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Something to Come Home To...



Photo: Single mother of three who is now the proud owner of her own home.

Follow up story...By Chloe Kneer --
Having a roof over your head, a floor under your feet, and a door to keep the elements out when you come home is something you no doubt take for granted. In some parts of the world, however, just these basics are a luxury. One lucky San Salvador family, a single mom with three children, were blessed with a home of their own this holiday season. They had been taking shelter under the neighbor's makeshift roof, but they are now proudly calling their new 14' x 16' steel-clad building home.

Espanola residents Kelly Deschamps and Al Leduc rang in the New Year in San Salvador, El Salvador and they kept us up-to-date on their every deed

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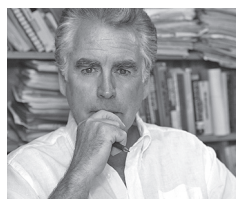
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All The World's A Circus

William Thomas

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Back to school? No, not me. Never.

Many parents right now are relieved that their kids have returned to school. For me it triggers didaskaleinophobia, the fear of attending school. I have recurring nightmares in which I am back in grade 13 facing nine final exams in five days which will determine whether I graduate to university or return to work on the swing grinder at Atlas Steels for the rest of my life. Naturally, catastrophe is avoided when I join my frat brothers in a pub crawl of Niagara Falls, New York. I remember very few teachers, the bad ones now dressed like prison guards in my mind. I remember a few of the good ones with fondness.

Many years ago I took my mother Margaret back to an event at the church in Dain City where we used to live. Mr. Gregory was there, a kind teacher at Bridgeview Public School who had helped me with my valedictorian speech. He was also the coach of the school's hockey team. My mother was quite pleased to meet Mr. Gregory again, and he, her.

However, when we shook hands he had this vague, slightly embarrassed look on his face. He didn't remember me. I was helping him identify players in the photo of our hockey team taken on the day we won the district championship – Ray Arnott, Wes Boyd, Earl Nugent, Malcolm Ferri – when he asked if I was on the team. "That's me," I said, the kid kneeling front and center on the ice, the one holding the trophy with the "C" on his shirt."

Mr. Gregory nodded blankly but I knew

he didn't believe me. Just then an old school mate, the very statuesque Sharon Marr walked into the hall and Mr. Gregory rushed to the door: "Sharon! Sharon Marr! Good Lord, how long has it been?" Oh yeah, I kept the photo.

From my years at Welland High And Vocational School I remember the chemistry teacher. He invented Zing which was a clear, highly alcoholic product marketed by Andres Wines in Beamsville. When dumped by the gallon into a brand new plastic garbage pail with an equal amount of Welch's grape juice, it produced enough "Purple Jesus" to get an entire tent full of frat brothers through a long weekend at the Longbeach Conservation Park. We worshipped that man. However there are at least two summers back then that are unaccounted for and still nobody can remember his name. My lifeguard years at Longbeach are best recounted by Jimmy Hendrix's hit song Purple Haze.

Then there was Mrs. Morrissey, our dear, sweet high school English teacher. Mrs. Morrissey was a vibrant and approachable teacher who introduced me to a world of reading for fun and learning about the English language for the sheer love of words. Mrs. Morrissey had a rule that helped her students increase their vocabulary. "Say the word three times," she would often say, "and you own it. Say it three times, and it's yours."

And every time she repeated that rule, a low demonic voice could be heard in the

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back of the room: “Brenda! Brenda! Brenda!”

I went to Brock University before transferring to Waterloo Lutheran University. Brock’s large class of English 101 soon learned that Professor Michael Hornyansky was the most memorable educator any of us would ever have. Professor Hornyansky did not teach English, he performed wonderful works of English playwrights live, on stage. Feared for his staggering intellect and encyclopedic knowledge you did not dare take your eyes off him during class. Just whispering in the theatre of a hundred or more first year students would warrant a laser-like glare from Hornyansky that sent you shrinking in your seat.

And there he was on stage, striding from side to side with his black robe flowing and the book in his hand, a script of lines for the many characters he played. And there she was, an elderly lady sitting in the front row, knitting. Unlike today, it was unusual then to see older people at first year university. But she was knitting which broke the rule that every eye in the house be trained on the thespian professor once the lights went down and the play began.

We could see that the knitter was grating on Hornyansky’s

nerves and unsettling his concentration because every time he passed in front of this woman, he stopped and scowled at her. Of course, she was oblivious to the silent warnings because ... she was knitting.

Finally, when he could no longer abide this discourtesy, he stopped dead, looked to the heavens and said: “By the way, did you know that knitting is a form of mental masturbation?”

A fearful hush swept across the class of stunned students in a place that quickly fell silent once more. All eyes, his and ours now narrowed in on the little old lady in the front row still deftly stick-handling her way through half a woolen sweater.

And without missing a beat or even a stitch, she said, with her head still down: “Professor Hornyansky, you do it your way and I’ll do it mine!”

Bedlam, the kind you see in news clips of Mexican prison riots, followed.

Is it any wonder I turned out the way I did? No, I won’t be going back to school anytime soon.

For comments, ideas and copies of *The True Story* of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Don’t Get Caught!

It’s Not Too Late To Get Your Flu Shot

The Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU) and Health Sciences North/Horizon Santé-Nord (HSN) are encouraging all residents to protect themselves and others from the influenza virus by getting a flu shot.

There are presently five outbreaks of influenza in local long-term care homes. Physicians’ offices and emergency departments are busy assessing patients with influenza like illness. The SDHU continues to receive and investigate laboratory reports of influenza across the district.

“The first line of defence against the flu is plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids, and minimize your contact with other people,” says Dr. Chris Bourdon, HSN’s Chief of Staff and an Emergency Department physician. “If your symptoms worsen, visit your doctor’s office or a community clinic. If you feel your case of the flu is of an urgent nature, the Emergency Department is here to help you.”

“Everyone is at risk of getting the flu,” says Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Sudbury & District Medical Officer of Health.

“However, some individuals who get the flu are at higher risk of experiencing serious complications including pneumonia, bronchitis, and sinus and ear infections.”

Symptoms of influenza may include fever, runny eyes, headache, sore throat, extreme weakness, chills, cough, stuffy nose, muscle aches, and fatigue.

In addition to getting the flu shot, all residents are reminded of the following steps to take to protect themselves and others from illness:

- Wash your hands often and especially before eating using liquid soap and water. Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cough into a tissue or your sleeve and throw away used tissues immediately.
- Stay home if you are ill.

Free flu shots are available at the Health Unit’s main office, located at 1300 Paris St., Sudbury or by visiting participating walk-in clinics, community health centres, or your health care provider.

For more information about caring for someone who has influenza, please visit www.sdhu.com.

Espanola Police Report

The Espanola Police Service in partnership with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Insurance Bureau of Canada engaged in the “Lock It or Lose It” program over the winter holiday season. This is a proactive crime prevention program that encourages drivers to take a few simple precautions that will protect their vehicle and vehicle contents from theft.

Between Monday, December 17th 2012 and Sunday, January 6th 2013 members of the Espanola Police Service checked 1,039 parked and unattended vehicles parked in various public access locations throughout the town. Vehicles were checked throughout the day and evening hours. Officers found that 833 of these vehicles (80.1%) were locked and had no keys or items (packages, shopping bags, etc) in plain sight. The number of vehicle owners who were taking the time to properly secure their vehicles and protect their property was down from 2010-2011’s secure rate of 87.9%.

Officers found that 126 vehicles (12.1%) were left unlocked and 78 (7.5%) had valuable items left in plain sight.

The Espanola Police Service are committed to proactive approaches to help prevent crime from occurring in our community. We appreciate the support that we have received from the community and will continue with this and many other proactive policing programs.

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Hughes Begins Presentation Of Jubilee Medals In Elliot Lake



Carol Hughes, MP
Algoma-Manitoulin-
Kapuskasing

The distribution of the Queen's Jubilee Medals is under way in Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing. The first of thirty medals being distributed by MP, Carol Hughes were presented in Elliot Lake last week.

"The process revealed many worthy recipients and I wish I was able to direct more of these awards," said Hughes. "For the people who receive them, it is a nice acknowledgement of their contribution to their

community.

Hughes handed out medals at New Year's Levees for the Elliot Lake Legion and the Mayor and also at a January 5th Civic Centre reception. She notes that the call for nominations in her June householder (distributed to every residence in the constituency) was well met.

"I want to thank everyone who took the time to make a nomination," said Hughes. "It was nice to see just how many exceptional people there are in the area"

Hughes says there will be ceremonies until the end of February in communities throughout the constituency. The remaining recipients will be revealed at those events.

Elliot Lake Queen's Jubilee Medal Recipients:

Deacon Joe O'Neil - for advocacy on behalf of veterans, the Legion, and community involvement;

Lindsay Burke - for advocacy on behalf of veterans, the Legion, and community involvement;

Daniel Roche - for advocacy on behalf of veterans, the Legion, and community involvement;

Ulrich Krings - for advocacy on behalf of veterans, the Legion, and community involvement;

Al Warman * - for advocacy on behalf of veterans, the Legion, and community involvement;

Darla Hennessey - for community volunteerism including long service with

Air Cadets;

Ken Pierce - for leadership and community involvement on various boards and organizations;

Christine Margetts - community involvement, local and national work on competitive swimming;

Ian Ludgate* - for leadership and assistance in remobilization after the mall collapse.

*** The medals for Mr. Warman and Mr. Ludgate were presented by the MP on behalf of other partner organizations.**

NOJHL Junior Hockey takes to the Ice in Espanola

The Town of Espanola, in a quest to secure a junior hockey program for the community to begin possible play in the 2013-14 season has invited the North Bay Trappers to skate at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex prior to the Trappers league game in Elliott Lake on Friday January 18th.

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to show off our community, the quality of our ice and the diversity of our facility to the Trappers and the NOJHL," says Mayor Mike Lehoux, "The Trappers are known as a winning team both on and off the ice; their management practices cultivate leadership and community stewardship by continually having their team and players involved in community volunteerism initiatives. This is the kind of team we'd like to see playing in our arena and in our community, we are thrilled to showcase our Town and Complex facilities to a potential NOJHL team."

North Bay Trappers Chairman of the Board and Director of Operations, Tim Clayden added to the excitement, "it's a wonderful invitation that gives our team and players

and frankly, the NOJHL, a sneak peek at another potential Northern Ontario junior hockey market that the league can possibly expand to. It also gives our team a good pre-game skate prior to the upcoming long road trip" stated Clayden. "It's fitting to visit Espanola when you think that Trappers Coach Tom McCarthy was awarded the "Red McCarthy NOJHL Coach of the Year" last season, with Red being the Town of Espanola sports hero." Mayor & Council see this practice as a great opportunity for the community to extend a warm welcome to the team and get a taste of high caliber junior hockey. "It's no secret that the Trappers have been considering a move from their home base of North Bay & Memorial Gardens - a hearty community showing next Friday might help the Trappers and or the NOJHL to give consideration to making Espanola the new home for a future NOJHL franchise."

The North Bay Trappers are scheduled to practice in Espanola on Friday January 18th from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. The community is invited and encouraged to attend.

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Photo: 14' x 16' home, complete with new fence and garden.

while there. In addition to helping build a home for the family, they renovated a ministry building that would serve as a safe shelter and place for prostitutes and addicts to clean up, prepared and delivered meals to the homeless, and helped host a New Year's Eve barbecue

for an orphanage. It was mostly work, but they managed to squeeze in a day of fishing...a bounty of tuna that was later used to feed more homeless people. A picture is worth a thousand words, so enjoy this photo diary. All pictures are courtesy of Al Leduc.



Photo: The makeshift roof in the background is the former shelter for this family of four.



Photo: Michele, the daughter, happy to have a new home.



Photo: It took a little muscle to bring this one in...but Marlins are catch and release. All the tuna that was caught, however, was eventually consumed by homeless people.



Photo: Volunteers took the family on a shopping spree to Wal Mart. The youngest son was so excited he insisted on carrying all of the bags.

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Recipe

I'm always looking for new ways to use ground beef as well as something quick and easy to make on those busy days. This is a quick and satisfying meal to make that the whole family will like. It makes a large batch, so I half the recipe, but you can also keep the extra in the fridge for another day or freeze for a future meal.



Homemade Sloppy Joes

(serves 8 – 12)

- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 medium onions, roughly chopped
- 2 ½ lbs. ground beef
- 2 Tbsp. tomato paste
- 2/3 cup BBQ sauce (your favourite)
- ½ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 8 to 12 hamburger buns or rolls

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until they start to turn translucent, about 4 minutes. Add the beef and cook, stirring and breaking up the meat, until it is finely crumbled, the liquid boils off and the meat begins to brown. (about 10 minutes) Drain the grease off the meat and onions. Stir in the tomato paste, and keep stirring until the meat is coated. Add the BBQ sauce, ketchup, Worcestershire, soy sauce, and pepper, and bring to a boil. Cook until the sauce is slightly thickened, 4 to 5 minutes. You can make the sloppy joe meat up to 2 days in advance and reheat it over low heat or in the microwave. Wrap the buns in aluminum foil and warm in the oven for about 10 minutes. Serve sloppy joe mix hot on warmed buns.

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Mother May I now has her own e-mail address! If you'd like to share a recipe, life tip, or craft idea, or have any questions, you can email me at:

mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca



COMMUNITY NOTES

Espanola Blood Donor Clinic - Thursday, January 24 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 399 Mead Street from 11:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, February 5 from 5:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. at the KC Hall. All you can eat, two live bands, elimination draw.

Community Luncheon - January 22 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NO CHARGE. Everyone Welcome.

Ladies Winter Tea - Queensway Pentecostal Church, Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Espanola Citizen Group Town Hall Meeting - NEW DATE January 29, 2013 at the KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. There will be guest speakers and new information for the taxpayers of Espanola.

Webbwood United Church - Homemade Soup and Sandwich Luncheons Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free will offering – Everyone welcome.

Lions TV Bingo – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Tune into Local Channel 10 or come on out to the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

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Espanola Elks Cribbage Tournaments – Sunday, January 27. Pre-registrations (teams of two). For Registrations Call 705-869-6237 or 705-869-1931.

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I would like to begin by explaining the date change for the ECG TOWN HALL MEETING. It is now going to be held on Tuesday, January 29th instead of January 30th at the request of the Guest Speakers. The time and place will remain the same....7:00pm at the KofC Hall. Please re-pencil this new date on your calendar and come out and hear what they have to say about how working together benefits the entire community.

Early on in fire hall discussions the ECG presented Council with a petition signed by nearly 700 residents requesting the most cost effective approach be considered (eg: renovate vs rebuild). At the last meeting in December 2012, instructions were given by Council to return with more options for the proposed "new" Fire Hall. Instead, the Jan. 8th agenda contained a recommendation to accept the identical Schematic Design as previously presented and that the project now proceed to the Design Development Phase. A recorded vote was conducted on the motion. Councillors McMaster and Meikleham voted against,

requesting more information and options. Mayor Lehoux, Councillors Rose, McMillan, Howard and Beer voted in favour of continuing with design development. Therefore the new fire hall project will proceed to the next phase.

Councillor McMaster suggested in an A&A column a couple of weeks back that residents become more involved, not only on election day, but by emailing/texting/phoning /snail mailing , or meeting with them to discuss concerns. Most Councillors indicated they were in favour of using this approach. Meetings with the Mayor and/or individual Councillors can be arranged by phoning the Town Office (705 869 1540). Email and phone numbers can be found on the town website, in the MNM and we will also post them on our website espanolacitizensgroup.ca under "Council Matters". The Espanola Citizen Group Executive encourages you to take advantage of their offer. If you need assistance please feel free to contact us.

Richard Ellis
Executive Member



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