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A Safe Welcome Back to School



By Chloe Kneer -- Kids and teachers are just getting back to school after Christmas holidays and it's very likely that new gadgets from Santa and excitement about the new year are more on their minds than worrying about staying safe at school. In some ways, that's exactly how it should be. In light of recent events in Newtown, Connecticut, however, there is a re-established focus on the safety of students and staff at schools. The government of Ontario has recognized this fact and is providing renewed funding to elementary schools across the province to support a locked-door policy while students are in class. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty made the announcement late last month,

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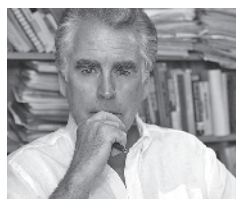
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They're Rich, They're Famous, They're Confused

The rich and famous said things in this past year that would cause the hair on Robin Leach's back to stand on end. They spoke of body parts and broken hearts and deep philosophical thingies. They kissed each other and dissed each other and called each other names. Like "a contaminated little maggot."

That was actually one of the nicest things Charlie Sheen had to say about the producer of Two And A Half Men before they fired him. Before his father Martin could get a bar of soap into his mouth, Charlie called Chuck Lorre a "clown" and a "turd," a "AA Nazi," and a "blatant hypocrite." He called the show, for which he was being paid \$1.25 million per episode a "pukefest."

Said host Jimmy Kimmel at the White House Correspondents Dinner to President Barack Obama: "I know you won't be able to laugh at my jokes about the Secret Service so please cover your ears. If that's physically possible." (And Michelle nearly fell off her chair laughing.)

From ears too really big rears ... "I want big boobs and a big old ass and a cape," said Mila Kunis on becoming a comic book heroine. But if you cover yourself with a cape, doesn't that cancel out your other two wishes?

Said Jessica Simpson: "My boobs are way too big to run at this point." Careful! They may not know how big they are. They might just take off anyway!

Butt not a problem for Cameron Diaz: "My ass is definitely higher than it was when I was 20. It gets better as I get

older." Really? Because that defies both gravity and Joan Rivers.

Headed for even more plastic surgery, the 78-year-old comedian said: "My body is a temple and the temple needs redecorating."

Commenting on Rihanna's plan to be back together with Chris Brown who beat her up and put her in the hospital, Joan Rivers said: "Idiot! Now it's my turn to slap her!"

Yet keeping her options open, Rihanna said: "I would love to go on a date. I'm a woman. And I have too many vaginas around me at this point." Careful. As long as you don't scream or make a sudden move, they probably won't attack. Jack Nicholson has no such problem: "... the life of a gigolo always ends badly ... I no longer have the energy to both work and fool around."

Not out there but for a different reason, Jennie Garth said: "I would rather lick the bottom of my shoe than go on a date." You wouldn't say that if you lived in Wainfleet.

Said Sofia Vergara: "If I walk outside without lipstick I feel naked." Good Lord woman, it was only meant for your lips!

Setting some sort of a dating world record, Cee Lo Green said: "I'm definitely having more sex than the average man. Yes, two or three women a night, trust me ..." Man, you're actually having more sex than the average rabbit. Ah, Jack Nicholson will have what you're having which is a Viagra, Cialis

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and oyster cocktail. Said billionaire Richard Branson: "In my lifetime, I'm determined to start a population on Mars. I think it's absolutely realistic." All by yourself! Okay, Richard will have what Jack and Cee Lo are having plus a splash of Spanish Fly. Funny how Cee Lo Green was quite proud of his sex life while Peaches Geld was quite the opposite: "I'm not a debauched whore."

English singer Morrissey may be vague about his sexuality (he calls himself a prophet of the fourth sex?!?) but he knows what he doesn't like: "I hate the royals. I think they're arrogant, horrible dictators. The world does not need them." But, not Prince Harry. The world needs Harry like a dog needs a fire hydrant.

"I hate people," said Robert Pattison, "but I love dogs." Amen. And who does French actor Gerard Depardieu hate? "I don't much like the French," he said, describing his countrymen as arrogant and smug.

Robert Redford ruined Butch Cassidy And The Sundance Kid for me when he said: "The guy was singing 'Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head' and it wasn't even raining. I thought it was stupid." Yeah, well jumping off that cliff into that raging river when you can't swim wasn't all that smart either, Kid.

But Olympic medalist and

newly minted actor Ryan Lochte restored my faith in films with his eloquent assessment of the thespian's art: "Acting and memorizing lines and trying to, like, say them and still, like, do movement and all that. That was hard." And yet Randy Quaid makes it look so easy. You know Sir Laurence Olivier had much the same take on the performing art when he said: "Acting is a masochistic form of exhibitionism."

And this from Justin Bieber: "I get days where I'm just down and gloomy." Those are the days kid, you just gotta suck it up and tell yourself, hey! I've made \$110 million because although I might not be as talented, I'm way taller than those kids were in Menudo.

Added "The Stratford Squeezer": "You just have pain in your heart because maybe you haven't dealt with it." By "it" I take it you mean grabbing your crotch which you do way too much. That's where the pain is coming from! It didn't do Michael Jackson any good and it won't help you. Try a slow roll, then a quick thrust like Elvis used to do. Very suggestive yet subtle.

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

Espanola OPP Police Beat

DRUG CHARGES LAID IN NAIRN CENTRE - The Espanola OPP responded to a request to check on the well being of a snowmobile driver at a business in Nairn Centre at 2:00 am this morning. Officers attended the area and spoke to two men who had been out on their snowmobiles. Investigation by the officers led to the seizure of a quantity of Ecstasy. Two 20 year old men from Rayside Balfour have been charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and will appear in Espanola Court on February 9, 2013

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In an effort to further growth and development, the government announced last month that it plans to extend and revise the Northern Industrial Electricity Rate (NIER) program for three years. Currently, there are fifteen participants in the program which gives industry a rebate of two cents per kilowatt hour, up to a maximum of 2011-12 eligible consumption levels, or \$20 million per year – whichever is lower.

Bonny Skene, Regional Public Affairs Manager for Domtar says, "The continuation of the NIER program is helpful to our operations in Espanola and Dryden as we continue to focus on improving the competitiveness of our operations in Ontario. We appreciate the recognition that industry in the North is a key driver of our provincial economy."

Vale and Xstrata in Sudbury and Essar Steel Algoma in Sault Ste. Marie are also participants. New applicants are welcome and current participants will have to adhere to amended regulations in order to continue to receive the subsidy.

The program is available to facilities that consume 50,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year, and can reduce industrial electricity prices up to 25 per cent. Participants are required to develop and implement an energy management plan to manage their energy usage and reduce costs.

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IN THE LOOP

We would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2013 and thanking Around & About for the opportunity to print this column.

The first 2013 Espanola Citizen Group's TOWN HALL is scheduled for January 30th @ 7:00pm at the K of C Hall. Please mark this on your calendar!

Our Guest Speakers will be Mayor Joe Chapman of Little Current and Irene Callaghan, the Little Current Ratepayer Assoc. spokesperson. They will explain how they work together for the benefit of their residents and will then entertain a question/answer period for the audience.

Other topics to be covered are:

- the Freedom of Information requests which we have filed
- the new Fire Hall design/proposal
- the Strategic Plan process and how it works

We encourage everyone to attend this meeting and to bring friends and relatives as well. This will be an excellent opportunity for the executive to take any questions which you may have and to hear your thoughts on how to proceed in 2013!

You can also visit our website espanolacitizengroup.ca for regular updates.

Richard Ellis
Executive Member



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Recipe

During the winter months especially, it's nice to have a loaf made to enjoy with coffee or tea. This is an old favourite that is moist and delicious and perfect with a hot cup of coffee.



Poppy Seed Bread

- 3 cups flour
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1 1/2 cup baking powder
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 1/8 cups cooking oil
 - 2 1/4 cups sugar
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1 1/2 T. poppy seeds
 - 1 1/2 tsp almond extract
 - 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
 - 1 1/2 tsp butter flavoring extract
- (or 1 1/2 tsp melted butter can be substituted)

Glaze:

- 1/4 cup orange juice
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 1/2 tsp almond extract
 - 1/2 tsp vanilla
 - 1/2 tsp butter flavor extract
- (or 1 1/2 tsp melted butter can be substituted)

For the bread: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all of the ingredients together. Pour into greased and floured baking pans. Makes 6 small loaves or 2 large loaves. Bake at 350 for 50-60 minutes for large pans and less for smaller pans. If you have a dark metal pan make sure to bake it for less time at a lower temperature.

For the Glaze:

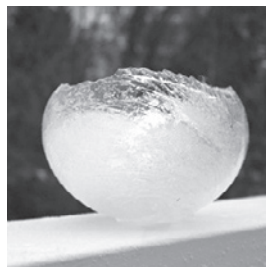
Pour all ingredients into a small saucepan and let cook on stove on medium heat until sugar dissolves. Remove bread from pans and pour glaze over warm bread. Use knife or spatula to bring the glaze that has run off up and over the warm bread until it stays on.

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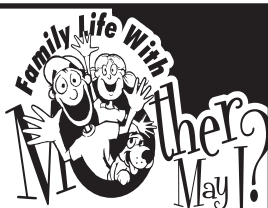
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COMMUNITY NOTES

Espanola Elks Open Sports Fundraising Fun Spiel – January 11 & 12. Registration Deadline January 8. For registration and info call 705-869-6237.

Sudbury-Manitoulin Alzheimer Society – Espanola & Area Friendship Circle will meet Monday, January 14 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Drop In Centre 799 Queensway Ave. For more info call 705-869-1137.

Relay for Life Fundraiser - Collecting refundable bottles, will pick up at your home. Please call Marlene Wilson 705-869-8365 or 705-285-0048.

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

Espanola Citizen Group Town Hall Meeting - January 30, 2013 at the KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. There will be guest speakers and new information for the taxpayers of Espanola.

Royal Purple Lunches – January 10 serving Beef Stew. For orders call Gert 705-869-2669 or kitchen 705-869-4888 (leave message). All orders must be in no later than Tuesday evening (Jan 8)

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Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

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A Safe Welcome Back to School

saying, "When parents send their kids off to school they are putting their trust in us, and we have to get it right. It's up to us to take all reasonable steps available to us to protect our kids. Locking school doors is a reasonable step."

Sacred Heart Catholic School principal Syndy Withers couldn't agree more, "Keeping our students safe is our first responsibility. The Huron-Superior Catholic District

School Board supports us with a secured-entry facility as well as on-going professional development for staff to prevent bullying, harassment, and anything else that may impede our children's right to a safe and productive learning environment."

While locked doors are now commonplace at most schools, some lacked the funds to institute greater measures of security, including increased

personnel, cameras, and buzzer systems which allow school staff to select who may enter. To date, the government has provided funding to nearly 850 of Ontario's 4,000 elementary schools for access device systems such as new locking doors, security cameras and buzzers. In addition, the government has expanded the Safe Welcome Program's original criteria so it now includes schools that

have front doors visible from the main office.

"Students and staff at Sacred Heart are very familiar with the locked-door policy mentioned in the funding announcement by the Liberal government. Students and staff have rehearsed both full and partial lock downs. Our Safe Arrival procedure provides that parents of absent students are called daily to ensure safety," said Withers.

Doreen Dewar Acclaimed Chair/Dena Morrison Acclaimed Vice-Chair

At the organizational meeting for Rainbow District School Board held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, Trustee Doreen Dewar was acclaimed Chair of the Board for another term and Trustee Dena Morrison was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Board for another term. Membership on Board committees was also approved. Chair Doreen Dewar is the longest serving trustee on the Board with a total of 24 years, including nine years on the Sudbury Board of Education. She has been Chair of the Board for the past year. Prior to her appointment as Chair, she served as Vice-Chair of the Board for two years. Trustee Dewar has served multiple terms as Chair and been a member of every Board committee.

As Chair of the Board, she made several presentations to Ministry Standing Committees. She has authored numerous newspaper articles and chaired many sub-committee meetings, including school review meetings. Doreen Dewar has been a teacher, homemaker, volunteer, coach and entrepreneur. She ran her

own successful retail business for 11 years. She has received awards for community involvement both locally and provincially.

Chair Dewar said she looks forward to serving as Chair for the coming year. She will remain focused on student success, not only academic excellence, but also encompassing the physical, social, emotional and mental well-being of students. "I am eager to continue to contribute to Rainbow District School Board's vision of being leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts."

Vice-Chair Dena Morrison has been a trustee since 1998. From 2004 to 2008, she served as Chair of the Board. In 2003 and 2012, she served as Vice-Chair of the Board. Raised in New Sudbury, Dena Morrison attended Col. David Younger Public School, Carl A. Nesbitt Public School and Lasalle Secondary School. She attended the University of Western Ontario.

Trustee Morrison worked for the federal government for 25 years, gaining extensive

experience in administration, policy development, human resource management, and budgeting. She held a number of positions of progressive responsibility at the local, provincial and national levels in Sudbury, Toronto and Ottawa/Hull. Morrison

played a leadership role in community consultations to establish Northeastern Elementary School in Garson, which opened in September 2002. Trustee Morrison has also served on every Board committee as Chair or as a member over the past 14 years.

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Trustee Bob Clement

Audit Committee
Trustee Tyler Campbell
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Dena Morrison

Environmental Education Committee
Trustee Gord Santala
Trustee Michael Niven

Equity and Inclusive Education Committee
Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Grace Fox
Trustee Gord Santala

First Nations Advisory Committee
Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee Grace Fox

Labour Relations Committee
Trustee Bob Clement
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Larry Killens
Trustee Robert Kirwan
Trustee Dena Morrison

Parent Involvement Committee
Trustee Tyler Campbell
Trustee Bob Clement

Policy and Finance Committee
Trustee Tyler Campbell
Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee Grace Fox
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Larry Killens
Trustee Robert Kirwan
Trustee Dena Morrison
Trustee Gord Santala

School Year Structure Committee
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Trustee Gord Santala
Student Trustee Michael Niven

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Trustee Dena Morrison
Trustee Judy Hunda (alternate)
Trustee Gord Santala (alternate)

Student Senate
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Trustee Judy Hunda
Student Trustee Michael Niven

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Trustee Doreen Dewar
Trustee Judy Hunda
Trustee Larry Killens
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