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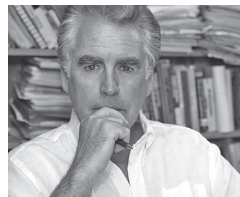
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Things So Strange They Need To Be Numbered

Even with Sean Spicer gone, there are so many liars in the White House you need a program to keep track of them all. There are so many cheaters participating in the Olympics you need Russian numerals to list them all. And last week, so many strange things happened they need to be assigned numbers by way of explanation. What got me thinking about a strange connection between math and mirth was Rapper 50 Cent. Aka Curtis Jackson III, he reluctantly accepted payment for his 2014 album "Animal Ambition" in Bitcoin. That would be 700 of them which he promptly tucked away and forgot about. That's until recently when a Bitcoin worth \$660 in 2014 jumped to \$11,200 in value. So yeah, the bottom line of a mathematical equation that would have confused even Albert Einstein – 50 cent is today worth \$7.8 million. (The rapper's new name ... The Inflation Sensation.) Unfortunately he invested it all in Donald Trump's fake stock market and the rapper's net worth as of this morning is ... 50 cents. Okay, that last bit I made up but still, it's a weird world, even by numbers. Just one-year-old, was the age of the bear shown in a YouTube video to be enjoying

an ice cream cone at the drive-thru window of a Dairy Queen in Innisfail, Alberta. With his zookeeper at the wheel, Berkley the bear is being spoon fed what looks to be ice cream with peanuts by the DQ owner. Not amused, Alberta Fish & Wildlife officials are investigating to determine if the mental age of the guy who concocted the stunt might be "just one-year-old." Dairy Queen's new rule: "Employees must count hands after serving bears at the drive-thru!" In Bouctouche, New Brunswick, an unarmed 24-year-old man walked into a Royal Bank and walked out with a wad of cash. His 26-year-old female accomplice drove the getaway vehicle ... straight into the drive-thru at the local Tim Hortons. They were promptly arrested by Mounties who arrived in six police cars. Is there anything more Canadian than two bank robbers stopping at Timmy's for a 'double double' during a robbery in progress? Could only be better if the getaway vehicle has been a Zamboni! Fortunately the driver chose Tim Hortons and not Dairy Queen because when you're running from the law, the last thing you need is to get

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stuck in a line-up behind a bear eating an ice cream cone!

A Norwegian passenger jet was 10 minutes into its flight to Munich when an overflowing toilet forced its return to Oslo. On board were no less than 85 plumbers headed for a convention. The problem could only be fixed from the outside and not one of those 85 crap trappers were willing to take one for the team! After the problem was fixed, the plane took off but again had to return to Oslo due to "excessive exposure to butt crack on board."

"13" is the number on the badges of two Toronto police officers who experience a really bad drug trip while on duty. The Central 13 Division constables had earlier busted an edible marijuana dispensary and while examining the evidence, they got into one of those "Well, I'll try it if you try no. No, I'm not going to try it. Let Mikey try it, he hates everything!" In the absence of Mikey, Vittorio and Jamie soon began swatting snakes off their uniforms. Seriously hallucinating, they called 911 from their cruiser to get help. As they say, law enforcement is just not ready for that July 1st roll out of marijuana.

2,600 is the number of cases of Coors Lite beer, that was in the tractor trailer that thieves in Delta, BC hijacked last week. I know that sounds like a lot, but in fact it works out to about 1,300 cases of real beer! Hoping to 'bait trap' the culprits, Delta police have parked a tractor trailer full of pretzels near the site of the original heist.

Last week I heard a term I never thought I'd hear in my lifetime – 'Astro poop.' As far as number one and number two go, astronauts are now using a macrobiotic cleansing system to self-sustain themselves on long stays at the Space Station by drinking their own urine. (It replaced Tang and nobody noticed.) So, could number two be far behind? Last week a study at Pennsylvania State University confirmed researchers are working on a similar macrobiotic technique called anaerobic digestion which would enable astronauts to eat their own excrement. Many passengers on commercial flights will be saying, now you know what we have to put up with! Also, spacecraft will now be fitted with barf bags the contents of which, after going through the anaerobic process becomes ... a creamy Caesar salad.

Also last week White House staffer Rob Porter was lavishly praised by President Trump when he resigned after two ex-wives came forth with claims of physical abuse. Trump himself has 24 women claiming inappropriate sexual behaviour. That's 2 for Porter and 24 for Trump. But instead of resigning, Trump will likely tweet: "I have more women accusing me of inappropriate sexual behaviour than any other president in the history of this country! Obama didn't even have one!" Humour 101 now includes number two.

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

## Council News

### *No public vote on OPP in Espanola*

A motion put on the floor by the Espanola Mayor to have the public decide on whether to go OPP or stay with municipal police has been defeated.

Espanola Mayor Ron Piche says he would have liked to have held a referendum on the decision, but it is too costly.

His motion called for the question to be put on the ballot for Election Day, but councillors voted it down stating they have the expertise to make the final decision, especially with all the work that has gone into the process. With the motion defeated, council has set a tentative date for a Public Policing Options Review for April 14th at 7:00pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion.

**Clear garbage bags**

### *amendment rescinded in Espanola*

Espanola council has listened to the dissent of the residents in regards to changing the number of garbage bags and has rescinded the motion to implement the change.

That means residents will be able to continue putting out four dark bags a week.

Councillor Ray Dufour moved the motion stating many residents were against the change to two clear garbage bags, which was to pass into law May 1st.

Councillor Ron Duplessis agreed stating Espanola is at 88% when it comes to recycling, better than many other communities.

Council agreed to rescind the impending amendment, but will be updating other aspects of it since it has not been updated since the 1960s.

## Snowarama 2018 Surpasses Goal



**Photo** - Ricky Dixon, this year's Easter Seals Ambassador

It was a great way to celebrate a 40th anniversary.

The Espanola-North Shore 40th anniversary Snowarama for Easter Seals attracted 28 riders, says Easter Seals

co-ordinator, Carmen Bazinet. She says the event raised \$7,300, substantially exceeding this year's goal of \$5,000

Julian Richer was the Top Male Rider with pledges of \$885 and Sue Belanger won the award for Top Women Rider raising \$1,345. The money will go towards providing local area children and youth with physical disabilities with vital equipment, as well as offering them the opportunity to attend Easter Seals Camp.

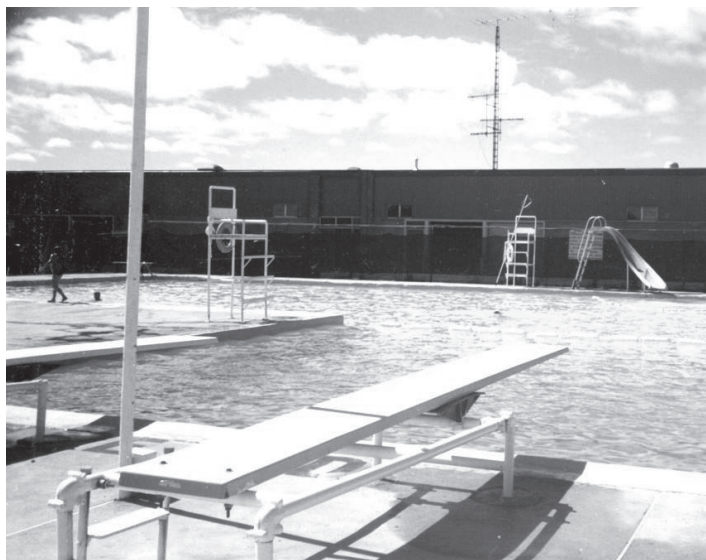
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## Espanola Lions 70th



**Photo** - The first Executive of the newly formed Espanola Lions – seated from left to right are, Bruce Malcolm, of Toronto, district secretary of Lions Clubs; P.M. Bridgman, treasurer of the Espanola Club; J.F. Freure, second vice president; J.R. St. Germain, president; Wm.J. McLaughlin, third vice-president; A.B. Ellis, secretary. Standing are, F. Vincent, lion tamer; G.A. Thorton; W.H. Peterson; G. Serlui; A.H. Burk and Dr. Mitchell.



**Photo** - A photo of the Espanola outdoor swimming pool. *Photo courtesy a citizen of Espanola*

Such is the “stuff of life”.

The early executives of the Club (see picture) fortunately had the foresight, wherewithal, and thankfully the will to assess and respond to the needs of the local youth. The plan for a new outdoor pool was spearheaded by Herman Dorriesfield and his committee. So early in 1954, the Espanola Lions Pool was built for only \$30,000! It was outside, hugely popular, and well used. For the most part, the labour was free and the materials were donated by local businesses. Over the years since then, the Club had put in over \$150,000 to maintain and to refurbish it. The pool provided great memories for generations of local children and their parents.

Sadly, nothing lasts forever, which may or may not be a good thing. The Lions Club once more spearheaded the campaign to construct a new athletic Complex, including a new pool. The Club led the charge with Kirby Houle, Paul Zahorec, Marc Doucette, and Gord Alexiuk. A project this grand could not be done alone. E.B. Eddy and the Town of Espanola were part of the team.

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**Photo** - 1967 Advertisement for summer recreation programs available in Espanola. *Photo courtesy a citizen of Espanola*

The local Lions club donated a whopping \$400,000. Lion Gord Alexiuk was especially thrilled because now there was “a roof over the pool”. This is why today there is a rather large Lions logo and a motto on the wall. But our commitment was not over. Since the opening of the Complex, the Lions club has sponsored countless hours of free swims for the Community, to the tune of over \$85,000. It is truly a wonderful facility and as Lions, we are proud to have been involved at its inception and continue to be proud as “We Serve”.



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Buttery oatmeal cookies with chewy coconut and the spice mix that everyone loves. She kindly shared her recipe with me to share with all of you.

### Spicy Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsps molasses
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 ½ cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cup rolled oats
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp allspice

Cream butter and both sugars together. Beat in the egg. Add the molasses and vanilla. Stir remaining ingredients together and add. Mix well. Drop by spoonfuls onto greased baking sheet. Press flat with a sugared fork (wet fork with water and dip in granulated sugar). Bake in a 300 degree oven until golden, about 12 minutes.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Employment Opportunity

#### The Anishinabe Spiritual Centre requires a Casual Cook

Experience working in a kitchen and cooking for large groups is required.

Send resumes by email to: [anishinabespiritualcentre@gmail.com](mailto:anishinabespiritualcentre@gmail.com) or drop them off at 1091 Anderson Lake Road, Espanola.



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### ESPANOLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTRE

#### Part-Time Environmental Services Clerk

We require one (1) Part-Time Environmental Services Clerk. The successful candidate will be responsible for assisting the Manager with all functions, processes and activities related to an integrated Food Services & Housekeeping Department. This includes ordering, menu planning, payroll, receiving, storing, controlling, processing and distribution of supplies and equipment, calling-in employees, scheduling changes and call-ins and all other support duties as assigned.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Secondary School diploma and Community College diploma in Office or Business Administration, or equivalent experience.
- Demonstrated proficiency in computer applications (Microsoft Word & Excel)
- Superior organizational and time management skills.
- Excellent communication skills and strong interpersonal skills
- Minimum of two years' experience in a related field (food services or as a ward clerk)
- Understanding of WHMIS protocols.
- Bilingualism in French and English is an asset

To apply in confidence, please forward your resume together with a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and qualifications by February 26, 2018

Human Resources Manager  
Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre  
825 McKinnon Drive  
ESPANOLA, ON P5E 1R4  
Fax (705) 869-4039  
Email: [recruitment@esphosp.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@esphosp.on.ca)

Thank you for your interest. Only applicants who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.

### Employment Opportunity

The One Tot Stop Day Care is looking for to hire a caring, responsible, and knowledgeable individual for a temporary part time enhanced staffing position, which could lead to other contract work.

Experience working with children is a must. Successful applicants will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check, valid First aid and up to date immunization. An Early Childhood Education, CYW or DSW diploma is an asset, as is experience working with children with special needs.

Starting wage is \$18/hour.

Please send your resume, cover letter and references to The One Tot Stop Day Care, Box 695 Massey, ON P0P 1P0, or to [onetotstop@bellnet.ca](mailto:onetotstop@bellnet.ca) by Tuesday February 27th, 2018.



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### ESPANOLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTRE

#### Housekeeping Aides

We require two part-time Housekeeping Aides. The successful candidates will be responsible for maintaining a safe, clean and orderly facility all times. This will be accomplished through active employee involvement, continuous training and development, as well as a commitment to compliance with policies, procedures, and standards. These positions have no guarantee of hours and will be scheduled in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful candidates should possess the following:

- Grade 12 diploma
- Ability to stand and walk for several hours
- Capable of safely lifting 50 pounds (23 kilograms)
- Able to safely utilize approved cleaning products and equipment
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Ability to provide regular attendance
- Hospital or Long-Term Care cleaning experience would be preferred
- Knowledge of infection control practices is an asset
- Previous recent related hospital experience is an asset
- Bilingualism in French and English is an asset

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