

Canadian goose gets revenge from beyond

A Canada goose got its final revenge Feb. 1 when, after being shot out of the sky by a hunter in Easton, Md., it struck Robert Meilhammer, 51, of Crapo, Md., seriously injuring the waterfowler.

NPR reported that Meilhammer was hunting with a group when one of the large geese flying overhead was killed and fell about 90 feet, landing on Meilhammer's head and knocking him out. It also dislodged two of Meilhammer's teeth. Adult Canada geese weigh about 12 to 14 pounds and can have a wingspan of 6 feet. At press time, Meilhammer was in stable condition after being airlifted to a hospital.

PRECOCIOUS

When a Texas stripper arrived at her 11:30 a.m.

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gig on Feb. 1, she smelled a rat: Her destination turned out to be Noel Grisham Middle School in Round Rock, Texas. Rather than going inside, the performer called the school and reported a prank. Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, a district spokesperson, told the Austin American-Statesman the student jokester had used his cellphone to order the stripper and paid for it with his parents' credit card. He is now facing disciplinary action.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

-- Houston Realtor Nicole Lopez is sporting a new nickname these days:

The Taco Lady. Since late 2017, Lopez has incorporated a novel incentive for buyers of homes she's listed: \$250 in free tacos with the purchase of a home. "Let's be honest, everyone in Texas loves tacos," Lopez told KHOU-TV. "And so, it's really been this 'taco the town,'" she laughed. Lopez cited as proof of her success a \$170,000 home that's under contract "and they are super excited for their taco party at the end of this month."

NEWS THAT SOUNDS LIKE A JOKE

Staff at an internet cafe in Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province, China, had to call paramedics on Jan. 28

when a gamer lost all feeling in his lower limbs after playing the same game for more than 20 hours straight. Newsweek reported the unnamed man didn't realize he had become paralyzed until he tried to use the restroom and couldn't move his legs. As he was being carried out on a stretcher, he was heard begging his friends to finish the game for him.

SMOOTH REACTIONS

Sonny Donnie Smith, 38, of Clackamas, Oregon, was feeling snubbed in September 2016 when both his father and his brother were invited to a family wedding, but Sonny wasn't. As a perfectly reasonable revenge, Sonny made anonymous phone calls to McCarran International Airport in

Las Vegas and the Midland International Air and Space Port in Midland, Texas, claiming that his father and brother were terrorists and would be traveling through the airports. An FBI investigation revealed no terrorist threats, and after interviewing the father and brother, they were both released. On Feb. 1, Sonny Smith pleaded guilty to making the calls, according to The Oregonian, and will be sentenced May 10.

AWESOME!

Undoubtedly, many records will be set during the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. But before the events even began, one Winter Games record was in the books: Organizers distributed 110,000 condoms to the 2,925 ath-

letes -- about 37 condoms per competitor. "We hope to aid the athletes visiting from various countries to complete their events successfully and safely," said a spokesperson for Convenience, the South Korea condom manufacturer that supplied most of the prophylactics.

The Korea Biomedical Review reported Feb. 1 that finely conditioned athletes have been notoriously "sexually unrestrained" before, during and after Olympics contests. Free condom distribution began in 1988 when 8,500 were handed out during the Seoul Olympics.

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Puppy love



Lisa Hobbs photo

Puppy! The Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center has more than 20 puppies in need of a good homes. This one is a boxer mix. The adoption fee is \$97, which includes rabies vaccination and spray or neuter. Animal Control is located at 169 Paws Trail. Serious inquires only may call 507-3647.

Couple's charges dropped

BY DUANE SHERRILL
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Child neglect charges have been dropped against parents accused of being stoned on meth and not caring for their 1-month-old.

The parents, Sarah H. Hale and James N. Hale, both had child neglect charges dropped this week during their appearance before General Sessions Judge Bill Locke. Mr. Hale, who was also charged with domestic assault for allegedly

abusing his wife, was placed in the second-chance program, meaning the charges will be dropped at the end of 90 days if he abides by the orders of the court.

They were arrested as police were responding to an assault call. Upon arrival, policeman Justin Cowell was told Ms. Caldwell had recently used methamphetamine. "She still appeared to be under the influence," the officer reported, noting she told him that she and her husband had gotten into an argument and

began pushing each other. "She said she jumped out of a second-story window and walked to a relative's house."

The mother said she left the baby at the residence on Winding Way where the fight occurred. The officer went to the residence where he found Mr.

Hale.

"He admitted he had been taking meth," the officer revealed, adding he too seemed to still be under the influence. "He was unsure of how he was left in possession of the child and was unsure of the last time the child ate."



TRAFFIC COURT

Sentences were handed down Thursday by Judge Bill Locke in General Sessions Traffic Court.

Included in court action: Daniel Lynn Hudson and Brandon L. Tallent were ordered to serve 45 days of 11-month, 29-day sentences and pay \$600 plus costs and lose their driver licenses for two years for second-offense DUI.

Guadalupe P. Ordonez was instructed to serve 45 days of an 11-29 sentence for second-offense driving on a revoked license.

Toni M. Lloyd was ordered to serve six months of an 11-29 sentence, perform 24 hours public service work and lose driving privileges for two years for second-offense DUI, evading arrest, reckless endangerment and driving on a revoked license.

Addison D. Farr was instructed to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay \$750 plus costs for possession of drugs.

Clinton J. Maples was directed to serve 30 days for violation of probation.

Matthew Bowen was directed to serve 60 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay \$750 plus costs for tampering with evidence and driving on a revoked license.

Jeffery L. Barrett was ordered to serve five days of an 11-239 sentence and pay \$50 plus costs for driving on a suspended license.

Justin Hicks was bound to the grand jury on charges of driving on a suspended license.

Michael Jones was bound to the grand jury on charges of possession of meth and drug paraphernalia.

Timothy S. Rogers was

directed to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence, pay \$350 plus costs, attend DUI School and lose driving privileges for one year for DUI.

Kenneth Shane Barr was issued an 11-29 probationary sentence and must pay \$750 plus costs for possession of drugs.

Lashana Shadrack and James Billy Taylor Jr. must serve 48 hours of six-month sentences and pay \$50 plus costs for driving on revoked licenses.

Allan Anthony King was directed to serve 48 hours of a six-month sentence and must pay \$50 plus costs for driving on revoked license.

Fernando A. Acuna, Allan

Anthony King and Miguel G. Fantauzzi were directed to serve 48 hours of 11-29 sentences and pay \$50 plus costs for driving on suspended licenses.

Robert L. Hill Jr. and Juan Munos Lopez were given six-month probationary sentences and must pay \$50 plus costs for driving on revoked licenses.

Matthew Bowen must serve the balance of his sentence for violation of probation.

Zachary Taylor Dillon must pay \$10 plus costs for driving without a license.

Joshua T. Clark must serve 28 days for violation of probation.

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