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Photo by John Cavers

Fourth wave of COVID may be inevitable, may target children

by Justyne Edgell

Uxbridge only has one COVID case at the moment, but elsewhere throughout the province, daily case counts are rising to numbers as high as those experienced back in June. Experts are now calling this the "pandemic of the unvaccinated."

While Durham Region's overall case count continues to remain relatively low, compared to other metropolitan areas of Ontario, daily case numbers are in the mid 20s. At *Cosmos* print time on Tuesday, the Region of Durham had 86 active COVID cases. Nearly 70 per cent of Durham's eligible population has been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with Uxbridge still the leading municipality at almost 83 per cent of the of-age population fully vaccinated. Despite this high level of vaccination, experts say the majority of the new cases are showing

up in children under 12, who are ineligible for the vaccine, and adults who are not vaccinated. While it still remains that children don't, generally, suffer as severely with COVID-19 symptoms, they are still vulnerable, can easily act as carriers to others, and often suffer long-term effects of the virus.

In a Global News interview over the weekend, Dr. Steve Flindall, an emergency department physician in York Region, said he believes this is the beginning of a fourth wave, and that it will affect mostly children.

"I don't expect the death tolls to be what they were (in previous waves), I don't expect the ICU and hospital occupancies will be what they were," said Flindall.

During a July press briefing, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore says he also expects to see a surge in cases in mid-September, around the time when, as children are back in the classroom, there is an increase in colds, flus and respiratory illness.

"Last summer, we had the same type of lull," said Moore. "Ontarians are taking great advantage of the outdoors, but as soon as we come back indoors, normally, all respiratory viruses start to come back, especially around the third week of September."

Moore also noted that a future surge in hospitalizations is preventable if vaccine targets are reached before then.

On August 14, regional vaccination clinics will start winding down, as demand for vaccines declining because a large portion of the population is already vaccinated. Currently, all regional sites are open for walk-in vaccinations.

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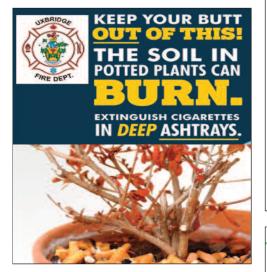
Monday, August 16 OFF-LEASH DOG PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 7:30 p.m.

> Tuesday, August 17 B.I.A. BOARD, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 18 **TOURISM ADVISORY** COMMITTEE, 9:00 a.m. AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE, 3:00 p.m. COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT, 7:00 p.m.

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Uxbridge woman charged after fleeing scene of accident

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

A 42-year-old female is facing charges after the serious collision that occurred in Uxbridge on Sunday.

Durham Regional Police (DRPS) report that four vehicles were involved in the collision, which occurred at the intersection of Lake Ridge Rd. and Goodwood Rd. around 9 p.m. Sunday evening.

The original police report, released Monday, said that a white Ford F150 pickup truck was travelling eastbound on Goodwood Rd. at a high rate of speed when it rear-ended a white Ford Escape, forcing the Escape into the intersection where it collided with two additional vehicles. The white Ford F150 left the roadway following the collision where it burst into flames. The occupants of the Ford F150 were able to exit the vehicle; however, they fled the scene on foot before police arrived.

The Ford F150 was reportedly stolen from Lindsay earlier in the day.

According to police, six people

involved in the collision were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Four adults and a 14-year-old were taken to a local hospital, while a two-year-old was transported by Ornge to a Toronto-area trauma centre.

On Tuesday, DRPS released an update, saying that, after the collision occurred, the driver of the pickup truck fled the area and broke into a residence that was under construction. Officers were able to locate and arrest the driver on Monday.

Jennifer Hallett, 42, of Uxbridge, has been charged with several counts, including: Fail to Remain; Failure to Stop After Accident Causing Bodily Harm; Dangerous Operation of a Conveyance Cause Bodily Harm; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000; Theft of a Motor Vehicle; Mischief under \$5,000; Break and Enter; Transportation Fraud; Fail to Comply with undertaking; and Fail to Comply with Probation Order.

Hallett was held for a bail hearing.

Anyone with information about this incident or witnessed this collision is asked to call D/Cst. Scott of the Traffic Services Branch at 1-888-579-1520, ext. 5217.

Anonymous information can be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 and tipsters may be eligible for a \$2,000 cash reward.



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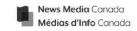


Simply put, Canada needs legislation that would allow publishers to negotiate collectively with Google and Facebook, with baseball-style binding arbitration if a deal can't be reached. Other democracies have it, and we need it now.

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Our two cents

Time to save ourselves

The news isn't news, exactly. What *is* news is the clarity and the urgency of the message. The time to act is *now*.

Earlier this week, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its latest report on the state of climate change on and around the world. And like we said, it wasn't news, per se. But for the first time, the finger was pointed directly at humans, saying we are "unequivocally" to blame for the shape our planet is in. UN Secretary General António Guterres said the report should act as a "code red for humanity," and he urged an immediate end to coal energy and other high-polluting fossil fuels.

"The alarm bells are deafening," Guterres said in a statement. "This report *must* sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels, before they destroy our planet."

Hearing this not-news news makes our blood run cold. We're witnessing deadly heat waves, powerful hurricanes and other weather extremes as they pummel our planet. Greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere are high enough right now to guarantee climate disruption for decades if not centuries to come.

Humans are now a force of nature as strong as any hurricane. The last time the planet was this hot was, scientists estimate, 125,000 years ago, about the time Neanderthals roamed about, and we are to blame.

The trouble is, we are afraid to change. The way things are right now is just so darned easy, and the almighty dollar literally makes the world go round. But we aren't talking about not using aerosol hairspray any more. We're talking about needing to change the basis of our entire economy. The world has lived through human-driven seismic change before, it can certainly do it again.

As Canadians, we can't wish for lower carbon emissions and promote fossil fuel infrastructure at the same time. We must abandon plans for pipelines and stop catering to provinces who refuse to change their ways. No more science is necessary. Now there must be political action. We must put pressure on the fossil fuel industry and say it's no longer acceptable. We could be facing a federal election soon. We need to be brave and ask difficult questions - what do we value, and what do our political leaders value? The choice is *ours*.

Climate scientists are tapping the mic, now, asking if it's on and if anyone's listening. No government, no celebrity, no magic wand is going to change the course we've plotted. Only we have the power to do that.

As one expert outlined, we all have three choices in front of us. The first is to reduce. We can take meaningful, aggressive steps towards reducing carbon emissions as soon as possible. Not by 2030, not by 2050 - *now*. Even if we switched 100 per cent to renewable energy right this very second, the fallout from what we have created to date will continue to linger for decades, if not centuries. So yes, the change needs to happen now.

Secondly, we can choose to adapt to the impacts climate change has made on our world and that we can no longer avoid, as they're already here. For example - we'd like to visit Athens someday. Right now it's burning up, and there is the possibility that, if things remain status quo, it will become unliveable. *Mars is unliveable*, not beautiful, exotic, sunny, ancient Athens.

Our final choice - we can suffer. And considering the bunch of snowflakes we've all become, that's likely not a viable option. But, the faster we reduce, the less we have to adapt, and the less suffering there needs to be.

"It is still possible to forestall many of the most dire impacts," says one scientist who worked on the IPCC report.

It's no longer just about saving the planet. It's about saving ourselves.

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Letters to the Editor

I am told that the dozens, if not hundreds, of motorcycles that thundered through town Sunday shortly after 11 a.m. were in aid of Sick Kids Hospital.

No one can argue the cause, but one can argue motorcycles running red lights, passing on the right in a one lane road and on the left in the left turn lanes. Both at the same time

One wonders if council knew of this and if the police did. If the latter did they seemed to be MIA.

> Rick Hannah Uxbridge

Bravo to Tonia Lyons for her Letter to the Editor last week regarding Roger Varley's "Am I Wrong," July 22 edition.

The last paragraph said it all. Sex-

ism needs men to advocate for women just as racism needs white advocates (just as homophobia needs heterosexuals to support their gay and lesbian counterparts, etc.).

Oppression is insidious and needs ALL of us to be fully engaged and open to learning how best to help each other - so we can ALL be freed from damaging stereotypes, subordination, and damaging power dynamics.

Annabelle Murray Uxbridge

The local Kinsmen Club, which annually raises funds for "Cystic Fibrosis Research for a Cure," has some most exciting news to share! This news is of great significance to parents of children who have cystic fibrosis. At the end of June, Health Canada announced that the cystic fibrosis drug Trikafta is now available by prescription through doctors across Canada. Note, the drug is currently available to those aged 12 and over.

According to the Cystic Fibrosis website, almost 4,350 Canadians are affected by cystic fibrosis.

There has been a long battle by different sources to have life saving drugs approved for those living with CF and this was a momentous announcement. This is a proven life savings drug and there will now be a permanent cure for those who were born with this disease.

Kin Jim Campbell Uxbridge





Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Troubling signs

It wasn't listed on the council agenda for Monday, but when Mayor Dave Barton reached the "Other Business" section, he raised the question of lawn signs.

"This is a difficult issue," he said.

No kidding? Just how difficult became obvious as members of council twisted and turned in their attempts to regulate what signs should be permitted and what signs should come down. As Councillor Bruce Garrod noted: "Identifying what's acceptable and what's not leads to problems." Council generally agreed that signs that pop up around town from time to time advertising "We Buy Homes" or "Tutors Wanted" are unacceptable, mostly because they are business related and usually placed on boulevards or other public property. But, when it came to signs that people place on their front lawns urging passing motorists to "slow down" or expressing anti-hate sentiments, they found themselves in a bit of a quandary. That's because the by-law department has to ask people to remove those signs if someone complains. Chief by-law officer Kristina Bergeron was quick to point out that her department does not take signs off private property. Instead, they "talk to" the own-

Barton said he didn't want by-law to remove anti-hate signs. "We need freedom of expression," he said.

And that is the crux of the matter: freedom of expression. Our freedom of expression already has limits placed on it. (If we are limited, do we really have freedom?) The laws of the land expressly forbid messages of hate and I'm sure there must also be a provision somewhere banning the use of expletives on signs.

But, apart from that, where is our freedom of expression when we are told what we can put on a sign or whether we can even put a sign on our lawn or not? As one councillor noted, one small street in their ward has 10 homes displaying "Slow Down" signs. Pity the by-law officer who tries to tell all those homeowners to take their signs down. But more importantly, if so many on the street want people to slow down, doesn't that indicate they have a se-

rious problem with speeders?

Not surprisingly, council was unable to come up with a ready solution. They decided to put a moratorium on sign removals - at least for signs advocating safety or fitting the description of freedom of expression - until the by-law department comes forward with a policy.

While coming up with a policy, the department might want to take another look at the township's sign by-law. I searched through it and could find nothing in it to help homeowners determine what they are allowed to do when it comes to signs on their lawns. They certainly are told they cannot put up election signs before a certain number of days ahead of an election. But that covers candidates' election signs. What if I wanted to put up a sign ahead of the allotted time that said: "I intend to vote for John Doe." Is that an election sign or freedom of expression? And even though my neighbour might be violently opposed to John Doe, does he have the right to complain? And does his complaint override my right to freedom of expres-

The troubling thing about this discussion was that it centred on small lawn signs. It didn't really address the weekly crop of sub-division real estate signs that spring up every weekend or the plethora of tear-drop and other banner advertising that lines the south end of Toronto Street. I know businesses have to advertise, but is it really necessary for a restaurant to put out a banner on the street advertising one item on their menu?

A search on Google pulls up the interesting fact that North Americans are subjected to anywhere between 4,000 and 10,000 advertisements per day. You've been exposed to a tiny fraction of that amount just by reading this newspaper. But you chose to open the paper. We have no choice when our streets are lined with waves of ads.

It seems to me that worrying about people putting "Slow Down" signs on their front lawns is, to put it frankly, a waste of time.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Learning-by-doing minister

Halfway through my career teaching journalism, around the year 2008, I received a note of thanks from a young man I'd taught reporting skills, news gathering, copy editing and feature writing, among other things. After graduating from Centennial College's three-year journalism program, Dharm Makwana had left Toronto, moved to the West Coast and landed a job with the *Vancouver Sun*.

"Because of you, I feel ready to tackle the challenges of an everyday journalist," he wrote in his thank-you card. "You contributed more to my professional development than any other teacher I've ever had.

"I thank you," he said finally, "for the impact you've had on my life."

I should have written him a letter right then and there, but I didn't. Today, in this column, I'm taking a few minutes to compliment my former student on his success in journalism, but also to suggest that his gratitude is misplaced. If I were writing Dharm Makwana today I would first say:

"In fact, the person you need to thank for your opportunity is not me, but former premier Bill Davis."

William Grenville Davis, who served a full quarter century at the Ontario legislature – from 1959 to 1984 – winning his Brampton seat as MPP seven straight times, and serving as Ontario's 18th premier from 1971 until he retired, died on Sunday. And while historians will long acknowledge his extraordinary run as premier of the province, his cancelling the Spadina Expressway, his rent-review system to protect tenants, his support for building the Skydome, and his leadership patriating the Canadian Constitution and crafting the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, I'd suggest Mr. Davis's greatest impact on Ontario occurred while he served as the minister of education during the 1960s.

"Davis had a goal to make Ontario a laboratory for all sorts of educational experiments and investments," Steve Paikin wrote in his biography, Bill Davis: Nation Builder, and Not So Bland After All. And, in part, tumultuous times in the '60s precipitated that. The baby boom dictated expansion of education. Ontario's economy was buoyant, thus so were its budgets. In 1965, Davis commissioned a report on education, chaired by Supreme Court of Canada Justice Emmett Hall and former school principal Lloyd Dennis. Among the report's 258 recommendations was a proposal to establish alternatives to university education in Ontario. On May 21, 1965, Davis unveiled Bill 153, to establish 20 colleges of applied arts and technology.

"Considered a revolutionary development," wrote Paikin, "they would offer a new vocational training option and lead much more directly into the labour force."

In other words, they offered high-school graduates and others the chance to learn an employable skill not by thinking about it, writing essays about it, theorizing about it, but instead by doing it! The first of the 20 community colleges - Centennial College - opened in the fall of 1966 (the year before Canada's Centennial) to 430 full-time day students. More than 40 per cent of them came from nearby high schools, another 14 per cent were adults over the age of 19 who'd been out of school a year; there were also 160 students taking part-time night courses. (By the time I taught at Centennial, between 1999 and 2017, it had grown to four campuses, 18,000 full-time students and another 20,000 part-timers.)

That's not to say that then education minister Davis let Ontario universities wither. Just the opposite. Of Ontario's current 23 universities, six of them owe their origins to Davis's time as Ontario's inaugural minister responsible for university affairs. Even some of Bill Davis's strongest political opponents, Bob Rae among them, gave Davis full marks for his focus on education. "(Davis) built an extraordinary infrastructure for education in the province," Rae told Paikin. "He did so without any deep sense of narrow partisanship, and he did it with a broad sense of what was good for the community as a whole."

I remember student Dharm Makwana distinctly from my time as journalism instructor at Centennial. He'd studied political science at Wilfrid Laurier University. He knew his subject. But he didn't have the skills to pitch a political story to an editor, find its sources, get succinct interviews or bash out a publishable story by deadline. By the time Dharm finished our courses, however, in addition to the basics, he led the pack in audio-visual reporting. That's how he landed his position at the *Vancouver Sun*. I maintain he'd never have found his calling with only his Laurier degree. He needed the learning-by-doing skills Centennial gave him.

"I'll always be grateful for the impact you've had on my life," Dharm wrote in his thank-you note to me in 2008, "and will have on my future."

I cannot think of a more appropriate epitaph for Bill Davis, Ontario's education minister of the century.

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Township facilities opening up next month

by Roger Varley

Karen Ryl, booking clerk for township facilities, recommended in a report made to council on Monday that the community halls in Goodwood, Sandford and Zephyr and the Uxbridge Seniors Centre be allowed to re-open early in September.

She said use of the halls would be subject to current provincial COVID-19 restrictions, which limit indoor social gatherings and organized public events to no more than 25 people, require masks to be worn and social distancing to be observed.

She also recommended that cameras be installed inside each of the facili-

ties to ensure protocols are being followed by renters.

She made the same recommendation for the Music Hall, although that facility would be allowed a maximum of 80 people inside, with the installation of four security cameras. Cost of the cameras would be covered by the facilities' maintenance

budget. Council accepted the recommendations.

On the question of the arena, Mayor Dave Barton said the ice may be installed once the vaccination clinics end there on Aug. 21, and that hockey and skating might begin by the mid-September.



A call from the township for public input into lower speeds on rural roads was met with an underwhelming response.

In a report to council, Luke Gillham of Public Works said only nine residents responded to a call for public comment. Of those nine, only one was in favour of reducing speed on rural roads to 70 km/h from 80 km/h.

Gillham said that speeds on rural roads could be reduced on a staggered basis, with the first reductions occurring in a zone he identified as Section 1. That would include Concession 7, Concession 8, Wagg Road, Brewster Road, part of Zephyr Road and Webb Road. Nevertheless, he recommended that speeds not be reduced.

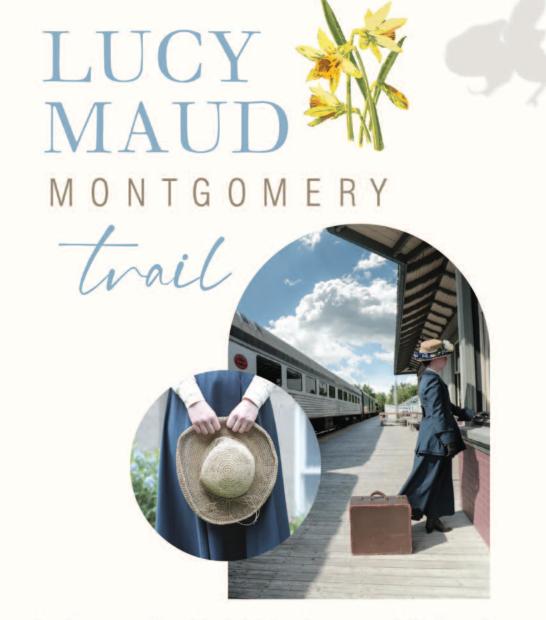
Councillor Todd Snooks said he was concerned with roads that have hills and dips and hidden driveways and wondered if they could be dealt with differently. Public Works director Ben Kester said the township has tried lowering speed limits in the past but it had little impact on the speed with which people travel. Councillor Pam Beach said she didn't think all rural roads should have lower speed limits but agreed with Snooks that some areas need to be looked at.

Lower speeds coming, a bit at a time

The discussion appeared to get mildly heated when Councillor Gary Ruona offered that part of the speeding problem is a lack of enforcement by Durham Regional Police. Mayor Dave Barton replied that "just because you don't see them doesn't mean they're not there. We need to be fair to the police." Snooks, himself a York Regional police officer, said "we'll never have the enforcement we would like." Kester said he has, in the past, called for paid-duty police to handle radar units but council never agreed with him.

Councillor Bruce Garrod moved that the township implement lower speeds on the roads mentioned in Section 1 "and see how it goes from there." The motion passed.





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Pump park parking fees reduced

by Roger Varley

Chief by-law officer Kristina Bergeron has recommended that parking fees for non-residents at the pump park/skate park be reduced to \$6 a day from \$10 an hour.

Uxbridge Mayor Dave Barton said at a council meeting on Monday that the initial charge was implemented to encourage people to stay home during the COVID-19 pandemic, but is being changed as coronavirus restrictions ease.

"This is something families can afford," he said, noting the new fee is similar to that charged at other parks in the area.

The parking fee applies only to non-residents. Parking is free for Uxbridge residents.







Bruins face challenges in new season

by Roger Varley

The next few weeks will be challenging for the Uxbridge Bruins as they prepare to return to the ice for the first time since March 2020.

Although the Provincial Junior Hockey League has announced that the 2021-22 season will begin on Oct. 1, no game schedule has yet been released. President Cam Stewart

said that problem is exacerbated by the questions surrounding the return of the Clarington Eagles, one of the six teams in the Orr Division. Stewart said the Eagles are under new ownership but it has yet to be determined whether they will be in the loop this season.

On top of that, as Mayor Dave Barton said Monday in council, the ice will not be installed at the arena until sometime in September, leaving the Junior C club little time to train for the upcoming season. And when the season does start, Stewart said, COVID-19 protocols will be in place. That could lead to diminished income for the Bruins.

Stewart said a sad part of the pandemic is that, with the cancellation of the 2020-21 season, the league's over-agers lost the opportunity to play their final year of Junior C hockey. He noted that the Ontario Hockey Federation turned down requests from several teams that the over-agers be allowed to play one more year.

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Why?

People offer a variety of rationales for remaining uninsured or under-insured. But these reasons may just be myths. Here are a few of them:

"I have life insurance through my group plan at work, and it's good enough." Group life insurance is generally easy to obtain, relatively inexpensive, and the process is often quite simple with just a few questions and no medical testing. However, the coverage is often inadequate and insufficient because most group life insurance plans offer only a basic amount of coverage, typically one or two times your salary. Another disadvantage is that it is tied to your job. If you leave your employer, you lose the insurance which can leave you unprotected.

"I've heard that insurance companies will deny claims if you die from complications after getting the COVID-19 vaccine." Canadian insurance companies have spoken out against this misinformation, assuring Canadians that getting the COVID-19 vaccination does not impact their existing insurance coverage, and will not have an impact on their ability to obtain a new policy.

"Life insurance is too expensive, and I just can't afford it." Life insurance, and particularly term life insurance, can be very affordable.

In general, the cost of a life insurance policy depends on several key factors, such as your age, health status and history, smoking status, gender and the amount and type of insurance policy being purchased.

"I have health issues. There's no way I'll get approved for life insurance." While some people do get declined for life insurance, the vast majority are approved. If you have underlying health issues or a risky lifestyle, your premiums may be more than the standard amount, or a policy may be issued with specific conditions.

"I'm young and in good health. I don't need life insurance." This may be true for some - not everyone needs life insurance. There are situations where life insurance may not be important at a particular time, but income replacement (disability) insurance might be. Many people, including those in good health, do need life insurance. Remember, life insurance is often more affordable for those who are young and in good health and can be a great way to plan for the future.

Don't let any of these myths deter you from obtaining life insurance. When you're ready to act, you'll need to ask some questions: How much coverage do I need? Should I get term or permanent insurance? How should I designate my beneficiaries? You may want to work with a financial professional to determine the type and amount of insurance you need. Once you've gotten your coverage in place, you'll know that you've done what you could to help protect your loved ones and that's no myth.

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Hit the beach in Durham Region

by Justyne Edgell

Beating the summer heat outdoors feels more important this year than ever before! While a beach day sounds like a lot of fun, it's important to check on the safety of the water before jumping in for a dip.

Every Friday, the Durham Regional Health Department posts water safety results for the beaches and swimming areas within the region, and you can find those results on their website. Water sources that are identified as unsafe for swimming will be listed in red on the website and have a physical posted sign near the water.

Even if there is no posted "unsafe" sign, it is important to do your own check ahead of enjoying the water. It is not advised to swim within 48 hours of heavy rain, as storm runoff from ditches and sewers can pollute the water. It is also important to check that water looks generally clear and clean. If you are standing in waist deep water, you should be able to see your feet.

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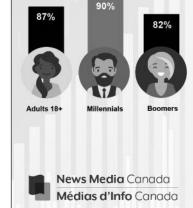
Blue-green Algae is an important bacteria to look out for and avoid contact with. It can be harmful to humans, causing nausea, diarrhea and vomiting, and be toxic to pets. Blue-green Algae is a microscopic bacteria that occurs naturally in ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. While it is usually blue-green in colour, it can also be olive-green or red. If you spot a film on the water that you believe to be Blue-green Algae, you should assume that the water is toxic and report it to the regional health department. The algae most commonly blooms in late August or early September.

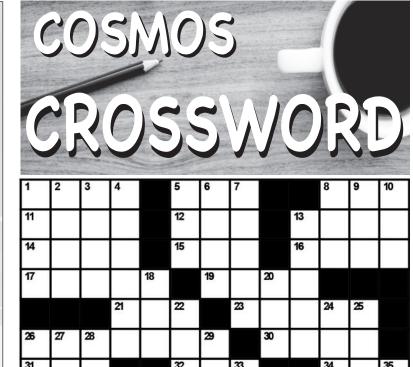
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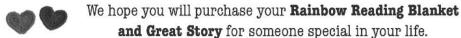
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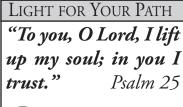
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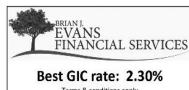
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Film with Foote

column by John Foote

Stillwater ***

Drawing its narrative from the headlines of the Amanda Knox trial, which saw a young American girl accused, charged and tried for murder in Italy before being released and returned home, *Stillwater* explores the fight Bill Baker (Matt Damon) has in trying to free his daughter.

An oil worker in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Bill Baker learns that his estranged daughter Allison (Abigail Breslin) has been arrested and charged with the murder of her lover and partner in France and is facing trial under the French penal system. Bill leaves at once for Marseilles, where he learns that his daughter has all but exhausted her legal recourse and is facing serious prison time. Allison had instructed her lawyer not to contact Bill, as she does not trust her father, but that doesn't stop him from dropping everything to be at her side. She insists she is innocent, and her father believes

With a language barrier, serious cultural issues, and armed with the unpopular belief that his daughter is innocent, he finds doors closing on him everywhere he goes. His brash manner and aggressive style work against him, and the fact that he is seen as a Trump supporter doesn't help. In France, the prevailing opinion seems to be that people like Bill, blue collar "trailer trash," are the

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ones who put that maniac in office. Bill does not care what they think of him in Marseilles; he just needs them to listen to him and study the evidence. His gut tells him his daughter is innocent, and he always trusts his gut.

Director-writer Tom McCarthy, who won the Academy Award for Best Picture and Screenplay for *Spotlight* (2015), suggests enough doubt about Abigail to make the audience wonder about her innocence throughout the movie. Will Bill free her, only to learn she has gotten away with murder, as many believe Amanda Knox did?

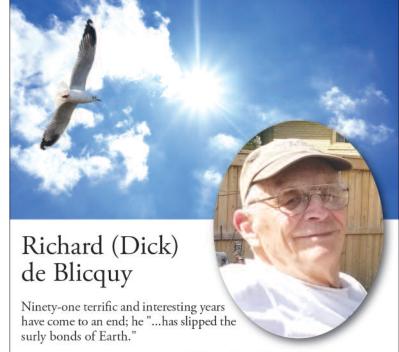
Damon is a force of nature as Bill, giving the finest performance of his career. He is never uninteresting to watch—utterly believable in every scene. Like most fathers, he is willing to take his daughter's place in prison, and certainly willing to fight for her life, but the obstacles put in front of him would be insur-

mountable for most parents. He portrays a character audiences may not like very much, but Damon dives into the role nonetheless. Considering the political climate in the United States right now, this is a bold piece of acting and Damon gives it all he has, fearlessly portraying the kind of man who boasts about voting for Donald Trump. Damon seems poised for another Academy Award nomination as Best Actor, well deserved for his ability to slip under the skin of the character and quietly inhabit the role. Along with Leonardo Di Caprio, he is the finest of his generation, and an Oscar for Best Actor is in the cards at some point for him, if not for this.

Abigail Breslin has been working steadily since her Supporting Actress nomination for *Little Miss Sunshine* (2006) but the little girl we remember from that delightful film is all grown up. She gives a very good performance as a quietly terrified young woman who might go to jail for a very long time for a crime she might not have committed. Or she could get off for a murder she did commit.

Camille Cottin is outstanding as the French woman who aids Bill in his quest to free his daughter and becomes good friends with him along the way.

The movie is not perfect, and at times it feels like an overblown Oliver Stone film in which we are being beaten over the head with the message. But Damon makes the journey worthwhile, every single step of the way. What a brave, brilliant performance! A nomination, at least, seems likely.



Born in Winnipeg in 1930, Dick followed his father's footsteps, messing with boats and radio control model airplanes in Sioux Lookout, Trois Rivieres and Montreal. He eventually served as a navigator in the Air Force, where he realized that flying was really his passion.

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Marrying fellow pilot Lorna in 1962, they continued seeing the world using NZ and the Arctic as home base until daughter Elaine joined the family in Timmins.

Aviation being the way of life for Dick, he continued flying with First Air in the North and famine relief in Ethiopia and Kenya. He spent time in Saudi Arabia in the 80s and flew down the West Coast of South America for a salvage mission, almost getting to Antarctica.

Gliding, sailing, skiing and telling great flying stories were his hobbies.

Dick's retirement saw him living with his great friend Margaret in Wales for several years, then settling in Uxbridge to live next to his daughter.

He'll be remembered in Uxbridge as a reliable house sitter for many snowbirds, an avid cyclist, an eager tree cutter, a persistent Scrabble enthusiast and a huge devotee of the written word: particularly as the Uxbridge Public Library might provide. He wished to learn endlessly; he researched wind solar and tidal energy as the needed future for energy.

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with his Annie by his side. Thanks to all the staff for their wonderful care and concern for Burt in his last days – especially nurses Mandy, Lisa and Maria.

Burt was born in Stratford on July 20, 1932, and moved to Ajax in the late 1950's to become a partner in a C.A. practice in Oshawa with Gordon Riehl. The firm of Riehl & Waters later merged with Deloitte's, where Burt remained as a partner until his retirement in 1989. Burt and Ann then moved to Fountain Hills, Arizona, where they lived for 15 years – returning each summer to play with their growing number of grandchildren. In 2003, they moved back to Canada and settled in Uxbridge, Ontario.

He enjoyed and was proud of his lifelong involvement with Rotary.

He is loved. He is missed. His memory is cherished.

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