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Staying young with Hotsy Totsys



The Hotsy Totsy Follies enjoy performing at senior centers and nursing homes.

by Ellen Wren-Keller

Senior citizens at Mother Lurana House at Graymoor in Garrison, NY aren't sitting around playing bingo. They're far too busy singing, dancing, planning and plotting! For the past 25 years, Activities Director Pat Barrett, 79, has been directing The Hotsy Totsy Follies, a variety show with 35 participants. The troupe is non-sectarian and there

are no auditions. Anyone who wishes to be part of the fun is welcome, and infirmities of age are worked around in creative ways.

Twenty years ago

they took the show on the road, performing eight shows a year at nursing homes, senior centers and drug rehabilitation centers throughout the Hudson Valley. They have received resounding support from their audiences, from people with Alzheimer's who come alive at the sounds of music from their youth, to young men in recovery who welcome the levity of the group's antics.

Participants talk eagerly about how much the Hotsy Totsys means to them. Some say being part of the group has saved their lives. Barrett explains the deep sense of community that has developed, "We have developed an extended family. Many of us are alone and they come and find people they begin to love. We take care of each other and trust each other."

Having purpose and direction are critical components of a happy retirement. Performers MaryLousie Wren, 80, and Owen Rader, 82, echo Barrett's sentiments, explaining that the friendships they have forged have given them structure to their days, a rich social life and lots of laughs.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the seniors gather to rehearse the 75 minute show, which is both funny and sentimental. Many acts feature songs from the 1920s through the 1940s and bring back fond memories for both the performers and their audiences. Some favorites include "Someone to Watch over Me" and "If I Were A Rich Man."

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Eileen Miscali (left) and Tom Kelsch (right) do a delightful rendition of 'Indian Love Call'.

Let's go to an auction

by Skip Barshied

A quiz and other questions about auctions and possibly some conclusions.

1. Can I afford the time to go?

a. No — I best stay home and do something more constructive.

b. Probably but I may stay far too long.

2. Can I afford to buy anything if I go?

a. Maybe, if I find a bargain however if pressed in bidding I may not even think if this thing is a bargain or even worth what I'm bidding.

b. I may be able to use that thing sometimes in the next 50 years. I hope I have long term storage available.

c. I have a hunch this thing is valuable. Sometimes I have to question how good my hunches turn out. If usually good, I'll keep bidding. But oh boy, have I sometimes got stuck. Oh well, 50 percent of the time isn't bad.

The auction is over. The questions now are:

1. Did I buy so much I'd need a tractor trailer to get it to its final destination?

a. Oh oh, again. I only have a one-horse buggy.

2. Should the final destination be a junk yard or landfill?

a. I'll keep that stuff til death does us part. After all, I stood here all day to buy it and paid good money, too.

3. How do I feel about my purchases both five minutes after the purchase and the next day?

a. If the answer is questionable, maybe I can use my best persuasive methods and get all or some of my money back from some friend or acquaintance — I HOPE.

b. I'm happy as a lark with my purchase. Someone who may or may not know more about this thing tells me I got a great bargain. I'm even more happy.

Finally to sum up my day at the auction and my purchased treasures. If I like what I purchased and will be pleased with my purchases even if no one else is. I WON, and had a great auction success. I'll wait for the next one to come along.

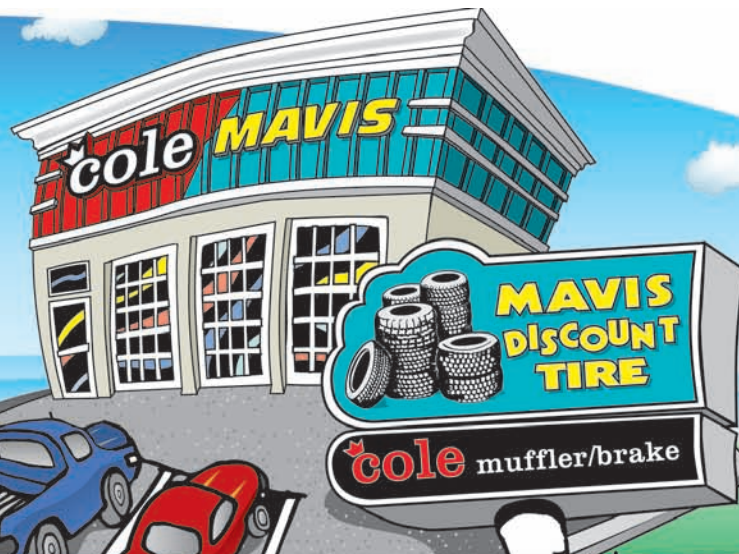
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| Mary Louise Wren represents Carolina in a medley performed by the group.

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There is no shortage of silliness and some performers have been known to improvise liberally when memory fails them. This just adds to the creativity, and no one minds. The group is easygoing and understanding and the audiences never fail to walk away with a smile.

Costumes are mostly handmade. Props are gathered from the groups' belongings and are often authentic to the eras they are used to portray.

The average age in the group is 88. The oldest Totsie, Joe La Duca, is 96 and has been with the Hotsy Totsy Follies since its inception, longer than some careers last!

The benefits of listening to and dancing to music are well documented and



| Joe De Luca (seated right) sings songs of WWII with Jim Walsh, Roy Bennett, Elana Robb, Clara Walsh and Naomi Brantjes.

numerous. When it comes to older adults, the difference it can make it nothing short of amazing. Dancing improves balance and dramatically reduces the risk of falling. Listening to music provides a more positive outlook on life, reduces pain and anxiety, and improves memory, among many other benefits.

Though perhaps the greatest benefit of performing with The Hotsy Totsy Follies is knowing that the show must go on! Being counted on to suit up and show up is a powerful motivator at any age.



| Brenda Boulas and Owen Rader sing 'Blues in the Night'.



| Activities Director Pat Barrett leads the Hotsy Totsys.

Photos by Joan Kark-Wren

Veteran's Day is about regular guys who answered the call

by Al Dorantes

Veteran's Day; the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Originally the holiday was called, "Armistice Day". Armistice Day was celebrated every year to recognize the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at the end of the Great War. In 1919 Woodrow Wilson, when proclaiming the holiday said, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On May 13, 1938, Congress passed an Act that made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'" In 1954, Congress amended the Act and changed "Armistice" to "Veterans".

The very intent of the holiday was to remember and respect the veterans that came before us; the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War I and countless other wars. Most of those wars came before us. Sure we respect

what our forefathers did for the Country, but it's hard for us to really know one of those veterans. But our World War II veterans are still here. Our Korean War vets are still around and so are the Vietnam vets and Gulf War vets.

Let me tell you what I really know about Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day is about regular guys who answered the call when the Country needed them. They left their families and jobs and went to war. Some made the ultimate sacrifice, others came back and built the country up to what we know today. Veteran's Day is about regular guys and you might not even know they are around.

When I first met John "Sarge" Greiner, one of those regular guys, I was just a kid playing high school football and he was the guy that took care of the flag down at the field. He lived right across the street from Harmon Field and he would make sure the flag was flying high on game day. Years later, when I started coaching myself I would chat with him about football and baseball and he continued to make sure that Old Glory was still flying. Even more years later, when I was working on the Herkimer County World War II Memorial Trips, I dis-

covered that Sarge was a World War II veteran. All those years and I never knew that he was a World War II veteran. I learned why he took care of the flag.

Sarge was just a regular guy. Sarge went down to the recruitment office and tried to enlist but was denied. That didn't stop Sarge. In 1944, after graduation, he joined the Merchant Marines and fought in the war anyway. After the war he came home and worked a local job. He then joined the Army Air Corps (which became the Air Force) where he served for about 25 years and then eventually retired. He returned to Herkimer where he raised a family and was active in the community.

Sarge was a regular guy who did his job. He did what his country needed and he never mentioned it. There were other regular guys I had the pleasure of knowing. Guys like Harold Casey who would show up at my office and talk about poetry. Or Phil Laubenstein who was one of the biggest, nice guys you could ever meet.

There are regular guys out there right now. Veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and all of our Country's other conflicts. Honor our regular guys; our veterans. Talk to them. You might just discover that you know a bona fide hero.

We should remember the veterans on Veteran's Day and the other 364 days throughout the year as well. The very fiber of our country is held together with their sacrifice.



WHAT WOULD YOUR MOTHER SAY?!

In the fast paced 21st century we've traded common sense for the ability to quickly look up information on the internet. We've forgotten our manners and civility. How do we get back to our roots? Can we get back? Food for thought . . .

Social media is defined as: "websites and other online means of communication that are used by large groups of people to share information and to develop social and professional contacts." Social media is Facebook, Twitter, Yelp, and all the other message boards and websites you interact with.

Social media is great. You can use it to grow your business or keep in contact with friends and family half way (or more) around the world. But, what happens when you use it wrong?

When you take the time to snap a picture of your lunch or dinner and you are not the proprietor of a restaurant looking for more business, you might be using social media wrong. First, you should probably eat your seared tiger prawns over Arborio Risotto before it gets cold. Second, instead of enjoying your dinner and your dinner company, you've now blinded them (and the others in the restaurant) with your flash. Third, nobody needs to know what you're eating. Unless, you're a restaurant critic. If you need a restaurant critic, contact me at the email address below.

Kids are great. Kids are the sweetest thing. But, we don't need to see a million pictures of them posted to social media. Your kid isn't the first to take a bath in a tub full of bubbles. We don't need a photo journal report of your kid's every moment. Another odd version of this is the pictures of your cats and dogs. Really, we don't need to see it.

When your social media post sounds like the beginning of a country music song, then you're probably using social media wrong. "She left me, the dog left, and the truck is broken," are not just the makings of a country tune but they are also the beginning of a TMI post (Too Much Information!) We all have problems. Do you really want to share your most intimate problems? Too much information is exactly that — too much information.

Speaking of too much information, the world at large doesn't need to know about your bodily functions. We don't need to know about the color or the volume or where it came from. If you are using social media as an alternative method of contacting your doctor, you're probably using social media wrong.

The only thing worse than the "woe is me" post is Vaguebooking. Vaguebooking is when you post a vague message like, "why me?" or "night just went from bad to worse." Social media is not the place for vague statuses. They're either a cry for attention or a real cry for help, but you'll never know.

When it comes down to it and you find yourself about to post a picture of your ham sandwich, whine, or provide way too much information on social media just stop and think, "What would my mother say?" She would say, "are you sure the whole world needs to know about that. Maybe you should keep some things to yourself."

Would your mother have a different opinion? Do you have another moral dilemma you'd like to see featured? Email S. D. Shapiro at s.d.shap@gmail.com with "What would your mother say?" in the subject line.

by Susan Randazzo

My husband and I are continually amazed at the wonders of nature and the unique experiences we have each year on our farm. Every day brings something beautiful or unexpected regarding wildlife or our family of birds and animals. At our stage in life, a slower pace is welcome. Farm chores are strenuous — requiring hours of cleaning, shoveling, rebuilding and tending to gardens, lawns and assorted flowerbeds. We rarely can go anywhere together once we open for visitors and start sharing our friendly barnyard with families or groups.

One special day in June 2010, my husband left out of state. I went to the barn area and started my routine, tending to empty water buckets, throwing hay, and cleaning the barn and other buildings. I noticed the shrill call of our peacocks as I worked my way around the chicken coup. Usually, they start screaming in that tone as an alarm, a warning that some unusual thing has entered the area.

I always pay attention to signals, understanding how various species are alerted to danger or roaming critters. I walked around between the buildings — carrying a broom handle, just in case. As I walked, my eye caught movement near a gate along our horse shelter. The small speckled brown coat of a tiny fawn crouched, head down, as if stuck in the corner, wanting to go through the chain link gate.

My broom handle was certainly not needed for this guy! Walking slowly, I approached the fawn.

"What's going on, darling?" I said, as I often do to my own pets. Gently stooping down, I placed my hands on his rib cage to see if, indeed, it was stuck. It wasn't and I easily lifted the fawn into my arms. My head turned both ways, hoping to see Momma deer, not knowing if she would approach me, angry. I wondered what to do.

Right around the corner was a storage for hay bales. I stepped

inside and sat down on the nearest bale with little guy on my lap. He was so scared as I held him gently, bending my head down to see his face. I couldn't believe my husband was missing out on this rare opportunity. This youngster was barely a day old, his dried umbilical cord still hanging from his soft belly. I stood up, walked out and over to the path where we frequently see deer. I wondered if Momma deer could be there.

There was no sign of any other deer. The fawn never made a sound as I carried it back to the barnyard. "Where can I put you for the time being?" I asked him. I figured I'd make a call. My first instinct was to find something to feed it, maybe ask some questions to a wildlife person, I didn't know. I placed him inside a secure pen with straw and protection from the drizzling rain that had moved in. I returned to the house and chatted briefly with a D.E.C. man who advised me to return the fawn to the area where I found it and the mother would find her baby eventually.

As the warm rain fell, I walked to the berry patch and found a hollow place under some thick bushes, covered with vines. I gently laid him there and said goodbye. It was very hard to do. My nature is to take care of animals — protect them, keep them fed and dry. It was a real struggle for me to walk away from such a helpless darling.

Shortly before dinner, I returned to the barnyard to make the rounds, hoping to see something that would reassure me of the fawn's safety. As I peered up the path at the berry patch, looking from a distance and hiding in a doorway, I spied the golden back of a large doe only a few feet from

where I had placed the fawn. All I could see was the doe's back because so many bushes and vines blocked my view. I knew she was probably nursing the youngster.

The happiness was unreal. I was so glad to see Momma deer tending to business. I finished my chores and returned to the house, bursting with news for my husband when he called.

As months passed, we saw several deer families at various locations around our pasture and woods. It is delightful to say the least. One doe had twins to raise and two others had single babies. The deer have become accustomed to our sounds and movements. They remain, often watching as we mingle with horses and goats. Maybe the little guy will remember when he was my fawn for a day.

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by Elizabeth Lipiec Zerbst

I can't remember everything that happened in my life last week. I certainly don't claim to remember the last six decades in full detail. I do, however, have a few memories

from that long ago time in my life, embedded firmly inside this aging brain of mine.

Growing up on a family dairy farm in the 1950s, when my large family was still only made up of my parents

and the first five of their eight children, water was often scarce and hot water was not very easy to come by. As preschoolers, we children would have our weekly baths in the milk house in the warm weather. Our mother would bathe us in the large stainless steel sink that was used to wash the milking equipment. Even back then, hot water was mandatory in the milk house of a dairy farm to assure sanitary milking conditions. A large cylinder-shaped electric heater stood in the corner of the milk house. The heater worked in the same manner as a coffee urn. Dumping a pail of cold water into the circular vat attached to the top of the heater would send a pail of hot water out of the "faucet" on the front of the cylinder.

In the colder months of the year, our mother would bathe us in the large kitchen-dining room area of our colonial brick house. She had a large round galvanized washing tub that she used on laundry days to rinse the soapy clothes

as she sent them through the wringer of her washing machine. Our water was heated in large kettles on the wood stove that was used for cooking as well as heating the house. The saying goes that a woman's work is never done. That was certainly true in my mother's case.

At some point in the 1960s it became mandatory for the milk house to have hot running water. This meant that the old water heater from the milk house was moved into the house, where it stood proudly by our kitchen sink. My father had installed an indoor bathroom several years earlier. This means we had a real bathtub and a flushing toilet. We had no running water in that room yet. The bath water was carried in buckets from the kitchen and poured into the tub. Our toilet was flushed by pouring in a pail of used laundry water. There was always a full pail setting next to the toilet, and plenty more waiting to be gathered from the drainage hose attached to the wringer washer.

We washed our hands and brushed our teeth at the kitchen sink, where my mother also bathed her infants and toddlers.

During haying season, from June through August, my father would gather all of us kids that were old enough to work up a sweat in the hay field and the hay mow, and drive us about three miles to the neighborhood creek which was used as the local swimming hole. This sounds like a good opportunity to learn how to swim, but I had inherited my mother's fear of deep water and never did acquire that skill. Most of my siblings did learn to swim during our evening "outings." Clad in our bathing suits and sharing a bar of ivory soap, we would all clean up and cool off before heading home after dark, wrapped in our large towels.

When I was sixteen, the old woodshed and summer kitchen were removed from the rear of our house and contrac-

tors were hired to build on an addition consisting of a laundry room, two bathrooms, a kitchen-dining room and three bedrooms. My mother finally got the modern rooms she had talked about since I was a little girl. Those new rooms were completed and "up and running" just a year before I moved away to my independent life in my Dolgeville apartment. Since I had a job by then as a waitress at the local thruway restaurant, I gifted my mother with a large dinette set including a formica top table and eight chairs with padded seats. My youngest brother was still in a highchair at that point, and my mother didn't sit at the table with the rest of the family. She ate from a stool on the kitchen side of the counter so that she could easily get up to serve seconds to her husband and children. Her life was her family and her family was her life.

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There is an old saying that says: "When comparison ends, satisfaction begins." How many times have we had expectations that were disappointed? Where do these expectations come from? Often it is because we have compared someone else's situation with our own.

We have heard teenagers say "but everybody is doing it!" By saying this, they are comparing what one or two others have done with their own lack of doing it. We as adults may find our

selves thinking "my neighbor has . . . and I don't," thereby comparing ourselves with others.

The Apostle Paul saw this same tendency in the Corinthian church members. He said to them "but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."

Each of us is unique with a different set of circumstances; to highlight in my mind something that I think someone else has that is better than mine is to invite disappointment. To highlight in my mind something I think I have that is better than what someone else has is to invite pride and contention. It's not wise.

Be content and thankful with what you have, yet be open to improvement.



November 15, 2013 Hello Again,

It's that time of year again — both politicians and the Canadian geese have been honking their horns.

It's fun to watch the Canada Geese fly overhead, feeding in the farmers corn fields and "night" on our lakes, ponds, creeks and rivers. Did you leave the light on?

We often have reasonable proof that money talks. It sometimes appears the politician who has the loudest honk wins the election. Isn't it strange that — with the exception of voting time — most people dislike a loud mouth? On the other hand, we also have proof backed by experience that good advertising really pays. Only a half-wit would say our health program in this country does not need a fix, but to destroy what we have and replace it with a program that no one understands would certainly qualify everyone to hold the half-wit title.

Could this have happened at one of our local barbershops? It was told that two men opposing each other for a public office nearly came to fist-fights in the heat of conversation. One asked — did you tell the barber that I'm a lying, thieving hysther? No — the other hopeful politician said, "I don't know how he found out."

I've asked this same question several times. Why do geese honk when they are flying overhead? Now for our politicians. It's always a time of wondering why do some win and others lose? I would hope the winner won due to his or her personal standards and ability and not because of a party affiliation. It would appear that in Washington both members of the major two parties are only voting along party lines. Doesn't that actually mean they do not have the intelligence and brainpower to think and act for what they personally believe in?

It appears that nearly 100 percent of the Democrats are solidly behind the Obama Health program. If you paid for the entrance ticket for all

of the democrat U.S. Senators to a dog race — do you think they would bet on the same dog? Let's face it. They (the senators) without prior knowledge would not know which dog would win. If the Senators were all — that is 100 percent of the Senators — were honest would they not see the proposed Obama Health Program is full of holes and vote for future study arriving eventually at a proper National Health Program and not name it after a president. Nancy Paluzzi the president right arm person said — they were going to vote the Health Program into law and then figure out what it said. Is this an

honest way for an elected officials to vote, that is to vote for any line of thinking when he or she does not know what the bill is all about?

A letter from a concerned mother asked that we look into Common Core that is now being taught in our public schools.

While we do not have sufficient space or time in "Hello Again" to properly go into detail to explain Common Core or discuss its ups and down, here is our abbreviated attempt:

In the 1990s the "Accountability Movement" began in the U.S. as

states started being held to a mandatory test of student achievements, which were expected to demonstrate a common core of knowledge that all citizens should have to be successful.

In other words, academic standards set by a federal agency would have to be met prior to High School Graduation. It also meant that the government could feed into every states' education system whatever garbage they deemed necessary and good for all American students.

Now here is the real

problem. Number 1. The Federal Government education group would become superior to the individual states' education program and in nearly all cases totally eliminate any authority for education at state or local school board-teacher level.

Why would this federal government control become so powerful? The following becomes a little wordy — but it's worth reading and understanding.

Standards were released for mathematics and English language arts on June 2, 2010, with a majority of states

adopting the standards in the subsequent months. States were given an incentive to adopt the Common Core Standards through the possibility of competitive federal Race to the Top grants. President Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced the Race to the Top competitive grants on July 24, 2009 as a motivator for education reform. To be eligible, states had to adopt "internationally benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the

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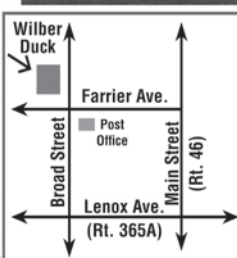
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work place.” This meant that in order for a state to be eligible for these grants, the states had to adopt the Common Core State Standards. Did you get that? President Obama and his secretary of education basically said that for the grants to be available, the state would have to bow down to the Common Core standards.

What this actually means is that the individual states must bow down to the Federal Government or they will not receive any of the grants. Face it, money will talk. Is this not just one more way to reduce local and state government in favor of an all-powerful federal domination?

Our shop foreman Harry was hiking through a swamp in Florida. He asked one of his friends, “Is it true these alligators won’t hurt you if you carry a lit torch?” His buddy answered, “I think that depends upon how fast you carry the torch.”

Worth repeating: at one of JR’s auctions, a woman won the bid on a pretty parrot. When the auction was over, she asked “Can the parrot talk?” JR answered, “Who do you think was bidding against you?”

When asked why his marriage failed, the young farmer replied, “It was fifty-fifty. One half my wife, the other half her mother.”

A Utica priest asked one of his parishioners, “Can I suggest something to strengthen your will power?” “No,” the man replied. “Can you give me something to weaken my conscience?”

I saw Santa with his summertime cattle truck at a local café. If you remember, two years ago he asked to borrow my little red bike as Rudolph and several of his reindeer were down sick with the grumbles. He said it would not pull as big of a load but was faster.

When Santa returned the red bike, the gas tank was empty. You better not hope he will need it again this year, and he left a red bulb in the nose of the machine. I wonder if Rudolph is missing his red nose bulb. If you see Rudolph, tell him the red bulb is in the side trunk of the little red Spyder bike.

Every day we face certain challenges. The question is what should we do first? A wise man would reply, “First you talk the situation over with God in prayer.”

What should a family man’s decision be on Sunday? “Take his family to church.”

Fred Lee & family



Woman recognized for 80 years with church

CHIRENO, TX — An East Texas woman has been recognized for her 80-year unbroken membership in her church.

Lilly Stone joined the Chireno United Methodist Church in 1933, when she was 8 years old. The Daily Sentinel in Nacogdoches reports that Stone was recently awarded a plaque signed by the church’s bishop and district superintendent honoring her longtime membership.

Stone says, “It was a shock. I really didn’t know how long I had been a

member. I didn’t think about it.” Stone joined the church while living with her grandmother, whose house abutted the church’s parsonage. Stone recently celebrated her 88th birthday. Chireno is a town of about 400 people located about 200 miles southeast of Dallas.



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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Cap is different. 2. Zipper is missing. 3. Wagon name is missing. 4. Teddy bear is missing. 5. Fence board is missing. 6. Bottle is missing.

ACROSS

- 1 Columns' crossers
- 5 Head of st.
- 8 Despot
- 12 Turkish peninsula region
- 14 Crosby's pal
- 15 Predict
- 16 Parks at a bus stop?
- 17 Bowling target
- 18 Danish money
- 20 Covers a present
- 23 Actress Cannon
- 24 Roll call reply
- 25 Skill for an identity thief
- 28 Longing
- 29 "Sesame Street" Muppet
- 30 LummoX
- 32 "Wheel of —"
- 34 Staff
- 35 Operatic solo
- 36 Rouse
- 37 Hedge shrub
- 40 Listener
- 41 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 42 Strong
- 47 Alda or

King Crossword

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- 7 Valhalla maiden
- 8 Royal seat
- 9 Any time now
- 10 Church area
- 11 Back
- 13 Elevator name
- 19 Anger
- 20 "How come?"
- 21 Coral construction
- 22 River through Florence
- 23 Summer or Shalala
- 25 Productive
- 26 Chess castle
- 27 Harvard rival
- 29 To be (Fr.)
- 31 Swamp
- 33 Gorge
- 34 Mom or dad
- 36 Texas city
- 37 Blueprint
- 38 Move, to a Realtor
- 39 — the Terrible
- 40 Great Lake
- 43 Individual
- 44 Evergreen type
- 45 Submachine gun
- 46 Segment of a trip

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Parking meter migraines

by Dorothy Mae Weir

Whoops! What a mixed-up mess!
Guilty as charged, I must confess!
For sure and for certain I broke the law
But this old crow needs to cackle and caw.

Committing this crime was completely unknown to me.
No ordinary, self-respecting parking meter did I see.
Not accustomed to fancy city ways
Sadly, I stumbled about in somewhat of a dingbat daze.

On small-town streets no one has to pay
To park a horse and buggy, or a wagon load of hay.
Country folks just stop and shop for a little while
Kindly greeting their neighbors with a “Howdy” and a smile.

Who’d ever think that on a tiny one-way street
Meters would gobble up your cash and your pocket change deplete?
Innocent ignorance of the law is not a valid excuse
But, I’m sure you wouldn’t want to be guilty of senior citizen abuse!

Suprised at the ticket I shockingly did find.
Supersonic question marks sped around in my mind.
Each circumstance has its own unique twist.
Fasten your seat belt! Here’s my honest list.

My pastor needed some medical attention.
It’s better to go for that ounce of prevention.
I volunteered to drive him there
To receive necessary clinical care.

Out he hopped and told me to park
Where do I go? I was totally in the dark.
This was no comic strip joke.
Hemmed in on all sides, I though I’d croak.

One way streets, traffic lights galore
Cars, cabs, trucks, buses, stampeding by the score.
This way and that, around and about.
Hey! Where am I? Lost, no doubt!

Don’t go that way! Go this way, you dummy!
City living? It’s for the birds! Crowded ‘n crummy!
Quiet country roads suit me to a “T.”
Wood stoves and oil lamps are my cup of tea.

Finally! An empty parking space!
Ah! At last! The perfect place!
I pulled in and parked with a sigh of relief.
What a nightmare! I groaned a Charlie Brown “Good grief.”

Since no parking meter was smack in front of my nose
Of course no money from my pocket arose.
Over yonder in the parking lot I was not parked
On that street I saw nothing plainly marked.

Out of my car I managed to tumble.
Needless to say, my nerves were in a jumble.
To find my pastor demanded a harried hurry.
I did my best to scoot and scurry.

Looking around for a parking meter?
Would *you* after being swished and swirled in a monstrous egg beater?
On this wild adventure I did embark.
I could have been to Alaska and back before I found a place to park!

Tall city buildings, busy city streets
Rushing and racing, cops on their beats.
Not for this country gal! No sir-eee.
Give me a peaceful dirt road with a tall pine tree.

Now a 25 dollar fine for helping my pastor.
Heavenly hiccups! What a dreadful disaster!
Unknowingly, I did disobey the law
Hopefully this is not an unforgivable flaw.

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WWII Veteran Raymond L. Gage recalls surrender at Cebu

by Elizabeth A. Tomlin

Ninety-two-year-old Raymond L. Gage was a self proclaimed "gentleman farmer" when he was called to serve his country. Only 20 years old and already settled down with a wife and baby girl, he was working for The Clark Estate in Cooperstown mowing pastures and driving horses when he was drafted into the U.S. Army.

Gage points out a frayed black and white

blazing behind us while we were going in. They were blasting away at the coast, the sand, the trees, the shore and everything else. And finally when we got close enough to the shore, they held their fire and we went on in."

Although American intelligence realized Japanese force occupied the island, they dramatically underestimated its size. Two regiments of American infantry of about

5,000 men headed into a heavily fortified island defended by about 15,000 Japanese soldiers. And Japanese units had built elaborate defensive positions and networks of caves in the mountains of Cebu.

"During one evening, about 100 yards away, we watched a Japanese come over a stone pile and come creeping down through, he made his way to the CP (Command Post). Our Lt. was in there. A young fellow by the name of Henley was on watch and he saw the form creeping and emptied his cartridge in him and stopped him."

The Japanese were forced to surrender when atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. Although Emperor Hirohito made a radio announcement to the people of Japan on Aug. 14, the Japanese commanders on Cebu did not have working radios. So, Allied forces dropped leaflets printed in both Japanese and English, around the island on

Aug. 16, telling Japanese soldiers on the island to turn themselves in. Soon after Arnold accepted the surrender of the Japanese occupying Cebu Island.

"There was at least a half a dozen trucks with us guys in them, armed, and the Japanese came in," Gage recalls. "Their Army Lieutenant General Sadashi Kataoka surrendered his sword to our General Hap Arnold. And they all filed in and surrendered their weapons, they just kept on coming in, there was quite a few of them. We had empty trucks there to take them into the compound in Cebu City."

Gage says he was 23 at the time of the surrender.

"We went on from there right into Japan. By the time we reached Japan, I was Tech Sergeant and I had the 1st platoon."

Although he had been wounded, Gage was one of the fortunate soldiers who made it home to his wife and family. He was awarded with many medals and ribbons. Among them are The Pur-

ple Heart, The Philippine Liberation Ribbon and medal, The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal and The WWII Victory Medal.

He is a lifetime member of the Americal Division Veterans Association.

Gage, who now resides in Palatine Bridge, says, "I was honored to serve my country."



Gage points out the Island of Cebu where the surrender took place.

Photos by Elizabeth A. Tomlin



Raymond Gage shows his Tech Sergeant Stripes and his WWII medals and ribbons.

photo of a lovely young woman and a baby. "That was my wife and my little girl. I wrapped this picture in toilet tissue and carried it in my helmet liner with me," he recalls.

Gage, as a sharp shooter, could hit 19 out of 20 in the bull's eye with rapid fire from four different positions. He was assigned to the famous 132nd Infantry Regiment under command of U.S. Army, American Division Commander, Major General William H. Arnold.

Gage served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands.

On the island of Bougainville, primitive and remote with thick, dense jungle and even volcanoes, there were frequent torrential downpours and many places for the strong and organized Japanese forces to hide.

"We made so many beachheads, we wondered which one was going to be our last."

Gage recalls arriving on the island of Cebu, while being covered by troops on the ship. "We'd come in on the big ship, down the ropes and onto a smaller boat to go to shore and with the guns

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Skiing can trace its origins to what is now Norway and Sweden. Cave paintings dating back to 5,000 B.C. illustrate a skier with one pole in the Nordland region of Norway, while remnants of a primitive ski were found in Hoting, Sweden. The term "ski" was actually derived from the Norse word "skio," meaning "split piece of wood." It is generally believed skiing evolved from snowshoe-

ing, and the ski poles were developed from the walking sticks snowshoers used for balance.

Skiing was initially a method of efficient transportation over the snow. The first skis were likely similar to the cross-country skis used today. Skiing as a sport came much later, and it wasn't until the mid- to late-nineteenth century that downhill skiing developed. Various engineers created bindings that enabled skiers to ski without the risk of losing their skis. Sondre Norheim of Norway is credited as one of the first developers of a downhill ski that enabled him to win the first Norwegian downhill competition. Mathias Zdarsky and Hannes Schneider were two other innovators that made subtle changes to Norheim's designs, developing more modern skis and techniques.

Skiing became more

A brief history of skiing



competitive when the first slalom races took place in 1921 in Switzerland. Skiing was later included as a sport at the

1924 Winter Olympic Games in Chamonix, France, where ski jumping and cross-country skiing were introduced

as events. Jacob Tullin Thams of Norway was the first Olympic ski jumping champion. The silver medal was awarded to Narve Bonna of Norway and the bronze went to Anders Haugen of the United States.

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Roles of the best man and maid of honor

Being chosen as a best man or a maid of honor is a significant and meaningful honor. Those roles have evolved over the years, but these special participants must still perform some of the traditional duties of the past, including serving as the official witnesses to the ceremony. The following is a rundown of the various duties maids of honor and best men are

now expected to handle once they're chosen for these distinguished honors.

Prior to the wedding

Before the wedding takes place, the maid of honor will closely assist the bride-to-be with many of the important decisions related to the look and the feel of the wedding. She typically accompanies the bride to dress shops to select gowns for the bride and bridesmaids. Much in the same manner, the best man will assist the groom-to-be with choosing tuxedos or suits and also with coordinating with the ushers to ensure they know when to go for fittings.

Although the best man will serve as a sounding board for the groom, traditionally the bride and her

bridesmaids have taken on the majority of the wedding planning, so the maid of honor can expect to play a larger role than the best man. The maid of honor may be asked to delegate certain assignments, such as helping to find wedding vendors or addressing invitations. She may go with the bride for makeup and hairstyle trials. Together with the bridesmaids, she will plan a bridal shower party and a bachelorette excursion. She may select a wedding gift for the couple and present it on behalf of all the wedding attendants.

The best man will coordinate the bachelor party and may be asked to assist the groom with selecting a honeymoon site or to come along to book the trip.

Wedding day

On the day of the wedding, the maid of honor and the best man will act as a support system for the bride and groom. The maid of honor will help the bride get dressed and help iron out any mini-emergencies that should crop up. The best man will help ensure all of the ushers are dressed and get the groom to the wedding on time.

During the ceremony, the maid of honor will hold the bride's bouquet while she participates in the

wedding. The best man will keep the rings safe until they are needed. The maid of honor also will help adjust the bride's train and veil as she sits and stands during the ceremony. Both will sign the marriage certificate as witnesses.

At the reception, the best man is expected to give a toast and the maid of honor may share some words as well. She also may accompany the bride to the restroom and assist her with managing the gown.

After the wedding

The best man will be in charge of returning the tuxedos to the rental shop, if necessary. He also may drive the newly married couple to the airport so they can depart on their honeymoon.

The maid of honor will assist the bride in changing out of her gown and into her travel clothes. Oftentimes the maid of honor takes the gown to the cleaners in the days following the ceremony so the dress can be preserved.

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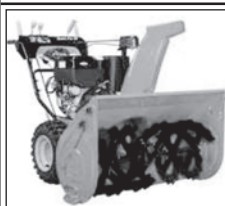
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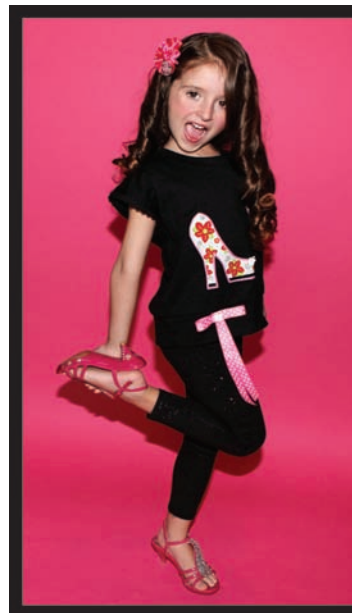
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by Sam Mazzotta

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Dear Paw's Corner: We can't have pets in our apartment, but I want to teach my children about responsibility and compassion for animals. Are there volunteer opportunities for kids out there? — Jessica in Seattle

Dear Jessica: There certainly are volunteer opportunities for kids in most communities. The hard part can be finding one that will work for your kids, fit in with school schedules and provide the kind of rewarding experience you want them to have.

Kids and parents should search for local shelters and animal-rescue organizations to see what volunteer or fundraising opportunities are available.

Another, more immediate opportunity may be right in your neighbor-

hood. Do you have friends or neighbors with pets? Are they willing to let your kids visit and play with their dog or cat? Is there an elderly relative or friend who needs help walking their dog or taking their cat to the veterinarian?

Remember that, as the parent, you'll need to supervise your kids for many of these events or pet-care opportunities. But you'll be giving them key tools to be awesome pet owners of the future.

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Technology helps deaf students read to youth

by Kendra Peek

DANVILLE, KY — Taking off their student hats and putting on their teaching hats, high school students from the Kentucky School for the Deaf became "Reading Buddies" to area elementary students in Danville. The program helps expose the younger students to sign language.

Using iPads that read the story aloud, the high schoolers then sign to the younger students, teaching them how to use American Sign Language to understand the book. Doing so requires the use of expressions and signing, as words between American Sign Language and spoken English do not match word-for-word, according to Heath McClain, language arts teacher at KSD.

After reading and signing the books, students sat and played a game, similar to the popular Chutes and Ladders, where the younger children had to make the appropriate sign when they landed on an image. The gameboards were created by the high school students to accompany the lesson.

Besides the obvious outcome of teaching the elementary students a few phrases in sign language, McClain said, it also instilled positive

memories in the young children regarding individuals who are deaf or hearing-impaired, and the opportunity allowed the high school students to become more confident in communicating with the world beyond their school walls.

McClain explained that the deaf population constitutes about 1 percent of the nation's overall population, making it essential that students from KSD learn to communicate with hearing individuals and that they become confident in doing so. The experience working with the younger children also enables the high school students to take part in their community, as Danville feels like home to many of the students, although only a few live in the city year-round.

"They feel that they are a part of Danville. They go eat at all the restaurants here, they play games against Burgin and Danville and others in sports, they go to CVS and they get their driver's license here. They are a part of the Danville community," McClain says of his students.

While the KSD middle school students have been doing a similar project of visiting the KSD's elementary school students to read with

them, this is the first time KSD students have been able to branch into the other school systems in that way.

Obtaining a Teacher's Tool Kit Grant from the Elmer's glue company and from the Kids in Need Foundation, McClain explained, they were able to purchase the books and apps for the iPads that were used to read to the elementary students.

His group visited Toliver Elementary, where they read to third-grade students on Friday, while another group of high schoolers visited Woodlawn Elementary and read to students in first, second and third grades.

Laura Smith, one of the third-grade teachers at Toliver, said it was a great opportunity for her students.

"I love that they are seeing someone who communicates differently, seeing that part of our community," she said.

Smith believes that mixing with the students at KSD will instill in the third-graders the importance of being open to others and a sense of compassion for those around them. She also explained that her students had excitedly pointed out how they might now be able to

speak with one of the school's custodians, who is deaf.

Jack Williamson, who has worked at Toliver for 25 years as a custodian, visited the classroom while the high school students were there. He said it was an awesome experience for the Toliver students.

He shared that students at Toliver would often attempt to learn the alphabet or a few words in ASL, such as butterfly or hungry, in order to communicate with him, and this would help bridge that gap. By bringing students from the two schools and cultures together, Williamson said, it will develop greater communication skills all around, and he said it is simply wonderful for the students to interact with each other in this way.

While McClain noted that his students had initially been uncertain of the visit, they seemed to enjoy visiting the elementary school.

"Our students were amazed at how fast these kids picked up on the signs," he said.

McClain hopes future KSD high school students will be able to visit the schools, now that they have the technology to bridge the gaps.

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Road trips are popular all year long, and driving the same roads during various seasons can yield entirely different views along the way. Many scenic highways can take travelers across the country, and for those drivers interested in traveling the longest roads in North America, there are two options at the ready.

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Find out the best and most creative kids' activities for fall!

(BPT) — Each year autumn marks a time for change — leaves turn colors, the air becomes crisp and children return to school. The new season brings with it a shift in rhythms and patterns, including a new weekly routine for families.

For young children, it's important to maintain a

learning environment even after the last school bell rings and they return home. Spend this time building family traditions and making learning fun by incorporating some of these fun indoor and outdoor fall activities into your seasonal routine.

- Explore the outdoors:
- Set up a scavenger

hunt with your kids to teach them about the differences between the tree seeds — this activity allows children to run around the neighborhood learning about the wide variety of living things in their environment.

- Collect fallen leaves to create a beautiful fall collage. This is a fun ac-

tivity for young children as they can use their imagination and creativity to design a unique image celebrating the fall season.

- Use a metallic marker so kids can write on the leaves, creating patterns or images, then place the leaves on wax paper and apply Mod Podge to keep the design

in place as it hangs.

- Build, create inside your home: Construction toys can play an important part in the mental development of growing children.

• Visit a local pumpkin patch: One of the most cherished fall traditions for families is spending a day at a pumpkin patch. Full of fun and games, the pumpkin patch is a perfect place for young children. Whether you're making your way through the corn maze, interacting with the animals in the petting zoo, or enjoying a hay ride around the grounds, your family is sure to have a blast.

- Halloween prep:
- Use the pumpkins

brought home from the patch to design a spooky Jack-o'-lantern with your children. Let them design a face on the front of the pumpkin and cut it out for them.

- As Halloween approaches your little one will need a costume. Whether it's shopping for the perfect costume or making one from scratch, use this time to learn more about your child's likes and dislikes while encouraging them to express their creativity.

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New York Sandy babies celebrate 1st birthdays

by Verena Dobnik

NEW YORK — On the anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, some New York babies celebrated their first birthday — and survival — at a hospital where they were only hours old as the killer storm flooded the city.

"I was very nervous, and only my faith carried me through," said Emily Blatt, who delivered a premature son at New York University's Langone Medical Center in Manhattan.

Five hours later, water inundated the hospital,

cutting power and leaving patients and staff in the dark.

Blatt's 8-hour-old baby, weighing only 2 pounds, was rushed out of intensive care down the stairs on a plastic sled, hooked up to an oxygen tank.

About 40 newborns were rescued from Langone, as were vulnerable adult patients, at the height of the storm. They were taken by ambulance to area hospitals.

On Tuesday, Blatt and her little Kenneth Hulett III were beaming in a sun-flooded room of the

medical center, surrounded by other 1-year-olds.

"Happy birthday, dear babies!" parents and medical staff sang to the toddlers.

"This is the best meal of her life!" said Helen Chan as she held her daughter, Ila Paz, while the baby shoved frosting into her mouth, gleefully

smearing it all over her face.

Exactly a year earlier, "it was surreal," said Chan.

Within hours of giving birth, "There was no power, no running water,

and I had no idea what's going on."

Soon came the orange sleds that carried out the baby, then her.

As Sandy surged, some women delivered by flashlight, glow sticks,

even cellphone lights, said nurse Flavia Contratti.

Blatt said Tuesday that until the hospital evacuation, "I didn't understand the strength of this storm."

Motorcycle recovered in California 46 years after theft

LOS ANGELES — Authorities say a Nebraska man is getting his motorcycle back, 46 years after it was stolen from his backyard.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Monday the black and blue 1953 Triumph Tiger 100 was recovered last week at the Port of Los Angeles. It was

on its way to Japan, with its value listed as \$9,000.

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A buck between friends



Gerard and me with the 10 point buck.

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by Terry Berkson

I was a late starter at deer hunting because I moved back to Brooklyn just before I turned 16. The winter before I left, my friend Gerard and I had a string of 150 muskrat traps set out along a creek that ran just outside of town. It was years later, in the army, when I started reading Hemingway and Faulkner that I got the bug to hunt whitetails on Panther Mountain with my old friend in Richfield Springs. Having a 10-year head

start on me, Gerard took it upon himself to teach me everything he knew. "I'll make a hunter out of you," he'd say as a smile pulled his big broken nose to the side of his face. But for five years I hunted 10 days each season without filling a tag. I always went home with plenty of venison and hunting stories — but they were other men's stories about other men's deer. Even though I enjoyed the camaraderie of each fruitless year, I

yearned to have my own tale to tell. So, again on opening day, I waited next to a hemlock between two streams, hoping my story would come along. After an hour or so I spotted a dark-coated deer far below, well out of shotgun range. Although it couldn't possibly see me I ducked behind the tree. When I looked again he was closer and still moving in my direction and by now I could see he was a big buck. I was too nervous to count the points and I almost wished I wasn't there for fear I would shoot and miss and never get over it. I was really shaking, and my hands felt so weak I could hardly push

the safety off. He was less than 100 yards below, slowly feeling his way up the towards higher ground. It was still a long shot, especially for a guy as excited as I was.

Finally he was about 30 yards off, and already passing to my left. Gerard would have shot five times already. When I lifted the gun from a branch it had been resting on, the barrel snagged on a curl of bark and the buck whipped around and looked straight at me. I fired a shot and he was off in the direction from which he had come, flying down the mountain. I pumped out the spent shell and got off one more shot before he was gone.

A rush of nausea came over me. How could I have missed? Had I looked over the sight? Had I pulled instead of squeezed the trigger? He was so close.

I ran to where the buck had been when I fired, to see if there was any sign. There wasn't. Then, as foolishly as a guy who walks after a train he's missed, I began to follow the deer. If there were snow it would have been easy to track him, but in the dry leaves there was only a faint trace of the buck's passing. I meandered down the mountain, looking for a track,

anything.

Then I saw it: the rack. The antlers were sticking up like a fallen oak. The deer lay still 50 yards ahead of me. I moved toward him, my finger on the trigger, but when I was near, I could see that the buck was already dead. A sense of possession came over me and I looked around to see if someone or something was about to leap from behind a tree and seize my prize. I counted the points: 10! Wait till Gerard sees this deer!

I went back, took off my jacket and began to field dress my buck. I knew just what to do; I had done it all before, "For practice so you'll be ready for yours," Gerard had said. When finished I tied a drag line to the base of the antlers and began the long haul out.

It took an hour to get to the logging road where Gerard and I had split up. Winded, I dropped the rope and leaned against a tree to rest. Smoke drifted from behind a fat beech below. It was from Gerard's draw on a Camel. He hadn't come up to see what I shot at because as he put it, "An inveterate hunter never goes out of his way to drag." Now he walked up to me with a sober expression on his face. When close, he stopped to check out my deer. "Buddy," he said. "I've been looking for this buck all my life."

We dragged the deer to the vehicle, Gerard getting more elated as time passed. "Look at the rack on him!" he said. "It'll win the contest for sure." We headed for the Schuyler House where Gerard always entered us in the big-buck contest. After five unsuccessful years, entering my name had just about become a joke, but Gerard continued to put a dollar down on me. Now, he kept looking in the rear-view mirror at the buck.

We had to wake Termites, the proprietor, to weigh the deer in. "It's still early. Why don't we wait a while for him to get up?" I suggested. "I don't want it to lose any weight," Gerard said.

The deer weighed in at 186 pounds — the biggest entered so far that season. Then we drove back to the camp and strung it up in the maple tree out front. Word of a big deer spread fast, and by noon, cars were creeping down our normally lonely road to take a look.

The deer won the contest for weight and points that year and I don't think any friend was ever happier about anything I did than Gerard. He made me tell my story to him many times. Scores of bucks fell under our sights after that year. Gerard never got his big one but if he had I don't think he would've been any happier than when I got mine.



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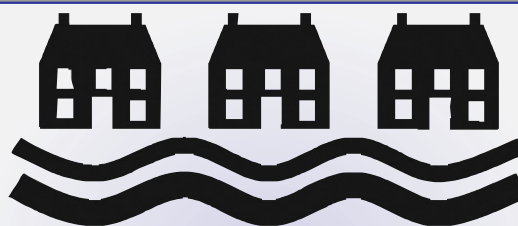
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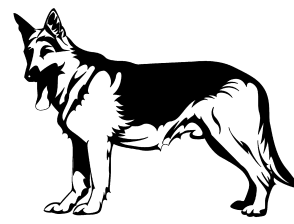
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