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*The little paper that makes a big difference is celebrating 20 years of service!*

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Can you believe it has been 20 years since Around & About made its debut December 6, 1996? Two young and naive ladies setting out to bring something new to the area, becoming entrepreneurs and masters of their own destiny. "Well, little did we know in those days that a \$5,000 RBC credit line, a brand new 64 MEG Pentium computer, dial-up internet with E-TOWN, and a camera that still required developing film in order to do photo ads, that we would still be here two decades later," says Nicky Lamothe, one of the original and current owner/publisher. "Trying to find work in the field you love and live in the community you grew up in is still a challenge for young people in our area today."

Around & About started out as an idea scribbled on a restaurant paper napkin in April of 1996 to create what would look like the back pages of a newspaper, or magazine-style format, that would have fun stories, good news items and

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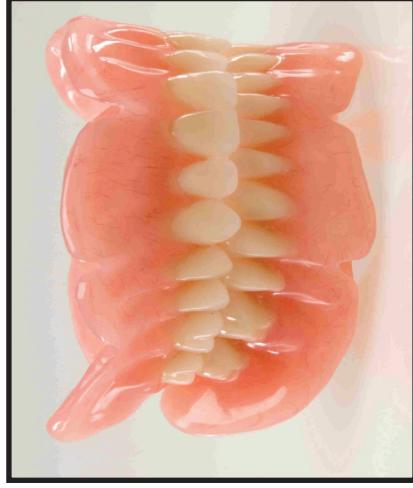
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# All The World's A Circus

William Thomas

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## Spelling Mistakes – They're Killing Our Kids' Careers In Crime

A couple of weeks ago, identical terrorist threats were issued to the public school systems of New York and Los Angeles. Purporting to be Muslim extremists, these would-be terrorists warned of impending operations in which they would attack schools using explosive devices, assault rifles and pistols.

The L.A. school board immediately closed down 1,500 schools for the day, sending home 650,000 students and bringing in 2,700 police officers to sweep buildings for bombs. And what should those 650,000 students have done on their unscheduled day off from school? In hindsight, practise spelling.

In New York, police dismissed the threat as a hoax because besides a crude reference to male genitalia which no devout Muslim would ever utter, the word "Allah" was misspelled. There was no capital on the most revered name in the Muslim religion. Further clues that the terrorists might have been kids angling for a day off school, New York City was spelled "Nu Yerk Sitty," guns was spelled "gubs" and the threat ended with the acronym "LOL" which any idiot knows means "Lots of Love." Again, no terrorist would use that term.

Okay, I made that last part up but still ... the spelling skills of school kids today is in a

sad state of disrepair. Poor spelling at the high school level could eventually abort the careers of those students later on in life. I mean, what if the teens who cooked up the L.A. school system closure really do want to become terrorists when they grow up? With those kinds of grammatical errors, who's going to take them seriously?

There are many examples of kids in grade school, kids as young as five and six getting into serious trouble simple because of poor spelling. Like the cute little girl with the toothless smile who came home and taped her art project to the fridge. The portrait featured her entire family and everyone was thrilled. But when they read the first line of the artwork's caption - "I love my whore family!" - they took turns standing in front of the fridge whenever they had company in the house.

Like the exuberant six-year-old girl who worshipped her math teacher and said so on an art poster: "I like Mrs. Edwards. She is my teacher. I like it when she does meth with us." Well, that's the kind of simple spelling mistake that could get Mrs. Edwards six to eight years in the state penitentiary for women or a smash hit series on HBO.

Let's not even think about the thoughtful and well-mannered boy from Washington, D.C. who wrote a note to this teacher

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explaining why he wouldn't be at school Monday because the whole family was "going to Vagina." Good luck with that on Map Quest!

Or the excited little guy who couldn't wait for Christmas to arrive so he could get ... "everything Satan promised me."

Unless their grammar dramatically improves, these kids could one day grow up to be the 20-year-old bank robber from Matteson, Illinois who wished he'd stayed in school and took English seriously. His note to the teller read: "Listen I got a gun in my short's try anything crazy I will kill u give me the money in your counter and will go on with my bizzness I'm on the phone If I say yes he will come in and shoot this place up. Thank u." Good gawd, would it have killed him to use six or seven commas? Oh he got the money alright and now five years later he's still trying to get the red dye off his face. (If I'd had been the teller: "Ah, yeah we're taking this very seriously and I do believe you have a gun in your shorts but just reach in there and fire off a couple of shots so we know it's loaded. Okay?")

And the schools are not setting great examples for the kids. A random sampling of unfortunate messages on front lawn school signs would include: "Congradulations Spelling Bee Winners." And "Welcome

Back Students. Hope You Had A Good Brake." And "Our Teachers Make a Differance!" Yeah, they shure do.

Years ago I wrote about a gang of high school students in British Columbia who vandalized their school and left their trademark slogan in black spray painted letters on the front door: "Satin Rules!" Police are still looking for a group of students with failing grades in English, a penchant for violence and an exquisite taste in bed sheets. Spelling at almost all levels of early education is so bad, some parents are attending meetings with their kids' teachers... under assumed names. Father: "Yup. Jimmy sure comes up with some original ideas." Teacher: "Yes, especially when it comes to spelling."

I am not ready to subscribe to the Seven Dwarfs Syndrome – one out of every seven kids today is Dopey – but I'm not wholeheartedly dismissing it either.

The misspelling situation is serious. How can our children possibly succeed in crimes against society if they do not possess sound spelling skills? Sadly, due to an inadequate education system, by my estimation half of these kids will one day wind up in jale!

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

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At least 10 centimetres (4 inches) of clear blue ice is required for walking on, 20 centimetres (8 inches) for snowmobiles and 30 centimetres (12 inches) minimum is needed for most light vehicles. Double these amounts if the ice is white or opaque. Ice safety and weight-bearing properties of ice can be affected by many factors, including thickness, currents, age of ice, pressure cracks and snow cover. Ice does not freeze at uniform thickness across bodies of water. Thickness should be checked regularly as you move further out onto the ice.

The strongest ice is clear blue in colour. White or opaque

ice is much weaker. A layer of heavy snow on a frozen lake or river can insulate the ice below and slow down freezing. Travelling on ice with snowmobiles or vehicles can be potentially very dangerous and added precautions must be taken. Avoid slushy ice, untracked ice, or ice near moving water or dock bubblers.

Proper use of safety equipment can reduce the risks of travelling over ice covered bodies of water. Some of these include the wearing of survival suits, carrying picks (used to grip ice to pull yourself out of the water), and carrying a rescue rope.

The OPP and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) are reminding snowmobilers to take personal responsibility for their own safety and well-being this winter. Snowmobilers are advised to go online at [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca) to check the status of local trails.



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become a business tool to be used to promote and advertise their products and services. Something new and something the area didn't already have. "Also, we wanted to keep it FREE!" says Lamothe. After some research and bouncing ideas around with family members and friends, the ideas were realized and Around & About published its first issue with a few advertisers that still remain today: Trail Side Sports, McCulloch Insurance, Garnet's Rental, Home Hardware, Giant Tiger, Canadian Tire...too many to list them all.

Things went pretty well for the first five years, but the economy in 2000 and 2001 really hit Around & About hard. Just like many businesses, decisions to downsize and restructure had to be made in order save the little paper. In 2003 Around & About moved from McCulloch Drive to Albert Street in Espanola. Ultimately, this resulted in lower operational

costs and allowed the business to grow and prosper. After nine years it became clear more space to operate was needed and Around & About moved to its Tudhope Street location in August, 2011. Although, the timeline at this location was short due to the destruction of the building in a fire. The blaze, however, gave the business the opportunity to purchase its own space at its current and highly visible location at 85 Centre Street on Highway 6 as you come off the bridge into Espanola. With its bright yellow sticker on the front window you can't miss it.

"Many thought we were off our rockers because no one gets anything for FREE. However, 20 years later we still are FREE -- not to mention that we have never missed a publication date, even after two Canada Post strikes and a fire! Although the issue for March 20, 2012, didn't make it to households, it was printed and



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ready to go. Sadly, the issue was destroyed in a huge puddle of water on the production room floor as a result of water being sprayed by our amazing fire fighters who tried to save the building and put out the horrible fire that destroyed our and many others' places of work. But that didn't stop us. I have a lot of people to thank for that, and I can honestly say at the top of that list is O.J. Graphix for giving us a temporary home and Andrew Vondette for staying the course and helping to re-organize our next issue which was delivered the following week of March 27," Lamothe remembers. She cites her business relationships as key to sustainability. "There are many area businesses that we partner with regularly, too many to mention, actually, but we are grateful to be part of a community of businesses that help each other out."

"The crew of people over the decades that have worked here in some way have attributed to its success and has helped to shape the paper in one form or another. Knowing and understanding the ability to

multi-task, from writing, selling advertising, doing layout, production, covering for each other, reception and accounting, you name it. They left their mark here and left us with something new that was added to our work environment and ethic," says Lamothe. "Although we have moved several times over the years to improve our services, or because we needed to make changes due to economics, we always try to offer as much as we can to our readers and advertisers. With all of the technological advances over the years we know our supporters expect to see the Around & About in their mailboxes every Tuesday. Keeping in line with the "something new" theme that started two decades ago, Around & About will be launching our new website to commemorate our 20th anniversary at [www.aroundandabout.ca](http://www.aroundandabout.ca). Improving our website will allow us to expand in this ever-changing media industry and we will be able to provide more real-time information on the new site, as well as new opportunities for businesses to showcase themselves."

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Espanola High School welcomes grade 8 students and their parents/guardians on Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. for information about starting high school in the fall. For details about the evening, phone the school at 705-869-1590.

## Droning Flying 101



**Photo:** A snippet of the Espanola From Above YouTube video that was filmed by a drone in November, 2015.

A YouTube video was widely circulated recently of an aerial view of Espanola, filmed by an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), or in layman's terms, a drone. The video is just under seven minutes, set to music and shows the water tower, recreation complex, mill and other popular sights in the town. The Ontario Provincial Police is reminding anyone operating a UAV that it is their responsibility to fly their UAV safely and legally. More and more people are using an UAV for work or pleasure and it is up to the operator to understand and obey the rules that apply to them. Not doing so could put lives at risk and cost up to \$25,000 in fines.

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## Recipe

This Slow Cooker Beef and Barley Soup is rich, hearty, warm, comforting and filling. And for those of us who are trying to lose those extra holiday pounds; a large serving is only 275 calories. It really couldn't be easier to make. Just chop up the ingredients, toss them in your slow cooker, go about your day, and come home to a nice, hot meal.

### Slow Cooker Beef and Barley Soup

- 2 lbs uncooked lean, trimmed boneless beef chuck steak or large package of stewing beef, chopped into bite-sized pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 2 large carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup sliced white mushrooms
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1 cup uncooked pearl barley (depending on the thickness of soup you prefer)
- 2 boxes of low sodium fat free beef broth (1800 ml)
- 8 oz (200 ml) can tomato sauce (1/2 small can)
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons salt
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Place all ingredients in your slow cooker and stir to combine. Cook on low for 8-9 hours or on high for 4 hours.



## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Webbwood Recreation Committee Meeting** - Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Webbwood Rink (corner of Algoma and O'Neil St). All are welcome to attend.

**Family Playtime** - Drop in program at the Espanola Public Library starting January 21. 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. for 6 weeks (registration not required). Toys, puzzles, games and books available.

**Spaghetti Supper** - Saturday, January 23 at Massey Legion from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Home made bread and cinnamon buns for sale.

**Spaghetti Supper** - Knights of Columbus, Friday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall in Espanola. Call Marc for details 705-869-0692.

**Meat Roll-Off** - Espanola Legion every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. and every Saturday starting at 3:30 p.m. Come out and support your favorite charity.

**Espanola Legion** - Open house on Sunday, February 21 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cribbage tournament Sunday, February 28, 1:00 p.m. For information, call the Legion 705-869-1711. No entry fee to play.

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## HOME GAMES!!

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