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LEITH DUNICK

GOING DOWN: Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro applauds his parties 25 per cent Hydro rate cut.

Hydro rates cut

MPP Mauro says move not a political ploy

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro last Friday shrugged off accusations the Ontario government is slashing electricity rates to lift the Liberals out of polling purgatory.

A day earlier, Premier Kathleen Wynne announced the province would cut residential hydro rates by 25 per cent, refinancing debt over 30 years instead of 20.

The move will provide immediate savings, but ultimately cost billions more in interest costs over the additional 10-year period.

"I think that I've been asked that question every time I've made an announcement for the last six months," Mauro said at a news conference held to explain how the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan would be rolled out this summer.

"I guess I could stop working on behalf of the people of Thunder Bay-Atikokan, if that's the suggestion. There will be other announcements I'll be making in the next 12 or 14 or 16 months that I've been working on for a very long time."

Mauro also bristled at suggestions by Queen's Park opposition parties that the Liberals, mired in third place in a recent Forum poll, waited too long to provide relief to electricity customers overburdened by high monthly bills, pointing to a number of initiatives embarked on by the province designed to help homeowners and the business sector.

"We've brought lots of programs forward already, including a Northern Ontario energy tax credit, including a senior's tax grant and other programs that are being enhanced today as well," Mauro said.

"So I would suggest if their comment is this is a beginning point for our government, they're completely, completely off base."

Mauro acknowledged critics have jumped on the Liberals for stretching the payment

plan for up to \$50 billion in generation, transmission and distribution assets, over an extra decade, but the Thunder Bay-Atikokan MPP said it's really righting a mistake made in the past.

"If we had originally structured the investments as 30-year payments instead of 20, we wouldn't be here having this conversation today. We made an implementation choice to do it over 20 years. We're now choosing to do it over 30," Mauro said.

"These assets will be serving the people of the province of Ontario over 30 years. I think you can make a great argument that the costs associated with those assets should be spread over the life of the asset and that's what we're doing."

The cost-saving includes an already promised eight per cent reduction that would see the provincial sales tax portion of energy costs eliminated. A new Affordability Fund at the same time will enhance the Ontario Electricity Support Program, which will now be funded by the province, and the Rural or Remote Rate Protection, which provides even more savings to residents living outside major centres. First Nations residents living on-reserve will also receive a delivery

credit.

Mauro said electricity costs have risen for a number of reasons, with inflation and the end of coal-generated power.

Charla Robinson, president of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the rate reductions with open arms.

"We believe that a lot of small and medium enterprises will be able to take advantage of this cut ... Certainly this is something that businesses will be eagerly awaiting the bill that comes in with the rebate in the summer," Robinson.

"And it definitely will have a positive impact on the economy because we do know this has been having an impact on folks' discretionary spending allowances."

"We've brought a lot of programs forward already..."
BILL MAURO

LOCAL NEWS

Wall's face chosen

CITY HALL
By Jon Thompson – TB Source

The High Street retaining wall won't have its traditional rock face when it's rebuilt this summer but it will look like rock.

Council ordered its administration to tender the \$2.4-million project with a precast pressed concrete exterior on Monday, bringing a long debate to a close.

Other options included restoring the "rubble" stone and commissioning a mural commemorating the city's contribution to the First World War.

"I like the plan. I think the wall they're going to put up, it's really nice," said Red River Coun. Brian McKinnon, who has watched the wall rise to become a top infrastructure issue in his ward over nearly three years. He was relieved to have it settled.

"They're going to use some of the old brick they're taking down on some of the stairs to maintain some of that as well. It's going to be very attractive."

McKinnon compared the construction choice to a similar structure on Belrose Road.

Coun. Frank Pullia and McKellar Coun. Paul Pugh cast dissenting votes.

Engineers have expressed concerns over the wall since 2008. The latest reports have referred to the wall as



NEW PLAN: Council has chosen precast pressed concrete for the High Street wall.

"I like the plan. I think the wall they're going to put up, it's really nice."
BRIAN MCKINNON

being in the poorest condition among all municipally-owned structures. Its rehabilitation was deferred when council passed the city's 2016 budget and city administration insisted it be included in 2017.

"This project cannot be deferred. The structure must be stabilized," reads a report administration submitted to council this week.

"There is no evidence to support that the structure behind the stone and mortar face is sound. If replacement does not proceed in 2017,

safeguards must be put in place to protect public safety."

While city engineering director Kayla Dixon eased concerns the leaning wall could collapse onto High Street, she advised council Cornwall Avenue at the top of the wall is at risk.

"I believe the wall needs to be replaced and there is jeopardy of localized failures," she said.

Rodney Brown led a movement to keep the "rubble" rock exterior. He left the meeting immediately following council's decision.

"They want fake rock, they can have fake rock," Brown said in frustration.

Swing Bridge decision delayed

COURT
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A final verdict in the three-day court case between the City of Thunder Bay and CN Rail will have to wait a little longer.

After listening to arguments from both sides for two days, Justice Patrick Smith on Friday asked for more time before making his

decision.

The railway is in court looking to get out of a 111-year-old deal signed between the Grand Trunk Railway and the city of Fort William requiring the company to maintain the bridge in perpetuity. It's been closed to vehicular traffic since October 2013 because of a fire.

CN calls the agreement unreasonable and unfair, stating vehicles

have changed in size and speed over the past century, adding the Kaministiquia River span would have to be redesigned and reconfigured to meet today's standards.

Smith told the two sides he plans to reserve his decision until a future date, which has yet to be announced.

With files from Christina Jung, Thunder Bay Television

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BEEN THERE, DONE THAT: Derek Burney is Canada's former ambassador to the United States.

Surviving Trump

Derek Burney says it can be done, with effort

POLITICS

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Canada is not immune to the politics that gave life to Donald Trump, says the country's former ambassador to the United States.

Derek Burney, in a speech to about 400 people on Thursday night at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, said Canada's combined federal and provincial debt has hit a staggering \$1.3 trillion.

Continued overspending, policy mismanagement and skewed priorities detract from the true responsibility of government, Burney said.

"They feed cynicism and stir frustration and resentment in many populations. That is what helps stimulate support for Donald Trump in America, for Brexit in the UK and is fuelling populist sentiments now across Europe," said the Fort William-born Burney, a longtime Conservative who once served as chief of staff to former prime minister Brian Mulroney.

"Canada may be relatively immune now, but for how long? Our governments need to connect better with the citizens they serve."

Calling Trump a maverick and nominally a Republican, Burney said the billionaire first-time politician has been openly disdainful of the efforts of previous governments on either side of the political spectrum. He's promised to shake up the Washington power structure and rejects trade with other nations for trade's sake.

The showman who authored The Art of the Deal is looking for an American edge.

"The key question," said Burney, "is how much of his protectionist fervour is bluster, intended to cajole compliance, a tactic that's working in some American circles. And how much will translate into more negative action?"

There is good news amidst all the noise

emanating from the White House.

"Unlike Mexico, Canada is not really the target of Trump's anti-trade tirades. That was confirmed during Prime Minister (Justin) Trudeau's first meeting with Trump last month. The tone was cordial, and to some extent reassuring," the 77-year-old Burney said.

The U.S. president is particularly annoyed by U.S. firms moving plants and jobs to other countries, in particular China and Mexico, the latter of which he's threatened to impose a 20 per cent tariff on all goods coming into America from their neighbours to the south.

Burney said Canada still remains the United States' largest trading partner, calling it a healthy balance.

"Furthermore, Canada is not attracting U.S. firms to move here these days, more is the pity," Burney said. "On the contrary, some in Ontario are doing the opposite, and when you open your electricity bill you know precisely why."

Canada can win in the age of Trump, but it must be vigilant to the tweaks the Americans have in mind in regards to renegotiations surrounding the North American Free Trade Agreement, and prepare for all contingencies.

"As a consummate deal-maker, Trump likes to win. As president he's going to have to realize that when dealing with a neighbour and an ally, wins must be mutual," said Burney, who helped craft NAFTA in the mid-1980s. "We have to be on high alert because we could be a victim, even if we're not the target, of (protectionism)."

The key may be to impress on Americans everywhere just how valuable trade with Canada is to them and how damage to either partner inevitably damages both.

"Maxim number one for any Canadian negotiator is that no deal is better than a bad deal."

"Canada may be relatively immune for now, but for how long?"
DEREK BURNEY

LOCAL NEWS

City looks to upload

Certain social service costs belong with the province: Virdiramo

CITY HALL

By Jon Thompson – TB Source

The city is hoping the province will upload costs in homelessness and mental-health programs as it re-envisages social issues as health issues.

The city's Intergovernmental Affairs Committee made a pitch to provincial ministers at this week's Ontario Good Roads Association annual conference in Toronto that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care should be taking the lead on funding the city's homeless shelter and pay for a prospective mental health program for the Thunder Bay Police Service.

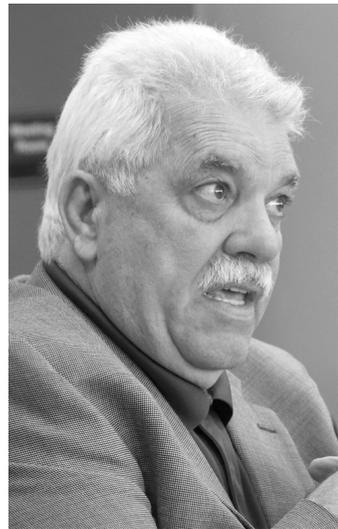
"Shelter House and the programs they provide are basically health issues and they're not municipal issues," said Intergovernmental Affairs Committee chairman and Coun. Joe Virdiramo.

"We support it because we know it's needed. However, it's not actually our issue. It's a health issue and it should be addressed by health."

Different sources

Shelter House's capital and operations costs are currently funded through a number of programs but the city most directly supports the homeless shelter through the Community, Youth Cultural Funding Program.

The city is contributing \$319,000 to Shelter House in 2017 for a total of \$1.6 million since 2014 through that fund alone. Local taxpayers also contribute through their share



JOE VIRDIRAMO: Homelessness and mental health should be provincial costs.

of Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) funds.

Interpreting homelessness and substance issues as health issues has its local precedents. In January, the North West Local Health Integration Network adopted the Shelter House's Managed Alcohol program, providing \$185,000 in bridge funding that will end in June. By that time, LHIN executives have committed to assessing whether the network will fund the program on an ongoing basis as it does with a similar program in Kenora.

Committee vice-chairman Coun. Brian McKinnon also sits on the Thunder Bay Police Services Board. He's hoping the health ministry will prompt the North

West LHIN to support the proposed Community Crisis Response Centre and Mobile Crisis Response Team, which would team up police officers with mental health workers.

Under the proposed program, Canadian Mental Health Association crisis response workers would triage mental health incidents as distinct from legal incidents and direct those experiencing mental health crises to relevant services. McKinnon anticipates the program could result in police department savings where officers are now spending as long as four hours accompanying citizens through treatment at the hospital.

Could be welcomed

McKinnon said the city is "getting a pretty good feeling now" that the North West LHIN is receptive to funding the program, as their counterparts are funding comparable programs with police services across the province.

He is concerned, however, such a program would come at the expense of other health services.

"We've met with the LHIN on a couple of occasions and they support it but their response is, 'we support that, we have to give something up.' That's where we are right now," McKinnon said.

"But if the province comes across and says, 'this is really important,' the other LHINs are supporting it. I don't know what they've given up. Maybe it's time for us to have our kick at it then and let's see what's given up."



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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Hydro rate cut is fishy

It's hard not to look at Premier Kathleen Wynne's decision to reduce hydro rates by up to 25 per cent with anything but a little cynicism.

Sure, the savings will come in handy and are welcomed by households and businesses from Kenora to Cornwall.

The question remains, how did Ontarians get here in the first place.

According to figures provided by Hydro Quebec, people living in Ontario are getting raked over the coals when it comes to electricity prices in Canada.

Montreal residents in 2016 on average paid 7.23 cents per kilowatt hour. Those living in Winnipeg paid 8.43 cents per kilowatt hour.

Ottawa residents forked over 16.15 cents per kilowatt hour, while in Toronto it was 17.81 cents.

Costs to Thunder Bay Hydro customers vary depending on the time of day, from 8.7 cents in off-peak hours, to 18 cents during peak energy-use times.

Wynne's rate reduction comes slightly more than a year ahead of a provincial election.

At least one recent Forum poll has the ruling Liberals buried in third place, behind the majority-hunting Conservatives and the second-place NDP.

The move simply spreads out the cost of \$50 billion in infrastructure over an additional 10 years, from 20 to 30. The next government needs to buckle down on finding ways to actually reduce costs, not rob Peter's children to pay Paul.

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Social programs matter

To the editor:

I applaud the efforts of the City of Thunder Bay lobbying on social development to the government of Ontario cabinet ministers.

The last little while we've heard loud and clear from citizens, community advocates, communities of interest, politicians, and organization leaders that there is a serious matter with social development in this community.

There is a worsening of social and economic inequality that leads to other issues.

Following the commentary and decision-making over the past few years seems to demonstrate that organizations may not be taking on the appropriate responsibilities and/or are not compatible to the programs that are offered by other levels of government.

Furthermore, with all the different strategies that are municipal and service provider owned, perhaps there could be a way to bring partners, resources and dollars together around one community social development strategy with action plans assigned to the appropriate agencies that would have success in responding to the identified needs.

Also, this could lead to creative and innovative ways of setting up services and infrastructure. I suggest this idea because the status quo is not working; it's hit and miss with duplication and gaps.

I think this would bring coherence to social development in the community to ensure that we are indeed providing a hand-up to our most vulnerable, people fallen into hardship, and changing the community attitude on social development.

This is not to suggest there is no good work happening, but improvement on approach can be made. Perhaps the next step is to build on these efforts of the work done to date to strengthen the response in our community.

Thank you and keep on persevering.

Brent Kelso,
Thunder Bay

25 per cent off what?

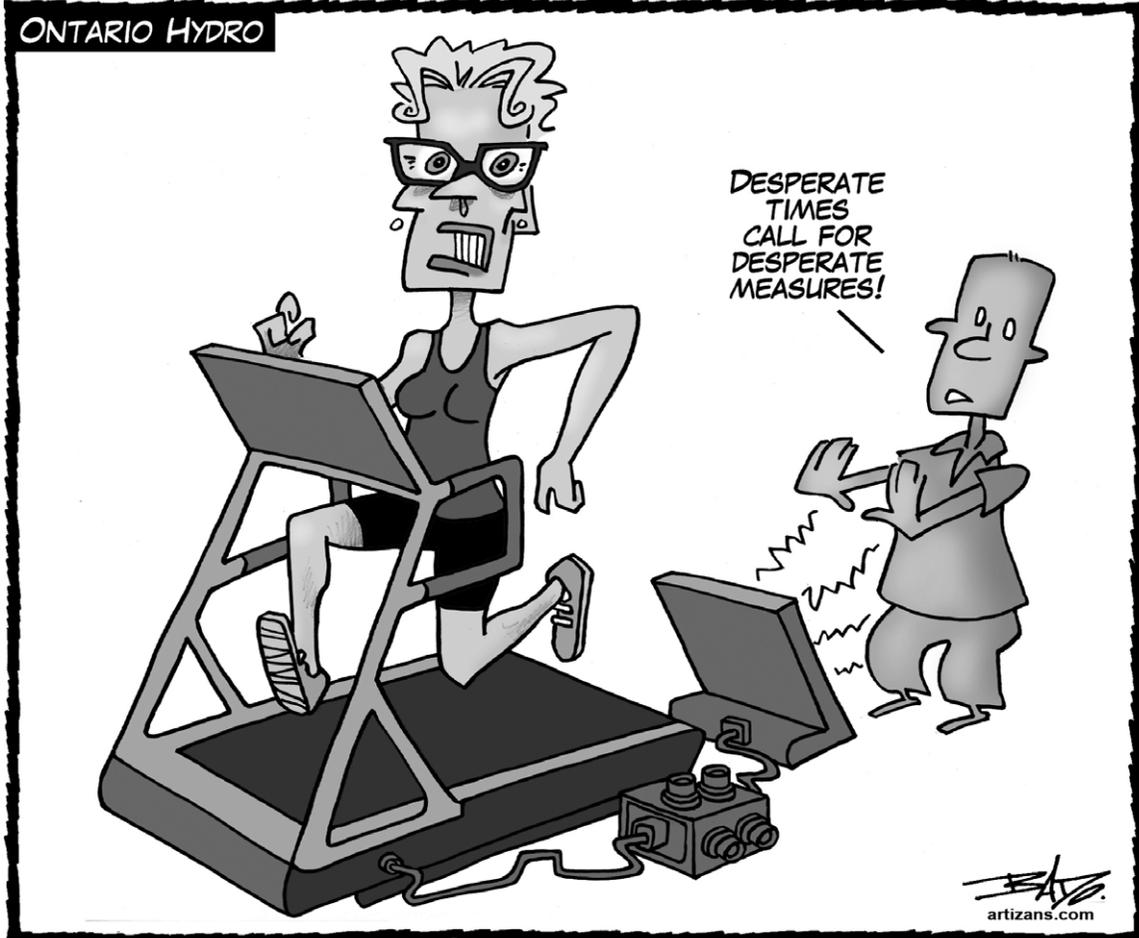
To the editor:

The recent announcement by the provincial government that they will cut our hydro costs by 25 per cent, the largest cut in Canadian history deserves some critical assessment.

The Canadian Jewelers Association warned people about similar big discounts, some 30 years ago, with the slogan, "50 per cent off what?"

I continue to warn people about these big discounts, that appear to be great savings, however they are not..

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Last year I received a phone call from a client visiting Toronto, asking me about a gold chain that was being offered at 50 per cent off the market price. A gold chain was marked at more than \$800 and was now on special for \$400.

I asked the caller to find out what they were really buying and paying for. When buying gold jewelry, the weight is a prime factor, as is the karat of the gold, and the quality of the finish, and manufacturer. The caller told me that the seller would not tell them the weight.

The customer eventually bought the piece, and brought the chain to me. I examined it and determined that our regular price would be \$250. So beware of these discounts.

Well along comes the provincial government with their 25 per cent off sale on hydro. Is it a good deal?

Well, take another look at some comparatives.

The average cost for hydro in Ontario is a total of \$239.23 for 1,000 kilowatt hours

Compare that to a total of \$81.38 for 1,000 Kwh in Manitoba. In Quebec the average cost is \$89.62 for 10,000 kilowatt hours.

Ontario hydro is 194 per cent higher than the rates in Manitoba, in part by many flawed decisions of the past 30 years, that have to be passed onto the people of this

province.

Ontario would have to get a 67 per cent discount, not 25 per cent, to be the same as the hydro rates in Manitoba and Quebec.

So the lesson is that we should beware of statistics and political truths, even if they are based on some truths, they can be misleading.

Caesar J. B. Squitti
Thunder Bay

Tag system effective

To the editor:

The bag-tag system with a charge works effectively in many other cities (Toronto for one).

There are households that need more than 2 bags, households with babies, sometimes seniors, and larger household numberwise.

I know when caring for my mother who was wheelchair bound, we needed more than two.

Another chronic problem my neighbours and I already face in our neighbourhood are the bags of garbage dumped at the back of our fences. We don't have neighbours across the way.

It becomes a sorry state in the summer and we have no choice but to get rid of them.

This is not an issue of people generating as much landfill as they like,

sometimes it is simply facing the reality of a living situation that produces more garbage.

Let people purchase an extra tag if they need it.

They would not pay the extra cost without cause in most cases.

Jeanetty Jumah,
Thunder Bay

A hydro Hail Mary

To the editor:

The province raised the rates by 40 per cent and now are giving back up to 25 per cent and they want a pat on the back for that?

If Premier Kathleen Wynne really cared about the people she would rebate what we have been over-charged for years, cut top executives outrageous salaries, remove the 40 per cent increase from last fall, and then give us the 25 per cent reduction as of today, not in the summer.

Add on to that selling excess production at cost or above, not below and we might have a plan that works.

Quit blowing smoke up our collective butts.

Too many people have caught on to the conniving already. Not trying to garner votes? Baloney.

Frank Fox,
Thunder Bay

Perspective

Pizza and politics

Does pineapple belong on top of a savoury pie?

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

The new American president is dominating the news these days while many other important current events are going unnoticed.

For example, if you're looking for an international incident you can really sink your teeth into, try biting off a piece of this one.

It all started innocently enough when the president of Iceland was asked a whimsical question at a high-school assembly.

One student wanted to know what the president thought about pineapple as a pizza topping.

President Gudni Johannesson gave what he thought was a light-hearted answer – if he had the power, he would ban all tropical fruit from savory pies.

With a 97 per cent approval rating he felt comfortable joking around even though 60 per cent of Icelanders actually enjoy pineapple on their pizza.

But he underestimated the strength of the international reaction and had no way of knowing that he would launch a worldwide culinary debate.

Pizza pie originated in Naples in the 17th century and was traditionally made using only four toppings.

Many Neapolitans still feel that tomato, mozzarella, fresh basil and extra virgin olive oil are the only acceptable ingredients.

The owner of one pizzeria in Rome claims that in 40 years, nobody has

ever asked him for pineapple.

Some pizza-loving Italian diners refer to this offensive fruit as if it were the topping of the devil.

They are convinced the USA is guilty, saying Americans always seem to do strange things to pizza.

But they appear to be mistaken – the guilty nation has proudly stepped forward to take credit for this abomination.

Canada is clearly implicated and many here have claimed the Hawaiian pizza (pineapple and ham) as a purely Canadian innovation.

They say it happened at some unknown pizzeria in Ontario, making us equally as guilty as Mr. Johannesson in fueling this culinary debate.

Pineapple could possibly be the most divisive of all the rogue pizza toppings.

Even those who occasionally enjoy this exotic fruit on their pie have to admit, there are often unintended consequences.

For example, one disgruntled boyfriend considered Hawaiian pizza to be a deal breaker – even love cannot bloom in the presence of pineapple.

When one restauranteur in Toronto was asked for comment he said he tried pineapple pizza once, 35 years ago in Italy.

It was his first and last time.

Another business owner doesn't even keep pineapple in his restaur-

ant – that way, if someone asks, he can honestly say there is none available.

Both chefs favour the traditional recipe from Naples using the original four toppings – they would never even think about making a pizza with “fruit salad” on top.

This is as offensive as putting cheese on spaghetti with clams or using a spoon for twirling your pasta.

Other pizza pie traditionalists think the Icelandic president's executive order should be extended to include a long overdue ban on olives.

Other questionable toppings include wiener coins, hard-boiled eggs, orange cheese, spam and any cream-based sauce.

You can't just throw anything on a chunk of dough and call it a pizza – you have to draw the line somewhere.

And as for sauerkraut, they say that's the main reason Germans didn't invent pizza.

For his part, President Johannesson amended his original comment to say he actually likes the taste of pineapple.

However, he remains fundamentally opposed to savory pies topped with fruit regardless of the international furor.

As for me, in Toronto recently I witnessed a pie topped with artichokes and cucumber.

I don't know what it was supposed to be but it sure didn't look like pizza.

Even pineapple tidbits would be better than that.

Pineapple could possibly be the most divisive of all the rogue pizza toppings.



FOREIGN OBJECTION: Iceland's prime minister joked he would ban pineapple from pizza.

This week in history:

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Business born at Lakehead

EDUCATION

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

When Sasha Bubon left the Ukraine seven years ago, he thought he was going to spend his life as a computer scientist.

How things change.

On Friday the Lakehead University PhD student launched Radialis, which is partnering with the Centre for Imaging Technology Commercialization to design, manufacture and market a high-resolution positron emission mammography device.

It's a joint venture between the university and the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute, and possibly the start of things to come for the medical imaging industry in the city.

It's the stuff of dreams, Bubon said.

Seeing his research put into practice is reward in itself.

"I'm really eager to show that you can not only research it, but make an application out of it and bring it to people. In our case you bring it to market and you actually make patients benefit from it," he said.

Bubon admitted there are plenty of challenges facing Thunder Bay researchers.

For starters, the infrastructure that might be found in larger centres like Toronto isn't in place.

"We kind of have to build it from the beginning," he said. "Things that require knowledge, it's a little bit off the beaten path for many services we'd require. But we try to build our relationships here with suppliers and vendors and different services.

"If we can't find the knowledge in town we try to bring it here. And in the worst-case scenario we try

to contract it out and try to build our own knowledge. It is challenging sometimes, but most of the time we can work around it and make it work."

Bubon is confident the city can host a vibrant technological industry.

"I think innovation should be successful. We are already creating things to make the world a better place," he said.

Canada research chair Alla Reznik, the chief scientific officer at Radialis said the device will help patients for whom conventional breast-cancer screening methods don't always work.

Reznik said the university, which is entering Research and Innovation Week, has provided the support that makes a company like Radialis – and hopefully others down the road – possible.

"We are not only developing something, it doesn't only end with proof of concept. Our laboratory prototypes, our idea to go the whole way from invention to commercialization means the patient will benefit from what we're doing in the lab," she said.

It's a way to diversify an economy awaiting just this type of innovation.

"Our economy has all the prerequisites to be based on science," she said, noting Radialis is the second spinoff company through the TBRRI, after XLV Diagnostics.

"It's going very well and they are almost ready for clinical trials here at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre."

Andrew Dean, the school's vice-president of research and innovation, on Friday also announced the launch of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research, which will promote and support research and innovation and entrepreneurship at Lakehead.

Serious injury in crash

POLICE

By TB Source staff

Paramedics rushed a man to hospital last Friday afternoon after a single-vehicle collision.

Emergency crews responded just before 2 p.m. to the crash, which occurred at the intersection of Oliver and Mapleward roads.

In a release, city police said the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree on the north side of Oliver Road.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2017–2018 Annual Work Schedule Black Spruce, Dog River Matawin, Lakehead Forests

The Thunder Bay District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed and approved the respective Sustainable Forest Licence (SFL) holders' April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Black Spruce, Dog River Matawin, Lakehead Forests**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the respective SFL holders' office and the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 15, 2017** and throughout the one-year duration. The ServiceOntario Centre at 435 James Street South, Suite 114, provides access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

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The SFL holders below are responsible for tree planting on the listed Forest. Please contact the appropriate SFL holder for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and licence requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Ministry Offices as listed below. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the respective SFL holder directly.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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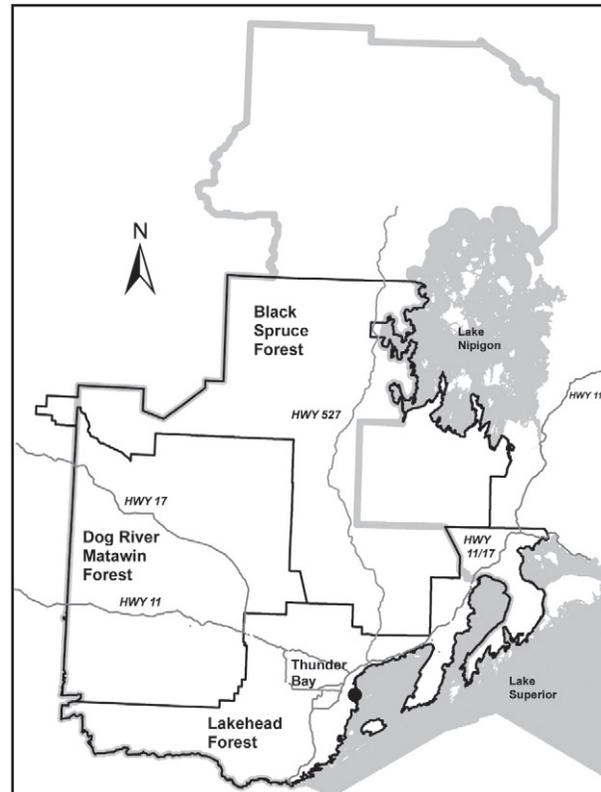
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Sled for Eternity raises \$61K

Annual event a success despite a lack of snow in Thunder Bay region

KAKABEKA FALLS
By Nicole Dixon - TB Source

Dozens of snowmobile enthusiasts had the opportunity to experience the beauty of Northwestern Ontario this weekend and it was all for a good cause.

More than 80 riders joined forces in the fourth annual Sled for Eternity to raise money in support of a local program aimed at helping people who struggle with addiction.

Northwestern Ontario Adult and Teen Challenge director Robby Ahuja said the purpose for the ride is to raise awareness and support for the life-changing recovery and prevention programs offered by Adult and Teen Challenge.

"We are an organization that helps both men and women break free from life controlling addictions," Ahuja said.

Organizers wanted to find a fun way for people to get involved and raise awareness and funds to help these men and women suffering from addiction.

The money raised throughout this event is used to help run the organization.

"January, February and March...the first quarter of the year is a tough time, so this event was really created to help us pay our bills for the first quarter of the year," Ahuja said.

Although this year's winter weather caused closures on many trails throughout the season, the trails used for this race held up relatively well.

Ahuja said he was surprised the trails



FUN DAY: More than 80 riders took part in the sledding fundraiser for Adult and Teen Challenge.

were even usable and he couldn't be more thankful for the luck they've had.

Those who took the chance on the trails' conditions were asked to go around the city and fundraise for Adult and Teen Challenge had the opportunity at winning prizes.

Some of the top prizes included a 2017 Yamaha Sidewinder Turbon snowmobile and a used 2010 Kia Forte.

Ahuja said Sled for Eternity means a lot for Adult and Teen Challenge.

"It helps us meet our goals," Ahuja said. "If we meet our goals we can do the cause that we are committed to, which is helping men and women fight addictions and find freedom."

Ahuja added that it means a lot for him to see all these people in the community get behind Teen Challenge and to have those who have been affected by drugs, alcohol and addiction support the cause as well. Sled for Eternity raised about \$61,000.



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Tips for seasonal allergy sufferers

With spring right around the corner, allergy sufferers know that symptoms can start anytime soon — often without warning. One allergen you'll want to steer clear of this season is pollen.

Pollen grains are invisible particles given off by trees, grass, flowers and certain weeds. Wind-pollinated plants are of most concern to people with asthma and allergies since the pollen is easily breathed into the nose and lungs. Different types surface during certain periods in the year — tree pollen in spring, grass pollen in early summer, and ragweed in August until the first frost.

Increased pollen levels are found where trees, grasses, flowers and weeds grow. There will be higher levels on dry, sunny and windy days. Pollen is found outdoors, but can also be carried indoors through windows and doors and on clothing.



Since being around pollen is unavoidable, here are some tips to help reduce your

exposure:

- Keep windows closed in the home and car, using an air conditioner if needed to clean, cool and dry the air.
- Some people may need to avoid going outside when the levels are high. Check local pollen reports to find out when you're most at risk.
- Limit outdoor activities on days with high pollution levels since air pollution can increase the negative health effects of pollen. Check your local air quality health index.
- If possible, people allergic to pollen should not cut the lawn.
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TB Life

Spring signs start small

And so it begins. She starts small — only one shelf with a couple of trays: spring planting.

We had a Seed Swap at our local community hall this past weekend. It was wonderful with several volunteer organizations, all devoted to something to do with gardening, exhibiting seeds, or demonstrating the use of worms to digest compost and turn it into rich soil, or a table advertising the Hymers Fall Fair which, after all, is essentially an agriculture fair, looking for volunteers, and, of course, several seed tables including one for Heritage seeds, the sort that they grow at Old Fort William.

So I dropped off my wife, Laura, who naturally was going to be coming home with seed packages and who baked cookies for the event — yum. I then proceeded to the local dump as Saturdays are dump days in our township and then back to join



FRED JONES

RURAL ROOTS

Laura and see what was on offer.

Sunday morning I ventured into the kitchen to make coffee and then check the thermometer to see if Jack Frost was still lurking outside. Not too bad at zero. Then I noticed the boxes of seeds, the mixing tub, and the bag of soil. Aha! The planting itch has struck.

After breakfast and after giving the horses their breakfast, Laura announced that she would need my assistance with planting. What, I asked, did she wish me to do?

Bring in the shelf from the tractor shelter where we store non-perishable items like our tractor, Big Red, our motor boat, the lawn tractor, and shelving units upon which eventually trays of potted seeds will burst forth as plants that will, of course, much later on be planted in our vegetable garden; non-perishable in the sense that they can withstand the cold.

As I have mentioned many times in this column, I have a Swiss-cheese memory — full of holes. So I dared to query “So soon?” and she replied that March was the traditional time of getting the seeds into soil and nurturing them along until it is time to put them in the ground.

“I have a need to get my hands in dirt,” she insisted.

At the end of every gardening season when all has been harvested, we assess what we need to plant more of next season. “Not enough garlic, onions, and carrots,” Laura announced. Right. So this year, more garlic, onions, carrots, and anything else we thought of which we thought we were shy.

Laura had already taken care of the garlic. Despite my Swiss-cheese recall, at least I recall helping plant the garlic in the autumn after all else had been yanked out of the ground. Hopefully this year we will have lots.

Of course the indoor planting happens in stages. Laura knows what must be first started in seed cups. And since I can never remember from spring to spring what she plants first or how many plantings she does, I tripped down the hall from my library to her office and “put her with the ask” (as Pogo, one of my favourite cartoon strips of bygone years, used to say).

“How many indoor plantings do you do each spring?” I ask. “Multiple times,” she answered, “today it will be onions and leeks. We’ve tried planting them directly in the ground with onion sets but I’ve discovered that whichever way you do it, you get the same onions at the other end. And I like to get my hands in dirt.” So there you have it.

With the entrance of the shelves, first one, and then eventually two, the view out our living windows disappears as a jungle slowly forms of green, growing things, at least until planting time in late June.

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Rare disease diagnosed

Parents of Lilly Savage, 8, facing tremendous living expense costs

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By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A Go Fund Me page for an eight-year old Thunder Bay girl with a rare disease has raised nearly \$15,000 to help cover the cost of her parents' living expenses after the youngster undergoes a bone-marrow operation in southern Ontario.

Lilly Savage earlier this winter was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, meaning her body doesn't produce enough blood cells.

She's in desperate need of a bone-marrow transplant, a procedure not available in her hometown.

The family will have to live in southern Ontario for several months while Lilly, who needs an extensive round of chemotherapy ahead of the transplant, recovers from her surgery. Lilly's stay-at-home mother and her father, a resident at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, will face an enormous financial burden, with many of the expenses not covered by the



NEED HELP: A Go Fund Me account aims to raise \$25,000 to cover some of the costs Lilly Savage's parents will face living in southern Ontario after their daughter's operation.

province.

Her younger brother Jamie has been identified as an identical bone-

marrow match.

The Go Fund Me target has been set at \$25,000.

CHS workers walk off job, seek raise, benefits

LABOUR

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Unionized workers with the Canadian Hearing Society have walked off the job after rejecting the organization's latest contract offer.

Sylvia Metzner, a member of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 2073 who spent Monday morning walking the picket line outside Victoriaville Mall, said enough's enough when it comes to labour negotiations.

"We haven't had a contract in four years now. We enjoy our work, we want to get back to work and we encourage the employer to get back to the table to negotiate and give us a fair deal," Metzner said.

At issue is a proposed rollback to workers' benefits, a move that's not acceptable to union members.

"They also want to do a reduction to our sick leave," she said. "We can't take that. We need our sick days and also a wage increase. We haven't had a raise in four years."

The Canadian Hearing Society in Thunder Bay provides a number of services to the hearing impaired, including communications devices, educational support, sign-language interpreters and basic video conferencing services.

Additionally the organization hosts sign-language classes as well as literary and basic skills classes, as well as a variety of types of counseling for the hearing impaired.

"We want to get back to work. We want to serve our clients and provide for our families," said striking CHS worker Jody Carrier.

In a release issued on behalf of the Canadian Hearing Society, officials say they have been working diligently for more than a month to reach a deal with employees across Ontario, only to have the union walk out of negotiations and declare an Ontario-wide strike.

"We are disappointed that the union has chosen to strike and we will continue to work to get them back to the bargaining table," says Gary Malkowski, vice-president at CHS.

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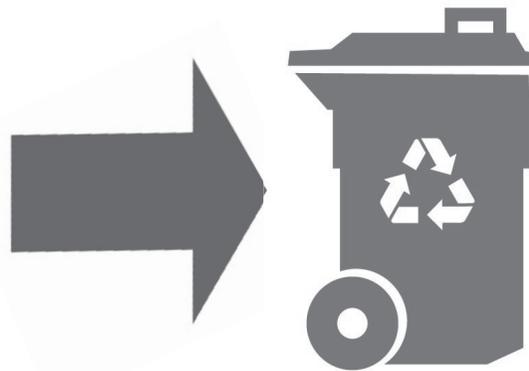
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Building a home log by log

A new log home takes shape in Neebing with the help of some Timber Kings

NEEBING
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

A Neebing family watched their new home take shape right before their eyes on Monday, one log at a time, with help from some professional, and unique contractors who see log homes as works of art. “The logs, it’s a beautiful thing, the wood talks to you,” said Peter Arnold, a contractor with Pioneer Log Homes. “All you have to do is listen with your eyes. In any form, we are just the privileged ones who are allowed to work with it. The art form is given. It’s the log.”

Arnold, a log home builder from British Columbia and one of the hosts of HGTV’s reality series, Timber Kings, is in Thunder Bay working with Erickson Contracting to construct a log home for Linda and Rick in the Municipality of Neebing.

“They lost their house a year and a half ago, so we are the lucky ones who can put it back up for them and look like a hero,” Arnold said. “We come here with two trucks and by the end of the day, they have a home again.”

The home is constructed using approximately 80 western red cedar logs from the West Coast that fit snugly together without the use of fasteners or adhesives.

According to Arnold, these log homes are incredibly energy efficient because of the type of wood used.

“It is really light wood,” he said. “Because it is so light, in the fiber we have air, and that air in a combined space is insulation. You are looking at 25 to 30 percent better heating costs than a regular home.”

Before coming to Thunder Bay, Arnold and the Timber King crew were working on a log home in Kenora with Erickson Contracting.

Mark Erickson, owner of Erickson



LISTEN TO THE WOOD: Brad Pajamaki of Erickson Contracting guides a log into place during the construction of a log home in Neebing with the guidance of Peter Arnold of the HGTV series, Timber Kings.

Contracting, said working with Arnold and his team has been a huge learning experience.

“We are learning tons from them,” he said. “Peter is very good at teaching us every step along the way. My crew is learning tons from him and all around it’s a good experience.”

Erickson said building log homes is like playing with blocks, massive, heavy blocks, which is a dream come true for the contractor.

“These homes are the most fun things I’ve ever built in my entire life,” he said.

“I’ve always wanted to be able to build log homes. It’s like a dream come true.

We’re building people’s dreams. Seeing Linda’s face first thing this morning was priceless.”

The crews got to work on the log home early Monday morning and it usually takes 10 to 12 hours to put up the frame. Erickson expects the home to be completely ready for move-in day by the end of May.

And while it may feel like putting together blocks for Erickson, for Arnold, who said he is also living the dream building log homes around the world, it’s all about listening to the wood.

“Every log is different, just like every person is different,” he said. “Some give you more trouble than others.”

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The meanings and the muses of life

THEATRE
By Linda Maehans - TB Source

W. Somerset Maugham was an astute observer of human nature and the society into which he was born. And so his novel, *Of Human Bondage*, adapted for stage by Vern Thiessen, is a complicated and finely nuanced story: a timeless exposé of the ties that bind.

Magnus Theatre's production is a huge, huge play. I'm thinking here, first, about the storyline. Thiessen's script, and the passionately perfected acting of a cast of eight who portray over a dozen determined, innocent and in varying degrees jaded souls, truly encompasses all the flaws and resilience of humanity, no matter the century. In Victorian times all manner of people used their wiles to get out of the poorhouse, or their courage and wits not to land there, were they were fortunate enough to be born a rung or two above the

dismal bottom of that ladder. It was a ruthlessly class-driven society nearing its natural end: an era of privilege built on pretentiousness rather than more enduring qualities or morals. Socialism and revolution were, of course, just around the corner. But to me *Of Human Bondage* is a timeless tale because I question whether societies throughout our contemporary world have changed all that much. What do you think?

Now to the excellent human faces and bodies on stage: the characters who bind their audience to their plights, their victories and defeats. As mentioned, all in this cast of eight claim his or her limelight during countless moments and scenes in the play; space for this reviewer to remark on each individual talent is simply not available. But I will single out two key characters who shine in their own light, fairly blaze on stage together, and who anchor

the other members of the cast in the tumultuous storyline.

Ken James Stewart is ideally suited to play the anguished and lovelorn Philip. His physical appearance, his every movement right down to a limp he nearly succeeds in hiding, his every expression of face, and in his eyes, and especially when he is unable to rise above the tormented passion that consumes him, make this actor one of the very best I've ever seen on a Magnus stage. Kudos to Stewart for an absolutely spell-binding portrayal: truly an artist who is anything but mediocre!

Similar praise to Gabriella Colavecchio as Mildred. Like Ken James Stewart she makes her debut at Magnus in breath-taking style; particularly during a few scenes where the audience is afraid to breathe for fear of someone about to perish from pure passion. Completely convincing, we think there couldn't be another Mildred in



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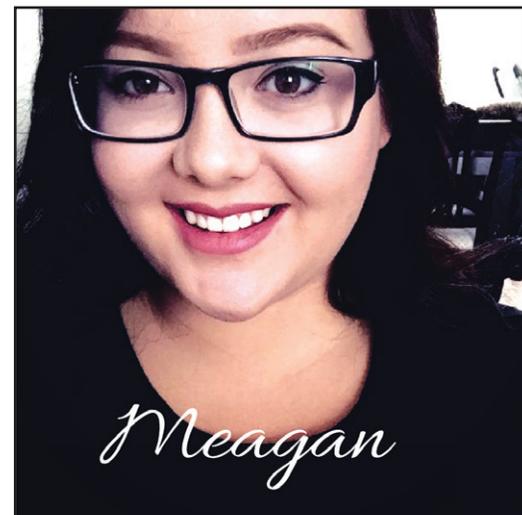
A TIMELESS KISS: Cast perform a scene in *Of Human Bondage* at Magnus Theatre.

this world such as Colavecchio delivers.

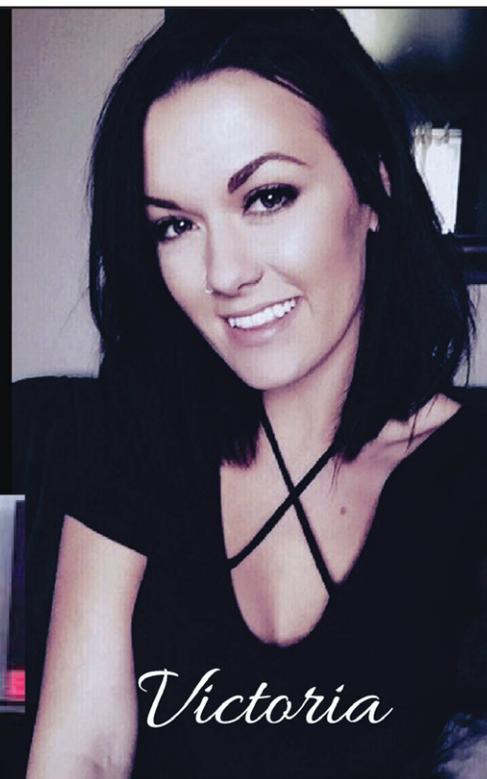
And, wonderful praise for Mervi Agombar's and Lisa Loveday's costumes; also for Nancy Anne Perrin's set; Hanna Laaksonen's

props; and Rebecca Miller's lighting. As said, this is a huge, huge production.

Directed by Thom Currie, *Of Human Bondage* is on until March 18. Don't miss this terrific show.



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IN THE bay

Garfield's gender sparks war

Recently, in an attempt to escape the media gridlock surrounding Donald Trump's reign of error, I scoured television news and the internet desperately looking for national, non-award show stories. Something else had to be happening in the media besides self-important egomaniacs patting themselves on the back in Washington and Hollywood.



All I could find was an orange cat. And what a hairball that feline has coughed up. Difficult as it might be to believe, a Wikipedia War has broken out over Garfield, the cartoon cat. CAFÉ online news and political

satire author, Virgil Texas, recently announced on Twitter that the orange feline has "no gender." This did not sit well with fans. Consequently, Wikipedia users started editing – and re-editing – the facts around Garfield's gender. So emphatic and continuous were the edits Wikipedia eventually locked the page.

Now, the fact that this declaration was made in the same medium used by the president for equally important and fact-based statements should have negated the need for a debate altogether.

But debate they did, each side

arguing vigorously for days.

Texas' comment was based on an interview in which Garfield creator, Jim Davis said that the cat was "not really male or female." But he followed that by saying "or any particular race or nationality, young or old."

Obviously, Davis was talking metaphorically.

He meant Garfield is a representation of anyone and everyone, and not "a particular gender, race, age or ethnicity" because humour should have no boundaries.

However, Davis has further clarified that Garfield has a girlfriend. Of course, the cat could be homosexual. But that might add a whole new set of problems.

In 1999, Rev. Jerry Falwell led a crusade against a Teletubby for being gay because of its colour, the shape of its antenna and the bag it carried.

He staunchly believed that Tinky Winky role-modelled the gay lifestyle to pre-schoolers.

How do you tell a girl Teletubby from a boy? They have no genitalia. So how they became sexual beings for the reverend is a mystery.

But considering he once blamed homosexuality for September 11th, Falwell's crusade said more about him than the giggly, sweet character he vilified.

Gay rumours have also continued to plague Sesame Street's Burt and Ernie

because they live together.

So did Chandler and Joey. Oscar and Felix. Lenny and Squiggy.

And before you argue "same bedroom," remember that nothing was going on between Janet, Chrissy and Jack in that two bedroom apartment either despite Mr. Roper's suspicions.

Of course, the fact that Burt and Ernie aren't real should negate any possibility that they're hiding their "true" relationship.

Because when they're not on screen, they're in a box!

Regardless, Jim Davis says his imaginary cat is a boy.

But take this with a grain of salt: Garfield's owner, Jon, being the responsible pet owner he is, would have had him neutered.

And according to my late father, that makes big G an "it."



GARFIELD

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dance company (abbr.)
 - 4 Electric unit
 - 7 Strange
 - 10 Film yeast
 - 11 Wall (Fr.)
 - 12 Bill
 - 14 Feudal land
 - 16 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (abbr.)
 - 17 John, Gaelic
 - 18 Electrode
 - 20 Yarn measure
 - 21 Never (Ger.)
 - 22 Scientific name (suf.)
 - 24 Antic
 - 27 Fragrant
 - 30 Original sinner
 - 31 Cloche
 - 32 Theme: music compound
 - 33 Overcoat
 - 35 Extend
 - 36 Wife of Vulcan
- DOWN**
- 1 Title of Athena
 - 2 Birthplace of Beethoven
 - 3 Three (Ital.)
 - 4 Chemical compound
 - 5 Mucus (pref.)
 - 6 Augur
 - 7 Observation
 - 8 Used up
 - 9 Carplike fish
 - 10 Federal Bureau of Investigation (abbr.)
 - 13 "The Jungle Book" python
 - 15 Just
 - 19 Dutch commune
 - 21 Gr. festival city
 - 23 Dido
 - 24 Top
 - 25 Amer. Dental Assn. (abbr.)
 - 26 Sabal
 - 27 Posed for a portrait
 - 28 Uncle (Scot.)
 - 29 Israelite tribe
 - 31 Miser
 - 34 Bird
 - 35 Walk through
 - 37 Spine bones
 - 38 Amazon tributary
 - 39 Speech defect
 - 41 Yesterday (Ital.)
 - 42 Down with (Fr., 2 words)
 - 43 Gamin
 - 44 Honey
 - 46 Poetic contraction
 - 48 Master of Business Administration (abbr.)

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Palmer-Charrette sets Loppet mark

Jenn Jackson takes top spot in women's 50K freestyle race

SKIING
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Local cross-country skier, Evan Palmer-Charrette, knew there was a lot of tough competition on the trails, but he was still able to take home first place, with a little more time to spare this year.

Palmer-Charrette last Saturday won the 50-kilometre freestyle race at the 40th Sleeping Giant Loppet, crossing the line in a record-setting 1:59:32.

"I had a lot left toward the end, so I knew if I stayed in the mix, I would have a good shot at it," Palmer-Charrette said after the race. "Compared to last year, it was a huge gap. It was only a hundredth of a second between me and the guy who was second, so in the 50K I'm used to the tight finishes."

Last year, the 22-year-old took first place in the freestyle event by only a tenth of a second. While it was still a tight finish, Palmer-Charrette was the clear winner.

Premonition

Before the race even began, Palmer-Charrette knew it was going to be a tough race, but luckily the conditions played to his advantage.

"I actually was able to get the win last year but this is a much more competitive field," he said. "There are three other guys who are totally capable of winning it so it's pretty awesome to be able to come out on top this year."

Coming in first in the women's 50-kilometre freestyle race was 22-year-old Jenn Jackson of the Lakehead



CLOSE FINISH: Evan Palmer-Charrette (left) crosses the line ahead of Andy Shields (centre) and 20-kilometre racer Norman McKinnon.

University Varsity cross-country ski team.

"It's my first time doing the 50K at the Sleeping Giant Loppet and it's an amazing course," she said. "The conditions were superb today."

Jackson did not have to worry about tenths of seconds when it came to the finish line, finishing minutes before any other competitor.

"I sat in a nice group for the first half of the race, then we had some climbing at about 30K where I tried to drop a few people, then skied strong with another local guy for the last 15K or so," she said.

Despite her strong finish, Jackson said she always loves coming out to ski the Giant and enjoying a beautiful day with the rest of the skiing community.

"There's so many great skiers here from Thunder Bay and even some great skiers from out of town," she said. "To be able to ski alongside them and even come out ahead, it's pretty neat. It's really rewarding."

Celebrating its 40th year, the Sleeping Giant Loppet has something for skiers of all ages and skill levels. More than 780 skiers from across the region and

beyond participated in the 50K classic, the 50K free skate, the 50K ski-athalon, the 35K, the 20K, or the 8K.

Sleeping Giant Loppet coordinator, Peter Gallagher, said the event is in its 40th year because cross-country skiing has become a staple sport in the city of Thunder Bay.

"Thunder Bay has a really strong Scandinavian heritage and those people really promoted cross country skiing and I think the rest of the community has taken it on as our sport," he said.

Longtime competitor

And while the Loppet has undergone a lot of changes throughout the years, it continues to draw people back year after year, including Ron Lappage, who has skied the Sleeping Giant Loppet every year for the last 40 years.

"There have been a lot of interesting things that have happened over the years and I had a lot of good memories," Lappage said. "The comradeship here, and the volunteers are great people, and it's just a great, family atmosphere."

Lappage said he used to always ski the longer distances, but for the last few years he has stuck to the 35K. In year three of the loppet, the course took skiers out onto Lake Superior, something Lappage is thankful did not last long.

"Skiing on the lake was pretty awful," he said. "It was bitterly cold and windy out there, so they decided not to do that one for very long."

Lappage added he will be back for year 41 at the Sleeping Giant Loppet and will continue to do the 35K, at least as long as he can.

"It's something I take pride in that I was able to endure that many times," he said. "I will be back. Time to do the 35 again. I think probably as the years go on, I might have to do 20K."

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sports NEWS

Teams set for Baseball World Cup

BASEBALL
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The teams are set for this summer's Under-18 Baseball World Cup.

And there will be a new flavour to the event last staged in Thunder Bay seven years ago. Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua and South Africa are joining the 12-team field, joining returning teams Canada, the United States, Chinese Taipei, Korea, Cuba, Australia, the Netherlands and Italy.

Tournament director Warren Philp said that's about as good as it gets in baseball. "The World Baseball/Softball Federation tells us they've been holding this event since 1981 and this is clearly the strongest field that they've ever had in this tournament," Philp said on Wednesday.

"Nine of the top 10 countries in the world are going to be here in Thunder Bay for this tournament."

Japan, which was not in the field in 2010, finished in the runner-up position

to the three-time defending champion United States in 2013 and 2015 and will give the 2017 event an added boost it didn't have in 2010.

It will also help to broaden its interest, Philp said.

"It's nice that it's available to the locals, but from an economic impact standpoint, having visitors here from out of town, out of region, out of province and out of country is really where it starts to add up," he said.

"With Japan coming we're going to be making some targeted efforts to attract Japanese fans, not only from Japan, but also from Japanese fans elsewhere in the world - around Canada, around the U.S. and making efforts to bring in some of those fans who are watching high school baseball."

Although the event won't start until Sept. 1 at Port Arthur Stadium and Baseball Central, some teams have already started putting some of the pieces in place.

Canada, who has named 29 players to



FIELD SET: Tournament director Warren Philp is excited with the team coming in September to the Under 18 Baseball World Cup, to be played in Thunder Bay.

its junior national team spring training roster, will once again be coached by Greg Hamilton. The United States has

named former Montreal Expos infielder Andy Stankiewicz as its skipper.

There will be plenty of interest in the

2017 U-18 Baseball World Cup, Philp said, reminding fans that full tournament packages for reserved seating will only be on sale through April 5.

After that, single-game will be the only way to get through the gates and into the stands.

That's a hassle potential attendees can avoid, Philp said, adding they set the deadline so far in advance to get a handle on what type of support they might have come Sept. 1.

"Hopefully people remember the lineups for tickets and the challenges getting seats for Canada's games and important games in the tournament in 2010," Philp said.

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