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LOCAL NEWS



WANTS TO MOVE: The Thunder Bay Art Gallery is hoping to move to a waterfront location to increase traffic and visibility, as well as add space to display more artwork.

Art Gallery opening delayed

New \$33-million waterfront facility likely won't be ready until 2022 or 2023

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne – TB Source

Atentative goal of 2021 for opening the Thunder Bay Art Gallery's new waterfront location now appears well out of reach.

But Sharon Godwin, the TBAG's executive-director, is anxious to dispel any concerns this may cause.

"I don't want any great crisis out there in the community. We're dealing with anything that comes at us in the most appropriate way we can," Godwin said Monday in an interview.

The City of Thunder Bay, which owns the property at the southern end of Prince Arthur's Landing, is still working through the province's environmental assessment process.

Contaminated soil from decades of industrial use requires remediation.

Earlier this month, the city made a second submission to the Ministry of the Environment for a risk assessment of the property.

A city official told *Thunder Bay Source* the revisions to the initial submission required by the ministry are relatively minor.

The new document is under review by ministry staff.

"Then we will know exactly where we are at," said Gerry Broere, the director of the city's assets management division.

Regulations permit four months for a review, but a spokesperson told *Tbnewswatch* the ministry anticipates getting back to the city sooner than that.

Godwin said she hopes construction will still start sometime next year, with completion in 2022 or 2023.

Despite the fact the length of the environmental assessment "wasn't completely anticipated, there's no

question about that" she said, "there are no red flags."

Godwin said she has a new-found respect for any construction project that gets completed because of the myriad of obstacles that can be encountered, adding that "many of them are out of your control."

She acknowledged that the absence of shovels in the ground at the waterfront has led to questions about the status of the project.

"People don't always hear news clips. I still have people saying 'is it a go, is this happening?'" Godwin said.

The last funding announcement to capture headlines was in January of this year when the federal government chipped in \$3.5 million.

That brought total funding to almost \$30 million out of an estimated project cost of \$33 million.

Godwin said a public campaign to raise whatever balance might be required won't begin until construction begins.

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LOCAL NEWS



BILL MAURO

MOVING FORWARD: Mayor Bill Mauro on Monday makes his case to city council regarding the multi-use indoor soccer facility.

Consultants chosen to design soccer-plex

CITY HALL
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Despite the vocal protests of two councillors worrying about spending money the taxpayer might not be able to afford, a proposed \$30-million indoor soccer facility is moving on to its next phase.

City council on Monday night voted 10-2 to award a \$1.54-million prime consultant contract to Stantec Architecture Ltd., whose bid was scored highest of seven received by the city in a request for proposals to design the facility, which if approved, will be located at Chapples Park.

Cous. Rebecca Johnson and Mark Bentz were the lone dissenting votes following the hour-long discussion.

“Does the city have to build it? I don’t think we do,” said Johnson, noting no other levels of government have yet to commit any funding to the project, adding that tax revenues are down and tax arrears are up.

“The community can’t really afford to build this right now.”

Bentz likened the decision to move forward now to the failed event centre push, in which the city spent millions of dollars, only to be told senior levels of government would not partially fund the project.

“I’m a supporter of this facility, but I’m not a supporter of using 100 per cent Thunder Bay tax dollars to build it. Once we make this decision, we head down that road,” Bentz said.

“This is a commitment to build. You’re not going to spend (\$1.5) million not to build.”

Their concerns were heard, but the other 10 council members present chose to overlook them.

Mayor Bill Mauro laid out the case to support awarding the contract.

“The comparison to the event centre is unseemly,” Mauro said, adding he thinks the city has a far better chance to get funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation Corporation and FedNor than they did with the event centre.

“If you don’t support the project, you don’t support the project. God bless. The event centre money, I’m told, was in the range of \$4 million that was expended, to \$5 million. It did not go forward. This, to this point, is \$1.5 (million), with a chance of being less.”

Mauro argued that with the one-time doubling of the federal gas tax and money earmarked from the newly instituted municipal accommodation tax, along with potential NOHFC and FedNor funding, the city could easily raise \$18 million to cover the city’s share of the overall project cost, without affecting the tax rate.

It would fill a void in Thunder Bay, where indoor soccer players have been displaced after the collapse of the Sports Dome and the closure of the Confederation College bubble.

Neebing Coun. Cody Fraser, said if the tables were turned and it was a lack of hockey rinks in the city, the conversation would be vastly different.

“Our community is changing. Our demographics are changing,” Fraser said.

Mauro said delaying the project would cost at least one construction season and possibly add millions to the cost, urging council to think of the opportunity to build something of value for the 6,000 to 7,000 soccer players living in Thunder Bay.

“Three years is going to go by in a heartbeat and you’re going to look back at what you’ve accomplished for the City of Thunder Bay, and you’re going to build a few sidewalks and you’ll have planted a few trees. And you’ll have done your best to keep the tax rate at a lower, reasonable limit,” Mauro said.

“But once in a while you get an opportunity to do something for the city. I believe that’s what this is.”

Other councillors, including Peng Yu and Current River’s Andrew Foulds, also expressed concerns about the cost and who will ultimately foot the bill, but said for the good of the community they would vote to move ahead.

“This could be a game-changer for our community, and not just soccer,” Foulds said.

Council was told that funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund is contingent on a non-profit organization operating the facility.

The contract cost includes a \$150,000 consulting contingency.

“...once in a while you get an opportunity to do something for the city.”
BILL MAURO

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BOMBARDIER BILL: Liberal Michael Gravelle wants 60 per cent Canadian content on transit buys.

Gravelle seeking Canadian content

Liberal MPP introduces mass-transit bill

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source staff

Thunder Bay-Superior North MPP Michael Gravelle is introducing a Private Member's Bill in the Ontario legislature aimed at helping Bombardier obtain new contracts for its Thunder Bay plant.

The bill would mandate that public bodies in Ontario which buy mass transit vehicles only consider bids that include at least 60 per cent Canadian content.

In addition, final assembly of vehicles would have to take place in Canada.

"The time has come for us to protect Ontario manufacturers who have a long history of producing mass transit vehicles in our province," the Liberal MPP said in a prepared statement Monday.

"Bombardier has successfully done that job for many decades now and I want to continue to see Thunder Bay's largest private sector employer benefit from the significant public mass transit work that will be happening in Ontario over the next number of years," Gravelle added.

The legislation was scheduled to be introduced Monday afternoon. If passed at last reading, it will be debated in

the legislature on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce President Carla Robinson welcomed Gravelle's announcement, saying the bill "will help to level the playing field for mass transit manufacturers in Ontario and will ensure that Ontarians receive the best value for their tax dollars through the creation of local jobs and expertise."

Doug Murray, CEO of the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission, said the bill has the Cedes' "strong support."

"The time has come for us to protect Ontario manufacturers..."
MICHAEL GRAVELLE

"This is about creating jobs in Canada for products and services paid for by Canadian taxpayers. Our government should have the appropriate levers to do that, as do governments in other jurisdictions," Murray said.

Mayor Bill Mauro expressed his thanks to Gravelle for choosing this issue for his private member's bill "that is of obvious importance to the city."

The mayor has noted previously that American jurisdictions have content quotas of up to 70 per cent.

About 550 workers at the Thunder Bay Bombardier plant are scheduled to be laid off starting next month, as work on existing orders begins to wind down.

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LOCAL NEWS

Local labour unions protest provincial cuts

POLITICS

By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

Labour unions across Ontario welcomed Premier Doug Ford back to Queen's Park for the return of the legislature after not sitting for more than five months to remind him that cuts by his government have not gone unnoticed.

"We are here today to let Doug Ford know and his conservatives that we are still here after his little hiatus, the Where's Waldo moment, gone missing for five months that he was in hiding basically in my opinion," said Ed Arvelin, regional vice-president with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

On Monday, labour unions held a large demonstration outside Queen's Park and rallies in communities across the province were held in solidarity.

In Thunder Bay, more than a dozen cars drove around Thunder Bay city hall flying union flags and garnering honks from passing motorists.

"This rally today was an impromptu decision to show solidarity with the people who are welcoming Doug Ford at Queen's Park in order to demonstrate and send a message that people are unhappy with the cuts that are happening for the last six months and we are not going to take it any longer," said Carlos Santander-Maturana, president of the Thunder Bay District Labour Council. "We are going to push back and do whatever it is to keep the pressure on the government."

For union leaders in the north, cuts to health care, education, autism services, and correctional services are having a significant impact on people across the region.

"I think the ones who are impacted the most are the health and education issues," Santander-Maturana said. "Those are the big bills the government has to pay, so the impact of health cuts are going to affect

everyone in the city."

Arvelin added the elimination of the province's bailiff program, as well as cuts to autism services, have been particularly devastating for people in remote and rural communities and there has been no consultation with the people living in the region.

"All too often we get forgotten here in the northwest," he said. "Doug Ford has come up a couple of times but it has been very targeted locations and there has been no consultations specifically with any program cuts here in the north. No face-to-face consultations. You want to see what the northwest is about then come up and see us and we will give you the lowdown of what is going on up here."

Former president of the Unifor unit at Bombardier and former city councillor, Paul Pugh, said the cuts by the Ford government have also hurt people living in poverty.

"The message today is that we want him to change course. We want him to take into consideration the interests of the poor," he said. "We want to send a message along with other people that we hope this session of the legislation will be more positive for working people."

Pugh added that the protests taking place across the province are reminiscent of actions taken against the Mike Harris government in the late 1990s.

"In the long term, my experience tells me that they do make a difference," Pugh said. "Will they make a difference next week, probably not. But if they keep adding up, city by city and protest by protest, even if the premier doesn't want to listen, some of the members of his caucus and advisors will realize it will be difficult days trying to get reelected."

"This is how democracy works," Santander-Maturana added. "You have to demonstrate and let them know that people are unhappy."



IN SOLIDARITY: Members of various labour unions drove around Thunder Bay city hall in solidarity with a larger protest outside Queen's Park against cuts by the Ford Government.

Police investigate serious collision between a motorcycle and a truck

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff

Thunder Bay Police Service officers were dispatched to the intersection of Fort William Road and Queen Street just before 10 a.m. following reports of a motor vehicle collision.

The collision involved a motorcycle and pickup truck. Firefighters with the Thunder Bay Fire Rescue and paramedics with Superior North EMS were also dispatched to the scene.

As a result of an ongoing investigation police learned a pickup truck was being driven northbound on Fort William Road when it attempted to make a left turn on to Queen Street. At that time a motorcyclist was exiting a parking lot and about to travel southbound on Fort William Road.

The pickup truck and motorcycle then collided.

The male driver of the motorcycle was transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre for treatment of serious injuries. He is now being treated in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.



HEAVY DAMAGE: A motorcycle sustained heavy damage following a collision with a pick-up truck.

The Thunder Bay Police Service's Traffic Unit continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding this incident.

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EDITORIAL

Meeting is premature

Councils. Aldo Ruberto and Brian Hamilton's hearts are in the right place.

But a special meeting of city council to address the growing problem of guns, gangs, violence and addiction in Thunder Bay might not be the best use of our elected officials' time.

On Monday night council agreed to hold a Nov. 25 meeting to discuss the subject, despite plenty of concern it might not be all that effective.

We don't think it will.

Instead, we'd suggest hosting a town-hall session, where council could sit and listen as a group to the concerns of the public affected by these issues each and every day.

Council could ask questions of those who choose to speak up, and get a real sense of what's going on at the ground level, in neighbourhoods where gangs have taken control of the lives of far too many people.

Then, armed with that information, they could go back to city administration and determine what the next steps might be – or if any organization or organizations are already working on the problem.

It's admirable that Hamilton and Ruberto want to do something, and easy to understand why they feel helpless at the moment.

But administration can't really answer questions unless they're armed with the information in advance.

The Nov. 25 meeting is kind of like putting the cart before the horse.

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OPINION/NEWS



A decade later, Fleury still sharing

Former NHLer says he was ready to kill himself, but decided to open up instead

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Sixteen years ago, Theoren Fleury was alone in the Arizona desert, the barrel of a gun in his mouth, ready to end it all.

But in that moment, he stopped and told himself he'd never quit at anything before, so why quit now?

Fleury, 51, was carrying around a dark secret.

As a teenage hockey phenom, the future Calgary Flames star at 14 left a dysfunctional home and his alcoholic father and pill-popping mother, to seek fame and fortune in the National Hockey League.

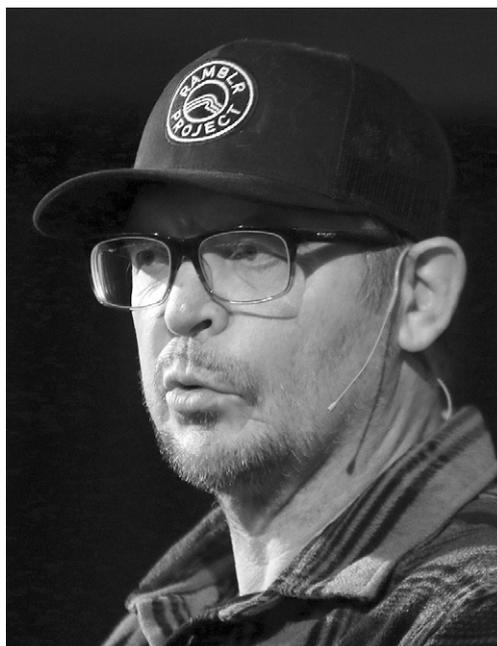
Only he found an even worse nightmare.

A scout with the Winnipeg Warriors took the youngster under his arms and into his bed, raping the young hockey player at least 150 times.

To bury the pain, Fleury turned to alcohol and drugs, even while putting up multiple 100-point seasons and winning a Stanley Cup with the Flames in 1989, proving once and for all size doesn't really matter at the highest level of hockey.

After the incident with the gun in the desert, reluctantly, Fleury decided to write a book, *Playing With Fire*, in which he was convinced to detail the years of abuse, to get it all out into the open and begin the healing process.

It's a message he's still delivering today, including Tuesday's stop at Confederation College, letting



SPEAKING OUT: Theoren Fleury speaks at Confederation College on Tuesday about his mental health journey.

people know it's OK to share their secret and that they're not alone.

"The reason why this is such an epidemic and

people don't want to talk about it, is we haven't created a safe space in society yet for this kind of conversation. Society is so judgmental and we love to point the finger at other people, because then it allows us not to have to look at ourselves," Fleury said, prior to stepping on stage.

"I think when we create the safe space is when the majority of the healing happens."

Fleury said when he sat down to write the book, which was released a decade ago in 2009, he did it for selfish reasons.

The goal was to try to put his suffering in the past.

Ten years later he's still speaking about the subject, traveling the country and continent to speak to anyone willing to listen.

Fleury, who is still waiting for the Hockey Hall of Fame to call, said he realized upon the book's release that he'd done something important, when 400 fans lined up at a book signing in Toronto – including an 80-year-old man who had but two words for the courageous hockey star.

"Me too," Fleury recalled.

"What happened was I ran into a whole bunch of other people who had the same experience as me and then people asked me if I spoke openly, publicly about what happened. Now we're on the road 250 days of the year, talking about trauma, mental health and addiction and how they're all connected, and what's the best way to heal from those experiences. "It's been an amazing journey."

LEITH DUNICK

Perspective

Chinese twins genetically engineered

DNA of Lulu and Nana was altered to give them a reduced risk of contracting HIV in the future

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

Dolly the sheep made scientific headlines a couple decades ago, but the big story today is about Lulu and Nana, two human children.

If you remember, back in 1996 Dolly was the first mammal to be cloned, from the mammary gland cell of one sheep and the egg cell of another.

Interesting factoid – the clone was named after Dolly Parton because its DNA came from an adult mammary gland... get it?

Obviously the scientific community has a good sense of humour, but all jokes aside, that futuristic experiment seemed like science fiction at the time.

Dolly had a good run, but when Lulu and Nana came crying into the world in 2018 they became the first genetically modified human beings ever born.

A team of Chinese scientists engineered the birth of twin girls using altered embryos from seven couples, none named Dolly I assume.

The DNA of these girls was edited to provide them with reduced risk of HIV infection in the future.

Scientists may have had the best of intentions but they have unleashed a serious ethical debate about DNA editing, embryonic or otherwise.

The girls appear to be healthy, happy toddlers right now and here's hoping their future is bright and HIV-free.

The technology that gave them their genetically altered DNA has great potential for treating and even eliminating genetic diseases, including



ETHICAL DEBATE RISES: Lulu and Nana were genetically engineered by a team of Chinese scientists. The twins were born in 2018.

cancer.

However, the process that made Lulu's and Nana's birth possible has been called a horrible experiment that established a horrible precedent.

There is deep concern that scientists have opened a Pandora's Box of unknown, unintended and potentially tragic consequences.

This revolutionary technology has the potential to fundamentally change

humanity forever, for better and for worse.

It isn't like cross-pollinating fruits and vegetables – DNA editing will cause gradual, irreversible changes to the human gene pool.

Some will be beneficial to mankind while others could potentially lead to the extinction of the human species – are we playing God here?

Humans have been experimenting

with genetic modification for thousands of years through selective breeding and cross-pollination.

In the 1960s we bombarded plants, animals and insects with radiation, trying to cause random, hopefully beneficial deformities and anomalies.

In the '70s we inserted snippets of DNA into bacteria, plants and animals, searching for advances in medicine and agriculture.

Dolly came along in the 90's – in 1994 the "Flavr Savr" Tomato became the first genetically engineered food licensed for human consumption.

That decade also gave us super-muscled pigs, fast-growing salmon, featherless chickens and see-through frogs.

What a time to be alive.

Lulu and Nana are innocent toddlers – they don't know what was done to them but they have opened a door that can never be closed.

The technology works, it's inexpensive and it is readily available – you can buy everything you need for a couple hundred bucks.

There is a so-called "bio-hacker" selling complete genetic engineering kits out of his garage, for home use by serious bio-engineering hobbyists.

The worldwide scientific community is grappling with the ethics of using DNA editing to genetically alter the human species.

This academic discussion will continue for generations and may never be resolved but in the meantime, genetically modified babies are being born.

Lulu and Nana are already among us – a third genetically altered child is on the way.

Whether for good or ill, any unintended consequences may not show up for millennia – we hold the future of humanity in our own trembling hands.

In this case, as with many other ethical dilemmas we must face, danger and delight grow on the same vine.

And that's one vine that can never be genetically modified.

A look back in history:

Fort Kaministiquia

The nearly new Fort Kaministiquia at the mouth of the Kam River in the vicinity of McTavish Street. The Northwest Furtrading Company's post had just been moved from Grand Portage after the Treaty of Paris established the border and put the fort on the American side. The company sent out Edward Umfreville to explore a new route east and the Kam River location was chosen over Lake Nipigon. Two years later the fort was renamed Fort William.



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See You There!

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A pedestrian crossover at the intersection of Ford Street and Victoria Avenue has been activated.

From this point on, motorists will be notified via flashing crosswalk lights and new markings on the street when a pedestrian is crossing the busy stretch of road.

Matthew Miedema, project engineer with the City of Thunder Bay, on Monday said the activation of the crossover follows a recent traffic study conducted at the nearby intersection at Victoria Avenue and Lillie Street, which until this point had traffic lights in all four directions.

A previous report presented to council last year suggested the intersection might be the ideal spot for a European-style roundabout, but the plan was ultimately abandoned.

“This is a cost-effective way to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians here. We



LEITH DUNICK

NEW CROSSING: A pedestrian crossover has been added at Ford Street and Victoria Avenue.

did review this area earlier this year in terms of traffic movement and determined movements did not require a signalized

roundabout,” Miedema said.

“The next thing you look at is getting pedestrians across the road safely. So a pedestrian crossover met the needs here.”

In addition to the flashing signals, a new crosswalk ladder and shark’s teeth markings have been painted onto the pavement as reminders to motorists that they may need to stop should someone wish to cross the street at the intersection.

“In Thunder Bay we’ve adopted the Type 2 pedestrian crossover. That includes the yellow flashing lights on the pole, as well,” Miedema said.

“That constitutes as a safe crossing for pedestrian. They’ll activate a button and you’ll see the yellow flashing lights. That will tell drivers to stop for pedestrians to cross.”

Future crossovers are planned for other intersections around the city, including Bay and High streets. Thunder Bay’s first crossover was constructed in 2016 at Algoma and Cornwall streets.



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IN BRIEF

Pedestrian killed on highway

Thunder Bay OPP are investigating a fatal auto-pedestrian collision last Tuesday morning on Highway 11/17.

Ontario Provincial Police and Superior North Emergency Medical Service responded to a report of a motor vehicle/pedestrian collision Tuesday morning around 5:21 a.m. on Highway 11/17 west of Fraser Road.

According to a release, Highway 11/17 was closed to traffic at Mapleward Road and Jelly Road, as well as Highway 130 and Twin City Crossroads.

Police were asking the public to reroute travel onto Highway 102.

Council OKs special meeting

City councillors plan to hold a special committee of the whole meeting on Nov. 25 to address community safety.

The suggestion was brought forth on Monday night by McKellar Coun. Brian Hamilton and at-large Coun. Aldo Ruberto, who said the growing guns and gang problem in Thunder Bay has left residents in many neighbourhoods afraid and unsure where to turn.

The two recently attended a neighbourhood meeting that took place after a recent shooting incident on Dease Street, where drug-fuelled gang activity is a daily occurrence.

Intercity 50/50 draw returns

Intercity Shopping Centre's annual 50/50 cash draw is back for a 20th year.

Over its lengthy history, the draw has raised more than \$214,000 to support patient and family care at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. This year's proceeds will be given to the Our Hearts at Home Cardiovascular campaign.

The maximum payout is \$25,000.



CLEAN-UP: Leaf and yard-waste collection runs through Nov. 8.

Last year's winner, Cindy Lou Luhtala, won a total of \$17,305, just in time for some last-minute Christmas shopping. Tickets are available at the shopping centre.

Leaf collection under way

The City of Thunder Bay's fall curbside collection of organic leaf and yard waste will take place from Oct. 29 to Nov. 8, on residents' regular recycling days.

Homeowners must use Kraft (paper) bags for leaf and yard waste. Kraft bags are available at most hardware and grocery stores. Regular bag weight limits of 18 kilograms/40 pounds or less apply.

Branches and brush may also be left at the curb for collection. Bundles of branches must be less than one metre (39 inches) long and no more than 61 centimetres or (24 inches) in diameter, tied using string or rope.

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An assisted-living robot could be way of future

Demographics suggest seniors may benefit from new technology

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

Across North America, the number of people aged 65 and older is increasing and researchers are looking at new ways to ensure proper care will be provided, and not necessarily by humans, but robots.

"Very soon every fourth person will be 65 and above, so that will mean we will not have enough younger people to care for the elderly," said Arshia Khan, an associate professor of computer science at the University of Minnesota. "So how do we provide care? That's how the robots will come in handy. We are not saying to replace human beings. It's just augmenting the care."

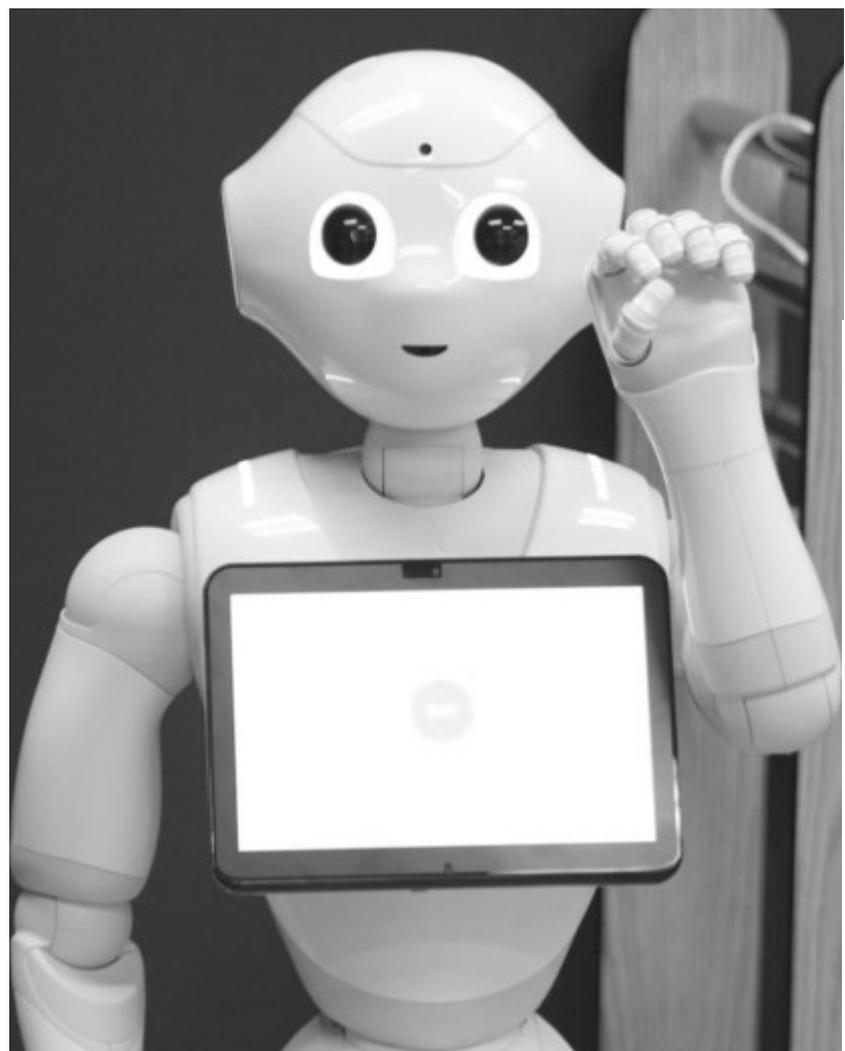
Khan, along with the robot Pepper, were part of a research showcase at Lakehead University on Sunday highlighting some of the work being done in kinesiology, bio-technology, and computer science.

"We are trying to demonstrate some of the research we do in relation to concussion research, what computer science does in terms of robotics, and bio-technology in relation to concussions and bio chemistry," said Carlos Zerpa, associate professor in the School of Kinesiology at Lakehead University.

Zerpa said it's important to showcase the research being done with not only the public, but also other researchers to allow for more collaboration.

"For example, concussions are a complex issue so today I found out that there are people in the area of chemistry doing concussion research with biomarkers," he said. "I am doing concussion in relation to helmet protection devices. Now we can combine this information and perhaps apply for better grants and open up opportunities for students."

The team from Minnesota was invited to



POSSIBLE GAME-CHANGER: Pepper, a robot being designed by researchers at the University of Minnesota, could change how the elderly are cared for in the near future.

demonstrate the robot, Pepper, which Zerpa said has allowed Lakehead to establish a link with their research for future opportunities.

According to Khan, Pepper has been in development for a year and a half and during the showcase she was predicting a person's age using facial recognition.

But Pepper is meant to serve a much greater purpose. She is being programmed and designed to assist elderly people living with dementia.

"The idea is she will be a life long companion," Khan said. "As soon as the person is diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment, we send her off with them. As the disease progresses slowly, they start to

forget their daily activities and that's when she will learn their activities and assist them."

Pepper will assist people living with dementia in a variety of ways, including helping with medication, monitoring vitals with sensors, and following and alerting caregivers if someone starts to wander.

Khan believes robots like Pepper will dramatically change assisted living in the future and could be the first step in robotic helpers that may one day be in everyone's home. But it's still a long ways off.

"I think we will be done with her programming in two years, but by the time we do the clinical trials and get FDA approval, it will be a decade," she said.

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PERFECT CATCH: Christian Hollmann with a crappie & Keith Ailey with a walleye from Lake of the Woods.

Variety on the Lake

Lake of the Woods offers a variety of fishing opportunities

The forecast was calling for two days of relentless rain. However, it was relatively warm and pleasant outside when we left Thunder Bay at 4am on Saturday morning. By the time we passed through Fort Frances, our luck ran out and the first drops of rain started to appear on the windshield. I was with my good friends Christian & Wes, headed to the town of Nestor Falls for our annual October fishing trip on Lake of the Woods. This big lake is amazing, covering a massive 4300 square kilometers in both Canada and the United States. What lures us back every year is the unique fishery which features everything from perch to muskellunge. Yet, our target species is always the big crappie that tend to school up in late fall. These slab-shaped fish are a bit of a treat for us as they are especially delicious and not available back in Thunder Bay.

Years ago, when we started making this autumn pilgrimage, we were able to catch limits of giant crappie in an hour or so and then head to shallower water to search for a few bonus walleye. However, in recent years we have noticed a



KEITH AILEY

THE GOOD LIFE

major shift in the populations of fish in our favourite spots. Lately we have not been catching crappie like we used to, but that doesn't mean the fishing has slowed down. Two years ago, we caught seemingly endless numbers of jumbo perch, and on this most recent trip it was the walleye that kept us busy as the rain continued to fall throughout the day.

Crappie tend to be small compared to other popular fish species in the lake. They have delicate, paper-thin mouths and they like to inhale light baits. To catch these fish, we like to tie our own mini jigs. These jigs usually feature a predominantly white body with a small bit of flash or colour for added attraction. We like to tie on bits of tantalizing maribou and tinsel that will pulsate under water

when tied to a lead-head jig. We present our jigs tipped with a small minnow at the end of a light fluorocarbon leader. Because the jigs are so light, we add a couple split shot weights further up the line to get the bait down to thirty feet or so where these fish like to hang out.

What we are learning is that, despite their small size, these little jigs work well for a variety of species. While fishing the jigs on Lake of the Woods, every time you feel a bite and set the hook, you are in for a surprise. On this trip we caught piles of walleye as well as some sauger, pike, perch, small-mouth bass, and thankfully, just enough crappie to keep us happy.

In spite of the rain, we were not forced off the lake until darkness finally engulfed us. Exhausted after twelve hours on the water, we settled in to our room at Clarke & Crombie camp to dry out, watch the hockey game and tell some fish stories. The rain never did stop until we arrived back in Thunder Bay late on Sunday, but with the constant action we had in the boat all day, nobody was complaining too loud.



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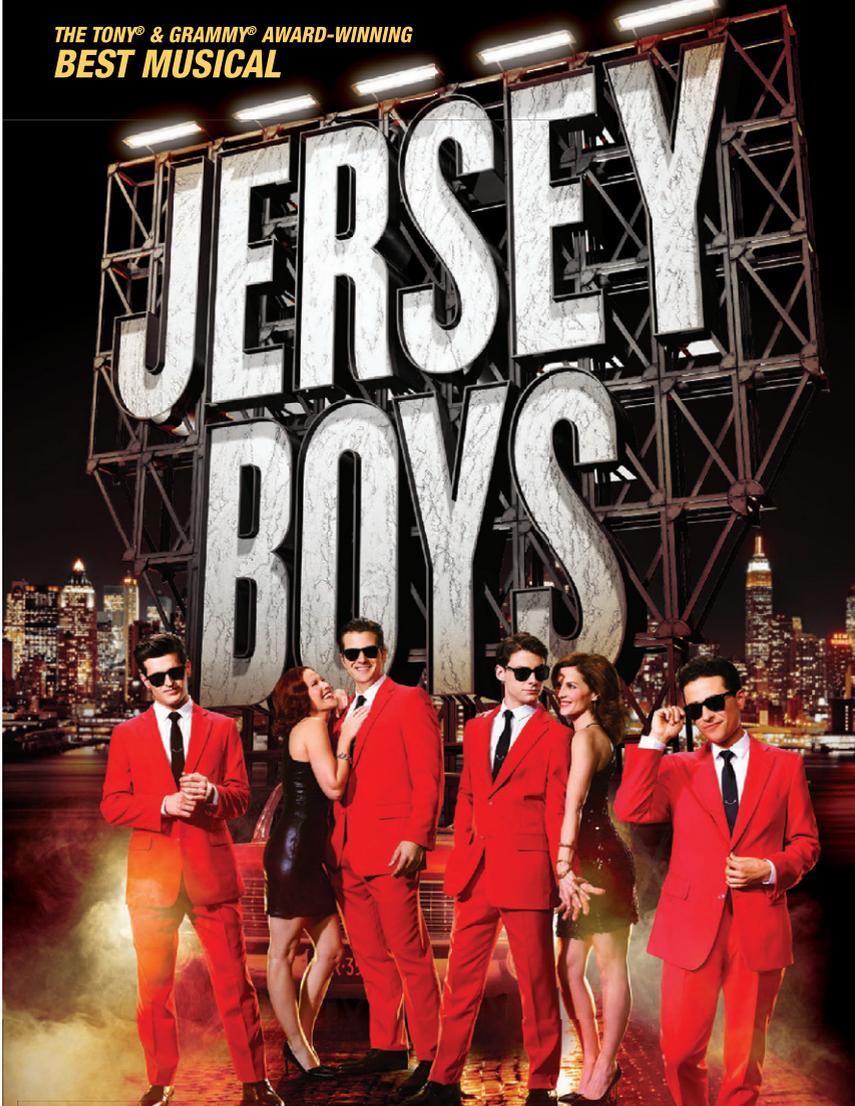
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Putting the garden to bed - part two

The vegetable garden was harvested. Everything that survived was in Casa Jones or given to intimate friends; the rest that didn't make it went into the compost pile. That was part one. Now came part two: preparing the garden for winter.

After all the tomato cages, the string strung between posts up which the peas would grow, and the teepee of thin poplar poles taken down upon which grew the pole beans, now was the time to rototill the entire garden. Trouble was, it wouldn't start. It sure behaved back in the spring; it started on the third pull after a winter of inaction. Amazing! But then I left it all summer in the garden and I guess rain water must have snuck into its innards because it wouldn't fire up no matter how many times I pulled.

Laura, my wife, is The Gardener; I am the Grunt. But I am the laziest of 'grunts' and neglected to cover the tiller. So, off the machine went to be fixed and



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

this past weekend it worked like a charm (Note to self: cover the damn tiller next summer!!). Laura and I took turns stirring up the soil. Well, actually, Laura did the majority of the work because Murphy (of Murphy's Law) was hanging over my shoulder just waiting to trip me up and trip me up he did!

The ground over the summer where we had made pathways and upon which we had walked often pushing a wheelbarrow in front, had hardened. Back and forth I rototilled without issue until I decided to pass between two beds that had grown herbs - on the left, and more

herbs - on the right. I had thought to stir up the soil and then rototill the path along the side of the greenhouse. Suddenly the tiller lurched forward dragging me before I had time to react and let go of the handles. It crashed into the greenhouse coming to an abrupt stop while my body was still following. Result? Left handle punched into my gut and somehow the right one gored the surface of my right hand. I lived.

I looked at my hand and headed to the house for first aid. Two, large band aids did the trick after sluicing the wound (ouch!) in cold water. My stomach really didn't hurt much but I thought I might take a wee break. Laura had been busy outside rolling up hoses and when she entered the 'hoosie', I regaled her with my tale of near-death (JUST KIDDING!) and wished to sit for a bit. Laura then went outside and resumed the rototilling task.

Sunday arrives and, blessedly, Murphy had gone off to torment

someone else. The continuing job of garden preparation went without a hitch. Now was the time to fetch manure and spread it over the surface of the garden - my job with my trusty, in places rusty, faithful ancient tractor, Big Red.

The manure to be brought and spread did not come from Mt. Crumpet, the very large repository of horse-stall leavings of lo' these many years, for one fundamental reason. Red can't go onto Mt. Crumpet without getting stuck.

There is incredibly rich soil that has formed over the years but only a small bulldozer crawler with a bucket or the hard labour of hand-bombing into the cart pulled by the quad would allow me to gain access. I am not rich so a 'crawler' is, unfortunately, not in the picture and hand-bombing which I have tried, sucks. Far too slow for little gain especially if you figure you probably would need up to twenty carts-full to do the job.

So, this summer we thought that we'd try an experiment: instead of wood shavings, we'd use peat moss in the stalls. Wood shavings take five years to break down. Peat moss can be used almost right away. Simple matter of carting stall leavings out to another area easily accessible by Red in the Fall. Which we have done.

So, back and forth Red and me trundled hauling bucketsful of rich composted soil to dump onto the garden and then using the tip of the bucket, slowly spread it as we backed up. Once done, then we'd rototill the stuff and wait for spring before making new, raised beds (sigh...).

Unfortunately, we discovered that peat moss is incredibly dusty covering and getting into everything. Can't be good for the horses to be breathing this stuff, we reasoned. So, no more; back to wood shavings.

At least the garden is ready for winter.

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Halloween on silver screen

A look at some of the top spooky, scary and psychological thrillers



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MOVIE TALK

There's no better time to indulge in spooky cinema than Halloween.

Space negates a comprehensive listing of all titles and related sub-genres (sci-fi, monsters, ghosts, haunted houses, satanic cults, vampires, zombies, psychos, the macabre, etc) so we're indulging in highlighting some personal faves that have been appearing on the small screen of late.

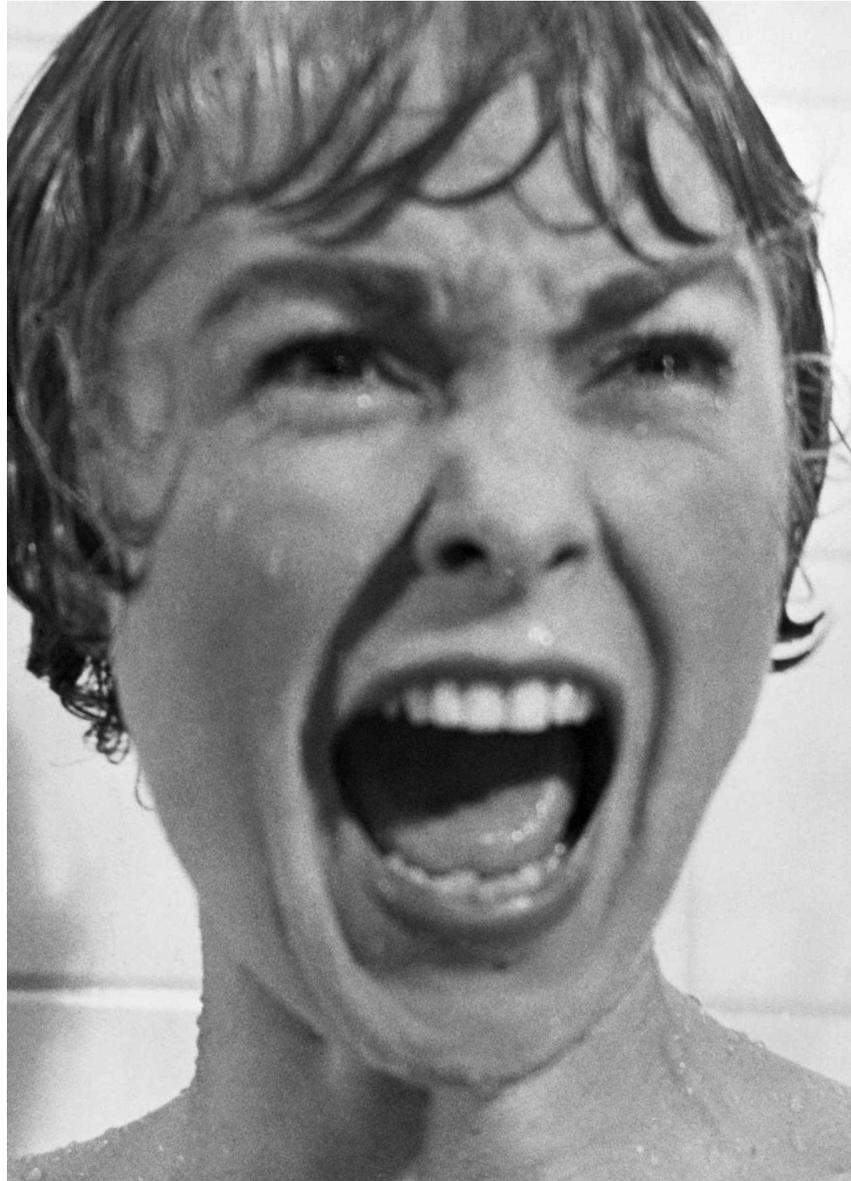
Ghost stories: Jack Clayton's *The Innocents* based on Henry James' *Turn of the Screw*, is one of the best, as Victorian governess Deborah Kerr fears for the lives of two young children who may be possessed by the spirits of a dead valet and previous governess, harboring dark secrets. Or are they? The spectres of Quint and Miss Jessel are eerily nebulous, and thus even more chillingly threatening.

Haunted house: *The Haunting* finds four people investigating the paranormal in a massive English mansion fraught with a sinister past, with emotionally vulnerable Julie Harris teetering on succumbing to the house's mysterious allure. Exceptional sound design, set and lighting, and soundtrack. Helmed by incredibly versatile director Robert Wise.

Macabre: Boris Karloff is at his sinister best in *The Body Snatcher*, as carriage driver Gray, exuding silken menace black-mailing doctor Henry Daniell, in the procurement of cadavers for medical research. Director Jacques Tourneur imbues 1830s Edinburgh with murky, cobble-stoned streets. Tourneur uses terrific lighting techniques to great effect in *The Cat People*.

Psychological thriller: *Psycho* still reigns supreme, as we relish how Alfred Hitchcock famously catches us off-guard by dispatching heroine (Janet Leigh) in startling, grisly short order at the hands of demented mama's boy (Anthony Perkins.) Murderous proceedings are jolted by Bernard Herrmann's shrieking strings. A psychiatrist's credible assessment of Perkins' motivation is one of the few found in this genre. Perkins' creepy stare into the camera is one of the creepiest endings.

Vampires: *Nosteratu*, *Dracula*, and *The Horror of Dracula* variously offer effective incarnations in different cinematic eras of



ICONIC ROLE: Janet Leigh will forever be synonymous for her shower scene in 1960's *Psycho*.

the notorious count inspired by Bram Stoker's novel, from Max Shreck's grotesque, parasitical Count Orlock in silent film, to Bela Lugosi's wonderfully campy yet creepy Dracula, to Christopher Lee's imperious, fang-toothed seducer.

Slasher: Halloween director John Carpenter raises the bar for the genre with his nerve-jangling score, and skilful use of lighting and the paranoid camera. Giddy blend of genre elements—madman pursued by mad doctor, horny teenagers, menacing streets. Mercifully rendered in bloodless fashion.

Sci-fi: "The Day the Earth Stood Still" delivers a still relevant message to mankind dispensed by sympathetic alien

Michael Rennie. *The Thing from Another World* and *The Thing* has old-fashioned heroism contrasted against black-humoured nihilism. Sigourney Weaver's Ripley is the mother of all heroines in *Aliens*. *Forbidden Planet* still packs a punch, special-effects-wise.

Monsters: Kudos to Boris Karloff for making his classic creature so sympathetic in "Frankenstein" and "Bride of Frankenstein." Steven Spielberg zaps our primordial fear of the deep with "Jaws."

Tip of the cinematic top hat also goes to *Rosemary's Baby*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Repulsion*, *Les Diaboliques*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, *Village of the Damned*, and the more contemporary, *Get Out*.

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Jersey Boys on stage

Tuesday-Thursday

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The Tony-winning jukebox musical features legendary top 10 hits like *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Walk Like a Man*, *Can't Take My Eyes off You* and *December, 1963 (Oh What A Night)*.

Tickets are limited all three nights, and range from \$69 to \$99.



LEITH DUNICK

WEEKLY TOP 5

Friday and Saturday

The Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra is hitting the road, performing Haydn's *The Creation* at St. Paul's United Church.

The concert will feature the Elmer Iseler Singers and will be conducted by Lydia Adams.

Organizers say glorious sounds await as two great choir's merge to present Joseph Haydn's masterpiece, an oratorio depicting the creation of the world as described in the Book of Genesis. Tickets are \$40 per show, or both shows for \$70. Children are \$10 and students are \$20.

Saturday

The Halloween Banger Punk and Metal Night is coming to Black Pirates Pub. The 19+ show, with doors opening at 10 p.m. and the music starting at 11 p.m., features Deaf Monarch, The Franquilizers, ArchAnger and Fat Cop.

Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Wednesday

Have you ever thought you'd make a great contestant on Jeopardy? Weekly Wednesday Night Trivia with Chris Barstow might be just the cutting-edge trivia experience you've been looking for.

Hosted at the Foundry, participants will be asked to tackle a wide range of topics and issues in modern pop culture. Knowing the answer could win you gift certificates and Sleeping Giant Brewery merch.

There's no cover, but this is a 19+ event.

The fun is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

A Black-Tie Fundraising Dinner will be held at The Chanterelle in support of Shelter House's Street Outreach Service.

A community member will be recognized at the event, which will feature comedian Ron Kanutski entertaining the crowd throughout the night and Danny Johnson hosting Duelling Pianos. There will be a 50/50 draw and a silent auction taking place throughout the night.

Meal options include a choice of chicken supreme or a vegetarian option with conchiglie pasta, roasted cherry tomatoes, basil pesto, Calabrian chilies and marinated eggplant.

Tickets are \$125 apiece and are available online at www.shelterhouse.on.ca. The symposium starts at 5:30 p.m. and the sit-down dinner at 6:30 p.m.



DIFFICULT CHOICE: Troy Adams as Jim; Ramona Milano as Lucille; Natalie Robitaille as Lisette.

Play a heavy-hitter

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

The choice between living and dying: cross it and there is no turning back. In nature all of wildlife knows this. For us humans it can be an unnatural, extremely difficult journey from which, yes sometimes, there is no turning back.

This is How We Got Here by Keith Barker is a drama genuine in every detail. Not easy to realise. We all know someone, sure we do, who has taken his or her own life. Did we see it coming? Either we did, or we sure did not.

Barker's tight, taut script leaves little room to single out any one actor because in this story they are wound together fast and hard. I mean, heck, they've lived all their lives side by side in a town where everyone knows everyone; and sometimes nearly everything, too. It's a place where we look to our mates, to our sisters and brothers, for truth. Even when they don't have the answers we need to hear; when they, too, are struggling inside a roar of lonely silence.

One other thing: grief is a state animals also experience; I'm sure of it.

Natalie Robitaille as Lisette and Troy Adams as Jim are the supports, the stronger beams in a family structure shaken to its foundations. As said, I can't separate them from the "main" parents in this story; there are no main parents. Everyone is wounded, directly, personally. I suggest for Jim and Lisette the road is equally rocky because the support they try to give is not accepted as offered.

Ramona Milano as Lucille and Sweeney MacArthur as Paul are the parents, the

"main" recipients of a great loss. They didn't see it coming. Why not, we ask. We ask because we're human; we, too, cannot abide the lack of a reason, an explanation. The parents' soliloquies, Lucille listing all the things she does not miss, and Paul describing the way to survive an encroaching forest fire, are the only answers we're given to our lame "why". We, too, are left pretty much in the dark. Sure, we might guess; and we sure could be wrong.

There is an incredible chemistry on stage amongst all four actors: natural, completely convincing, and comforting for the audience. Those quick sharp shards of humour I'd been told about when first meeting the cast are also natural, and necessary; but it is the very real and powerful chemistry in any combination during the story between Paul, Jim, Lisette and Lucille that carries us through. And them, too, I think.

Set and lighting designers Sean Mulcahy and Tim Rodrigues sure know what they are doing. They give us a transparent vista, the place where these folks live and near to where the tragedy happens; no limits to space but specific limits around time so we move backward and forward with our emotions and thoughts. Feels like such a long time; feels like the blink of an eye when we weren't looking.

Audiences should not be afraid to witness this play: it will have you feeling less alone if you are in such a place, either left behind in grief, or someone thinking of leaving.

Directed by Thom Currie, *This is How We Got Here* plays until Nov. 9th.

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Hollywood's name game over the years



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Shakespeare asked in *Romeo and Juliet*, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." He was saying that it matters more what something truly is, not what it is called. And for such a famous wordsmith, that was saying something.

So why is Sean "Diddy" Combs renaming himself, yet again? Rapper Sean John Combs started out under the

moniker Puff Daddy, then P-Diddy, then Puffy, and just Diddy. Now, he's going to court to change his legal name to Sean Love Combs. Apparently, his original middle name – which means "gift of God" – just wasn't good enough.

In the entertainment world, the right name is paramount. Why else would an aspiring singer born Arnold George Dorsey go to the trouble of becoming one Engelbert Humperdinck?

When television shows are developed, the name is often the last part of the production to be finalized. Most start with a "working title" and in the process of going from idea to script to pilot to a full season, the name can change multiple times. In 1994, what started as *Insomnia Café* changed to *Friends Like Us* and then *Six of One* before premiering as the hit, *Friends*.

Other shows changed titles over the



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WHAT'S IN A NAME: Rapper P-Diddy.

seasons. Ellen DeGeneres' sitcom premiered in 1994 under the name *These Friends of Mine* before being retooled in season two to focus on the comedian.

Meanwhile, Canada's *Degrassi* series started as *The Kids of Degrassi Street*. As the characters grew up, the show became *Degrassi Junior High* and then *Degrassi High*. When it returned after an eight-year hiatus, it was called *Degrassi: The Next Generation* as those characters were now the teachers and/or parents of a new set of students.

The real complications start when shows and movies are released around the world. Translations don't always work well with colloquialisms or the social norms of other countries.

Survivor is *Expedition Robinson* in Sweden. The Egyptian version of *Everybody Loves Raymond* was called *Close Doors*. In French, *Star Trek* was known as *Patrol of the Cosmos* and *The X-Files* was called *At the Boundaries of Reality*.

But sometimes, even staying with the same language creates a problem in

new countries. The UK seems to prefer numbered titles when sequels are created. Consequently, *Live Free or Die Hard* was re-named *Die Hard 4.0* for British viewers. And *The Fast and the Furious* franchise also saw a 5, 7, and 8 added to the associated American titles.

Even within Hollywood, the same shows seem to appear with new names every decade or so. How else would you explain *St. Elsewhere* (1982), *ER* (1994), and *Grey's Anatomy* (2005)? Even many of the family sitcoms are essentially the same show with a different cast over and over again.

So maybe the Bard was right after all. How all-important is a name really? It's going to change wherever you are.

But if Mr. P-Diddy-Puff-Daddy-Sean-John Combs wants to be called Love, fine. I'll just call him "L'amour."

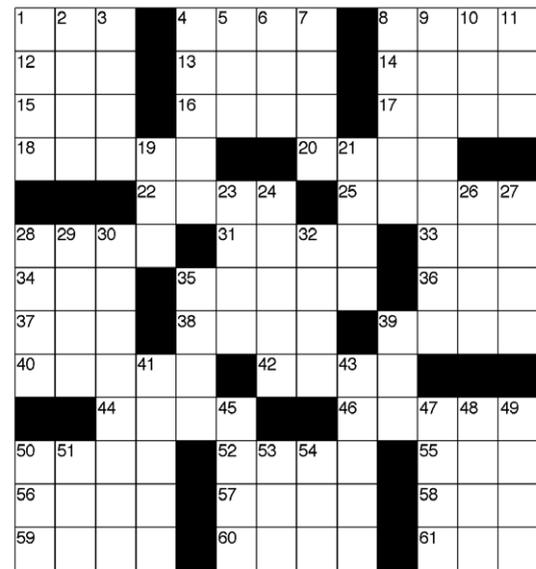
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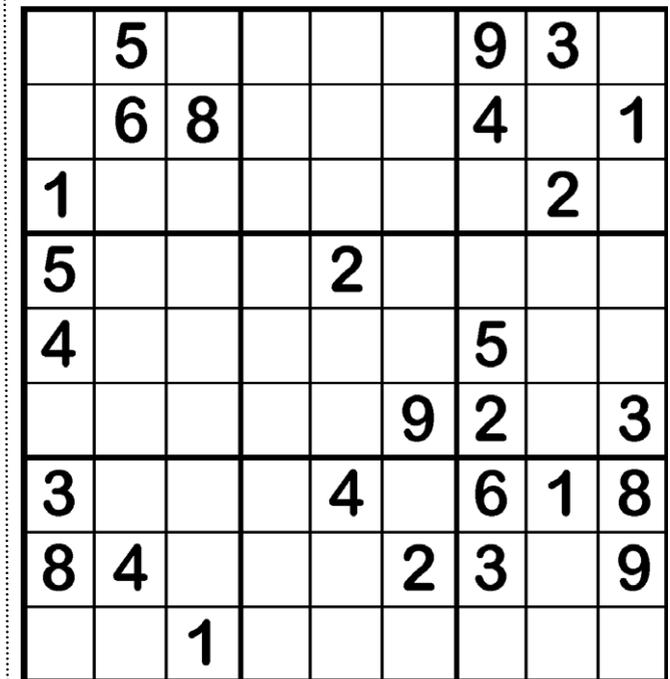
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Battlin' Billy backstopped Isles

Hall of Fame goalie won four straight Stanley Cup titles

NHL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

When Billy Smith joined the expansion New York Islanders in 1972, the team won all of a dozen games that first season.

But by the time he retired following the 1988-89 campaign, he'd backstopped them to four consecutive Stanley Cup championships and cemented his place in the Hockey Hall of Fame.

It took the franchise seven seasons to go from worst to first, a remarkable accomplishment in an era dominated first by the Boston Bruins and Philadelphia Flyers and then by the storied Montreal Canadiens, who captured four straight titles from 1976 to 1979.

Smith, who turns 69 in December, was the starting point.

Along the way the Islanders architect, general manager Bill Torre, systematically built one of the NHL's last true dynasties, adding the likes of Denis Potvin, Bryan Trottier and Mike Bossy through the draft and bringing in Butch Goring in 1979, the catalyst who finally put the Islanders over the top in 1980, following semifinal losses in 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1979.

Coincidentally, it was 1980, when Smith was handed the playoff reins that the Islanders captured their first Stanley Cup, a memorable win punctuated by



LOVES TO PLAY: Billy Smith doesn't don the pads anymore, but still hits the ice on D.

Bob Nystrom's controversial Game 6 overtime winner, a goal that in today's era of video replay likely would have been disallowed.

"It was the type of thing when we all were young when we got together and we were able to stay together and become a great team," Smith said last Friday, in Thunder Bay to take part in the third annual Easter Seals Celebrity Hockey Classic at the Tournament Centre.

Smith, the first goaltender to be

credited with scoring a goal in a game against the Colorado Rockies, in 2017 was named one of the 100 greatest players in NHL history, said as Islanders championship team was being built, players just took the development in stride.

"Back then, you didn't really pay much attention to it," Smith said. "It was a different league back then, where guys got on a team and pretty much (stayed there) like myself. I started with L.A., but I was with the Islanders for 17

years.

"It's different than today. You don't get to stay on a team that long. It was good. It was a great organization."

Battlin' Billy Smith, as the temperamental goaltender became known, defended his crease at all costs, and never met an ankle he was afraid to take a swat at with his stick. He was also known as the money goaltender of his era, the guy teams wanted in net in must-win situations.

He was perhaps at his finest in 1983, when he blanked the soon-to-be-champion Edmonton Oilers in the Stanley Cup final opener.

The Islanders would go on to sweep the Oilers in four straight, capturing their fourth consecutive Stanley Cup.

While he and his fellow hall-of-famers get most of the attention for winning the Cup, Smith said the core of the team was much larger than that. It's also why it's unlikely the feat will be duplicated anytime soon.

"What people don't understand is we won the four cups with 16 guys, who won all four cups," Smith said.

"You're not going to get that anymore, with the salary cap and everything else. We give credit to a lot of guys on our team, but the guys who should be getting credit are Butch Goring, Gordie Lane. We had Kenny Morrow, who won four cups and (gold) with the U.S. (Olympic) team. He's hardly mentioned anywhere. But he was one heck of a stay-at-home defenceman."

Elected to the hall of fame in 1993, Smith today is the goaltender coach with the Ontario Hockey League's Barrie Colts.

Thunderwolves can't seem to hold a lead

Josh Laframboise said he and his teammates are embarrassed at the way they played this past weekend.

The Lakehead Thunderwolves forward has a point. Last Friday night, the team built a quick 3-0 lead over the visiting Toronto Varsity Blues.

But the lead was erased before the first period came to a close and they went on to lose 7-4. On Saturday they scored first, but couldn't find the back of the Toronto net again and went down to a 3-1 defeat.

That gives the Thunderwolves four straight losses, all on home ice.

That's not a good sign for a team that has missed the OUA men's hockey playoffs twice in the past three seasons.

The turnaround needs to start on special teams.

The Wolves (3-5-1) are last in the OUA in power-play success, a woeful 1-for-36 with the man advantage after nine games.

They've also allowed seven power play goals against in 36 opportunities, one of the lower success rates in the entire league.

Secondly, the goaltending has to get better.

Twice on Saturday Nic Renyard allowed goals that, by any standard, should be considered soft. Yes, there was traffic in front, but we're not talking rocket shots being taken.

As a team, the Thunderwolves are allowing 3.91 goals against each night, the third-worst mark in the OUA. Renyard and Brock Aiken have combined for an .887 save percentage in 2019-20, also third-worst

in the OUA.

When you factor in the team's 2.56 goals a night on offence, you've got a recipe for another playoff miss.

The good news is there's still time to turn things around.

The bad news is unless something changes, it might not.

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The high-school football season is coming to a close over the next two weekends.

The junior semifinals are scheduled for Friday night at Fort William Stadium. The Westgate Tigers will take on defending champion St. Patrick in the 5 p.m. match, while Hammarskjold and St. Ignatius will play in the 7 p.m. contest.

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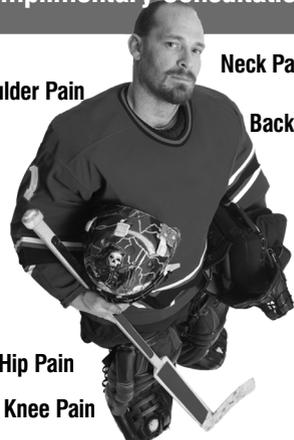
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TIGHT QUARTERS: Lakehead's Brendan Martin (left) and Toronto's Evan MacEachern battle.

Wolves struggling to play with leads

Lakehead drops fourth straight game on home ice

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Getting a lead doesn't seem to be a problem for the Lakehead Thunderwolves.

Keeping it is an entirely different story. For the third time in four games, the Wolves jumped out in front of their opponent on home ice, only to have them storm back to claim victory.

On Saturday, for the second straight night, it was the University of Toronto Varsity Blues.

Greg Smith scored the lone goal of the first period for the Thunderwolves, but 48 seconds into the middle stanza, Oliver Benwell tied it up for Toronto, potting his third goal of the 2019-20 campaign. Within seven minutes Joey Manchurek had the Varsity Blues in front to stay.

Something's got to change, Smith said.

"We're still trying to put together a full 60 minutes. We're almost there. We're competing every night, but it's just not enough," the Ajax, Ont. native said.

"I think we've got to get more committed to winning and being more thorough. We're in the right positions, but we're not doing what we should be doing in that position."

Forward Josh Laframboise was a little more blunt.

"It's really frustrating and right now in the locker room we're really embarrassed. We probably have the best fans in Canada and you can see in warm-ups, the crowds are dwindling. They come to watch hockey and then yesterday we give them a good start and then we shot ourselves in the foot and they leave the rink unhappy," said Laframboise, temporarily paired with Tomas Soustal and

Daniel Del Paggio on the Thunderwolves top line.

"Today it was the same thing. It's kind of embarrassing. You've got to be proud to wear that Thunderwolves logo. You look back at the heritage – everyone wins all of the time. This community, all they know is winning. I think it's time we do a reality check, look in the mirror and be ready to go on Monday, especially with this bye week coming up."

Coach Andrew Wilkins said blowing leads of 3-0 and 1-0 against the Varsity Blues is something that has to change.

"It's finding the right mentality. We talked about it, especially last night with a 3-0 lead in the first period. Tonight it was a different game. It was tighter," said Wilkins, whose team dropped to 3-5-1, registering a fourth straight defeat.

"It's just finding the right way to play, working together and then it's just whatever happens, the high or the low, you have to handle it the right way."

Things also need to tighten up in the defensive zone.

Down 2-1 to start the third, Scott Kirton, whose uncle Brock Tredway had a brief NHL career, fired what appeared to be a harmless shot

through traffic at Nic Renyard in the Thunder Bay net. The high shot eluded the LU goaltender and the Wolves found themselves in a two-goal hole.

Scott Gall smacked one of the posts with 3:41 to play, and Lakehead hit the post again late in the third, but were unable to slip it past Toronto goaltender Alex Bishop, who made 30 saves to pick up a 3-1 win.

The Wolves (3-5-1) next play on Nov. 8 at home against Concordia. Toronto improved to 5-2-0.

"It's really frustrating right now in the locker room..."

JOSH LAFRAMBOISE

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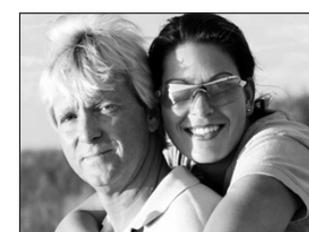
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HON	JACA	GABI	2	5	4	8	7	1	9	3	6
ABE	ABIB	UDAL	9	6	8	2	3	5	4	7	1
LIS	GARB	EDDA	1	7	3	6	9	4	8	2	5
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	HACK	OTTER	4	8	2	3	1	6	5	9	7
BABA	HAGI	IAO	7	1	6	4	5	9	2	8	3
AKA	SAMAN	ODD	3	2	5	9	4	7	6	1	8
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