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Never forget, say survivors

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

As a child, Fred Thomas spent 10 years in the residential school system, ripped from his family and forced to abandon his culture and heritage.

It was so bad, he forgot who his mother was. Today, 29 years after she died, the Lac Seul First Nation elder is still reeling from the impact of his time at residential school, a term he believes is used to soften the actualities of what went on behind closed doors.

Thomas spent five years at McIntosh Residential School and five more at Pelican Lake, and on Saturday said he's encouraged by work being done toward truth and reconciliation, much of the effort arriving in the aftermath of the discovery of thousands of bodies buried on former residential school grounds across the nation.

Saturday marked the third annual National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada, and Thomas was a featured speaker at a citysponsored event at Hillcrest Park, the crowd ringing the half-masted Truth and Reconciliation flag erected to honour survivors and those who never came home.

"(It's a chance) for the dominant group to really understand the issue of how our First Nations were treated as children, and also all the missing children," Thomas said.

"It's very fresh yet. We've still got a lot of work to do together. But we're willing to work with the dominant group together to come to terms and understand what really happened."

Thomas, who is working with others to uncover potential unmarked grave sites at the Pelican Lake site, said change will start with Canada's youth.

He'd like to see the country's real history taught in the classroom.

"In order to make that progress, some changes have to be made in the curriculum in schools, so it's not only one side of society (being taught). There should be the history of First Nations people. That would make it more equal, to come to terms with understanding who First Nations people are, instead of one side only."

Fort William First Nation elder, Sheila DeCorte, said her mother, a residential school survivor, was so ashamed of her language that she refused to speak it in front of her own children - though she knew the language and did speak it with her siblings and cousins.

She said for too long the truth has been



Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu. (Leith Dunick) withheld from Canadians, but that's starting to change.

"A lot of that true history was taken away from us and we weren't allowed to share our true history. We weren't allowed to practice our culture, speak our language, and all that needed to be put away and hidden - and our sacred items needed to be hidden," DeCorte

"In school, as a young girl growing up, that's not the history I learned."

Sadly, it took the tragic discovery of the mass graves to open the country's eyes. But the Anishnawbe people are resilient, DeCorte

"We didn't lose our language. Well, we did, but we're getting it back. We're getting our language back, we're getting our culture back and it's going to take a while, but we're going to get there."

DeCorte said just showing up to Saturday's ceremony was a start for those in attendance, and urged people and governments to act on all 94 recommendations that emerged from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Also on hand was Indigenous Services Minster Patty Hajdu, who said self-determination legislation is a big step forward.

"This is the work, I think, of dismantling that heavy colonial system that basically tore away those rights and then established a pattern of control over First Nations lives," Hajdu said.

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THURSDAY



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Precipitation: 30% HIGH 10 LOW 3

SATURDAY

SUNDAY Partly Cloudy Precipitation: 30%

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Scotties returning to city in '25

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay wasn't a shoo-in to host the 2025 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

But three years after the city hosted the national women's curling championship, with no fans in the stands, the event is coming back to the Lakehead.

Curling Canada on Tuesday announced the Scotties will be back in Thunder Bay from Feb. 14 to Feb. 23, 2025, the second time in three years the country's best will take to the Fort William Gardens Ice.

Al Cameron, spokesman for Curling Canada, said Thunder Bay put in a great bid, and given how well they did in 2022, it wasn't a tough choice.

"The city wanted to do it right," Cameron said.

"We wanted to do it right and I think it's a happy situation that we we're going to get to do it right in 2025."

The city was originally awarded the 2021 Scotties, but the pandemic led to the event being staged inside a bubble in Calgary, with Thunder Bay getting the 2022 championship. The pandemic once again foiled those plans.

The Scotties are expected to bring 3,000



Curler's Krista McCarville, Sarah Potts and Ashley Sippala are joined by Mayor Ken Boshcoff at Tuesday's launch.

people to the city over the course of the event, generating an economic impact between \$7 million and \$8 million, on a \$400,000 bid fee paid for through the municipal accommodation tax, administered by the Thunder Bay Community Economic Commission.

There are also millions more in earned air

time.

"TSN (will have) nine hours a day in broadcasting, and that's Thunder Bay in the spotlight on national television over 10 days. That's huge," Cameron said.

Diane Imrie, the vice-chair of the 2025 Scotties Tournament of Hearts organizing committee, said she'd hoped all along Thunder Bay would be give a do-over, and is thrilled it's actually going to happen.

"We called (2022) our dress rehearsal. There's no disputing the fact we were disappointed that in 2022 we couldn't put on a full event, so we are thrilled that Curling Canada saw what they liked when they were here in 2022 and they're coming back again," Imrie said.

Equally excited is two-time Scotties runnerup Krista McCarville, who added former New Brunswick skip Andrea Kelly to her team, with a two-year commitment and an eye on 2025 at the Gardens.

"Just thinking about it, it's so exciting. Having a few of our family and friends coming in those last few games (in 2022) for the playoffs, it was an eruption like you wouldn't believe. It sounded as if it was a full crowd," said McCarville, who took silver at the 2016 and 2022 Scotties.

"I can't even imagine what it would be like with a full crowd there, cheering. Having everybody on your side is a super exciting feeling. However, we're not there. Fingers are crossed that we perform and do our best to get there."



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Planet Fitness is planning to open a new location in Thunder Bay at the Thunder Center on Fort William Road.

Planet Fitness opening

By TB Source staff

One of the largest fitness club chains in North America is coming to Thunder Bay.

Planet Fitness is in the process of establishing a gym in the Thunder Centre complex at 969 Fort William Road.

The company has not revealed the precise

location, but renovations are currently underway in a large vacant space adjacent to the Moores clothing store.

On the Planet Fitness website, the address for the Thunder Bay location is listed, however there is no opening date as yet.

A social media message invites prospective members to sign up to receive updates.

Camping trip signals change

The weekend where we transition from September to October is usually our last camping trip of the season.

We use an epic gravel bike race called Heck of the North, held deep in the northern Minnesota wilderness, as our inspiration to pack up the travel trailers and spend a couple cool autumn nights off the

This year, there were about twenty athletes from Thunder Bay who made the trip.

Some stayed at the municipal campground in Two Harbors, others enjoyed hotel accommodations, and then there was an adventurous group of 10 of us who headed straight for the middle of

Truthfully, staying in the middle of nowhere meant a camping location that was as close as possible to the race's start and finish point.

This is because Heck is a real beast of an event that is held on an unmarked, off-road course, consisting of remote gravel roads and ATV trails.

It is well off the beaten path, and far enough from civilization to add an extra element of danger.

To really soak up the experience, my crew spent two nights in an isolated gravel pit, far from any pavement or wifi, in three camper trailers that would be caked with mud from the journey.

> We departed Thunder Bay immediately after work on Friday and arrived just in time to see the last light disappear as we set up our camping spot by headlamp.

> The trailer was leveled, the generator roared to life, and we set to work preparing our bikes, nutrition and minds for what was sure to be a challenging 90km full-speed slugfest across a treacherous and mud-soaked course.

Both Friday evening and race morning were exceptionally mild for this time of

I have seen snow in this race before, so I was thrilled with these temperatures.

However, there had been a recent torrential rain event in the area and the rain continued to fall sporadically through Friday night and into race day morning. This meant it would be a sloppy mud-fest

Typically, the Thunder Bay crew can earn some good results here, despite a strong field of over 600 motivated racers, mostly from the Minneapolis and St. Paul area. I felt this year's slick and difficult conditions might even help us out, as we Canadians are pretty good at dealing with slippery racing through mud and snow.

In the end, it was our women who stamped their authority on the day. Marilyn Ailey won the 30-kilometre event, Kayla Kjellman was second in the 170-kilometre race, and both Susan Fabius and Shannon Fry won their age divisions. For our men, we managed to place three in the top six of the 90-kilometre event, but it was Ironman and endurance sport legend Sean Cooley of Minneapolis who broke free with ten miles to go and soloed to victory.

Personally, this weekend was my main motivation to recover after a broken foot hobbled me throughout the summer.

Happy with the result, but never satisfied, I am already looking forward to the last camping trip of next year.



Sitting around the campfire is an early fall tradition.

Murder victim, accused **knew each other: Police**

Keith Ailey

the GOOD LIFE

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Investigators say the accused and victim of the city's most recent homicide were known to each other, and that they do not believe it is tied to the illicit drug trade or gang activity.

Thunder Bay police confirmed that the victim, who was found injured after officers responded to a residential address on the 200 block of Robertson Street on Sept. 20, died a week later, on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Police said the victim was a 63-year-old man, but have not publicly released his identity.

A suspect, 24-year-old Randy Andrews, was found near the scene by officers and was arrested. Andrews had been initially charged with aggravated assault, but he has now been charged with second-degree

The charge has yet to be tested in court. Thunder Bay Police Service Det.-Insp. Jeremy Pearson on Thursday said investigators are confident the accused and the victim were known to each other, but did not elaborate on the nature of their rela-

Investigators don't suspect the case is connected to the illegal drug trade in Thunder Bay or gang activity, he added.

Pearson said investigators aren't pursuing additional suspects.

"At this point in time, we're confident we have the sole responsible person in custody," Pearson said.

Pearson wouldn't answer whether a weapon was involved, but characterized the situation as "an extremely violent incident," and that the injuries were the result of a "verv serious assault."

"I'm very confident in the status of the investigation and where it has led and the resulting charges," he said.

"Of course, we're always interested to know anything the public is aware of, anything they may have heard or any potential evidence they may be in possession of — dash cam footage, home surveillance that may have captured this incident."

An autopsy is still pending, Pearson said.

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EDITORIAL

Scotties redux

Curling Canada has done the right

The governing body for the sport in 2022 promised local organizers they'd get a do-over to host the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, this time with fans present at Fort William Gardens.

On Tuesday, they made good on that promise, offering up the 2025 event.

Given the work that the organizers, including Diane Imrie and local curling legend Rick Lang, put in, and the disappointment that resulted from Ontario's no-fan rule during the height of the pandemic, it was only fair that Thunder Bay be given another chance to host the national women's curling championship.

Though they'll have to win their way into the field, it's also a win for the Krista McCarville rink, who sailed to a silver-medal performance in 2022, with a smattering of volunteers allowed inside the Gardens for the playoff round.

Thunder Bay deserves a chance to showcase its ability to properly host this world-class event. Our volunteers are second-to-none and the organizers are sure to put on a show worthy of the best Scotties Tournament of Hearts events of all-time.

Homelessness strategy

To the editor:

An article published in the TBnewswatch on Sept. 27th, titled: "City reports challenges on homelessness strategy" indicated a dire emergency for Thunder Bay's crisis of homeless people.

Also stated, it deals with the shuffle of money from one entity to another.

Has anyone thought to open not only their heart, but their home to a homeless person?

True, there may be risks involved especially if your home has children, but what about those homes that do not have children?

I'm sure that there are individuals (or couples) living in a three or four bedroom home that could help out one needy person.

About three years ago, a person where I live was cast out from her home with no place to

I live alone in a threebedroom home and opened my doors to welcome this person

To date, this person is still

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR







living here, collecting provin-

livelihood and re-establishing



their life. Law enforcement has cial funding as a source of never been called, nor any EMS

I'm not naive to the risk that a homeless person my have 'issues' and would be classed as an undesireable, but what about those who do not have these issues? They just need a helping hand.

Next spring, my occupant will spread their wings once again and take flight to roost at their own dwelling.

It only takes a small amount of kindness to help someone find their way. I'm sure that a dozen, or so, multi-bedroom home owners in Thunder Bay who open their doors to a needy person would provide a world of difference.

Perhaps council could endorse a supplementary program for individuals/couples who are willing to provide shelter for a homeless person.

This would help take the political pressure off of politicians and society as a whole.

> Name withheld, Manitouwadge

When Stalin hung up on poet Boris Pasternak

On Saturday 23 June 1934, the Russian poet Boris Pasternak was at home with his family when he received an unexpected telephone call. It was Joseph Stalin, phoning to discuss the recent arrest of Pasternak's friend and fellow poet Osip Mandelstam. The conversation lasted three or four minutes and ended when Stalin abruptly hung up. When Pasternak tried to call back, he was told the number no longer

At least 13 versions of this exchange have come to light, and since the 1970s - when historian Lazar Fleishman first drew attention to its significance - it has generated great scholarly interest and given rise to a dizzying array of interpretations, glossed variously to condemn or condone Pasternak's equivocating reply about Mandelstam: 'We are different, Comrade Stalin.'

In A Dictator Calls. Ismail Kadare, Albania's greatest living writer, enters the fray with an elliptical investigation of 'those fatal 200 seconds' when the poet and the communist were brought together.

Kadare has first-hand experience of what this

was like because he, too, once received a phone call from Enver Hoxha, leader of the Albanian Communist Party. He found himself

flailing in the moment. This experience prompted self-lacerating retrospective questions and fuelled his obsession with Stalin/Pasternak call.

> The book begins in a semi-fictional mode, narrated by a quasi-autobiographical Albanian author.

Prickly conversations with his editor about his latest manuscript are interspersed with 'nocturnal Muscovite wanderings' in which he

dreams about his student days at the Gorky Institute.

The author is tormented by the question of why Pasternak responded as he allegedly did. What did he know? Was he responsible for Mandelstam's downfall?

The second half of the book, set in 2015, abandons fiction and assumes the form of an essay in which Kadare scrutinises each of the 13 known versions of the fabled phone call. Drawn from KGB archives, memoirs and interviews, the versions are supplied by friends, wives, lovers, rivals, secret agents and historians. Kadare picks each one apart, chasing down their hidden meanings.

One of the 13 versions comes from Anna Akhmatova's diary, a close friend of Mandelstam's wife Nadezhda and rumoured to have been Pasternak's lover. Pasternak's old friend and rival Nikolai Vilmont

asserts. But the more Kadare digs, the more the truth eludes him.

Was Pasternak flustered by receiving the call, or cool-headed? As Kadare exclaims: 'Anybody who thinks at first that 13 versions are too many, may by the end of the case think that these are insufficient!'

The attention he gives to the Stalin-Pasternak-Mandelstam triangle is threaded with captivating digressions.

He draws in the giants of Russian culture and a host of others, including Freud and even Helen of Troy. What becomes clear is Kadare is using the conversation as an extended metaphor to explore the nature of power and the interplay between political and artistic power.

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Families are sticking together

By JR Shermack

There was a time when multi-generational households were common, often with grandparents, parents and grandchildren all living under one roof.

It was a practical living arrangement for many families and enabled them to thrive and prosper, even during difficult times.

The most iconic example of multi-generational living was The Waltons, a popular television series about a rural family during the Great Depression.

Many will remember Grandma and Grandpa Walton, John Sr. and Olivia, John-Boy, Mary Ellen, Jim Bob and the other seven children as they faced life's challenges together.

They endured many hardships but every show ended with heartfelt 'good nights' between sleepy family members - "Good night John-Boy" was a popular catch phrase during

It was a quaint tribute to days gone by but when the ratings slipped The Waltons was cancelled in 1981, and interest in multi-generational households reached an all-time low.

The advent of single family dwellings and changing family dynamics meant that multigenerational living lost its appeal among increasingly affluent consumers.

That is largely true today but more Canadian families are seriously considering this option as a chosen lifestyle in response to challenging

The number of multi-generational homes in Canada is on the rise and has risen by 45% in the past twenty years to include almost a million households.

Given Canada's aging population, increased immigration and a very pricey housing market, this group of two-and-a-half million Canadians could grow to rates not seen since the 1940's.

These homes include those shared by multi generations of the same family, two or more families living together, or one family living with people who may or may not be relatives.

The increase in multi-generational homes in Canada reflects cultural preferences, immigration patterns, the cost of housing and challenging economic times.

It can be an economic refuge for young parents dreaming of home ownership, giving new families a chance to reduce debt and save for a down payment.

Multi-generational households are more economical to run, especially when there are several adults with an income and expenses are shared among family members.



The Waltons were a huge hit on TV in the 1970s.

Utility costs and some other occupancy expenses may be higher but mortgages and taxes do not rise based on shared occupancy.

Child care expenses for young families (average \$10,000 per year) is a burden and it may be difficult to find someone trustworthy to care for your kids.

If you pay a relative to provide care at home (grandparents often do it for free) you will likely spend less than you would at a daycare or for other in-home services.

And notwithstanding the economic advan-

tage, adults and children of all generations benefit from spending significant time with

For seniors, hanging out with children helps cognitive function, energy levels and physical health while children of all ages benefit from hanging out with Grandma and Grampa.

Positive effects include language development, literacy, civic engagement and empathy multi-generational living increases selfesteem and a sense of belonging for the whole

Most multi-generational households include grandparents and young children - this offers seniors an alternative to expensive assisted living or personalized home care

They may have to tolerate less privacy and more noise and disorder than they prefer but the alternatives of loneliness and isolation from family can be avoided.

Just like those during the Great Depression, families in the 21st century are facing serious challenges - sharing the burden together lightens the load for all.

We can't all be like The Waltons but hardship offers families the opportunity to gather generations of loved ones together, safe and warm sleeping under the same roof.

Good night John-boy.

what's Happening The Bay

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October 6

Witches Walk

Gather at the Prince Arthur Hotel, get your map and explore participating merchants in the waterfront district.

Return to the Prince Arthur Hotel for an evening of dancing, drinks and entertainment!

Prizes for best costumes.

Tickets are \$25 and available online at eventbrite.ca or at Community Living Thunder Bay. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with a dance scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

October 6

Punks N Pancakes

Hit up the Cinema5 Indoor Skatepark where Frank Loffredo Concerts and Crocks will present Punks N Pancakes, a night of live music featuring Burial Etiquette, Brazen Bull and ddumaurier.

The show is an all-ages affair with the doors opening at 7:30 p.m. and the

music starting at 8 p.m.

Rickets are \$15 online and \$20 at the door. Visit showpass.com for more information.

October 8

Off the Cuff Comedy

Campfire Comedy presents Thunder Bay's first ever fully improvised stand up comedy show using topics randomly selected from crowd suggestions.

The laughter takes place at Atmos. Tickets are \$12 and available at eventbrite.ca.

The fun starts at 8:30 p.m.

October 8

Thanganat

The Lakehead University Indian Student Assocation invites the public to attend Thanganat 2023, Thunder Bay's biggest Garba night of the year.

Attendees are encouraged to wear their best traditional outfit and to bring thier best musical groove to

dance along with the Gujararti garba

Tickets are \$6 and selling fast. They're available at eventbrite.ca.

The event will take place from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday at the LU Hangar.

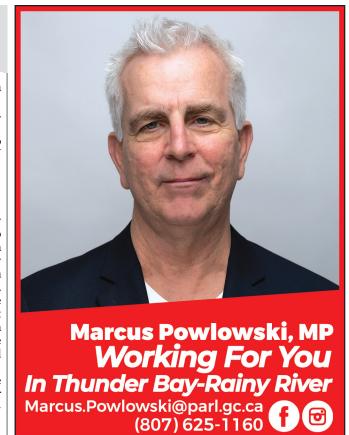
October 8

TBSO Opening Night

Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra will welcome Cosette Justo Values to conduct the TBSO's own concertmaster Thomas Cosbey performing Samuel Barber's violin concerto at the Community Auditorium.

This piece celebrates the strings of the orchestra with some of the most wickedly difficult writing for violin in the entire repertoire, while at the same time, showing off deeply lyrical and passionate melodies.

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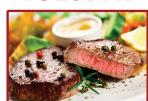
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Putting garden to bed

The beets by now are huge, the carrots long, the turnips a respectable size, a few zucchini that survived the frost, and, believe or not, pole beans we missed before we ventured south, still juicy (well, mostly). There are still green and red cabbages to collect, carrots to pull, and parsnips!

My god, so we have parsnips! The thing about harvesting parsnips is that

it ain't easy.

One must dig deep and pray that one doesn't slice through one of the veggies. Laura was digging on Saturday afternoon and managed to extract three huge parsnips and that was only the beginning of the large bed Laura had planted. It took several wheelbarrows full of garden goodies to transport from garden to 'hoosie'.

"Are we storing all of this?" I asked. "Some we will put into bins layered with peat moss and store in the tack room in the barn," Laura said, "

The beets, carrots, and parsnips will keep well into next spring.

But I am going to take a lot of them and

make root veggie pies that we will freeze to have during the late fall and winter." Yum root veggies pies - a meal in itself.

Back to Saturday afternoon: we pulled all of the tomato cages and stored them against the garden fence; then Laura pulled all of the vines belonging to the zucchini and the various gourds - pumpkin and squash - that

> she'd grown and piled them in the garden to be composted.

> After that, she collected the pea seeds from those vines. "I can plant them next spring," she announced. She also collected dill seed as well.

> A late planting of lettuce has revealed some delicious specimens for salads, BLT's, etc. And the kale just keeps on giving, obviously having escaped any

serious frost damage.

Fred Iones

RURAL ROOTS

As I was transporting wheelbarrows of harvested stuff to Casa Jones, Laura was pulling up the corn stalks also to be composted.

Rogue potatoes had gown in between the rows of corn so we did not have a good corn year.

We thought that we'd managed to harvest all of the potatoes the previous summer but, alas, not so. Laura discovered several goodsized 'taties' to add to the ones dug up from two other beds.

"Now is the time to plant the garlic," Laura said. She showed me the bed she wanted to prepare and plant. I enjoy helping plant the garlic and come next spring, the onions. Planting carrots, however, isn't easy as the seed is so small.

Then I remembered that we'd also planted Jerusalem artichokes, the root of which makes a tasty veg.

My mother used to make Jerusalem artichoke soup for Christmas. I tried it one year not realizing how arduous the preparation of the 'chokes was. But I love the flavour although I'm not sure about the rest of my family.

So, putting the garden to bed is not done in a single day. Eventually it will all be done - the peat moss-filled bins with carrots, beets, parsnip, and whatever else Laura wants to store, will be safely placed in the barn, and the downstairs freezer will be stuffed with freezer bags full of Laura's labour. Yum.

Run honours lost children

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

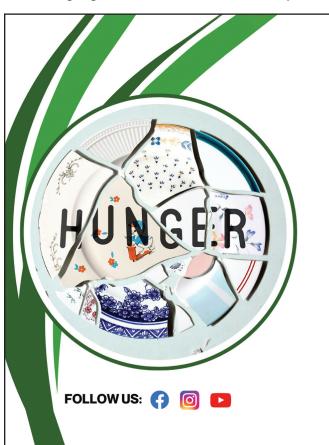
Hundreds participated in a community run last Saturday to honour the Indigenous children lost and the ongoing healing journey of residential school survivors and their families.

The Honouring our Children Run is an annual event that takes place on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and invites the community to show support and commitment to truth, reconciliation, and healing.

The run was organized by Dilico Anishinabek Family Care in collaboration with Mazinaajim's Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Indigenous children and their families.

Anika Guthrie, the vice president of the board of Mazinaajim's Children's Foundation, said that she was proud to see how many residents came out to participate.

"I think over 300 participants today and we're here to honour the spirits of the children that attended residential school, both the survivors that are with us today and those who never made it home and their families and communities," she said.



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Dumb Money, mostly smart

Dumb Money (SilverCity) is the latest movie from Australian director Craig Gillespie who has a predilection towards ripped-from-theheadlines projects (I, Tonya, and the mini-series Pam and Tommy). He's also known for Cruella and Lars and the Real Girl.

A high-finance David and Goliath story, Dumb Money's title draws from the nickname Wall Street types reserve for average layman investors. It's based on Ben Mezrich's book, The Anti-Social Network, a true story occurring during the pandemic.

The movie recalls 2015's The Big Short where Wall Street shenanigans were called into question. Aside from wheeler-dealers, Dumb Money also highlights the plight of the everyday investor caught up in the investment rollercoaster.

Paul Dano plays Keith Gill, a real life smalltime financial analyst living in Massachusetts, a regular head-banded guy with a wife (Shailene Woodley) and child, working remotely during the pandemic, giving online investing advice under the guise of Roaring

Dano's Gill isolates GameStop, a video game store found in every mall, betting that its stock will go up. It skyrockets.

Following Roaring Kitty's lead are regular types including America Ferrara, a single mother nurse with household debts, Tailia Ryder and Myha'la Herrold as college students with massive student loans and Anthony Ramos as a beleaguered GameStop clerk harassed by his boss (Dane DeHaan).

However, Gill's strategy creates havoc for

hedge funder big wheels including Seth Rogen, Keith Offerman, Vincent D'Onofrio and Sebastian Stan, the latter being a CEO of the stock trading app Robin Hood all of whom have "shorted" GameStop, betting heavily that the stock will fail. These are billion dollar gambles.

This sets off a see-saw financial battle which makes headlines and grabs attention of congressional subcommittees.

The film's humour emanates from the hedge players' collective fear and slippery methods contrasted against the little guys' mood swings from hope to exhilaration to anxiety. (Rogen's rehearsal for a congressional Facetime interview is particularly funny.) Further comic relief comes from Pete Davidson playing Gill's smart-mouthed



Paul Dano plays Keith Gill in Dumb Money.

slacker brother.

Marty Mascarin

MOVIE TALK

As the story flits about the aforementioned parties, "Dumb Money's" satirical effect is rather scattershot, blunted by techno-money jargon, an overdose of characters and some dead-end plotting due to an ambitious attempt to address and simplify every aspect of the story.

As the cause of the entire furor, Gill's story is supposed to buttress the movie. He has a crucial decision to make, with repercussions for his family and his investment followers. Dano makes Gill likeable enough but by getting slightly sidelined, the movie loses its focus.

Footage of real-life reporters and inquiring senators adds some gravitas along with the epilogue

featuring photos of the actual players and their summations. Missing is the status of the story's key driver—GameStop.

Had the focus been a bit sharper, Dumb Money would be a better crowd pleasing bet. Thanks to the performances and a few well executed moments, things come out even.

For a more in-depth look, Netflix offers Eat the Rich: the GameStop Saga.

Breast cancer targeted

By Justin Hardy - TB Source

More than 250 city runners teamed up with runners from all over the country to raise money for breast cancer on Sunday.

The CIBC Run for the Cure is in its 27th year and support for the cause is still going strong and Thunder Bay run director, Bonnie Tittaferrante, said that local runners were fundraising hard in anticipation of the run.

"We have over 250 participants that have raised over \$64,000. We've had a great day. We're the first to use this brand new track at the Royal Legion Stadium and it's been a great day," she said.

"We have our teams that have raised a lot of money and we're here because over 28,000 women last year got diagnosed with breast cancer, and we run for all of them, and we're helping to make lives better, fuller, and to make a difference."

Since 1997 the run has raised funds that have improved chemotherapy programs, allowed for earlier diagnosis and easier treatment, and have also supported immunotherapy programs that go along with chemotherapy.

Tittaferrante said that it's important to support these programs as they help those



About 250 people took part in the Run for the Cure.

with breast cancer to live longer, fuller lives because cancer can be found sooner.

"I think it's very important, it's just a reminder, it keeps us in check of what other people are going through and just to keep us a vision that we're eventually going to help and improve peoples lives and we need to keep doing it," she said.



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Finding the right hire

Derek Lankinen

Here's Cooking at You Kid

Like it or not, we all need to work for a living in some form or fashion over the course of our lives. Working with a purpose that you can use your specific skills to contribute in a positive way to society is generally seen as a luxury or just a bonus with any position. I've been lucky, I've just never been able to envision myself being in another industry. In that vein in most industries, we are all just gears in a machine.

You try to differentiate yourself and make it more in your head but unfortunately it always boils down to that. Gears will eventually wear out, so you remove it or change it and keep going. The machine must always keep running.

In larger operations, typically there's some kind of hiring or human resources manager. As a chef you have someone who can pre-screen candidates, but at the

end of it the final decision should always be the chef's. A wise man once told me when referencing HR people, "how are you supposed to be able to find anyone with half a personality, when you have none of it yourself?"

The nature of a kitchen and the atmosphere in which most of us exist in the kitchen means it's very much a living breathing organism. The personalities all need to work in harmony, so everyone can be happy and productive over the course of their days. If one person can't "take the heat" so to speak, it can throw the entire mood of the kitchen off.

This is something no one needs. I pride myself in being able to work with almost anyone in a kitchen environment.

Everyone has their own strengths and weak-

nesses and being able to identify them and accentuate the positives is something I find very challenging and rewarding.

Finding someone who can also fill in for my own shortcomings as a chef and manager is also a bonus and makes a great all-around hire.

The worst part of hiring is that you typically have no idea if a person you're talking to is a good fit until you hang out with them in

a work environment.

This is why in many working environments people undergo "tryouts" most of the time it's an unpaid audition for a job although some employers (like myself) don't have an issue paying someone for their time while auditioning. It can save you a lot of headaches. Derek Lankinen is an award-winning chef, author, and restauranteur.



Amy Sellors as Blanche, Stephen Sparks as Sly, Suzanne McKenney as Stella in Magnus' Meet My Sisters. (Matt Goertz)

Sisters on stage

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

We know saying hello to someone after a long absence isn't always, doesn't always feel the same as it once did. We wish it were so; yet, well, things change. People change. Life changes people. I'd say it's a circle...where Time moves us all in turn; but unlike a clock there ain't no turnin' back those years. Our memories. Do at least memories remain the same?

Durn and gee whillikers, I feel a song coming on. Remember when...how did those notes go?

Meet My Sister, Magnus' first mainstage production of the season is a lively lark of a play, even if the premise isn't very funny: an aging parent, unsteady living on her own anymore since all sorts of crazy things have begun to happen. Yup, a worry. Her grown children, sisters in our case, are scrambling to arrange a move to a seniors' home; actually, there's no agreement between them about that plan. Is mom even on-board with the idea? Doesn't seem so. Guilt has been creeping in. Sound familiar?

Many of you in the audience are likely in this very boat right now. Hah! A flash-back to a television sit-com classic, Gilligan's Island, is one of the many comical scenes we're treated to in this show. Yes ma'am, lots of charming dimensions to recall; theme song coming back?

Playwright Bonnie Green knows her stuff. Stella and Blanche, twins born only three minutes apart as we learn, are on the surface as different as night and day. It's hilarious. Trust me, you'll see what I mean. Yet, the wonderful thing we also soon see, and feel within our own hearts, is that these sisters are cut from the same true-blue cloth that mom stitched together with loving hands a long time ago. Hokey analogy, I know. Kudos to actors Suzanne McKenney and Amy Sellors as Stella and Blanche. Genuine. Passionate. Emotional. Real. And really comical in their movements, facial expressions and postures. We forget they are acting, that they aren't actually sisters. They even start to resemble each other in some mysterious way. Nicely done, girls.

Now. There's a third side to all of this, unexpected and slightly astounding. An angle that completes a triangle; solidifies it instead of pulling things apart. It's a man, what else; and man-oh-man was he the dreamboat in both sisters' eyes back in the day. High school. Heck, he turned all the girls' heads; probably broke (or at least cracked) a few hearts too. Song comin' on: Bruce Springsteen's Glory Days; or maybe Raise a Little Hell (Trooper), I don't know. In this story he's simply called Sly. Is that his real name? Well, whatever it is, Sly's still got it. In spades. As soon as he steps onto the stage actor Stephen Sparks steals his fair share of the limelight, let me tell you! Can't tell you anything else, though. Sorry.

Nor will I say anything about Blanche and Stella's mom, played by Lila Cano, either. Sorry. You'll just have to do this meet-andgreet yourself.

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Stars six-shooter

How about that Easton Mikus kid?

Never heard of him? You're probably not alone, but what a first impression he's making with the Thunder Bay North Stars.

Mikus last Saturday set a rookie record, scoring six times in the Stars 11-4 win over the expanison Kenora Islanders.

His outstanding effort also tied a Superior International Junior Hockey League record for goals in a game, originally set in 2009 by Schreiber's Colin

Mikus, a graduate of the Thunder Bay Kings, has seven goals and three assists in three games.

Thunder Bay fans will have their first chance to check out the wonderkid on Friday night, when the North Stars celebrate their home opener at Fort William Gardens against the Dryden Ice Dogs.

I was able to check out the Lakehead

Thunderwolves men's and women's basketball teams in preseason play last Friday afternoon, the Algoma Thunderbirds making the eight-hour trek to Thunder Bay.

Questions abound for both teams.

The men, who found themselves in

the top 10 at times last season, lost some big names over the summer, with Michael Okafor, Dylan Morrison and Alston Harris all running out of eligibility. Laoui Msambya is the

unquestioned leader of this team, and showed it with a 22-point performance. Fifth-year guard Jared Kreiner also stepped up,

hitting five three-pointers and collecting 18 points.

But the player who impressed me



Easton Mikus scored six goals last Saturday in just his fifth SIJHL appearance. (Supplied photo)

most was guard Chris Sagl. He was in the way just about every time the Thunderbirds attempted to pass, and interrupted the Algoma offence from start to finish.

If he can play defence at a Greg Carter level, the drop-off from last year could be minimal.

On the women's side, it was coach

Hugo Boisvert's debut on the bench, and it was a winning

The key to this year's team is health. Gone are Tiffany Reynolds and Lily Gruber-Schultz, two huge holes to

Granted, Algoma's never the toughest test, but the Wolves looked solid, winning both games.

Kirpa Brar, who missed most of last season with an injury, was solid offensively and rookie Kelly-Anne Coulombe showed she could be a force up the middle. Paula Lopez, the muchhyped Spanish import, is finally back in full health, and countrywoman Eva Guilera looked strong in the paint.

There are bound to be growing pains for both teams, but they're going to be competitive most nights, which is a really good sign.

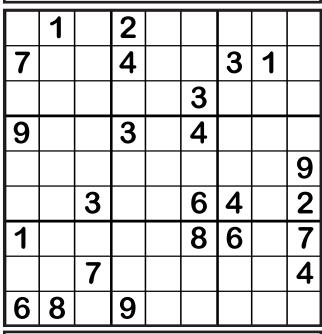
Speaking of the Thunderwolves, the men's hockey team will test its mettle for real this weekend when they head to southern Ontario to take on the Brock Badgers.

Lastly, I'm glad to see Curling Canada keep their word to local organizers and give Thunder Bay another shot at hosting the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. Fans deserve a chance to watch the best women curlers up close and personal.

TM Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "S" = "K"

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Owen Renn (centre) clears a path for Hammarskjold teammate Gerald Marshall. (Leith Dunick)

Renn runs wild

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Once Owen Renn sees a little daylight, it's probably already too late for the opposition defenders.

The explosive Hammarskjold Vikings back burst through a seam twice on Friday night, dashing to the end zone on runs of 55 and 63 yards to help break open a tight high school senior football game and deliver a 29-6 win over the defending champion St. Patrick Saints.

Quarterback Tyler Main and receiver Kai Aldridge also connected for a pair of passing touchdowns, opening the scoring late in the first on a 34-yard strike and then again on an 18-yard screen pass early in the third that upped the Vikings lead to 15-6 at the time.

Renn, who rushed for 202 yards on the ground, said the individual recognition is nice, but getting back in the win column after last week's 7-2 tie against the St.

Ignatius Falcons was better.

"Coming off of last year, we obviously didn't have the season we wanted. We didn't win a single game last year. So going into a season like this, when we have a very promising team and this being our third game, we all came out, so it's big for our team to have a game like this."

The Vikings weren't wasting time when they had the ball and made the most of their possessions, all four majors coming on one-play drives.

Renn gave credit to the schemes devised by the Hammarskjold coaching staff.

"We started a new formation in our last practice. We tried that out in this game, obviously, and it just seemed to be working. Every time we would run there was always a hole, always somewhere to run. It was working really well," Renn said.

Hammarskjold coach Mike Judge called Renn a special athlete.

"He has that extra gear that most humans aren't born with. He's just a hard-working guy. He never draws attention. He never asks for the ball, but boy does he ever want it. He explodes. He had a couple of nice carries against Westgate in the first game of the season, but it was a muddled look," Judge said.

"Our O-line did a nice job of opening up the holes and boy, once he hits the clear, he's gone."

The Saints lone touchdown came on a brilliant catch by receiver Nick Lento, who out-leapt Hammarskjold's Nicholas Baker for the ball in the end zone, cutting the Hammarskjold lead from 8-0 to 8-6, with just over two minutes to go in the opening half.

The Vikings improved to 2-0-1 with the win, while the Saints slipped to 0-2-1.

Westgate doubled up St. Ignatius 28-14 in the nightcap, quarterback Mitchell Papineau throwing a pair of touchdown passes to lead the Tigers to victory.



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