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LOCAL NEWS

Pair seek NDP nomination

Both candidates confident they can bring the representation the region needs

POLITICS
By Leith Dunlick – TB Source

The NDP have a pair of candidates looking to take back a Northern Ontario seat they'd held for eight years before losing it to the Liberals in the 2015 federal election.

Jason Storkson, president of the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service police association, and labour activist Yuk-Sem Won on Friday confirmed they're in the running to represent the party in Thunder Bay-Rainy River, a seat soon-to-be-vacated by Liberal Don Rusnak, who has decided not to seek a second term in the House of Commons.

Neither candidate has held public office before, but both said they can bring the necessary changes needed in a riding as diverse and unique as Thunder Bay-Rainy River.

"I've always been an active member in this community and I've been able to participate and be a strong voice for the groups that I've worked with," said Won, who in addition to her roles at both Lakehead University and Confederation College, is a well-known local visual artist.

"I wanted to bring that representation to the people of Northwestern Ontario through Thunder Bay-Rainy River."

Storkson, born and raised in Thunder Bay, said he's a problem-solver with a strong character who thinks his voice can be a meaningful one in the world of politics.

"I'm just tired of arm-chair politicking with my friends over coffee and I think it's time to change and put myself out there and try to change things for the better for our community and the surrounding area."



IN THE RACE: Jason Storkson (left) and Yuk-Sem Won want to run for the NDP in TB-Rainy River.

Both candidates see a huge opportunity, with Rusnak deciding to leave politics behind to focus on his young family.

"I think it is a strong NDP riding," Storkson said. "I think what happened in the last election cycle was just an angry electorate trying to get rid of the (Conservatives) and I think everybody just jumped on the Liberal bandwagon to make sure that happened, instead of splitting the vote."

"And I think they'll come back now to the NDP."

The Liberals have opened the door, Won said.

"There are definitely some issues that the Liberals are facing and I think the concerns of

people of Northwestern Ontario are with the government in general that we're seeing all over the place. It's (important) to find a representative that has those same values and will be able to bring that to the forefront, without the conflict and the divisiveness."

The party has yet to set a date for the nomination meeting, though it's expected to happen in late May.

The Conservatives have nominated former Thunder Bay city councillor Linda Rydholm to run, while current Coun. Shelby Ch'ng is the lone candidate to publicly put her name forward to seek to replace Rusnak on the Liberal ticket. The Green Party has yet to nominate a candidate.

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OPP to assist police as threats continue

Hammarskjold class closures now up to more than a dozen

POLICE
By Matt Vis - TB Source

Thunder Bay police are turning to the OPP to assist with the ongoing investigation into anonymous Crime Stoppers threats that have repeatedly targeted Hammarskjold High School. The Thunder Bay Police Service last Friday announced it has reached out to the provincial police for help in a supporting role in the investigation into the 14 threats, which has resulted in the school being closed 12 times, as of Tuesday.

Thunder Bay police Det.-Insp. Ryan Hughes said the OPP were made aware of the situation for the last several weeks but have become more heavily involved recently.

"On most of our complex investigations we do reach out for assistance with other services. The OPP have different units within their agency that can help us out in different aspects of the investigation," Hughes said.

Better equipped

"They have more extensive resources. They have specialty units that we don't have within the Thunder Bay Police Service. We will request some assistance from those units."

Hughes confirmed that all of the threats, which involve possible shootings, suspicious packages or bombs, are being made anonymously through Crime Stoppers, though he wouldn't say if they're being made by telephone or sent online.

"We are unable to identify who the tipster is," Hughes said. "It's very time consuming and difficult for us to try to identify. We are working at it but to this date, it's still Crime Stoppers tips that are coming in. They are anonymous and they are protected."

The threats have nearly exclusively targeted Hammarskjold, though one last week also included Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute and prompted that school's closure for the day.

Hughes said each incident has



EXODUS: Students leave Hammarskjold High School last Thursday afternoon.

LEITH DUNICK

resulted in upwards of 12 uniformed officers attending the school after the threat has been received, looking for suspicious people described in the tips or packages within the school.

The Thunder Bay Police Service, which has five full-time investigators devoted to the case, has established a special tip line for the investigation. Hughes said that line receives an average of five tips per day.

Hughes, who pointed out there are officers within the police service who have children attending Hammarskjold, said everybody involved is growing increasingly frustrated with the investigation, which he admitted has been extremely slow-moving but there have been a lot of

steps that the investigators have to follow.

"We don't know if it's someone from within the school or someone who knows the school, if it's an adult or a student, if it was an ex-employee or an ex-student. We don't know that yet," Hughes said, earlier mentioning that the threat could also be made anywhere in the world.

Last week, threats closed Hammarskjold on Monday. Another threat closed both Hammarskjold and Superior on Tuesday. While the school day was not interrupted on Wednesday, a late morning threat closed Hammarskjold just after noon on Thursday. A threat received early Friday morning closed Hammarskjold again.

Charges pending

Hughes said the perpetrators of the incidents could face public mischief charges for leading police on false investigations.

While none of the 12 incidents have resulted in any acts of violence, Hughes said police and the school board have to remain vigilant.

"The concern right now is if there is a real threat mixed in with all of the threats," Hughes said.

"We have to be very cautious. It's a no-win situation. If we don't react and something happens, then it's a traumatic event for the community and the school. If we keep responding and nothing's happening and it looks like it's all hoaxes, there's a lot of resources that are being spent."

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Mayor concerned what's not in budget

CITY HALL
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The city's mayor is paying more attention to what wasn't mentioned in the provincial budget, rather than any of the new changes.

Premier Doug Ford's Progressive Conservative government laid out the first budget of their mandate, with Finance Minister Vic Fedeli tabling Ontario's financial blueprint in Queen's Park on Thursday.

The spending plan, which includes a new childcare access and relief from expenses tax credit and dental care for low-income seniors, also introduces rebranded Ontario licence plates and official government logo, along with eliminating a number of regulations for sale and consumption of alcohol.

But absent was any mention of the replacement of the Thunder Bay District Jail, expanded cardiovascular surgery at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre or plans to either continue highway four-laning between Thunder Bay and Nipigon or revamping the Thunder Bay Expressway.

That lack of commitment concerns Thunder Bay mayor Bill Mauro, who said he has more questions than answers.

"We have to remain hopeful. We don't know for sure," Mauro said at city hall last Friday.

"I'm trying to remain optimistic and positive about it, remembering that some of these pieces were good policy pieces for us. Like the cardiac surgery, for the obvious reasons. But associated with that were 60 to 70 really good,

high-paying jobs as well. Health care outcomes are very important for us, obviously, but there's an economic piece to this as well. To back up the angioplasty program, the two of those would have represented 120 jobs combined. If it doesn't happen, there are 60 to 70 of those that aren't going to appear here in Thunder Bay."

The previous Liberal provincial government, of which Mauro was a longtime member and cabinet minister, had promised the new jail, cardiac surgery and had completed half of the highway twinning and undergone significant planning to prepare for eventual overhaul intersections along the expressway.

Mauro and Coun. Brian McKinnon, the chair of the city's intergovernmental affairs committee, were among a city delegation that had returned from the

Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in January with an assurance from provincial government officials that the new jail was a "done deal."

"We don't know for sure the new jail isn't coming just because it wasn't mentioned," Mauro said.

The government's budget document includes a section on fighting gun and gang violence, which repeats a previous \$25 million contribution to the Toronto Police Service and has a pledge of \$2 million for the Ottawa Police Service.



BILL MAURO

The province is also planning to spend \$16.2 million over two years to develop an Ontario-wide strategy to combat gun and gang violence.

"I'm not sure if we'll get any of that and if we do it's program money, it's not core money," Mauro said.

The Ford government also pumped the brakes on the Liberals' plan to increase provincial gas tax funding for municipalities. For about eight years, Thunder Bay had been receiving about \$2 million annually from the province through the tax, though it was intended to be doubled by 2021.

"For Thunder Bay, that would have meant another \$500,000 per year," Mauro said. "So from the \$2 million to \$2.5 (million), to \$3 (million), ending up at \$4 million and now that's been put on hold or cancelled."

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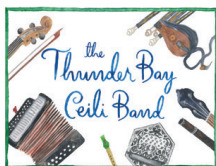
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LOCAL NEWS



LONGER WAIT: David Stezenko, the executive director of the Lake Superior Centre for Regenerative Medicine, speaks to city council on Monday night, asking for time to pay back a six-year-old loan.

ReGen Med gets a loan extension

Council agrees to give company two more years

CITY HALL

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Loans provided by the city to RegenMed more than six years ago won't start to be paid back until 2021.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night approved the two-year extension for the Lake Superior Centre for Regenerative Medicine, which had requested pushing back the repayment schedule that was supposed to start on April 1.

The city had approved a series of three interest-free loans totalling \$550,000 in 2012 and 2013 for the local biomedical facility. A 10-year repayment plan with monthly installments of nearly \$5,000 was supposed to start at the beginning of the month. With the extension, the city is scheduled to receive the final payment in 2031.

Coun. Brian McKinnon, the chair of the city's intergovernmental affairs committee, last week brought forward the request on behalf of RegenMed to delay the repayment schedule, saying the organization couldn't meet the deadline.

RegenMed executive David Stezenko, responding to a question about whether the organization could leave the city, made it clear there is a commitment to Thunder Bay.

"There's a very steady mandate from the board of directors that pushing the economic development of the biomedical cluster in Thunder Bay is absolutely part of the mission and the vision of this company,"

Stezenko said.

Stezenko said RegenMed currently employs 15 people, though three significant projects currently underway could dramatically increase their workforce. An announcement made by the previous Liberal provincial government, which has been since put under review by the new Progressive Conservative government, making the centre Ontario's designated tissue processing centre would result in 30 new full-time equivalent positions within the first four years.

The centre also earlier this year announced that federal funding would allow it to launch

the country's first cortical bone powder program. RegenMed is also pursuing becoming Canada's first manufacturer and distributor of acellular dermal matrix, which Stezenko said would result in dozens of new jobs in the first four or five years with the potential for it to become "many dozens" in following years.

Coun. Rebecca Johnson suggested that RegenMed officials report back to council on a regular, eight to 12-month basis.

"We're now saying to the community that we're letting your organization not pay for another two years," Johnson said. "Maybe you need to come and tell us and the community on occasion what you're doing so that we know that we're eventually going to get this money back."

The city had also provided RegenMed with a non-repayable grant of \$500,000 in 2011.

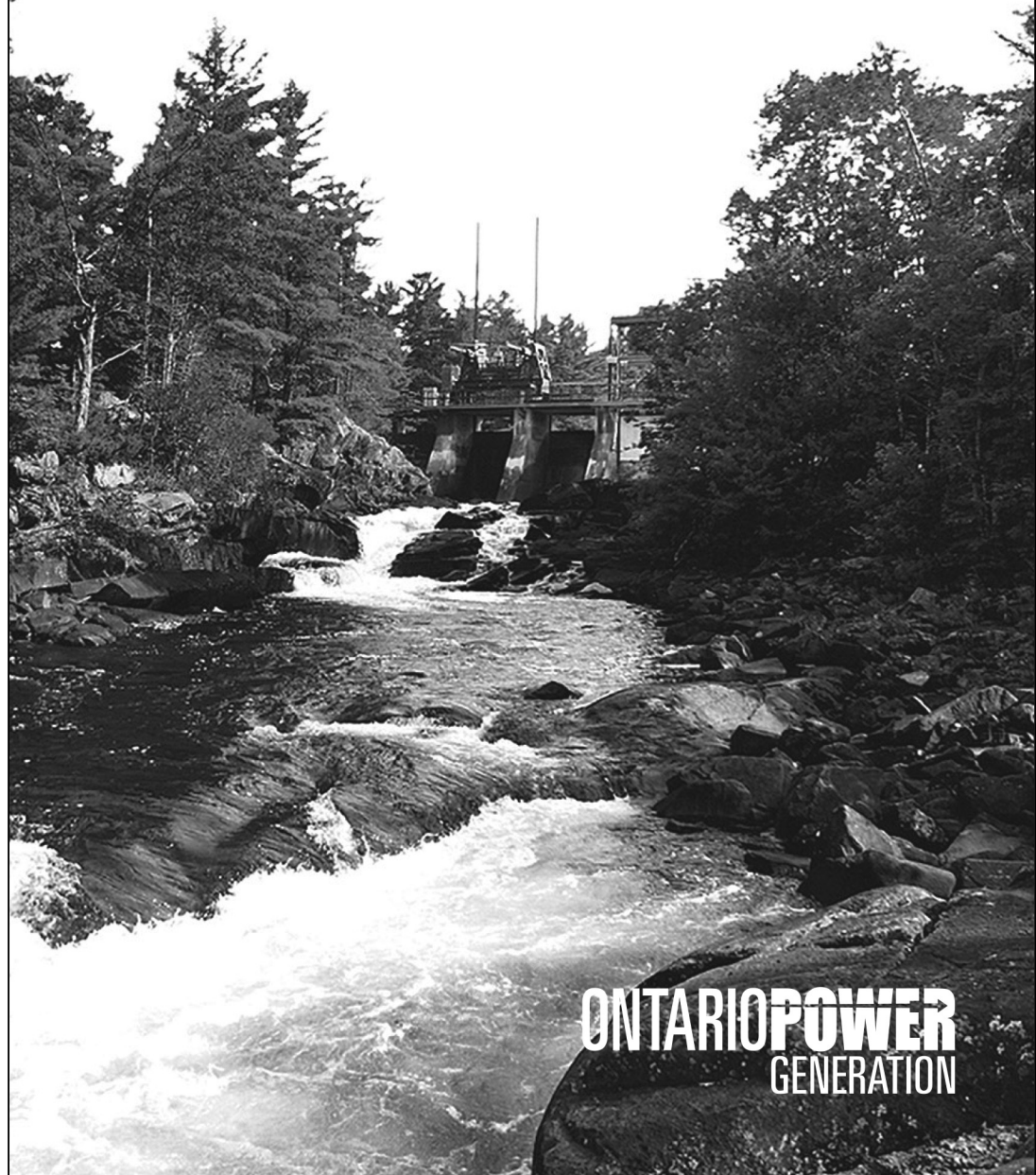
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Editorial

EDITORIAL

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Earlier this week organizers said they've sold about 1,000 weekly passes to the event, the national midget AAA hockey championship.

Featuring the Thunder Bay Kings, who won the title twice, first in 1995 and then two years later in 1997, the event has been a springboard for future NHLers since it first began.

From Glenn Anderson and Rod Brind'Amour to Sidney Crosby and Denis Savard, the tournament's alumni list a virtual who's who of the hockey world.

The Kings will be joined this year by teams from Calgary, Toronto, Halifax, Tisdale, Sask and Magog, Que.

Ticket prices make the event, which starts on Monday night at Fort William Gardens, the best bang for your buck in town. Weekly passes are \$89 for adults and \$67 for youth, while single-game tickets range from \$14 to \$20, the most expensive listing for the medal games on Sunday, April 28.

The Kings, who earned their spot because they're hosting, earlier this month proved they belonged, earning a spot in West Regional final, the team from Tisdale needing overtime to dispatch their Thunder Bay rival.

If you love hockey, don't miss out.

It's been 31 years since the event was last here. Who knows when it will return?

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NWAC allegations

To the editor:

To address recent allegations against the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), we write this open letter to provide clarity, to ensure our voices are heard and to share our truths.

We find the reoccurring allegations against NWAC and its senior management unfounded, offensive and defamatory.

This is the second time the treatment of our staff is being questioned and is why we are coming forward publicly. Due to legal obligations and our ethics, we will not disclose personal information on any current or past employees to respect their privacy. Any organization who works on Indigenous issues knows these matters are difficult, overwhelming and stressful.

Due to the nature of our work, it is our duty to ensure we go above regular employer obligations to maintain a safe and secure workplace for the well-being of our staff.

At NWAC in particular, we work on emotional and disturbing topics including missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, forced and coerced sterilization, human trafficking and ongoing sex discrimination in the very laws that govern this country.

NWAC is very sensitive to the fact that the nature of our work exposes staff to content which can be emotionally tolling, cause stress, or trigger personal ties or lived experiences.

Our staff are dedicated to advocating against the difficult issues Indigenous women face daily. It is our priority to ensure the well-being and safety of our staff, especially since they work on such upsetting content.

NWAC takes a culturally appropriate and trauma informed approach to all of our work, operations and human resources.

To ensure we provide exceptional support to our employees, we have three full-time professional HR staff and on-site elder support for approximately 60 staff. In order to appropriately address human resource issues, the on-site Elder also provides guidance and direction on internal matters.

We also infuse culture into our workplace. This includes Elder-led ceremonies, open and closing prayers at meetings and events, cultural teachings, smudging, beading, drumming and encourage staff to share their culture with co-workers.

NWAC wants to clarify questions regarding financial spending. We are completely transparent in all financial matters.

Our audited financial statements are

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Bridge suggestions

To the editor:

It's great to hear that the James Street Swing Bridge has finally been cleared for rebuilding, but I really hope the engineers make it fireproof this time.

And they should install CVC cameras.

It would be beyond heartbreaking if the arsonist hit again.

Marya Miller,
Thunder Bay

Company worth loan

To the editor:

ReGen Med is a not for profit Canadian company that is doing wonderful research and work in the biomedical field locally.

They are bringing good paying jobs to Thunder Bay.

Lucy Juneau,
Director of communications,
Native Women's Association of
Canada

People say they want to support local industry and want good jobs but no one wants to give an inch to get it.

Wishing the best for this company.

Jenny Duggan,
Thunder Bay,
Via Facebook

Close school for now

To the editor:

Why don't they just shut Hammarskjold down until further notice?

We live in a decade where the internet allows teachings to be taught online, programs and apps to make it easier.

If this is what has to be done for a few weeks so be it. The media and press are a joke playing into the game.

Katrina Dicks,
Thunder Bay

Perspective

Exciting news from outer space

The first picture of a black hole offers humanity a clear perspective of our small place in the universe

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

I was excited when I heard the news but once I saw the first picture of a black hole I have to admit, I wasn't that impressed.

I blame Albert Einstein – he first stirred our imaginations with his wild theories about general relativity and singularities.

The term “black hole” was coined much later and we also explored the concept of worm holes or portals to other dimensions and universes.

Black hole enthusiasts continued to be intrigued by the inconceivable and challenged by the unknowable mysteries of the cosmos.

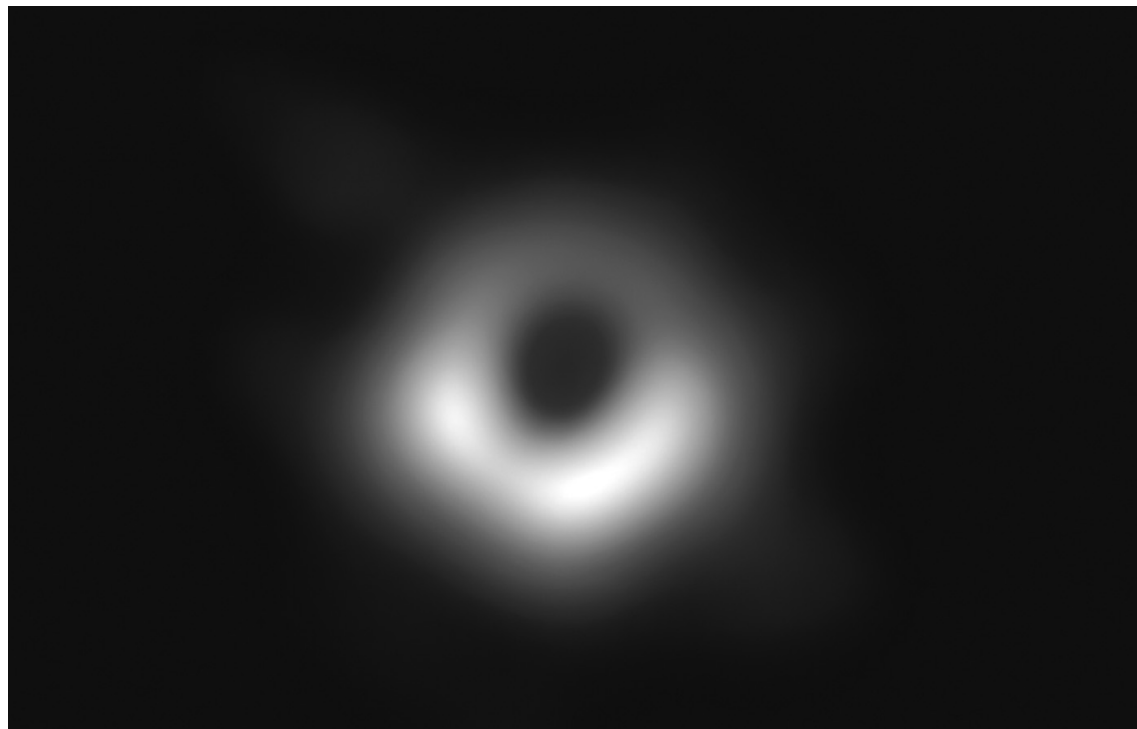
And now after decades of conjecture, hype and spin about black holes, the first photo is nothing if not anticlimactic.

I don't know what I was expecting because even light can't escape the extreme gravity of a black hole and any picture was sure to be, well, black.

And so it was – a circular hole in the centre, black of course, with some glowing stuff forming a blurry ring around the outside.

It wasn't much different from the artistic interpretations we've been looking at for years so we had a good idea what to expect.

I was hoping to be surprised but unfortunately, for all the mystery and mystique surrounding black holes, the picture was underwhelming.



OUT OF THIS WORLD: Messier 87, the first ever image of a black hole 55 million light years away from earth was made public last week.

But credit where credit is due – it is a considerable technical achievement to take pictures of something black, 55 billion light years away.

Kudos to the international team of astronomers and scientists that achieved this milestone in the mind-boggling world of astrophysics.

They conceived and accomplished their bold mission by devising something called the Event Horizon

Telescope.

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Armed with this bold technology, they had the tools they needed to snap a photo of a dark speck on the other side of the universe.

It sounds impressive and it really is but they still didn't get a very inter-

esting picture.

However, I have still been sucked in (so to speak) by the magnitude and scale of the image.

Stephen Hawking brought black holes into popular culture and suddenly, these things are everywhere.

The one in the photograph, anonymously named M87, can be found at the centre of a galaxy 55 million

light years away from Earth.

That distance makes it challenging to see but I wouldn't want it any closer – at 6.5 billion times the mass of our sun, M87 is infinitely powerful.

This super-massive black hole has the gravitational power to swallow up stars and entire galaxies and it appears to be only one of many.

Astronomers are now saying that massive black holes could be at the centre of every galaxy, hundreds of billions of holes in the observable universe.

Even our own Milky Way Galaxy revolves around a black hole at its centre but at only 4 million times the mass of the sun, it is puny compared to M87.

Maybe that's why things are relatively calm in our corner of the universe – I hope it stays that way.

Meanwhile back on Earth, we attempt to squeeze every last drop of oil out of the planet so we can generate a few more BTU's of energy.

We already struggle to control the relatively measly forces of wind and water that devastate our planet due to self-inflicted global warming.

Out there in the cosmos, worlds much larger than ours are being swallowed whole while massive black holes play pinball with the universe.

For me, that crappy picture of a black hole really puts things in perspective – humans really need to get over themselves.

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A look back in history: Derailed

Early morning on Aug. 18, 1918, night car No. 44, travelling at high speed, left the tracks at the curved corner of Brock and Ford Streets and crashed through the front of MacKenzie's Grocery Store, taking out a telegraph pole and stairs to the second floor. Three men on board received only minor bumps and bruises.



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TOP FUNDRAISER: Shelly Brown (second from right) raised more than \$2,000, the highest individual total. She plunges with her team, Freezing for a Reason.

Polar plunge raises \$80K

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

It doesn't matter what kind of plan you have or how much adrenaline is pumping through your veins, when you jump into Lake Superior in the middle of April, only one thing is for sure – it's going to be cold.

"I just plan on getting in and getting out fast," said first time Polar Plunger, Mavis Prattes. "It's not going to be too bad. Finlanders do it all the time."

More than 300 people braved the chilly waters on Saturday for the annual Polar Plunge in support of Special Olympics Thunder Bay, the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games, and Roots to Harvest.

According to Warren Giertuga, event organizer, this year also included the CNIB Foundation as a fundraising partner.

"We are ecstatic that we had set out a goal this year to raise \$50,000," Giertuga said. The community has supported it in a great way."

The event raised more than \$80,000.

The recent warm weather this year also provided a new way for plungers to get out of the water as quickly as possible.

"The ice is a bit of challenge this year

because it's receded a little bit with the weather," Giertuga said. "It's the first year we've had the opportunity to actually jump in and have people walk out on their own. Every other year it's been a hole and they had to be helped out."

And those who jumped into the water could not wait to get out. But the actual shock to the body once you hit the water isn't the worst part; it's the walk down the dock.

"The water is cold and there is some anxiety that leads up to it, but there is so much excitement that builds up to the jump, and that alleviates some of the anxiety," Giertuga said. "It's kind of like a carnival atmosphere. They get in and it's a good time."

That's not so easy to say for those making the jump, including Shelly Brown, who was back for her second year and was the top individual fundraiser, bringing in more than \$2,000.

"The biggest fear is when you are running up to the water, looking into it, and then you hear go, you just jump and it's over," she said. "By the time you get your head out of the water, you just kind of gasp, and then you are

out. It's really a feeling of accomplishment when you're done."

This year also saw the return of the Cool Schools, with students from elementary and secondary schools earning a lot of bragging rights.

"I just wanted to do it for Special Olympics," said Grade 8 Valley Central student, Alexa Tackney. "I'm nervous. I've never done it before. It's going to be cold."

Grade 4 student, Lily Gillien, was already feeling the chills before even getting near the water, but it's all worth it.

"I'm kind of cold," she said. "It's going to be cold. I just thought it would be fun and for a good cause."

There are many reasons for taking a late winter plunge into what is already a notoriously cold lake, be it supporting local charities and wanting to walk away saying: I did it, because not many people can or

want to.

"It's something I've thought about doing and I'm not getting any younger, so I might as well do it now," Prattes said. "It's fun and you meet the nicest people."

"The community has supported it in a great way."
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Cops for Cancer returns on May 11 to the CLE

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Cops for Cancer has been raising funds for pediatric cancer research for 22 years in Thunder Bay and they'll be at it once again next month.

Greg Stephenson of the Thunder Bay Police Service, a driving force behind the annual fundraising event, on Thursday said they've set their target at \$20,000 - although they'll be looking to collect the money at a new venue, moving from Intercity Shopping Centre to the Thunder

Bay Country Market.

Stephenson said it's a great spot with plenty of traffic on a Saturday morning

"It's a new venue, but we're hoping we get a good walk-up crowd," he said. "Obviously Saturday is a very busy day for them and we're very excited about it."

Started in Edmonton by Sgt. Gary Goulet after a young boy named Lyle Jorgenson, who going through chemotherapy treatments, was bullied after losing his hair, Cops for Cancer has been a top fundraiser in Thunder Bay for more than two decades, one police and the

public are only too happy to support.

"Everybody, from all walks of life is touched by cancer. We've certainly had our share of losses of officers and family members. It's a way for us to give back to the community. It's a very simple fundraiser. Obviously all you have to do is to be able to shave your head, and everybody has a head and hair," Stephenson said, adding it's also an annual tribute to a fallen colleague, Dave Duncan, whose life was taken by cancer in 2003.

Everyone rallies behind sick kids." Cops for Cancer is open to everyone, not just police.

To sign up or donate, visit www.cops-forcancer.ca.

Maria Cabral, regional manager at the Canadian Cancer Society Northwest, said

the May 11 event is a longstanding tradition and it's important to their fundraising efforts for the year.

"This one concentrates on pediatric cancer, kids with cancer. We've got a longstanding relationship with Thunder Bay Police and other members of the public, who just love to get their head shaved," Cabral said.

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Art Stephenson gets his head shaved by Carlo and G's Rene Rypkema.

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Charities welcome Murray's donations

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source staff

Dilico Anishinabek Family Care and the Thunder Bay District Children's Aid Society are expressing their gratitude to Matt Murray and the Thunder Bay goalie's NHL team, the Pittsburgh Penguins.

This week, the Penguins announced that Murray and the Penguins Foundation are donating almost \$50,000 CDN to the two agencies.

Murray had pledged to make charitable donations of \$30 U.S. for each save he made during the NHL's regular season.

That resulted in a personal donation of \$44,000 U.S., which was supplemented by \$30,000 U.S. from the hockey club's charitable foundation.

The money will be split among three recipients, including Dilico, Thunder Bay Children's Aid, and an agency in Pittsburgh that supports at-risk young people.

"I'm very fortunate to be a professional athlete and I want to do what I can to help others, especially kids and young adults," Murray said.

"My dad worked with his hometown charities both professionally and personally throughout his life, so these donations are being made in his honour."



NEW IDEA: United Way of Thunder Bay campaign co-chairs Andrew Richert (left) and Angela Beaucage (right), are joined on Thursday, April 11, 2019 by sponsor Shawn Christie of Lowerys.

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Billboard Rescue getting new look

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

United Way Billboard Rescue participants have been grounded this year, but will still try to collect \$100,000 to help the organization reach its annual campaign goal.

After 26 years of climbing billboards or strapping themselves onto a scissor lift and being raised to the Thunder Bay sky, the event is taking a new course in 2019, a way to spice up an event that has outlasted hundreds of others in the city and still remains the United Way's single-largest fundraiser of the year.

Campaign co-chairs Angela Beaucage and Andrew Richert on Thursday said there were a number of reasons to make the change.

"We wanted to include the entire community. We're trying to project the feeling of inclusion and how we can help the entire community. We want all teams to come forward, so we changed the format a little bit," Beaucage said at a news conference held at the United Way's office, several Billboard Rescue teams on hand to pick up their packages and learn a little more about the new format.

"We have every team coming on board to create their own billboard on how they see Thunder Bay being inclusive and connected. From there we're going to take all of those smaller billboards and create a giant billboard."

The bigger billboard will be displayed on site at IG Wealth Management's Jade Court address, where this year's Billboard Rescue and accompa-

nying community barbecue will be held on May 16.

Richert said change is a good thing. "Thunder Bay is one of those towns that has been somewhat resistant to change. I think they're going to be really embracing this one," he said. "It's not as cold, it's indoors and it's something different. And I think it's something that people enjoy."

"They'll be able to put their thoughts to paper and it will be something that everyone can see." Lowerys partner Shawn Christie, who has been involved with Billboard Rescue since the beginning, said the event has raised more than \$2 million combined, and it's still just as important as it was in its earliest days.

"It's the biggest single-day fundraising initiative that the United Way puts on," said Christie, whose company is co-presenting the event, along with IG Wealth Management.

Donna Yocom, regional director of IG Wealth Management, said it's a great cause that will help everyone in Thunder Bay empower all of life's possibilities.

"That's exactly what the United Way does," she said. "Their reach is so far and the impact is incredibly positive for many, many people in Northwestern Ontario."

Participants who will collect pledges prior to and during the event, will be assisted in their artistic endeavours by the Community Arts and Heritage Education Project. The barbecue is scheduled for May 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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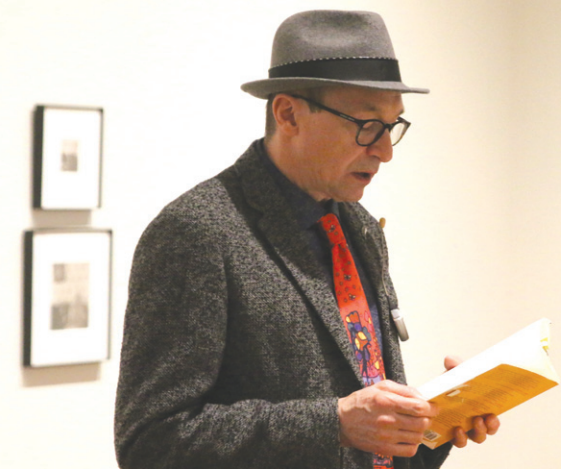
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DOUG DIACZUK

INSPIRED: Author Arman Ruffo reads from his book, *Norval Morrisseau: Man Changing into Thunderbird*, at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

The life and work of Norval Morrisseau

ART

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Norval Morrisseau is considered to be one of the greatest artists not only in Canada, but also around the world, inspiring a generation of painters in what would become known as the Woodland School.

"I don't know if people realize that he is one of not only Canada's greatest painters, he is one of the greatest painters of the 20th century," said author Armand Garnet Ruffo. "I'm not the only person to say this. People like Picasso said it himself."

On Sunday, as part of the exhibit at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery from its permanent collection of Morrisseau's work, Ruffo read from his creative biography, *Norval Morrisseau: The Man Changing into Thunderbird*, detailing the prolific Indigenous artist's life and work.

"I don't know if there's anyone better suited to speak to the works at this point than Armand Ruffo," said Andrea Terry, acting curator with the Thunder Bay Art Gallery. "It's a wonderful opportunity for us to bring him here with the help of the Thunder Bay Public Library."

Morrisseau was born in Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek, formerly known as Sand Point First Nation, where he began painting at a young age, and he would later be known for creating his own artistic school.

"He's had a profound impact on both Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists in Canada, in terms of if not form itself, then certainly the use of colour," Ruffo said. "In terms of Indigenous artists, there are numerous painters to this day who use the Woodland School style."

The Woodland School often depicts outlines of animals, people, and nature and utilizes vibrant colours.

"He created his own form, his own school. He did amazing work," Terry said. "So for the people of Thunder Bay to have this amazing

gallery here featuring his work is quite incredible."

Ruffo undertook years of research for his book, which included several interviews with Morrisseau before he passed away in 2007, as well as speaking with dozens of others who knew him throughout his life.

But it was the paintings themselves that served the greatest inspiration in Ruffo's work.

"One of the things it did for me is it made me start really thinking about the form I was writing in," Ruffo said.

"When I wrote the biography, I didn't want to write a straight standard biography, I really wanted to incorporate the mythic elements of the paintings, which incorporated into his own life, into the work. The book itself bridges both realism and the mythic elements of the Anishnabek world view."

Those mythic elements are also reflected in Ruffo's own creative work and he published *The Thunderbird Poems*, a collection of poems each inspired by a Morrisseau painting.

Morrisseau's work has been shown in galleries around the world and is often sought after by collectors.

Thunder Bay Art Gallery has 117 Morrisseau pieces in its permanent collection and Ruffo said people in Northern Ontario should be proud to have these works on display.

"It's fantastic. It's an amazing collection," he said. "He did amazing work. So for the people of Thunder Bay to have this amazing gallery here featuring his work is quite incredible."

"I think it's really exciting," added Terry. "It's quite meaningful in that we have a lot of artists who lived and worked in the area who studied with Morrisseau. To have such a large collection of Morrisseau's work is quite meaningful because we can bring it out time and time again."

The *Norval Morrisseau: Works from the Permanent Collection* will be on display at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery until May 19.

**"He is one of
the greatest
painters of
the 20th
century."**

ARMAND RUFFO

TB Life

Snow: the new spring

So, it snowed. Boy, did it snow. Out here on the farm we had a blizzard on Friday. And it was melting and thawing so nicely too. And it will again even as I write but...

I tell a story about expecting all of the snow to be gone by the beginning of April. After all, when I moved up here from southern Ontario back in 1971, the snow was completely gone by April 1. But I recall coming to work at CBC Radio one April 11th around 1980 and it was a sunny, warm, snow-free day. When I exited the building in late afternoon, much had changed. My car was covered in snow. What happened? Unheard of! Poor crocuses.



FRED JONES

RURAL ROOTS

It wasn't really until the 2000's (if memory serves me right but don't count on it) that

the seasons seemed to move back a couple of weeks. Spring was coming later and later. Winter, too, with the snow was coming later. I prayed that by December we would have snow that stayed. I remember one autumn heading over to a farm that had draught horses and that offered sleigh rides along the farmer's trails each winter. He said that by mid-November there would be enough snow on the ground that we could hitch up the sleighs to these magnificent beasts and begin making trails in the snow. Didn't happen. There no snow. So, we hitched up the magnificent beasts to the wagons and went for a ride anyway. I learned how to hold the reins and drive two large, Belgian beasts. Disappointing that they weren't pulling sleighs but satisfying for me that I was actually driving two big horses.

So, it snowed Friday. They warned us, then weather folks. In fact, they said that most of it would probably hit our neighbours south of the border. We still received about three to four inches of the heavy, wet stuff. I had to

drive to town to deliver our daughter to the college as she is finishing up her stint in the excellent film course and then have lunch with my close friend, Dave. Our son, Doug, had spent the night in town with a fellow engineering student friend. I had our farm truck with four-wheel drive so I had no worries about getting to town and back. In town? No snow. Guess we were just lucky.

Saturday was spent ploughing and scraping on Big Red, my elderly tractor. Not a hard job, just tedious because I thought snow clearing was done. But I had been amazed that the snow had avoided the city. Clear roads and sidewalks. You could tell the drivers from the 'burbs with the tops of their vehicles covered in the white stuff and the city mice vehicles snow-free. I was grateful that the melt would begin the next day.

And it did. During the storm we felt for the birds. The Sandhill cranes, the Redwing Blackbirds, all the returning feathered folk who came back right on time only to be assaulted by this late snow storm. We made regular trips to the bird feeder especially as there was a line-up like in a cafeteria to get at the seeds by birds, red squirrels, and then deer. Deer can clean the feeder (I spread the seed on a picnic table) in no time. When they leave, I (sigh) troop out to replenish the seed.

Sunday at supper, our pooch, Baxter, suddenly raced to the living room window all tense and alert. He emitted a couple of gruff "woofs". I got out of my chair to see what had caused the kerfuffle. There they were, Ma and Pa crane standing in stark contrast to the floor of white. Baxter barked and then I barked; "No, Baxter, you are not going out!" So good to see these huge feathered friends who return each year. But it will be a while yet before they can graze on the field below Casa Jones.

But enough about the weather. It is Easter (how did that happen?), a time to celebrate spring even if the outside is reluctant to do so. The kids are too old for an Easter egg hunt but they still get chocolate bunnies at the ritual feast. I hope that yours is a happy one.

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SOMETHING IN THE AIR: From left to right: Jennifer Dzialoszynski, Jacob James, Amy Sellors, Annie Tuma, Eric Craig, Brianne Tucker in Magnus Theatre's final show of the season, *Boeing Boeing*.

Smooth pathways to love

Magnus Theatre's final show of the season soars onto the stage April 25

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Magnus Theatre ends its regular season with a snap-crackle-pop comedy in the skies over the City of Romance and Love.

Actually, our story begins after the flights have landed in Paris and delivered a trio of beautiful women to a most desirable address. A place each woman thinks of as exclusively her own. Hmm, wonder what could possibly be wrong with this sensuously inviting picture?

It's true. Some men have it all. Good looks, charm, engaging smile, even more engaging eyes, intelligence, wit, poise. Oh did I mention a polished career allowing him to live in the style of the nobility he aspires to with near perfection?

Chance meeting

Ahead of those flights destined for Paris, I met just such a man. In a chic apartment situated in the Latin Quarter near Luxembourg Gardens. My heart aflutter as soon as Bernard, played by actor Jacob James, opened the door, invited me in.

"My life? A dream," he states with a

signature smile that carries straight up into warm hazel eyes. "I'm an architect, here in Paris. I've a lot of people working on wonderful projects. Which gives me many opportunities to spend time with my loved ones."

Those eyes. I venture out on a limb to ask about his love life.

"Know what, darling? My capacity for love is so strong that I can't contain it to just one person. I know this sounds a bit progressive, but currently in my life I have three women I deeply adore." He all but winks. In defense I ask Bernard about this juggling act of his. The charm flies ever smooth.

"Honestly, I exist on a plane of perpetual continual romantic bliss. I'm organized, you see. I am beautifully, beautifully, beautifully organized."

Out of a side room bounds a tall man with dark tousled hair. His demeanour is cautious. He's over-slept, he tells Bernard. I'm curious when introduced to Eric Craig as Robert, Bernard's long-time loyal friend.

"We go back to school years, he and I. He was always a bit of a cad; I went along for the ride," says Robert with a big grin. "He

got himself into so many scrapes, so much trouble.

But I was always there to help.

Do I have any advice for him now? Oh I don't think Bernard needs any advice from me at this time. He's caught quite a bit of 'advice' from me already; I endeavour to follow as best I can. Someday I hope to have just a small modicum of his romance."

Straight talk

When I remark to Robert, about his honest dishonesty, a slightly startled look begins in his eyes. "Oh my. Goodness, that's charming. How nice. That's so kind. It's very kind of you. So. Kind."

Out of a bedroom flies a maid-servant, hands flapping, mouth giving orders. No questions here.

I ask how is life for maid, living in Paris, with a man like Bernard.

With tigress eyes flashing, actor Amy Sellors as Berthe-the-maid tells me "it isn't easy!

Monsieur is great deal of trouble. Times three."

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The Good Fight's bad subliminal threat

The CBS show, *The Good Fight*, recently found itself in hot water for alleged subliminal threats against the president

Hammarskjold School continues to be closed for classes due to "threats." Let's face it, with the number of shootings and bombings that keep occurring, especially in the U.S., it's no surprise that the authorities are taking them seriously.

Odds are it's just a kid or internet troll. However, we cannot risk our students' safety or that of the staff

when a threat is received. So the school keeps closing.

Obviously, a threat doesn't have to be real to do damage.

Recently, the CBS drama *The Good Fight* was reported to the Secret Service for a threat against the Commander-In-Chief. Apparently, a recent episode held "subliminal images encouraging the assassination of the president."

At first blush, this story sounds ludicrous. However, it was not reported by a viewer wearing a tinfoil hat or someone confused by the letters in his Alphabets cereal.

The official CBS Twitter account for the show sent out an image from the episode in which an NSA researcher recording a phone call points to a list of "target words" that he is listening for. They include "assassinate," "president", and



"Trump" – in that order.

Now, you might still find all this rather silly. That is, until you read the CBS tweet that accompanied the image that asked viewers if they caught the "Easter Eggs" in the list of target words.

CBS, its social media team, and its writers knew exactly what kind of storm they were stirring up in the

scene. And if audiences didn't catch it during the episode, *The Good Fight* spelled it out for us on social media. So it cannot be a surprise that Twitter users reacted. And not kindly.

The Good Fight has proudly held an anti-Trump sentiment since its first episode when Diane Lockhart reacted in horror to the 2016 election results. While it has occasionally poked fun at both sides of politics, the writers have remained unabashedly on Team Democrat.

This is no show for a Republican at heart. It wants to effect change. And last season, it pushed the envelope when one character suggested assassinating the president. (Spoiler alert: They didn't.)

So what exactly what CBS' goal with this inflammatory Tweet? Perhaps they believed that their

viewers shared their cocky sentiment. Perhaps they forgot that we currently live in a society in which violence is often the first resort – not the last.

The fact is, there are enough internet trolls looking for imaginary dirt to smear and for people to unnecessarily rile up without serving them fresh meat on a silver platter. CBS' actions were irresponsible and no better than Kathy Griffin's severed head photo. If it's a good joke in the first place, it shouldn't need to be spelled out.

Within days, the Tweet was taken down. Yet the question remains: Will it inspire a twisted mind to follow through? Not likely. But with the divide between sides getting deeper – and with jokes like this, uglier – in this day, is even one life worth the risk?

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 - Negatives
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 - Court order
 - Burmese knife
 - Levantine ketch
 - Son of Loki
 - Irish rebel group
 - Flood
 - Irish Republican Army (abbr.)
 - Honey
 - Serous
 - Albania (abbr.)
 - Branch
 - Way of walking
 - Berne's river
 - Amer.
 - Automobile Assn. (abbr.)
 - Medicinal herb
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FUN AND GAMES: Hockey House chair Mike Simeoni says it'll be the place to be when not watching TELUS Cup games.

Hockey House will be a TELUS Cup activity hub

HOCKEY
By Leith Dunlck – TB Source

If you're not watching the games on the ice, then Hockey House will be the place to be during next week's TELUS Cup.

Located on the upper level of Fort William Curling Club, adjacent to Fort William Gardens, Hockey House will be the entertainment hot spot for the tournament, where the public can find live local music, great food and drink and maybe even a chance to mingle with some ex-NHLers.

Mike Simeoni, the venue's chair, said it's been designed for easy access to tournament goers, but added it's also open to anyone in the community, whether or not they plan to attend the national Midget AAA games.

"It's a place to connect with old friends and teammates and also take in some of the live streamed games we'll have of the TELUS Cup. You can get some food, some beverages and take in some nightly entertainment as well."

It's also a family-friendly affair, Simeoni added.

"Kids are welcome to attend Hockey House as well, so feel free to come by with the whole family after the game."

The live music takes place on Monday through Wednesday and features EDLA on the first night, Plan B on the second and JB Band on Wednesday.

"We just really want to enhance our fan experience. It's going to be fantastic hockey and we want a place for people to come and congregate afterward, to continue their evening or their afternoon," Simeoni said.

There should be plenty of fans on hand. Organizer Iain Angus on Monday said more than 1,000 ticket packages have been sold and single-game options are now on sale at the Fort William Gardens box office.

Round-robin games are \$14 apiece, with semifinal games going for \$17.50 and Sunday's championship and bronze-medal matches topping out at \$20 each.

Angus said the best deal is still a week-long pass.

"If you leave it to the last minute and decide you're going to buy six or seven tickets, you're going to be spending more than if you bought the \$89 package," Angus said. "Plus, there are no youth packages for the individual tickets, just a one-size fits all ticket."

Youth passes are \$67, while a package that includes just the Kings game can be purchased for \$50.

The Kings will be joined at the TELUS Cup by the Halifax McDonald's, the Magog Cantonniers, the Toronto Young Nationals, the Tisdale Trojans and the Calgary

Buffaloes. Past participants in the tournament include Denis Savard, Dany Heatley and Sidney Crosby.

"It's a place to connect with old friends and teammates..."
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Monday, April 22

- Toronto vs Halifax12 p.m.
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- Thunder Bay vs Calgary7:30 p.m.

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Sunday, April 28

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sports NEWS

Pineau, Atwill look forward to OHL

HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Alex Pineau and Alex Atwill have been playing hockey – and baseball – together for about as long as either teen can remember.

It was rather fitting that they'd be selected in this month's Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection Draft five picks apart in the eighth round.

Pineau, a lanky six-foot, 176-pound blue-liner, was grabbed 157th overall by the Sudbury Wolves, a team with plenty of history with Thunder Bay players, including NHLers Marc and Jared Staal and Taylor Pyatt, who was taken eighth overall by the New York Islanders in 1999.

Atwill, a 5-foot-8, 141-pound left-

winger, was taken with pick No. 162 by the London Knights, another team with ties to Thunder Bay dating back to the early '70s.

Neither player was counting on being drafted, but both were pretty thrilled it happened.

"Playing up north sometimes it doesn't work out the way you want it to, so I didn't have too high expectations, but when my name got picked I was definitely super excited," said Pineau, who had four goals and six assists playing with the Thunder Bay Minor Midget Kings this season, also helping the major midget squad to a championship game appearance at the TELUS Cup West



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Pineau said he couldn't have asked for a better eventual landing spot, if an OHL career is in his future.

"They definitely have a super-good past with being successful in the OHL Cup and some of their coaches have played in the NHL, like Cory Stillman," he said.

"And they pay attention to the talent we have up here. A lot of teams I find pass up the good talent we have in Thunder Bay, but they're definitely a team that watches us."

Atwill said being drafted by a team that has won three OHL championships since 2012 is a dream come true.

"It's just a great organization with a lot of skill in it and a great history of players that have come out of it, like (Mitch) Marner, (Patrick) Kane and (John) Tavares," said Atwill, showing he was clearly versed in the Knights past.

Atwill said it was pretty cool that he and Pineau were picked so close together and might be able to start their major junior careers together, albeit on different teams.

"It's very exciting. We've played hockey together since we were four or five or six in his backyard and been on the same team all the way up to now. It's been great," Atwill said.

Both players expect to attend rookie camps with their respective teams and said they'll make decisions based on that where they'll play next season.



LEITH DUNICK

SOLID SEASON: Alex Atwill had 16 points in 20 games for the Midget Kings.

Stars even up series

SIJHL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Jonathan Kilby said the wake-up came Saturday night, after the Red Lake Miners scored their sixth goal of the game and the Fort William Gardens crowd began to file out of the aging rink and into the night.

Falling 6-1 in the Bill Salonen Cup opener was troubling, said Kilby, a player who has fought tooth and nail to stay in the Thunder Bay North Stars lineup as the Superior International Junior Hockey League team works its way deeper and deeper into the post-season.

"That was embarrassing to us," said Kilby, who scored his first of the playoffs in Sunday's Game 2 rematch, putting his team in front 4-1 on the power play early in the third, en route to a series-tying 5-2 triumph in front of 1,016 fans.

"This is our home barn, so we decided to come together as a team and that's how we're going to win."

It's a whole new series now, he added, the Stars stopping a rare three-game slide against the Miners on home ice.

"They're a good team. They battle hard, but now we have that confidence. We're in full motion. We're not going stop, we're going to keep going, get those wins and hopefully bring a championship home," said the 17-year-old Kilby, who scored 12 times in 37 games in his rookie season with the Stars.

Jacob Brown, who scored a pair of goals for Thunder Bay, said the team couldn't afford another loss that would have put them in a deep 2-0 hole against the second-place Miners.

"We came out with great intensity and it showed throughout the game as we had the lead," said Brown, who picked up the puck in the corner, made a beeline for the front of the Red Lake net and ripped a wrist shot past goaltender Zach Willms with five minutes to go in the first to open the scoring.

The Miners tied things up in the first minute of the second, Matt Krawiec's quick shot fooling Aiken, who only saw 22 shots the entire night.

But six minutes later Thunder Bay took the lead for good, Michael Stubbs cutting through the slot and beating



LEITH DUNICK

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Jacob Brown scored twice for the Stars.

Willms with another wrist shot. Brown added his second of the night at 13:58 of the second and the home side took a 3-1 lead into the break.

Kilby added to the lead early in the third, but Red Lake's Ryan Patterson got it back 77 seconds later, keeping the score in reach.

However, Keighan Gerrie stretched the North Stars lead to three again, just past the midway point of the final stanza, scoring Thunder Bay's second power-play tally of the night.

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