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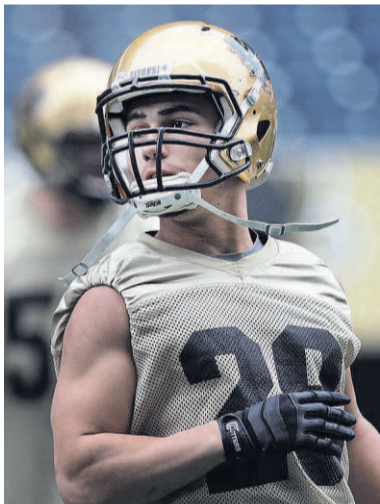
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Gretna to shelter asylum seekers

CAROL SANDERS

THE province plans to open a temporary shelter for refugee claimants near the U.S. border in Gretna this week to ease the flow of asylum seekers arriving in Winnipeg who need housing and support. Gretna's former seniors home, which now sits vacant, will be used to house asylum seekers for a few days before they move to longer-term shelter in Winnipeg, 120 kilometres northeast.

The single-storey, wheelchair-accessible building is expected to receive its first guests by mid-week, said Carolyn Ryan of Manitoba Housing, which owns the building. Gretna residents found out about plans for the temporary shelter at a public meeting Wednesday night. Nearly 100 people in the town of 550 were there, said Ryan, who spoke at the meeting. The short notice caught Gretna off guard, said Don Wiebe, reeve of Rhineland, which includes the town.

He learned about the province's plans April 24 and wished the municipality had been given more time to prepare. "When this comes so quickly, you haven't got much time to prepare the community with good information about the logistics of it — to understand what supports might be needed from the community," Wiebe said. "The (Manitoba) Housing people were pretty good, very knowledgeable and answered a lot of questions, but it takes time to work through that... to

understand the issues and plan for contingencies," he said. "We had a lively discussion," Ryan said. "I think there's still considerable confusion around the Safe Third Country Agreement and the United Nations Convention on Refugees and why people are allowed to be here — 'Why aren't they illegal?' These are questions being asked by many Manitobans — 'Why is this happening?'" she said.

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Mario Posillipo (left), the real estate agent who leased the space that will become the Tippy Cow to Winnipeg chef Joshua Mesojednik (centre) and his business partner Will Bang, says he likes the restaurant's chances for success.

Chef prepares to launch downtown gourmet burger-and-bar joint

Would you like brandy with that?

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GOURMET burgers and booze — that's the concept behind a new restaurant opening soon in the heart of downtown Winnipeg.

The Tippy Cow — slated to open in late June at 285 Portage Ave. — is the latest entrepreneurial undertaking of

Winnipeg chef Joshua Mesojednik.

Mesojednik is co-owner of another popular burger joint in the city — the Diner's Grill. That establishment, which he and business partner Yang Meng launched in June 2015, was one of 16 independently owned eateries recently selected to duke it out in the *Free Press's* Munch Madness competition. Readers were asked to vote for their favourite burger restaurant, and the winner was a North End institution — the White Top Drive-In (409 Manitoba Ave.).

Mesojednik is partnering with another Diner's Grill employee — Will Bang — to launch the Tippy Cow.

Like the Diner's Grill, the new restaurant's focus will be on "nice, big,

gourmet burgers," Mesojednik said, although there will also be an assortment of finger food, gourmet sandwiches, soups, salads and charcuterie on the menu.

Unlike the Diner's Grill, the Tippy Cow will be licensed, with a good selection of beer, whiskey and cocktails, Mesojednik said.

"That's how I came up with (the name) Tippy Cow — bar and burgers. I thought it was unique enough, but... also easy to remember."

Mesojednik's reasons for opening a gourmet burger restaurant and bar downtown are pretty straightforward.

"There are always people downtown and there's always something going on. There is especially a lot of young

people now, and lots of condos and offices and people working during the day," he said.

"Being close to the MTS Centre is also nice, and we're pretty much right in the middle of three hotels. So we think we've got a good location."

The site they chose is a small, two-storey building on the north side of Portage Avenue, just a few doors west of Smith Street. There will be a large prep kitchen on the second floor, with a smaller kitchen and the 80-seat restaurant and bar on the main floor.

Mesojednik, who worked at the now-defunct 625 Bistro, is aware a number of other restaurants have come and gone from that Portage Avenue location.

They include the original Mirrourtois, Lindy's on Portage, Manhattan Bistro, La Bamba Cafe & Lounge and, most recently, Planit Restaurant and Lounge.

That doesn't worry him. "After having the Diner's Grill, we're pretty confident at what we can do. Plus, I've always had really good feedback on my food... and the Diner's Grill has been really busy."

He pointed out the Diner's Grill is located in an out-of-the-way place — a small strip mall on Turenne Street in a St. Boniface industrial park. Yet it still attracts customers from across the city.

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Avocado prices surge to a record

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THAT bowl of guacamole on Cinco de Mayo will be more expensive this year, as avocado prices rise to a record on surging demand and a smaller crop in Mexico and California.

A 10-kilogram box of Hass avocados from the state of Michoacan, Mexico's biggest producer, cost 530 pesos (about C\$38) Thursday, according to the government. The price, which is subject to seasonal swings, is more than double what it was a year earlier and the highest in data going back 19 years.

The jump in demand in recent years has been dramatic. American per-capita consumption was 6.9 pounds in 2015, versus 3.5 pounds in 2006, according to the U.S. government. People are being drawn to the fruit not just for its taste but also for its healthy oils and fats, a trend borne out in the United States by Starbucks Corp.'s announcement last month it's selling avocado sandwich spread.

"You have increased consumption in China and other areas of the world, like Europe," said Roland Fumasi, an analyst at Rabobank in Fresno, Calif. "They're pulling a lot more of the Mexican crop, so there's less available for the U.S."

Mexico supplies 82 per cent of the avocados eaten in the U.S. Its shipments into the U.S. surged to 1.76 billion pounds in 2015 from just 24 million pounds in 2000, according to data from the Hass Avocado Board in Mission Viejo, Calif.



KATHERINE GOLDSTEIN / SLATE

High avocado prices will be felt by consumers who enjoy a bowl of guacamole.

— Bloomberg News

TIPSY COW • FROM B5

"So if we can make it here, I think we can probably make it anywhere," he said.

Mario Posillipo of Capital Commercial Real Estate Services Inc., the real estate agent who leased the space to Mesojednik, likes the Topsy Cow's chances for success.

"I think he's going to hit a home run there," Posillipo said. "He's thought everything through. He's a young guy, but he's worked at a number of different establishments, just learning. And that's what you need to do — be in all different environments and take a little bit from each one."

Posillipo said he's eaten at the Diner's Grill, trying one of its signature burgers — the Reuben Burger. It features a beef patty stacked with grilled corn beef and sauerkraut.

"It was pretty impressive. He thinks outside the box. He doesn't just give you the typical burger."

The CEO of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone thinks the concept fits downtown.

"Burgers and brandies and whiskeys seem to be the rave in places like Montreal and other big cities," Stefano Grande said. "Right now, downtown is a burger and fries market. You've got all of these families going to the Moose games and you've got the Jets crowd and great burgers are always popular (with them)."

He noted another locally owned restaurant — the White Star Diner — recently relocated from the Exchange District to the former Salisbury House location on Kennedy Street.

"You should see their place. It's packed every single day," he added.

Posillipo said other restaurant operators were interested in the Portage Avenue location, "but this was the right fit."

The two-storey building is owned by Winnipeg's Sunrex Group of Companies, which last year acquired it along with the eight-storey Sterling Building next door. It's in the midst of converting the century-old office building into rental apartments. About 3,700 square feet on the main floor are earmarked as retail space.

Posillipo said that space could be suitable for some kind of restaurant, so he's been marketing it to local operators as well as to some national restaurant chains.

"We've had a few interested groups who have looked at it, but nothing concrete yet," he said. "Once it starts to take shape, there will be a lot more interest in it because there are very few corner units available downtown in a heritage building."

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meetings of The Wawanesa Life Insurance Company and The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company will be held at 11:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. (local time), respectively, on May 25, 2017, at 107 – 4th Street, in Wawanesa, Manitoba, for the following purposes: (a) to receive the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, together with the reports of the auditor and actuary on those statements; (b) to appoint the auditor; (c) to elect the directors; (d) to consider and, if deemed advisable, confirm certain bylaw amendments; and (e) to consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

These items of business are described in each company's management proxy circular. Voting policyholders may obtain copies of the management proxy circulars and other meeting materials by writing the Corporate Secretary at the address noted below.

Voting policyholders as of the close of business on Friday, April 28, 2017 will be eligible to vote at the meeting. Policyholders who cannot attend the meeting in person may vote by proxy. To be valid, proxies must be received by the Corporate Secretary at the address noted below no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time) on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Evan Johnston
Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer
and Corporate Secretary
900 – 191 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3P1
March 20, 2017



MANITOBA MOVERS

Community Service at the annual Kavod Evening on May 17 at Congregation Etz Chayim.

AWARDS

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies Manitoba (ACEC-MB) honoured excellence in engineering at their 18th annual awards gala. The Keystone Award for the project that best represented the program's standards of excellence was presented to AECOM Canada Ltd. for the Eureka Nunavut — Water and Sewer in the Far North Project. Awards of Excellence were presented for projects submitted by KGS Group, WSP Canada Inc. AECOM Canada Ltd. and Teshmont Consultants LP. Stantec Consulting Ltd., TREK Geotechnical, AECOM Canada Ltd. and KGS Group also received Awards of Merit. **David Krahn**, P. Eng. of Dillon Consulting Ltd. was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award and **Dana Bredin**, P. Eng. of WSP Canada Inc., with the Rising Star Award. ACEC-Manitoba's mission is to promote the business interests of the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba; and to promote the application of engineering for the benefit of Society. More information can be found on acec-mb.ca.

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BOARDS

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North Winnipeg Credit Union has unveiled its board of directors for 2017/18: Chair, **Myron Pawlowsky**; vice-chair, **Sophia Kachor**; secretary, **Nicholas Chubenko**. Directors are: **Ruslan Bobelyak**, **Orest Deneka**, **Ihor Gawrachynsky**, **Ostap Hawaleshka**, **Maxim Paches** and **Eugene Waskiw**.

Folkorama has announced its 2017-18 board of directors: **Avrom Charach**, president; **Richard Reif**, chair of finance and audit committee; **Eugene Waskiw**, chair of membership committee; **Stan Hall**, chair of licensing committee; **Dr. Parmajit Tappia**, chair of youth committee; **Dr. Ganpat Lodha**, chair of scholarship committee; **Tamara Medina**, chair of review committee; **Matthew Sobocan**, director; **Margaret Strachan**, director; **Denys Volkov**, director; **Marko Vujadin**, director; **Jordan Wall**, director; and immediate past-president **Zaleena Salaam** will serve as chair of the nominating committee.

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The Settlement

Class action lawsuits were commenced in Alberta and British Columbia against CertainTeed alleging that the Siding is defective and subject to cracking, bowing, buckling warping, delamination and shrinkage.

Although CertainTeed denies liability, it has reached a national settlement with the plaintiffs (the "Settlement"). The Settlement has been approved by the Courts in Alberta and British Columbia. CertainTeed will pay CAD \$7.25 million (the "Settlement Amount") for the benefit of the Settlement Class Members (defined below) in exchange for a full release of claims against it and its related entities.

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The amount paid to each Settlement Class Member will be determined by using the pricing provided by "RS Means," which is a widely accepted cost estimator used in the construction/building industry. RS Means accounts for regional differences in costs for labor and materials. If less than 5% of the siding on a single wall section has Qualifying Damage then the payment will be based on the actual number of boards or panels with damage.

In order to ensure that all Claimants are treated equally during the six (6) year claims period, all claims will be paid on a two-payment schedule. The first payment will be in the amount of 50% of the claim value as soon as the claim is administered. The second payment would be made at the end of the Claims Period.

If your Siding was installed within the last two (2) years, your SureStart warranty is likely still in force. If so, you first make a claim with CertainTeed under the SureStart warranty. However, if after making a claim with CertainTeed you believe you would have recovered more under this Settlement, then you can also make a claim in this Settlement. If this Settlement would have provided you more, you will be paid the difference between CertainTeed's warranty payment and the amount provided under the Settlement.

The Settlement allows a class member to make more than one claim during the claims period if there are additional problems with the Siding. However, a Claimant cannot collect twice for the same wall section for which they previously received compensation.

The Settlement does not extinguish any of your warranty rights. Warranties associated with your Siding will continue to be in effect after the Claims Submission Period expires.

How do I know if I'm part of the Settlement?

You are a Settlement Class Member if you own a home, residence, building, or other structure that had Siding installed on or before July 1, 2016. If you are a Settlement Class Member, you are only eligible for a remedy under the Agreement if you have an Eligible Claim. This means that your Siding exhibits Qualifying Damage pursuant to the criteria set out in the Agreement.

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- The Qualifying Damage must occur prior to February 17, 2023 which is the end of the Claims Submission Period.

You can get a Claim Form by:

- Visiting www.certainteedsettlement.ca
- Calling 1-866-482-5436
- Contacting Class Counsel (contact information below).

When should I submit my claim?

You can submit claims any time up until February 17, 2023 unless the Settlement Fund is not exhausted, in which case further claims will be accepted until the Settlement Fund is exhausted.

Remember, this Notice is only a summary of important features. The Agreement, available on the website, www.certainteedsettlement.ca, contains all the details about the Settlement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on submitting a Claim Form or to view the Settlement, visit www.certainteedsettlement.ca.

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Rising tides and the world's next refugee crisis

By Craig and Marc Kielburger

As the Brooklyn streets went dark and flooded with water, pummeled by the onslaught of Hurricane Sandy, Lizbeth Lucero watched her mother pace the apartment — and pray.

In the weeks that followed, her family went without power or heat. Another 760,000 were forced from their homes.

Churches provided blankets for cold nights while Lizbeth's family ate hot dogs and Salvadorian pupusas donated by food trucks. Still without power at home, she returned to school and a teacher offered her a warm shower in the school's basement.

Lizbeth turned it down, ashamed at needing help.

We were reminded of Lizbeth's story, and of those displaced from their homes or forced to flee their country as climate refugees, this Earth Day.

Hundreds of thousands of scientists and environmental advocates filled the streets in over 600 cities, with rallies taking place on every continent

— even Antarctica. Bill Nye told thousands gathered in the pouring rain in Washington, D.C., "We are marching today to remind people everywhere of the significance of science."

The earth needs protection — that was a central theme of the rallies — but so do its people. Experts say climate change poses the greatest security threat, and mass displacements will soon be the new normal.

As human-caused climate change continues to warm the planet sea levels will rise, storms will grow stronger, floods more violent and draughts harsher. All of this puts some of the world's most vulnerable people at greater risk.

They are the human face of global warming.

On Earth Day, amid calls to reign in carbon emissions, end deforestation and protect coral reefs, we heard another conversation. Awareness was raised for Tuvalu, the Polynesian island at risk of disappearing into bloated waters, and

action was demanded for the 200,000 Bangladeshis who lose their homes each year from river erosion.

The problem is complex, as are the solutions. But as with most climate issues, prevention is best. Reforestation, re-habilitating degraded land and desalination of low coastal areas will ensure at-risk communities are more resilient to change.

Once disaster strikes, another necessary step is legal recognition for the people fleeing devastation brought on by climate change.

The United Nations Refugee Convention only extends to members of persecuted groups. People driven from their homes by rising ocean tides or creeping deserts don't qualify for legal protection, which means many country's doors remain closed and safe asylum is out of reach. Some estimates say climate refugees and internally displaced people will number 50 million by 2020 and 150 million by 2050.

After Hurricane Sandy, Lizbeth poured herself into climate action. She marshalled her community to join the 300,000 strong People's Climate March in Manhattan in 2014, and became a leader in the Red Hook Initiative to help build a resilient and healthy community.

The helplessness she felt during the hurricane was Lizbeth's spark. It was part of what drove her to become the first person in her family of Mexican immigrants to graduate high school.

Now studying development sociology at Cornell University, she carries that spark with her — a glimmer of hope that vulnerable people will not be forgotten.

Craig and Marc Kielburger are the co-founders of the WE movement, which includes WE Charity, ME to WE Social Enterprise and WE Day.



Craig and Marc Kielburger

Craig and Marc Kielburger co-founded Free The Children and are authors of the new book, *Living Me to We: The Guide for Socially Conscious Canadians*.

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