really soft and everyone had a really hard time in the slalom."

Event chair Dave Bradley said despite the weather challenges, the races have run smoothly all week.

"The opinion of most of the people across the country is that this crew that has run this race for the last four days has done an amazing job dealing with the conditions we've been presented with," he said, noting the warm weather and rain that descended on the city earlier in the competition.

Thunder Bay put itself on the alpine skiing map, he added.

"We're really showing the country just what potential our community has for hosting these type of events, and also training,' Bradley said.

McCarville takes fourth at Scotties

Rrista McCarville came up short in her bid for Scotties bronze.

The Thunder Bay skip on Sunday dropped a 7-4 decision to Team Canada's Chelsea Carey, a rink they'd beaten twice already during the round robin and in the 3-4 Page Playoff game.

McCarville surrendered a three-point end in the sixth to trail 4-2, followed by a steal of two by Carey to put the match away.

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Falcons sweep, claim provincial berth

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The St. Ignatius Falcons barely broke a sweat on Saturday in winning a third straight NorWOSSA varsity boys basketball championship.

Jared Kreiner posted 23 points to lead the Falcons to an 81-33 triumph over the visiting Fort Frances Muskies, clinching a sweep in their best-of-three regional final. The win earns St. Ignatius a trip to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association's provincial championship starting March 6 in Sault Ste. Marie.

"It feels great, it's the second year in a row for me and the third year of the program," said Kreiner, whose father Jon coaches the Lakehead Thunderwolves women's team.

"We got off to a good start yesterday and got the W and we kept strolling through."

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The outcome was never really in doubt, the Falcons jumping out to a 30-10 lead after the opening eight minutes and took a 50-20 advantage into the half.

They kept the pedal to the metal to open the third, a 15-2 run ensuring the Muskies would not pull off a miraculous second-half comeback to force a third and deciding game later in the day.

"It's great, just to get another win under our belts is amazing," said Jayme Koski, who hit double digits with 10 points, tied for second on the Falcons with centre Austin Burchat.

"It was just a good team win, with a lot of open shots with passing and breaking down the press. They just couldn't stop us."

It's just step two in a three-step process, Koski said, acknowledging the road to step three, a provincial championship, will be much tougher next week in Sault Ste. Marie.

He's hopeful Saturday's win will be

a springboard to success at provin-

"We've just got to get better at the little things," the 6-foot-6 17-yearold Grade 12 student said.

"Boxing out, pushing up the floor teams are going to be a lot faster down there."

St. Ignatius coach Matt Erdman said it gives his team another opportunity to make a name for itself at the provincial level.

"It's been our goal all year to get back to OFSAA and hopefully win a couple of games and see where that takes us," Erdman said.

"I think if we take care of the ball and limit our turnovers from that standpoint, and make some shots, I think there's a good opportunity for us to do something really well.'

Aaron Bujold led the Muskies with nine points, while Andrew Hanson finished with seven.

The OFSAA championship begins on March 6.



BALL BATTLE: Falcons forward Carter Harris (right) is pushed by the Muskles Aaron Bujold.





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HUGE HIT: Olivia Bowman makes a shot in her final game with Lakehead.

LU volleyball drops finale

VOLLEYBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

t was a season full of frustration and missed opportunities. The Lakehead Thunderwolves women's volleyball team on Saturday night had a chance to take a two-set lead on the visiting Ryerson Rams, a team that sits just outside the national top 10 rankings.

Instead they ran out of gas and watched their opponent close out the regular season by capturing three straight sets, landing the Wolves in last place for the second time in three seasons.

The Rams dropped the first set 25-20, edged LU 25-23 in the second, the closed out the victory with a 25-10 win in the third and a 25-20 triumph in the decisive fourth.

It's the story of the season, said departing outside hitter Kailan Robinson, who leaves the team after four seasons.

"It was rough. We started out so well and there was just some times when we had no focus, no motivation to just push through," Robinson said.

"It's rough when we have those breakdowns, but Ryerson is a good team, so it was a hard game."

It was Robinson who used the word frustration to describe the nowcompleted campaign.

"There are lots of times, ifs, ands or buts when we could have done so many things. We have so much potential and it's said that our record doesn't show that," she said.

The Thunderwolves finish the year at 4-15, their fewest victories since 2012-13, when they went a woeful 1-17.

Cobourg, Ont.'s Olivia Bowman also played her final game for Lakehead on Saturday night and said she'll try to remember the good times on and off the court, rather than where they wound up in the standings the past couple of years.

"It's one big family. We didn't get the W, but we ended it on a positive note and we had a lot of fun. We played our hearts out and I enjoyed every second of it. It was awesome," Bowman said.

"It was missed opportunities on some wins we could have had, especially with some times like tonight, when we played so well. It just shows how we could have done. It's disappointing, but we had a really good year, a lot of growth and a lot of learning this year."

For coach Green, the end of the season means looking forward to next fall, knowing he has to replace two starters and three other key contributors – Sara Potter, Rachel Moore and Christie Lowe – who won't be back.

"We drop some experience, but we gain size. We've got a really good crop of young big kids coming in. So we're going to pick up size, we're going to pick up some new energy and we're going to pick up kids with experience," Green said.

"Now we've got to train them to replace those four or five who are graduating."

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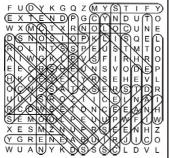
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