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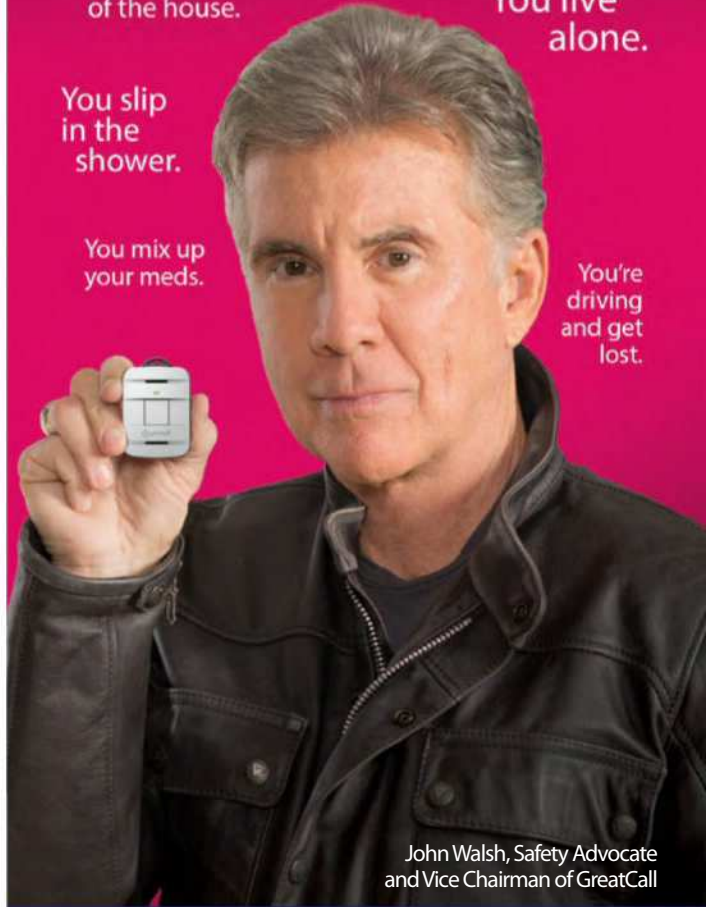
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I saved up for one—loved it!

PATRICE HERMAN



Mine had marbles in it. What a racket!

IRIS A. TRAHAN



I took mine to show-and-tell in third grade. I got it caught in my dress and showed off more than I was planning to.

SUE SMITH



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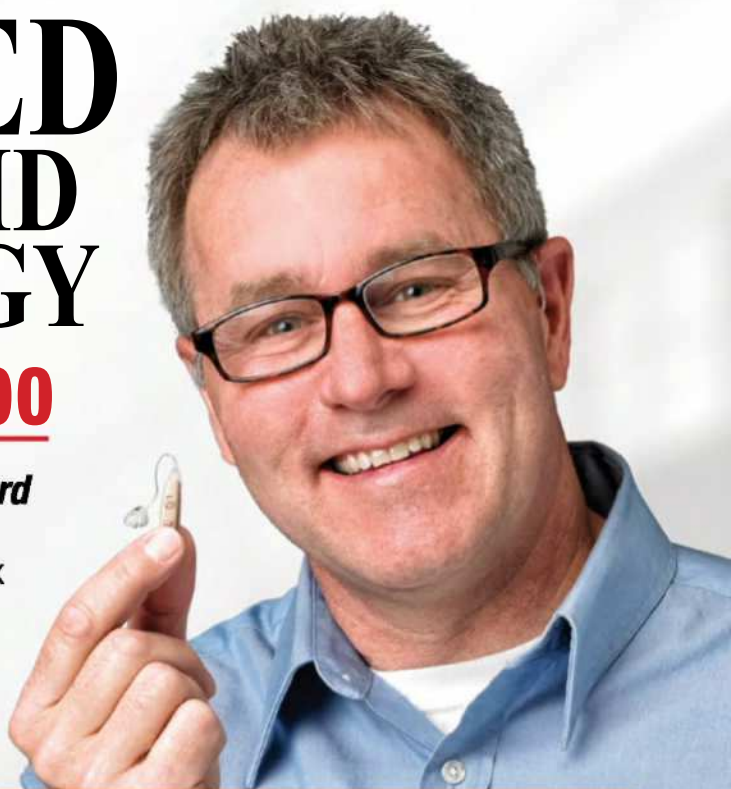
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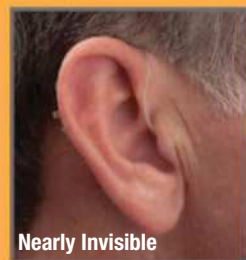


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Worlds of Wonder

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Read about the origins and evolution of Weeki Wachee and Cypress Gardens in "Water Worlds," beginning on page 36, and find yourself transported to the underwater world of mermaids or the exotic plantings at Florida's original theme park.

Now imagine a trip to a world's fair. The next full World Expo takes place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in 2020. But this is *Reminisce*, so time travel with us instead, starting on page 48, back to when readers attended fairs much closer to home.

Another summertime adventure is the family camping trip. Traveling to a destination, pitching a tent or popping the trailer to create your own portable living quarters delivers fresh air, campfire coffee and stargazing at night. Be sure to check out the photo essay of one reader's family outings on page 56.

Getting out and about to see the world is second nature to most of us. But what happens when special needs or challenges prevent someone from doing the things others take for granted? In many cases, a therapy or service animal comes to the rescue. We call these animals heroes and think you'll agree when you read "To Serve & Protect," page 30.


Kick back and savor all that this issue has to offer. Then get busy and enter our Holidays & Celebrations photo contest, below.



Linda

LINDA KAST
EDITOR, REMINISCE

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CAMPING ESCAPADES

I started as a Campfire Girl, then later enjoyed many years of camping with my husband and two sons.

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We visited these national parks when we moved from California to Illinois.

GRAND CANYON
My son, 4, showed no sign of fear as he raced toward the trail's edge.

YOSEMITE
Big and wild, this park revealed natural beauty around every turn.

SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST
When we couldn't find a motel, we pitched the tent and made a campfire.

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Nicole S.

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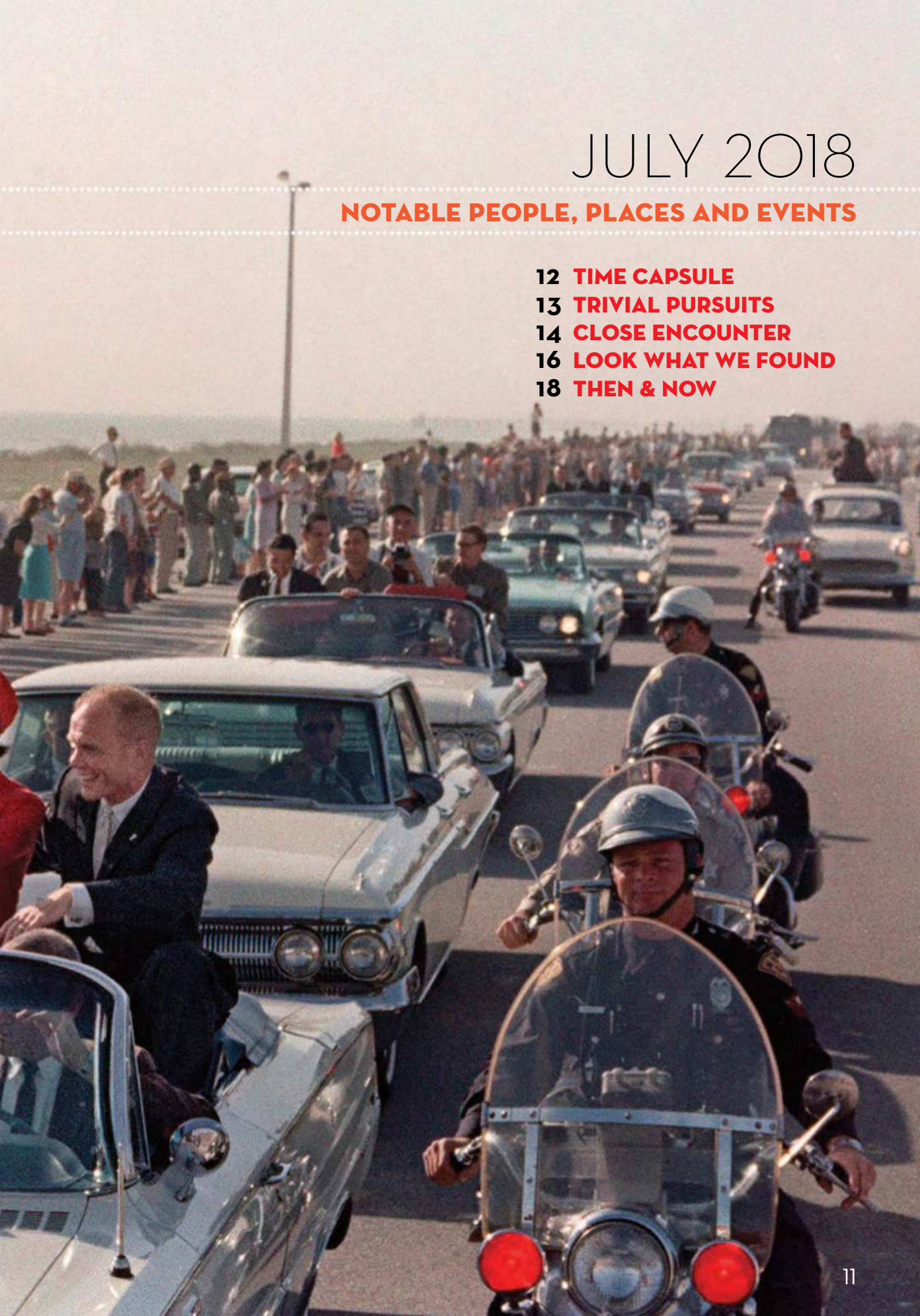
SPOTLIGHT



HIGH FLIER

A motorcade transports astronaut **JOHN GLENN**, right, sitting atop a convertible with his wife, Annie, and Vice President Lyndon Johnson, to Cape Canaveral on Feb. 23, 1962, three days after Glenn orbited the globe three times.

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1962

TIME
CAPSULE

DISCOUNT SHOPPING AND DRAMATIC ENDINGS

The year was rife with belly laughs aimed at *The Beverly Hillbillies* on TV; bargain prices rising from the debuts of Kmart, Walmart, Target, Kohl's and Motel 6; and terrifying realities when the Cuban missile crisis nearly led to nuclear war. Future U.S. Sen. John Glenn orbited the earth. Army veteran James Meredith became the first African-American enrolled at the University of Mississippi. The Beach Boys, Bob Dylan, and Peter, Paul and Mary released debut albums, while Marilyn Monroe sang "Happy Birthday" to President John F. Kennedy.

JAN. 1 The Beatles audition for Decca Records but are rejected.

JAN. 1 Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time* is published.

FEB. 20 Astronaut John Glenn orbits the earth, an American first.

MARCH 21 Glen Bell, creator of the crunchy taco shell, opens the first Taco Bell in Downey, CA.

APRIL 9 *West Side Story* walks away with 10 Oscars at the 34th Academy Awards show.

APRIL 21 The 1962 World's Fair opens in Seattle, WA, where the 605-foot-tall **Space Needle**, top, is unveiled.

APRIL 26 NASA's Ranger 4 crash-lands on the far side of the moon.

JULY 9 Andy Warhol's first solo exhibition at Ferus Gallery in Los Angeles, CA, features his

Campbell's Soup Cans.

JULY 10 NASA's first telecommunications satellite, Telstar, is launched from Cape Canaveral. Within days it transmits a trans-Atlantic television signal.

JULY 12 The Rolling Stones play their first gig at London's Marquee Jazz Club.

AUG. 5 After returning to South Africa, Nelson Mandela is arrested and eventually sentenced to life in prison.

AUG. 5 Marilyn Monroe dies from a sleeping pill overdose in her home in Brentwood, CA.

AUG. 10 Marvel's Spider-Man makes his first appearance in the anthology comic book *Amazing Fantasy #15*.

SEPT. 23 *The Jetsons*, an animated futuristic sequel to *The Flintstones*, debuts on ABC, below.

SEPT. 26 Jed Clampett, Granny, Elly May and Jethro—known as *The*

Beverly Hillbillies—debut on CBS to rave reviews.

OCT. 1 Johnny Carson debuts as host of *The Tonight Show*.

OCT. 5 The Beatles release their first single, "Love Me Do."

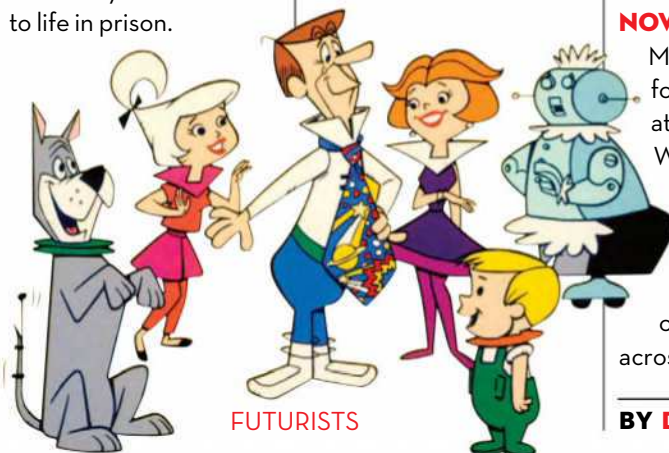
OCT. 5 *Dr. No* kicks off the James Bond movie franchise with its U.K. premiere.

OCT. 9 GE engineer Nick Holonyak Jr. demonstrates the first visible LED (light-emitting diode), which he predicts will someday make the incandescent bulb obsolete.

OCT. 28 The Cuban missile crisis effectively ends—and the world breathes a sigh of relief—when Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev agrees to dismantle missile sites in Cuba (90 miles off the coast of Florida).

NOV. 29 Cellist Yo-Yo Ma, age 7, performs for President Kennedy at a benefit concert in Washington, D.C.

DEC. 25 *To Kill a Mockingbird*, based on the 1960 Harper Lee novel, opens in theaters across America.



FUTURISTS

BY DEBRA STEILEN

1962 TOPS IN ENTERTAINMENT

~ ACADEMY AWARDS ~

BEST MOTION PICTURE

West Side Story

BEST ACTOR

Maximilian Schell,
Judgment at Nuremberg

BEST ACTRESS

Sophia Loren, *Two Women*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

George Chakiris, *West Side Story*

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

Rita Moreno, *West Side Story*



LET'S TWIST AGAIN...AND AGAIN

Chubby Checker's 1960 million-selling song "The Twist" faded away after a four-month run. Two years later, however, Checker's dusty disc reappeared and, for the second time, hit No. 1 on Billboard's list.

The credit—or blame—for this unusual development goes to one very funky Manhattan dance joint. The Peppermint Lounge, located at 128 W. 45th St. in New York City, was a smoke-filled, Times Square-area club with a long mahogany bar in front and a small dance floor in back.

Big Apple jet-setters, fueled by society columnist Igor Cassini, had begun packing the place once word spread that the dimly lit dive

~ TONY AWARDS ~

BEST PLAY

Robert Bolt, *A Man for All Seasons*

BEST MUSICAL

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RECORD OF THE YEAR

Tony Bennett,
"I Left My Heart in San Francisco"

BEST FOLK RECORDING

Peter, Paul and Mary,
"If I Had a Hammer"

BEST RHYTHM & BLUES RECORDING

Ray Charles,
"I Can't Stop Loving You"

BEST ROCK & ROLL RECORDING

Bent Fabric, "Alley Cat"

BEST NEW ARTIST

Robert Goulet

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Arnold Palmer

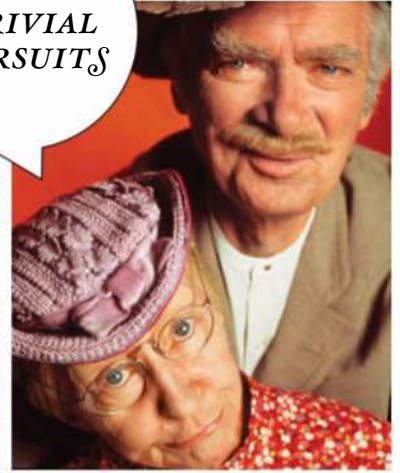
was now *the* social epicenter for trendy adult twisters.

Seen gyrating amid the hoi polloi were such A-listers as Marilyn Monroe, Truman Capote, Greta Garbo, Norman Mailer and Judy Garland.

The second twist craze—bigger than the first—soon swept across America and sold records well into 1962, with singles by Chubby Checker and Dee Dee Sharp ("Slow Twistin'"), Sam Cooke ("Twistin' the Night Away") and Gary U.S. Bonds ("Dear Lady Twist," "Twist, Twist Senora") all reaching Billboard's Top Ten.

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TRIVIAL PURSUITS



A MAN NAMED JED

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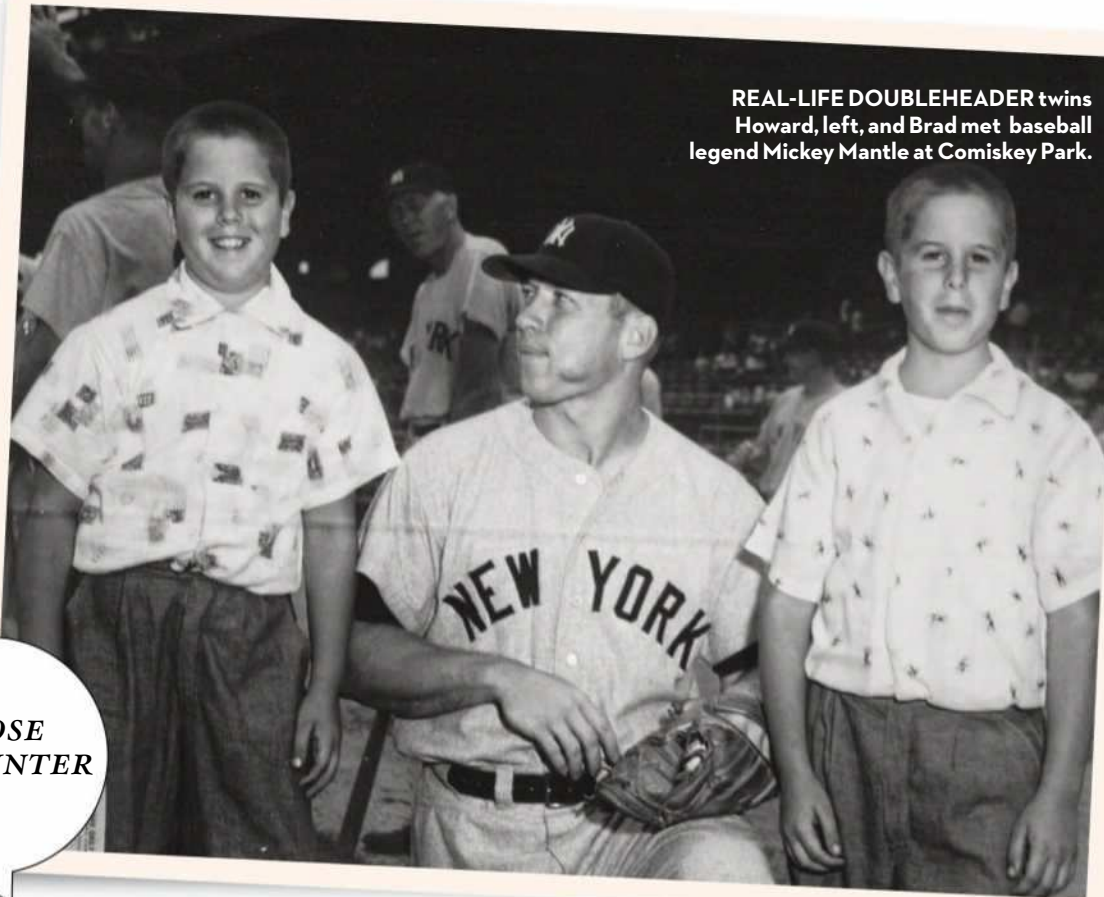
We bet you can still sing the theme song. What else do you remember about the clan?

- 1 Name the show's theme song and three synonyms used in the song to describe oil.
- 2 The song ends with what invitation?
- 3 What did the Clampetts call the swimming pool?
- 4 What did Elly May affectionately call her pets?
- 5 What was Jethro's last name and how was he related to Jed?
- 6 What was Granny's relationship to Jed?
- 7 What was the name of Jed's cranky banker?
- 8 What was the name of the banker's stuffy secretary?
- 9 Who owned Duke and what kind of dog was he?
- 10 What was Granny's most popular stew?
- 11 What did the family call the billiards table?

Check your answers on page 64.

BY DEBRA STEILEN

REAL-LIFE DOUBLEHEADER twins Howard, left, and Brad met baseball legend Mickey Mantle at Comiskey Park.



CLOSE
& ENCOUNTER

IT'S WHO YOU KNOW

Touching base with your best contacts pays off.

BY HOWARD F. KASTE • MORTON GROVE, IL

My dad, Alton R. Kaste, was a general news photographer for the *Chicago Tribune* for 30 years. During that time, he had contacts with many fellow photographers from area newspapers, including the *Sun-Times* and *Daily News*, and with United Press International photo staffers and others—especially those who covered Chicago sports teams.

On a number of occasions, once at Wrigley Field (home of the National League Chicago Cubs) and again at the old Comiskey Park (home of the American League Chicago White Sox), my twin brother, Brad, and I were photographed with several of the pro ballplayers.

On a Thursday afternoon in the summer of 1956, most likely July

26, the White Sox were playing the dreaded New York Yankees at Comiskey Park. One of Dad's photographer buddies cajoled star player Mickey Mantle into stopping for a quick photo with Brad and me before the game.

If memory serves me correctly—we were only 10 then—Mickey was somewhat hesitant

when asked to pose with us but finally gave in. No telling why he was looking off to his right when the photographer snapped the shutter, but that's clearly a wad of chewing tobacco in his left cheek.

I don't remember the final score, but the Yankees probably won, as they regularly feasted on the lesser pro ball teams of that era. ●

AT RANDOM

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I WAS 13 IN 1947

in Southside, Virginia, when I nursed a fledgling robin after it refused to stay in its nest. I filled a box on our screened porch with cut grass and pine needles. I named him Tweet-tweet, and soon he learned to recognize my high-pitched birdcall.

I dug fresh worms from the garden and fed him until his feathers grew out. Before long, I took Tweet-tweet to the garden to scratch for worms on his own. He could now fly well, but my shoulder still served as a perch.

I hoped that soon he would join his own kind. That day came in early fall, and Tweet-tweet was gone.

The next spring, while I was working outside, a bird landed on my shoulder. It was Tweet-tweet. He stayed for a few hours before flying off, and that was the last I saw of him. But the memory of that small bird and the friendship we developed has lasted for decades.

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~ Johnny Carson ~

~ Jimmy Fallon ~

1962

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JOHNNY CARSON		JIMMY FALLON
Oct. 23, 1925, in Corning, IA	Born	Sept. 19, 1974, in Brooklyn, NY
Norfolk, NE	Raised in	Saugerties, NY
October 1962–May 1992	Host Duty	February 2014–Present
Ed McMahon	Sidekick	Steve Higgins
Magician	Also an Excellent	Impressionist
Carnac the Magnificent	Popular Shtick	Lip Sync Battle
Four	Wives	One
“Beautiful Downtown Burbank,” CA	Moved Show to	New York, NY
Death of his son Rick, 39, in an auto accident on June 21, 1991	Personal Tragedy He Talked About On-Air	Death of his mother, Gloria, on Nov. 4, 2017
Joan Crawford, Tony Bennett, Mel Brooks and Rudy Vallee	First Night Guests	Will Smith and U2; plus cameos by Robert De Niro, Tina Fey, former boxer Mike Tyson and others

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DAILY DIPPING

Summers in the city were spent at the community pool, where kids young and old soaked in the warm sunshine and splashed in the cool water for hours. **CHUCK BELLING** of Madison, WI, sent this photo taken by his Uncle Merle.

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OUR LIVES

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GROWING UP

STANDING IN front of the store are, from left, Reve White, his brother Jesse, Denise's sister, Dianne, and her mother, Kay. Jesse, an actor, was best known as the lonely Maytag repairman.

HER DAD knew people, so Denise got to swim at The Riviera Hotel pool.

SIN CITY IN THE '60s

When you lived there, things seemed quite normal.

BY DENISE AZBILL • HENDERSON, NV

Life was fairly normal for my family in spite of the fact that I was born in Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1962. My parents moved there because my father, Reve White, was a musician who played drums in a duo called Deuces Wild. My birth announcement even appeared in the July 7, 1962, edition of *Fabulous Las Vegas Magazine*. We lived in an apartment on the grounds of the Landmark Hotel at the time.

Eventually, my father left the duo to sell patio furniture before opening a toy store in 1968 called the Toy Corral. It was on the corner of Sahara Avenue and Las Vegas Boulevard next to The Jackpot casino. He also sold souvenirs

to gift shops on the Strip. Because he knew so many people in the casinos, he had what was then called “juice” or connections.

Here’s an example of how that worked: My dad knew the manager at the Riviera Hotel pool, so my siblings and I got to spend our days swimming there. The lifeguard at the pool even taught us all to swim. My brothers got their hair cut in the Thunderbird Hotel barbershop, and my oldest brother served as a lifeguard at different hotel pools during the summer.

Whenever we grabbed a bite to eat at a hotel coffee shop, women would walk through modeling the clothing sold at the hotel dress shop. My mother bought most of her clothes from those boutiques.

Old Las Vegas was a wonderful place to grow up. I have so many good memories, and I am saddened when old hotels are demolished.

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Your Refreshment, Madam

Summers during my junior and senior years of high school in 1949 and '50 were spent working as a bellhop at the Stroudsmoor Hotel in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. I was only 16, and they would have preferred someone of college age, but they needed someone now. Plus I was tall for my age, and they must have believed I could carry luggage without difficulty. In addition to carting suitcases in and out, I delivered beverages to various locations on the property—to the rooms, tennis court, swimming pool or recreation area. I got room and board, plus \$5 a week; tips averaged \$60 to \$65 a week. Those two summers gave me the people skills that proved invaluable throughout my career as a teacher, principal and eventually superintendent of schools.

FRED SERFASS • POTTSTOWN, PA



STROUDSMOOR INN had room for up to 160 guests, most of them from New York City and Long Island. Fred worked 12-hour days, seven days a week, as part of the hotel waitstaff.



“Baseball occupied my thoughts while the war raged overseas. I was a center fielder on the team from St. Adalbert’s.”

FRANK KUCA • O’FALLON, IL

WINNING THE TRIFECTA

Thanks to Mom’s sewing, my sisters and I stole the show at the 1954 July Fourth parade in Hammond, Wisconsin. From left, Mary took first place dressed as a queen, Shirley took second place playing Uncle Sam, and I took third as a farmer gone fishing. ●

KAY GEURKINK
BALDWIN, WI





LOUISE AND BILL Stone built a diner next to their house on Route 66.



AT WORK

STOP AND SMELL THE FRIES

If you traveled the Mother Road, you could always get a bite to eat here. **BY ROBERT STONE** • HELOTES, TX

For 30 years, from 1946 to 1976, my mom and dad, Louise and Bill Stone, owned and operated Stone's By-Pass Grill in Springfield, Illinois. They bought a house on Route 66 and built the restaurant next door. The route bypassing downtown Springfield is also called North 31st Street or Dirksen Parkway.

Pop modeled his hamburgers after those at Steak 'n Shake. He started with fresh hamburger formed into a ball, then he flattened it on the grill and seared it to perfection.

When we were young, my two brothers and I helped out in the restaurant. My parents taught us to do dishes, wait on customers and peel potatoes for french fries.

Larger potatoes were much easier to peel, so when it was my turn to tackle that particular chore, I hid the smaller spuds. It wasn't long before Pop's profits took a nosedive, while the odor from the back room intensified.

Once my misdeed was discovered, I learned that parental retribution, as it was exercised in 1949, was not to be forgotten. I am certain that Pop's theories of discipline and life lessons have followed me throughout my life.

Thinking back on those bittersweet memories of the 1940s and '50s, I yearn for that gentler and simpler way of life.

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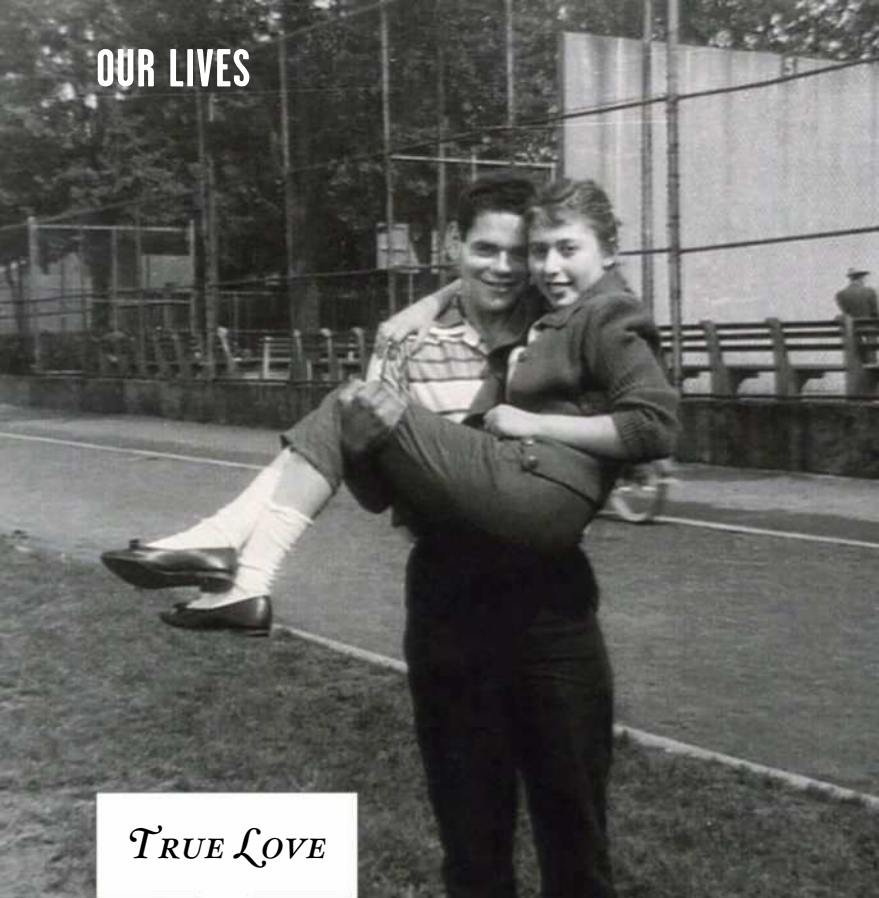
PICK A PECK

JIM EYDMANN, now of Granite City, IL, was 15 when he got his first job in 1954 working at Sunnyside Farm Products in Afton, MO, near St. Louis. The farmstand's owner, Ray Knierim, employed teenage clerks and paid them 50 cents an hour. "We worked so many hours," says Jim, "sometimes I made as much as my mom, who worked at the local bank." ●



“While I was home from college, my summer job in 1969 was driving my scooter through neighborhoods in Rochester, New York, selling Skippy ice cream. I rang the bells and kids raced out to greet me.”

DAVE SKIRVIN • INDIANAPOLIS, IN



TRUE LOVE

FRIENDLY IN FLATBUSH

His pickup line proved quite literal.

BY **SHELLY SITZER** • CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

During my last year of junior high school, in 1958, we moved to a neighborhood in East Flatbush/Brownsville, Brooklyn, New York. It was rough at first, but I finally made friends with a girl named Sarah and often visited her after school.

After I made a few trips to her family's apartment, Sarah asked me if I'd like to meet her friend Sidney, who lived in the building next door. I agreed, not thinking too much about it. A few days later I was at her home when she looked out her kitchen window and said, "He's here."

"Who?" I asked.

"Sidney," she said. "Let's go!"

There he was, standing outside her window. *What a macho guy*, I thought. His dark, wavy hair curled down the center of his forehead, similar to the style Fonzie wore on the TV show *Happy Days*, only

**WE LOOKED
AT ROMANCE
DIFFERENTLY THEN,
THAT'S FOR SURE.**

this was well before that time.

I swooned and tried not to show it as Sidney and I made casual conversation about his exploits the day before in the school yard where, according to him, "the guys tossed

SIDNEY SCOOPED up Shelly in his arms and carried her home.

around a girl they knew like a football."

"What do you mean?" I asked, rather naively. I don't remember whether I was just startled or totally impressed.

"Like this," he said, and he lifted me up. "We're going home," he added. I asked Sarah if it would be all right with her if we left. I suspected that she also had a crush on Sidney.

"It's OK," she told us.

My home was a few blocks away, and he carried me as if I was a featherweight. Once there, we sat and talked on the bench outside. My mom saw him from a distance when she returned home and told me later that she thought I was talking to a teacher. He looked much more mature than I did.

When he told me he was 17 and asked my age, something told me not to say 14½. So I said I was 15.

The next day he told Sarah he wanted to call me and "drag me to the beach." She gave him my number.

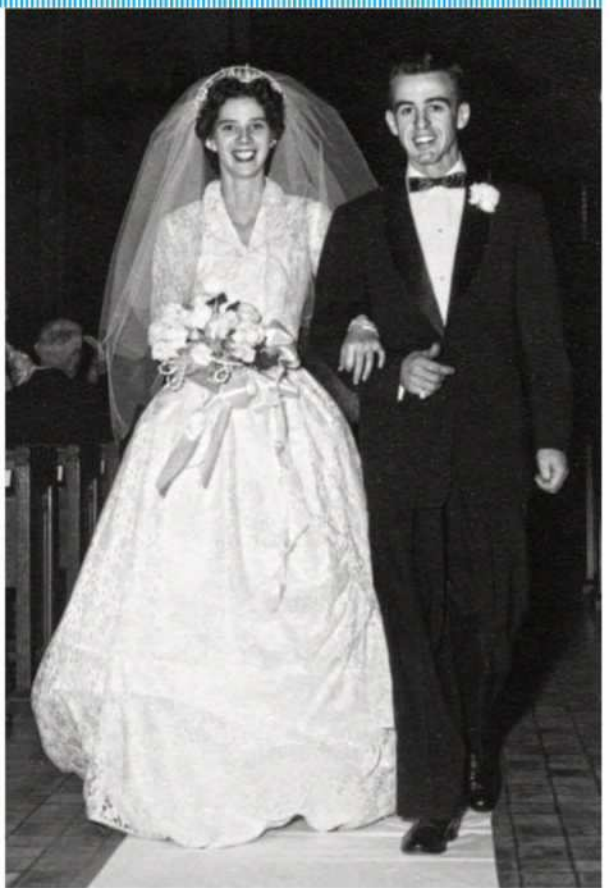
We looked at romance differently then, that's for sure. But this was the real thing. Sidney and I were married in 1965. After being married to my macho guy for more than 50 years—and three children later—I can truly say he's been the best husband that any gal could possibly have.

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“ In 1958 I was a senior at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Priscilla, my fiancée, was a reports clerk at the telephone company. Here we are, dressed appropriately for the times, sneaking a kiss after church. ”

CHARLES ROMERO • ALBUQUERQUE, NM



WHO'S ON THIRD?

CLARA McCARTHY's first job after graduation in 1950 was at Western & Southern Life Insurance Co. in Cincinnati, OH. She played third base for the company-sponsored baseball team, at left squatting in front of sisters Betty and Marian Hamlin, second row, and their sister-in-law Alma Hamlin. In 1953, Betty and Marian's brother Frank Hamlin, now of Hernando, FL, came to watch. His eye caught Clara at third and soon they were dating. Clara and Frank married on Feb. 13, 1954. Clara died earlier this year after a 64-year marriage. ●



COUSINS MEET in 1957, from left, Marge Solari Holley, Catherine Coppola, Johnny Mustaciulo, Prince the dog, and Mary Louise Solari.

FAMILY TREE

WRITE THAT DOWN

Collect, record and store your family history for generations to come.

BY **MARGARET SOLARI HOLLEY** • FILER, ID

As the oldest sister, I inherited a box containing all the family papers: birth and death certificates, citizenship papers, military documents and cemetery records. With that as the starting place, my goal was to record our family history for future generations.

I began by listing names I remembered: my parents, George and Rose Solari; and my maternal grandparents, Antoinette and Felix Carbone, and great-grandparents, Vito and Rose Filomeno. Vito was born in Lipari, Italy. Rose was born in Staten Island, and her parents had met and were married in 1892 in New York's Little Italy.

Fifty years before starting the project, in 1957, I had met Antoinette's eight siblings and family members in New York. At that time, we cousins were the grandchildren. Now

we are the grandparents. So I started writing to those second and third cousins.

To fill in some other blanks, I searched on *ancestry.com* and found the name of the ship my grandfather boarded from Italy to America. The ship's manifest listed passengers' names and the port where it docked. After becoming a citizen in 1911, Grandpa was drafted in 1917 and sent to France. I have those documents, too.

I created a detailed chart and added photographs and copies of papers, like death certificates that included valuable health data. I also added funny stories about our ancestors that my aunt had shared over the years.

When I distributed the entire collection to the whole family, who was most excited to get the information? My sister's youngest, who was still in college. ●

SHARED BOUNTY

In the blink of an eye, the older generation passes on, and we become the grandparents, leaving us with a mountain of ephemera. Some of that memorabilia may include:

- Love letters
- Naturalization papers
- Military medals
- Photographs
- Recipes

Family members often want copies to browse and cherish. But who should keep originals?

- The oldest child?
- A local repository, such as a genealogy society or museum?

As items are distributed, even more generations may want copies. I recommend storing everything for free on *familysearch.org*.

From the main FamilySearch page, access Memories to upload scanned documents, photos, stories and more; tag the items; and attach them to your ancestors' pages. Family members from around the world may view and enjoy the documents. The site shares information publicly only about people with death dates.

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IN TRIBUTE

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EVIE-JANE AND ENA, her guide dog, cross a street in Morristown, NJ, in 1979. This was the prototype image for a 15-cent seeing eye dog commemorative stamp and appeared on the program for the First Day of Issue ceremony.

Let Me Lead You There

by

JUNE D. VANDERLAAN • RHINEBECK, NY

MY SISTER EVELYN-JANE DAVIS BURGAY WAS BORN IN 1939

with many eye issues, including retinitis pigmentosa, a rare disorder that causes tunnel vision and for which there is no cure. Evie-Jane's sight grew weaker until, while still a teenager, she became legally blind. She qualified for a guide dog, and that enabled her to complete college. While working at a school for the blind, Evie-Jane taught herself braille, and then pursued her dream to study law.

Throughout her successful career, Evie-Jane worked with five dogs—Julie, Ena, Ava, Duchess and Dana. Each had her own personality and strengths. They were all true gifts, allowing my sister to live life to the fullest. Not only did they help her to get around all over the world, they were loyal companions. When in harness, they tended to their task to keep my sister safe. Off the harness, they were loving pets we could all play with.

With each dog's death Evie-Jane lost a beloved and trusted friend. Her tribute "One Last Pat," to Julie, her first guide dog, could apply to all of them. It reads, in part, "Would that I would serve so faithfully, so earnestly, so cheerfully. Would that I would guide another's steps so carefully, so selflessly, so proudly."



- DANA -



- DUCHESS -



- JULIE -

Too Good Not to Share

A teenage boy, a disabled older woman
and the special dog they both loved.

by **MICHAEL STECZO** • MILLIKEN, CO



When I was growing up on the south side of Chicago in the 1950s, I had a pet collie named Lady. For nine years, Lady and I were inseparable and, at 14, I loved her with all my heart.

She had uncanny intelligence and instinct. She'd saved my little brother Ricky's life when he'd toddled into an alley just as a large truck was turning into the lane.

Lady ran to Ricky and pinned him up against a fence until the truck passed.

One day I went to do my paper route, leaving Lady in our yard as usual. Unfortunately, I forgot to lock the gate and she got out.

When I realized she was gone, I was devastated. For weeks, I searched high and low for her, to no avail. I had to resign myself to never seeing her again. My sorrow almost overwhelmed me.

Yet a few months later, while riding in my cousin's car several blocks from my house, I saw a man walking a dog that looked a lot like Lady.

"Stop the car!" I shouted. "That's my dog!"

I spoke to the man, who

told me that the dog was his mother's; she'd had her for several months. He looked doubtful when I told him she was mine, so I turned to her and said, "Lady, come." She immediately sat next to me in the heel position.

"It appears she is your dog," said the man, who had found her wandering around his neighborhood and had taken her in. I was eager to get her home, so I agreed to go with him to break the news to his mother.

When we got to the house, Lady ran directly to the man's mother, who was in a wheelchair.

Lady had been the woman's constant companion since they'd found her, the son said, and had done wonders for his mother's attitude and outlook on life.

It was clear by the way she sat so faithfully at the woman's side that Lady had bonded with her.

When the woman learned I was there to reclaim my lost dog, she began to cry. Her son, who was also crying, apologized but insisted that they give Lady back.

By this time tears were streaming down my cheeks, too. I was faced with a terrible

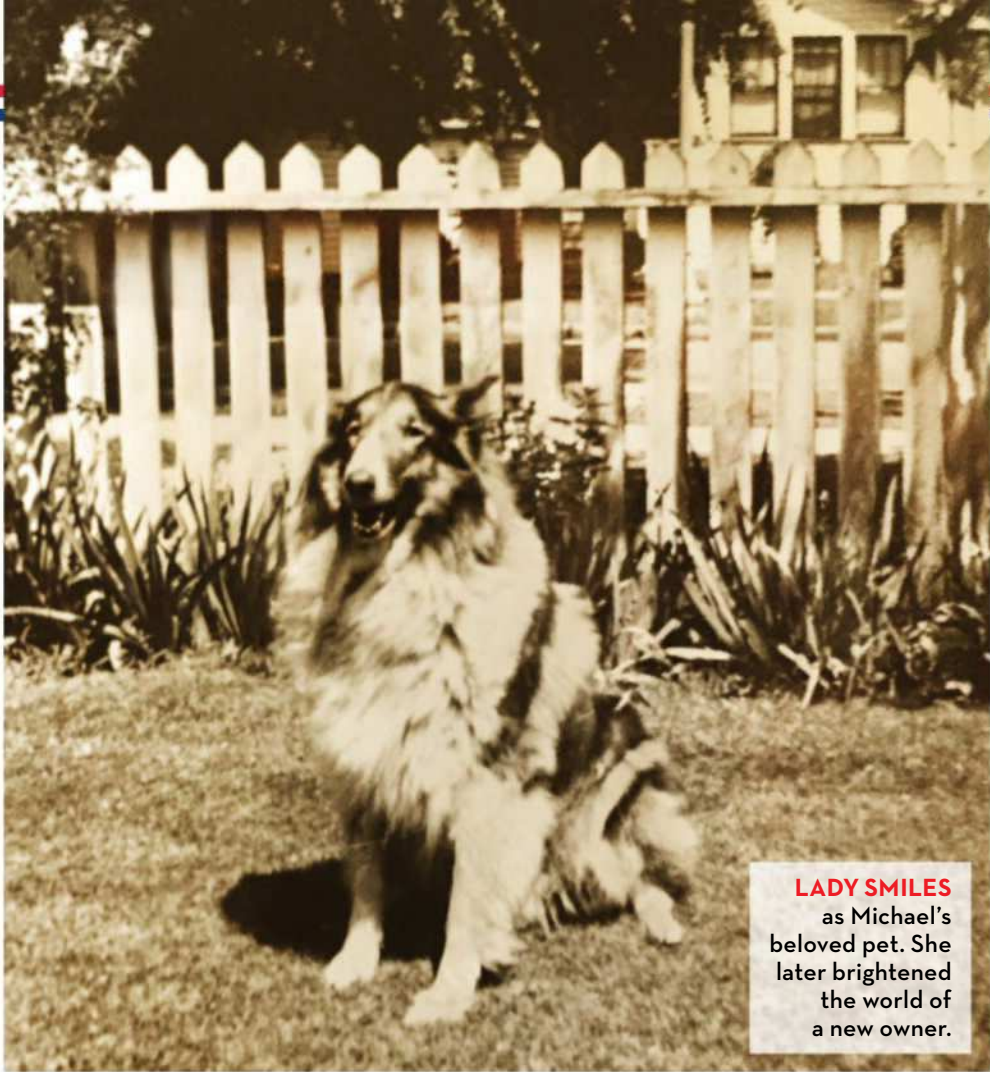


- ABIGAIL -

HEROIC HOUNDS

Since 2011, American Humane's Hero Dog Awards have honored canines in seven categories.

Abigail, above, a victim of dogfighting, was the 2017 Emerging Hero winner and the top Hero Dog overall. The 2018 finalists were named in May and the winner will be announced at a gala to be televised on the Hallmark Channel this fall.



LADY SMILES
as Michael's
beloved pet. She
later brightened
the world of
a new owner.

*There was no way that I could take her away
from this elderly woman
who badly needed Lady's companionship.*

dilemma. I loved my dog and wanted her back, but I realized there was no way that I could take her away from this elderly woman who badly needed Lady's companionship. It would be selfish.

I told the woman she could keep Lady.

She and her son were full of gratitude and promised me that I could visit Lady whenever I wanted. But I knew that would only bring me more heartache. I knew, too, it was best for everyone that I stay away. Lady was performing an essential service now; she and her new

owner deserved a clean break, without the worry that in a moment of longing I would demand my dog back.

Choosing to allow Lady to stay there was without doubt the most difficult decision I'd had to make up to that point in my life—and one of the toughest decisions I've ever made.

My tears flow once more as I write. I never saw Lady again, but I take comfort knowing that this incident helped to form my character, and that my cherished pet made the remaining years of that sweet old woman's life better.



PASSING ALONG her love of horses, Jill Mansor now teaches riding and runs equine therapy classes at her farm in New Jersey.

From Secret Rider to Horse Whisperer

by **JILL MANSOR** • PILESGROVE, NJ

DAD ASKED HIS QUESTION

as casually as possible. “Jill, do you want to go to the market?”

It was hard for me to contain my excitement because I knew what he really meant. He was speaking to me in our code; a trip to the “market” translated as “ride a pony.”

Dad and I had invented the code so my mother wouldn’t

worry. As a nurse at one of the largest children’s hospitals in the country, Mom had seen so many young patients hurt in riding accidents that we knew she’d never agree to her daughter getting on a horse, let alone taking riding lessons.

But my dad knew that riding a horse was all I lived for, and he encouraged it in tiny ways.

On car drives, he’d pull over and lure horses in pasture to the fence with a carrot so I could pet their soft noses. I dreamed of someday owning my own horse.

We lived only about 1½ miles from a broken-down farm that rented horses and ponies for one-hour rides. That first visit, they brought out a little golden pony for me. The poor thing was old and sway-backed, with patches of mud on his body and brambles in his tail, but to me, he was a majestic steed.

For one stolen hour, I could ride off into the sunset astride a pony. It was all the therapy I needed. That night I went to bed full of anticipation for our next trip to the “market.”

Dad and I went on many more shopping adventures, never coming home with groceries—and Mom never asked about them. Perhaps she knew all along where we really were.

The bond I shared with the horses on those rides shaped my life. I am now a certified riding instructor and own a horse farm, where I provide equine therapy for people with autism.

When I bought my first horse, Raise Your Dreams, it was at one of the lowest points in my life. Yet I found he needed me as much as I needed him. Today, my horses lift my students’ spirits as my first horse lifted mine. That’s why I named my farm after him.

SHE WASN'T A HORSE, SHE WAS A MARINE



THE ONLY ANIMAL TO HOLD official rank in the Armed Forces, Sgt. Reckless, a chestnut mare of just 13 hands (4½ feet to her shoulder), was a decorated combat veteran of the Korean War.

First Lt. Eric Pedersen of the Fifth Marines bought her for \$250 at a Seoul racetrack in October 1952 to carry ammo and other supplies in hilly, rough terrain.

She saw combat after a month of intense training, which included learning to “hit the deck” (get down) while under attack and to stay calm amid concussive fire.

Her most valiant performance came in March 1953 during the crucial defense of Outpost Vegas.

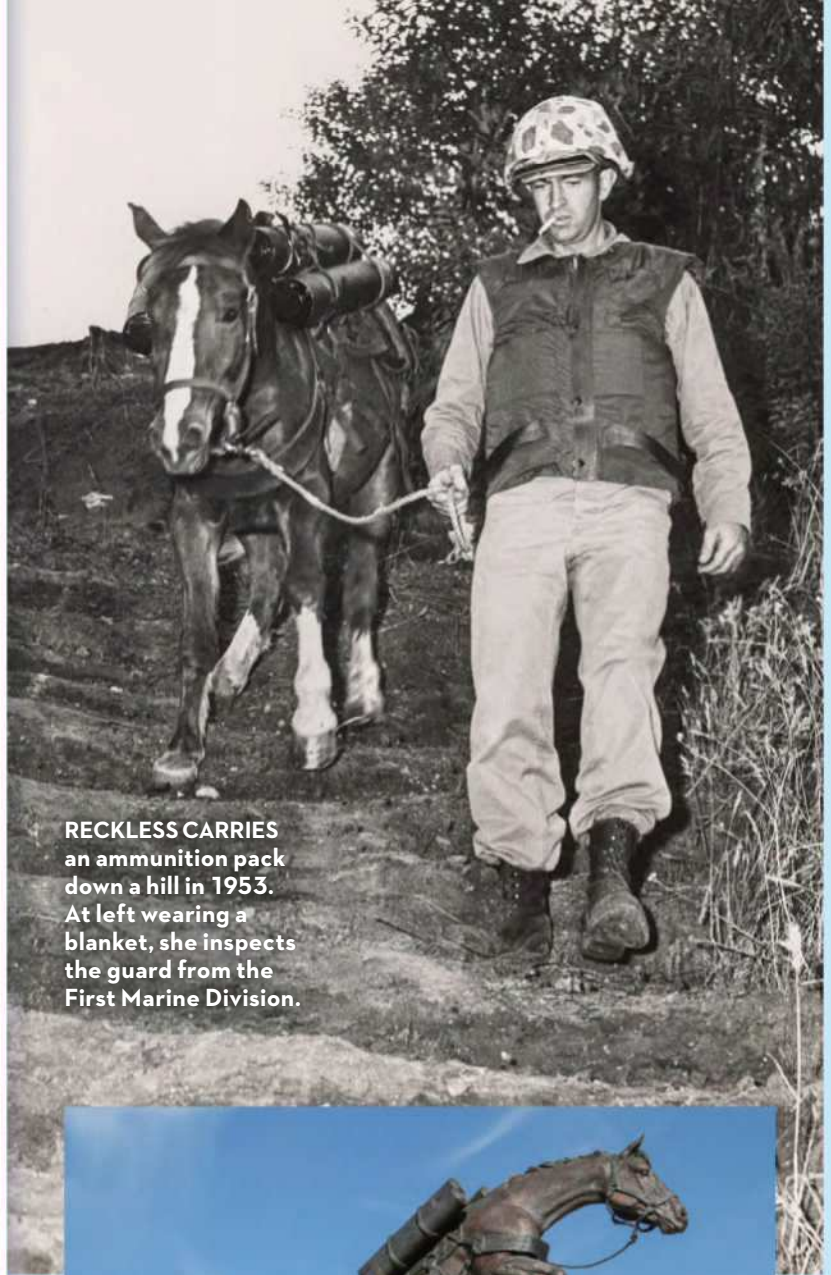
The fight raging, Reckless hauled packs of ammo, each about 200 pounds, up a grueling 45-degree slope. On the way back, she carried wounded soldiers. She made 51 round trips, mostly on her own, in a field chaotic with flares and gun smoke.

She caught shrapnel above an eye and in a foreleg but kept going, earning two Purple Hearts.

“There had to be an angel riding that mare,” Sgt. Harold Wadley, who served with her that day, told the Lexington, KY, *Herald-Leader* in 2017. “She knew where her gun team was.”

Robin Hutton, author of *Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse* (2014), led efforts to honor the mare with three memorials—one is at California's Camp Pendleton, where Reckless died in 1968. ●

BY MARY-LIZ SHAW




RECKLESS CARRIES an ammunition pack down a hill in 1953. At left wearing a blanket, she inspects the guard from the First Marine Division.



A MONUMENT at Camp Pendleton, CA, captures Sgt. Reckless in one of her greatest moments during a Korean War battle. The National Museum of the Marine Corps in Virginia has a similar statue, and a third was unveiled this year at Kentucky Horse Park.



WATER



VISITORS FILL the 400-seat auditorium for the mermaid ballet at Weeki Wachee Springs in Spring Hill, FL, in 1969.

WORLDS

**WHEN MERMAIDS AND BELLES RULED VINTAGE FLORIDA,
SUSPENDED IN BEAUTY** BY MARY-LIZ SHAW



NEWT PERRY before and after Weeki Wachee: setting up a unique picnic for a 1942 short film (above); with *Tarzan Finds a Son* actors Johnny Weissmuller and John Sheffield in 1939 (right); and with daughter Delee and wife Dorothy in 1970 (left).

A Dream Ripples Through Time

A SHOWMAN'S INNOVATION LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION

Central Florida in the 1950s and '60s had many roadside attractions, including Marineland, Silver Springs and Cypress Gardens, but my favorite was Weeki Wachee, a theme park built around a freshwater spring in Hernando County.

Seated in the auditorium, with its large picture windows that looked into the depths 16 feet below the surface, I was mesmerized by women dressed as mermaids performing underwater ballets. While submerged, the mermaids could eat a banana and drink from a soda bottle.

For weeks after our visits, I'd practice the mermaids' moves in our pool at home. I even learned to eat and drink underwater, too.

I didn't have to go far for help mastering the tricks. My father was Newton A. "Newt" Perry, who founded Weeki Wachee in 1947.

Newt was an innovator and performer. He got into show business in the 1920s doing short documentaries with Grantland Rice, a popular

sportswriter whose Spotlight Film shorts would run in movie theaters before the feature.

Newt went on to be technical adviser on the *Tarzan* movies and a stunt double for actor Johnny Weissmuller in the 1930s. And in World War II, he trained frogmen, members of the Navy unit that grew into the SEAL program.

But my father's dream was to build an underwater attraction. When he opened Weeki Wachee, he did the shows with a few local women he recruited to be mermaids. He taught them to breathe using air hoses hidden around the underwater sets, a technique that allowed them to remain submerged for up to 45 minutes and which is still used at the park.

It's remarkable that Newt's dream continues more than 70 years later. Now a state park, Weeki Wachee still has the power to mesmerize anyone lucky enough to visit there.

DELEE PERRY • OCALA, FL

BEFORE STARTING
the Weeki Wachee
theme park, Newt
Perry, right, was a
technical adviser for
Tarzan movies and
the swimming star's
stunt double.



WEEKI WACHEE

"HOW I WISHED I COULD JOIN THEM FOR THE CHANCE TO BE WEIGHTLESS AND FROLIC UNDERWATER."

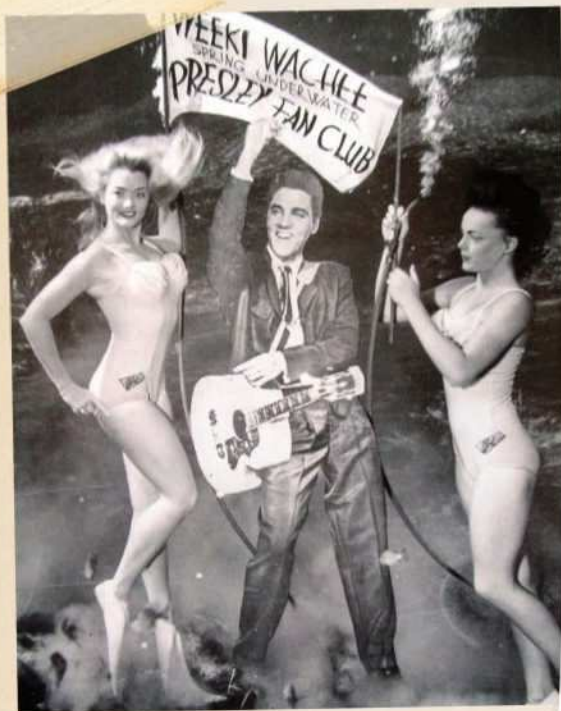
-PAUL McMORRIS, WOODSTOCK, VT



THE FIRST theater sat fewer than 20 people. When ABC bought the park in 1959, it built a 400-seat arena. Even so, the eight daily shows often sold out.



ORIGINAL MERMAIDS in the late 1940s would dress in their bathing suits and pose on U.S. Highway 19 to attract drivers to the theme park. At right, park founder Newt Perry tries a bike stunt.



ELVIS PRESLEY visited Weeki Wachee in June 1961 while filming *Follow That Dream* in nearby Ocala, FL. Mermaids staged a special show with a cutout of the star (far left). He signed autographs and chatted with fans.



POSTCARD: STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA; MERMAIDS, FAN CLUB AND ELVIS: WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK (3)



PERFORMERS HOLD air hoses that allow them to breathe and remain submerged for programs lasting up to 45 minutes. Below, glass-bottom boat tours are among the park's attractions that continue today.



MERMAIDS POSTCARD: STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA/LAGERBERG; BOAT CRUISE AND MERMAID: WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS STATE PARK (2)



THE PAST SPRINGS ETERNAL: WEEKI WACHEE THEN & NOW

- The Seminoles named it Weeki Wachee, which means "little spring" or "winding river."
- The spring is believed to be the deepest in the U.S. Its caverns have been explored to a depth of 407 feet, but the bottom hasn't been found.
- The spring pumps about 117 million gallons a day of fresh, 74-degree water into the Weeki Wachee River, which wends 12 miles to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Submerged signs warn divers away from its most treacherous caves.

Certain areas can be explored only during droughts, when the current slows down.

■ When Newt Perry scouted the area for his roadside park in the '40s, the spring was clogged with appliances, old cars and other junk.

■ Perry built his auditorium into the spring's limestone shelf. It forms a natural theater on a slope 16 to 20 feet below the surface, where the current is a robust 5 mph. Mermaids work hard to stay in place.

■ The first show was Oct. 13, 1947. Mermaids weren't paid, but they did get free meals and bathing suits.

■ In 1959, steady promotion by new owner ABC kicked off the park's most successful period.

■ It joined Florida's state park system in 2008 and has a \$13 adult gate fee. Mermaids perform three times daily.

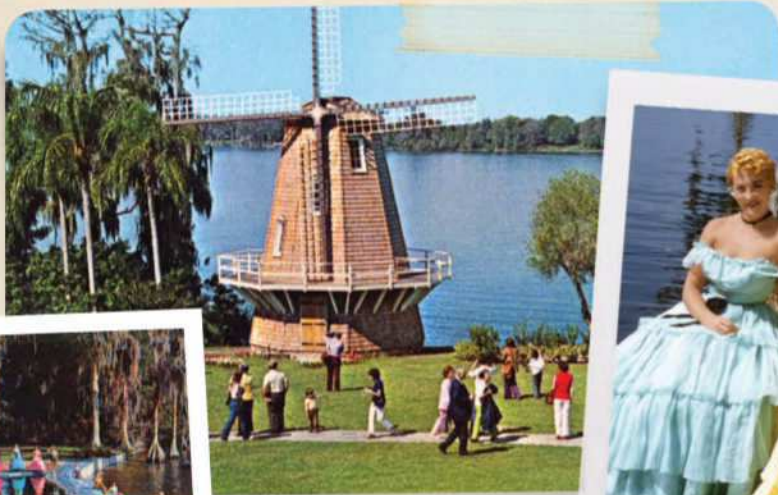




CYPRESS GARDENS

“THINK BIG ABOUT EVERYTHING.”

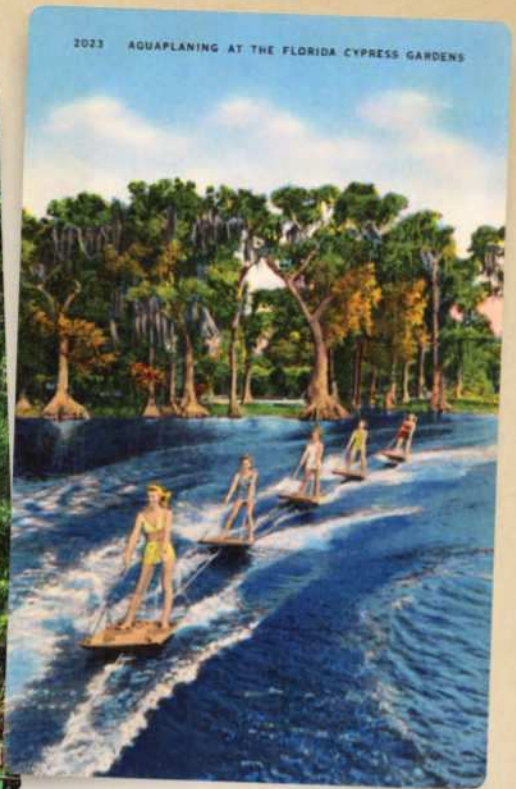
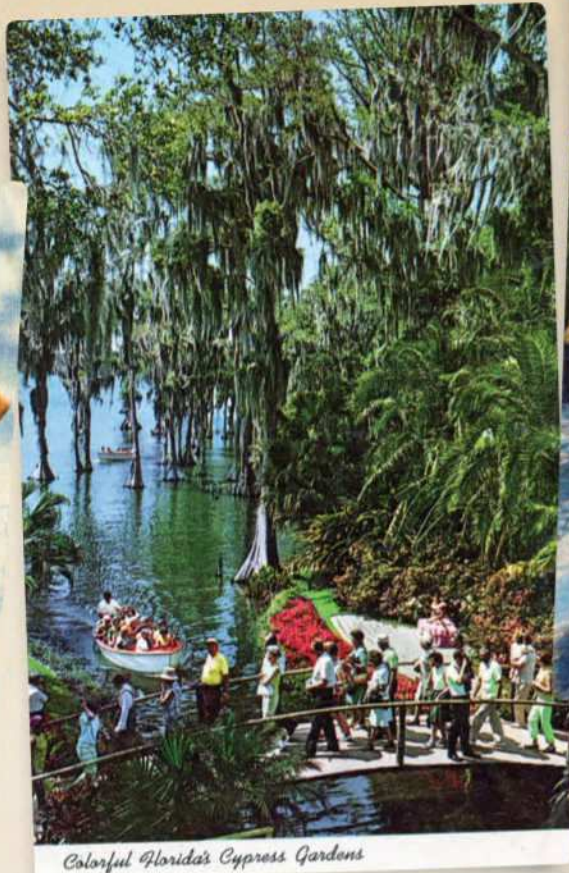
—MOTTO OF DICK POPE,
CO-FOUNDER OF CYPRESS GARDENS



A FLORIDA-SHAPED pool, left, was built at Cypress Gardens in 1953 for Esther Williams' movie *Easy to Love*. Now part of Legoland, the pool is decorated with floating Legos and colorful belles made of Lego bricks.



BELLES REPOSE in this 1955 image by Joseph J. Steinmetz, a photographer known for his tender portraits of Florida life.



DARING SHOWS on Lake Eloise made Cypress Gardens the “water-skiing capital of the world.” Below, the seedling banyan tree planted in 1939 is massive today.

FROM SWAMP TO SWANK: CYPRESS GARDENS' RISE

■ In 1931, Dick and Julie Pope bought several acres of cypress swamp on Lake Eloise in Winter Haven, FL, for a tourist garden. It took five years to clear the land, dig canals and procure the plants. Cypress Gardens opened Jan. 2, 1936; 182 visitors each paid 25 cents to get in.

■ The gardens featured more than 30 kinds of palms, 26 varieties of banana trees, 40 varieties of azalea and 30 kinds of camellias. Plants came from Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas.

■ When frost killed vines at the gates in 1940, Julie had a staff member in a hooped dress stand nearby to divert visitors' attention. Roaming southern belles were soon regular fixtures.

■ In 1941, when a newspaper printed a picture of the gardens with water skiers, several servicemen showed up to see the skiing show. There was no such thing at the time, but on the spot, Julie rounded up her kids and friends to put one on. Cypress Gardens has been credited with making water



skiing a craze that lasted well into the 1970s.

■ A tireless promoter, Dick was known to say to his staff, “I’ve called the press and told them something big is happening here today. Any ideas?”

■ The Pope family sold the park in 1985. After several owners, closings and reopenings, the gardens became part of Legoland Florida in 2010, and joined the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

ELECTRIC BOAT

tours of the canals at Cypress Gardens provided intimate views of tropical flora. The tours started in 1937 and remained popular throughout the park's history.



Where Wishes Were Free

A DAY AT CYPRESS GARDENS OFFERED A PEACEFUL RETREAT FROM WAR

Located in former swampland along the shore of Lake Eloise in Winter Haven, Florida, Cypress Gardens as seen through my 5-year-old eyes in 1944 was very different from the national tourist attraction it later became.

We lived in Auburndale, about 6 miles from the park. The war years were tough: Gas and automobile tires were rationed and scarce, money for family outings even scarcer.

Fortunately, Dick and Julie Pope, the owners of Cypress Gardens, held a Polk County Day once a year, when local residents could get into the beautiful park for free.

For the whole day we forgot our hardships and strolled paths through a fairyland of bougainvilleas, gardenias, azaleas and roses. My favorite was the one I called the bashful plant, though it was probably a touch-me-not (*Mimosa pudica*). The leaves would shrink and close up when I touched them, much as I, a shy girl, felt like doing around people.

I looked forward to seeing the banyan tree, which was planted the year I was born, 1939, and has grown to giant proportions today.

And I stopped at the Wishing Tree, a huge oak damaged in a hurricane, a large limb

almost completely torn away. Though partially detached from the mother tree, the limb thrived. A nearby sign promised that if you sat on it and made a wish, your wish would come true. Every year I asked for the same thing—to fly like the birds inhabiting the pines and cypresses in the gardens. My three brothers teased me that it couldn't come true, but the first time I got on a plane, I knew the Wishing Tree had proved them wrong.

For 25 cents, visitors could tour the canals in small boats. These rides weren't in our budget, but we enjoyed standing on the wooden bridges as the boats passed below us. I admired the southern belles who roamed the gardens in colorful hooped dresses. At lunch, we'd picnic in the shade.

Between water ski shows, guests could swim in the lake. There was even a rope tied to one of the cypresses at the shore. What a thrill to swing out and drop in the water. This activity ended when more ski shows were added.

We visited Cypress Gardens on Polk County Day every year until the Popes discontinued the event in the early 1950s. What memories! ●

BEVERLY SCOTT • AUBURNDALE, FL

856 RUSTIC BRIDGE OVER ONE OF THE CANALS, FLORIDA CYPRESS GARDENS



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An aerial photograph of the Seattle skyline during the day. The city's skyscrapers are visible, with Mount Rainier in the distance. The sky is clear and blue. A white text box is overlaid on the lower part of the image.

ABOUT THE VIEW

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ON DISPLAY

MEALS ON WHEELS When workers got hungry, Dad's food trucks delivered.

BY HANNAH BACHARACH • BRONX, NY

When the second and final season of the 1964-'65 New York World's Fair closed, I was barely 5, too young to remember much about the wonderland that thrilled so many. Living near Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, we visited the fair often, but my parents didn't take any photos of those outings.

Our photos tell a different story, one that started in 1960 when my father, Henry Sealine, and his partner, Arnold Silverstein, were contracted by Robert Moses, the head of the World's Fair Corp., to provide food and beverages for construction workers at the fair.

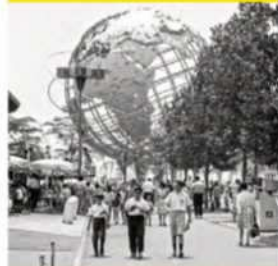
My father and his partner commissioned the photos. In

every one, a pavilion or structure stands in the background with a white truck and customers in the foreground. The partners had a fleet of 10 trucks, each with the fair's logo, a tiny Unisphere, on its side. They also operated several stationary food kiosks next to the larger pavilions.

Today food trucks are pervasive on city streets, but then they were quite new. My father designed and retrofitted the interior of each truck for proper storage of thousands of food items sold each day—primarily soup, sandwiches, coffee and cold drinks.

On opening day, the trucks supplied free coffee and pastries to thousands of attendees. I'm proud of my dad and the part he played in those months leading up to the fair's opening day.

1964-'65 WORLD'S FAIR FIRSTS



Disney's "It's a Small World" animatronics lured 10 million over two seasons.

Jet packs zipped visitors around the fairgrounds.

Architect Minoru Yamasaki displayed a preliminary scale model of New York City's Twin Towers.

Ford Motor Co. introduced the Mustang with a base price of \$2,300; 400,000 sold that year.

Bell Laboratories debuted the first picturephone.

Source: Mentalfloss.com



Testosterone Meets T. Rex

Many of the exhibits at the 1964-'65 World's Fair in Queens, New York, gave attendees a glimpse into the future. However, one exhibit took spectators into the distant past. Dinoland, sponsored by Sinclair Oil Corp., featured life-size replicas of nine dinosaurs, including Dino, a 70-foot-long version of Sinclair's signature brontosaurus, plus a Tyrannosaurus rex and a triceratops.

A year after the fair closed, Dinoland embarked on a multicity tour, stopping at the Northland Mall in Columbus, Ohio, 30 miles from my hometown of Stoutsville. My three brothers and I just had to see it. ●

JOHN SCANLAN
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

“Living in upstate New York, my family couldn't pass up the opportunity in 1967 to visit Expo '67, the World's Fair in Montreal, Quebec. My brother Mark, 14, looks cool outside the German Pavilion.”

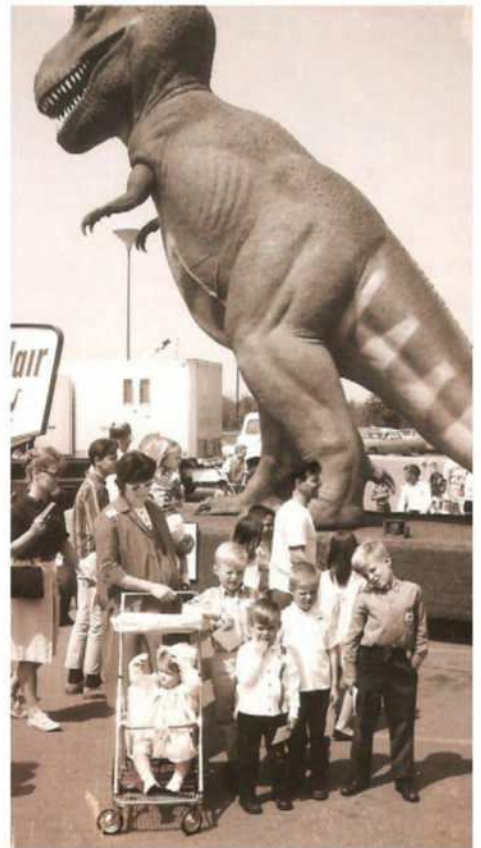
KAREN FRENYES ANDERSON • CHARLESTON, RI



TAKING IT TO NEW YORK

In 1964 my Aunt Sybil, who served on the Alabama Public Service Commission, got an invitation to the New York World's Fair. She asked me, my mom and my sister, Lynn, to join her. We left Birmingham, stayed at the New York Hilton, ate at the Four Seasons and saw a Broadway play. Oh, and the fair was great, too. It was the trip of a lifetime.

BENJAMIN POOL • MONTGOMERY, AL



JOHN'S MOM, Dorothy, kept an eye on baby Kathy while the boys (from left, John, Jeff, Joe and Jerry) spent the day teaching their dad everything they knew about dinosaurs.



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DEBBIE REINHART • NEW CUMBERLAND, PA

PREP: 15 min. • **MAKES:** 16 servings (1 gallon)

- 5 lemons (divided use)
- 5 limes (divided use)
- 5 oranges (divided use)
- 3 qt. water
- 1½ to 2 cups sugar

1. Squeeze the juice from four each of the lemons, limes and oranges; pour into a gallon container.
2. Thinly slice the remaining fruit and set aside for garnish. Add water and sugar to juice; mix well.
3. Store in the refrigerator. Serve over ice with fruit slices.

1 cup: 122 cal., 0 fat (0 sat. fat), 0 chol., 2mg sod., 33g carb. (25g sugars, 3g fiber), 1g pro.

WHAT A CROCK

STONEWARE CROCKS were a staple in Grandma's kitchen. Made from clay fired at high temperatures, these utility containers are watertight and keep food hot or cold.

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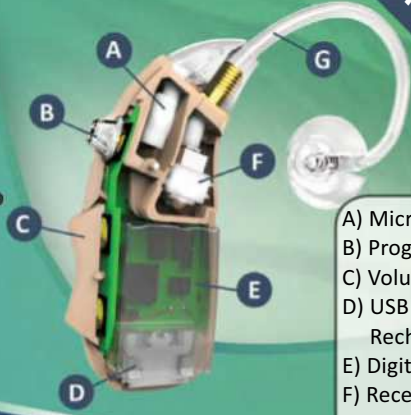
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CREATIVE CARICATURE

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1958

FUN IN THE SUN

This Libby's ad is aimed squarely at busy moms whose kids spend their summer days working up a thirst running from one naughty prank to another. The "frozen" beneath the bright red Libby's logo is almost an afterthought—and why not? Who has time to wait for fresh-squeezed juice when there's a baby sister to tease?



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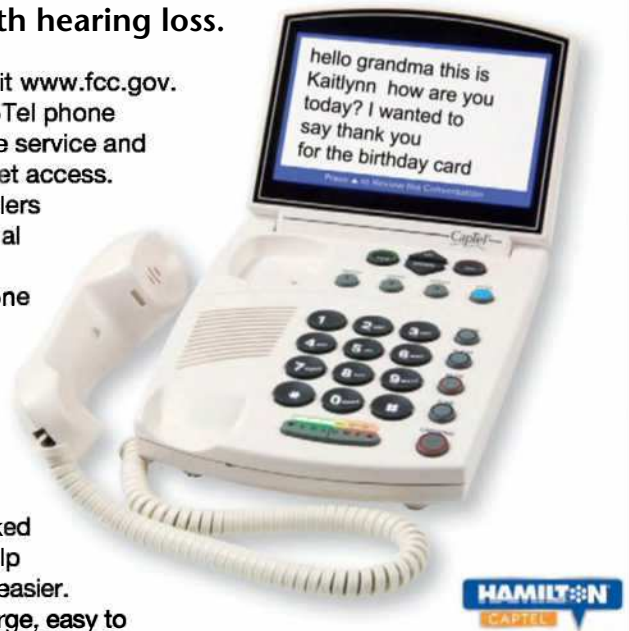
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THE THOMPSONS of Waukesha, WI, loved to camp—around their home state and on trips to Virginia and Canada to visit relatives. In 1963, Joyce, and her kids, from left, Steve, 11, Ann, 9, Mark, 5, and Robin, 3, relax with Joyce's parents, Joe and Gertrude Foltz.

» *MORE THOMPSON SNAPSHOTS,*
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1. It takes a few tables to seat all the kids at a picnic party in 1964. The four Thompson children are among the hungry throng.

2. Steve, 11, and sister Ann, 9, check on the fish in August 1963.

3. A 1962 bird's-eye view of the camp shows towels drying after a recent swim.

4. A seasoned camper since the '50s, dad Bruce was a packing expert by July 1960.

5. Mom Joyce washes dishes in July 1963. She had a pact with Bruce that he would do all the cooking on their camping trips.

6. Breaking camp, 1961. Getting everything—and everyone—to fit into the family wagon was an art.

MOTORING MEMORIES

EAST OR WEST, OUR DeSOTO WAS BEST

The perfect vehicle for big families who liked to roam.

BY **NANCY WARD VAN GULICK**

RAYMORE, MO

Living in Missouri near the center of the country put my family in the position to travel conveniently either east or west and, every summer, my dad, Ernie, loved to take us on road trips.

With its push-button transmission and rear facing back seat, our 1959 DeSoto station wagon was deluxe travel in those days. It easily accommodated our big family—our parents, my three sisters, my brother and me. And Dad equipped the wagon with extras, such as a bug screen and roof luggage rack.

He loved DeSotos. Our previous family car had been a 1953 DeSoto four-door sedan.

For our first vacation with the new wagon, we drove west into the Colorado mountains. The novelty of snow in the middle of summer prompted all of us to jump out of the car and make snowballs, which we launched directly at our father.

The next year found us heading east. On Cape Cod in Massachusetts, it took two cabins to accommodate all of us. We spent some extra nights in Corbin, Kentucky, as we waited for repairs to the push-button transmission.

I have fond memories of both of these trips.

It turned out that 1959 was the last year DeSoto made a station wagon, and only about 700 of them rolled off the assembly line that year. Chrysler discontinued all DeSotos with the 1961 model year.

At least ours lives on in the beautiful slides we took on Dad's Kodak Pony camera. ●



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OUR DESOTO
STATION WAGON
WAS DELUXE TRAVEL
IN THOSE DAYS.



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1. Dad, Ernie Ward, holds David; Ruthie sits on the hood, with Peggy and Nancy in the background, during a trip to Colorado in 1959. Ernie had the wagon outfitted with a bug guard and roof rack.
2. David, Nancy, Peggy, Mom (Marilee), Susan and Ruthie get ready for a picnic in the woods in 1960.
3. Taking a break from unpacking the DeSoto, the Wards pose in front of their two cabins during a stop in Massachusetts.

NAME
THAT CAR

FROM DAILY DRIVER TO PAMPERED PET

Showroom closeout turns into a keeper.

BY VIRGIL FULTS • MORRIS, MN

My wife, Theresa, and I bought this car off the showroom floor at Warner's Auto Sales in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

We intended to buy a popular sedan the manufacturer offered, but Warner's was out of them. This model, though, was built on the same chassis and had all the sedan features I was looking for, just in a spiffier package. This was the maker's answer to the Ford Mustang fastback.

Only about 10,000 were built in the year ours came off the assembly line. It's one of the first American cars to have front disc brakes as standard equipment; it also has fully reclining bucket seats and an overdrive manual transmission with an unusual twin-stick floor shifter.

We ended up buying it as an end-of-season closeout. While the car gets pampered now, it was our daily driver for seven years, and it suffered

the typical wear and tear of most family vehicles—and once, a not-so-typical treatment.

Its only accident happened around Christmastime a few short months after we bought it. After attending a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, my wife and her friends stopped for lunch at a cafe, and someone backed into the right front fender in the restaurant's parking lot.

The atypical treatment? That was courtesy of two of our five children. I walked into the garage one day to find the car's back fender covered with gravel and our 4-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter doing a soft-shoe routine on top of it.

Fortunately, our local body shop repaired the damaged finish. And, incidentally, neither child grew up to dance professionally, on cars or anywhere else, although our daughter has turned out to be very fussy about her own car. ●

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1 The company was formed in a 1954 merger, the largest in U.S. history to that date.

2 The original concept car had a compact chassis and was dubbed the Tarpon.

3 CEO Roy Abernethy scrapped the original concept and had it redesigned on a midsize chassis.

4 Ads said the model offered "man-size comfort."

5 The car shown was built in the model's first year.

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CLASSIC CARS

BY KELLY WHITT



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ACROSS

- 1 Colors
- 5 Chinese restaurant favorite chow ____
- 9 An apple ____ (2 wds.)
- 13 Sailor's need
- 14 Star name that means "The Ghoul"
- 16 Stringed instrument
- 17 Pup from Garfield
- 18 Lasso
- 19 Soviet Trotsky
- 20 Detroit car company begun in 1899
- 22 Twitches
- 24 Busy creature
- 25 New England state
- 26 Talked back
- 30 1.6 kilometers
- 31 ____ King Cole
- 34 To a particular point
- 35 Stiletto
- 36 Halloween shout
- 37 Chicken noodle, for example
- 38 Popular pasta noodle
- 39 Lively
- 40 Do math
- 41 Gauzy coverings
- 42 Mattress brand
- 43 Word in marriage announcements

- 44 Money in Milan
- 45 Martial artist and actor Steven
- 46 Forehead fringe
- 48 Cost
- 49 Pure
- 51 Classic car nicknamed the Kenosha Cadillac
- 56 Activity done to coals
- 57 Arctic, for one
- 60 Capital of Latvia
- 61 Location
- 62 Restorative
- 63 All right
- 64 Ernie's buddy
- 65 Eliminate
- 66 Gets hitched

DOWN

- 1 Let go of
- 2 Jedi grand master

- 3 Very long poem
- 4 Hunt
- 5 Made imperfect
- 6 Omit a syllable
- 7 Supermarket initials
- 8 "Be ____ Afraid"
- 9 Edgar ____ Poe
- 10 Minnesota carmaker begun in 1913
- 11 Particle
- 12 Desires
- 15 Luxury GM brand begun in 1927
- 21 Cain's brother
- 23 Baked goods
- 25 Expressions
- 26 ____ B. Anthony
- 27 Part of a battery
- 28 Wagon and auto maker started in 1852
- 29 Taste
- 30 ____ Park, CA

- 32 Main artery
- 33 Complete
- 35 Descendants
- 38 French auto and bicycle manufacturer
- 39 Green veggie
- 41 Air or release
- 42 Appear
- 45 Medium's activity
- 47 Take ____ (2 wds.)
- 48 Weak
- 49 Sand critter
- 50 It lost the race
- 52 Forehead
- 53 Fond of
- 54 Gadzooks!
- 55 Beams
- 58 Whitefish
- 59 Opposite WSW

HOW'D YOU DO?

See solution on page 64.

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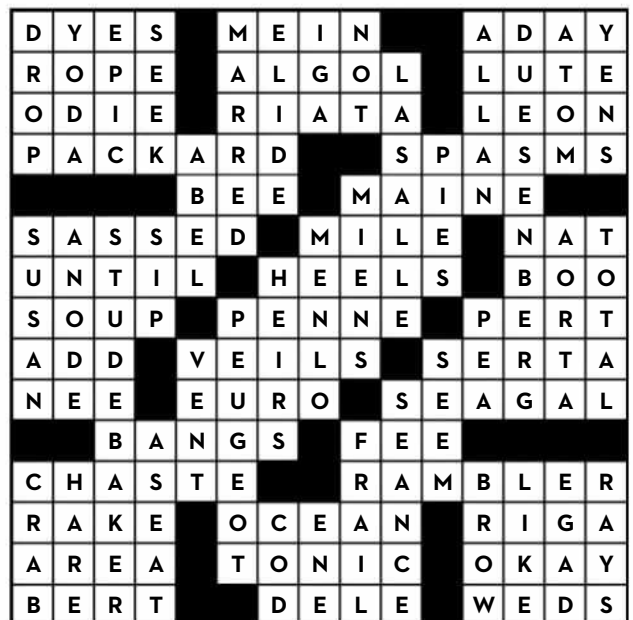
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TRIVIAL PURSUITS, PAGE 13: 1. "The Ballad of Jed Clampett"; bubblin' crude, black gold, Texas tea 2. "Y'all come back now, y'hear?" 3. Ce-ment pond 4. Critters 5. Bodine; son of Jed's cousin Pearl 6. Mother-in-law 7. Mr. Drysdale 8. Jane Hathaway 9. Jed; bloodhound 10. Possum 11. Fancy eatin' table. **Correction:** May's Bond quiz omitted David Niven, who played the spy in *Casino Royale* (1967).

NAME THAT CAR, PAGE 60: Virgil Fults' pampered pet is a 1965 Rambler Marlin.



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A charge across the field
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BY CHARLES GREENMAN • FLOYD, IA

Years ago, when we were all boys, we spent hours along the two waterways that bordered our town. Lime Creek (now Winnebago) and the Shell Rock River came together

south of town at a spot we called the cutoff. Many stories took place in the land between the rivers. This one was in 1948, when I was 10.

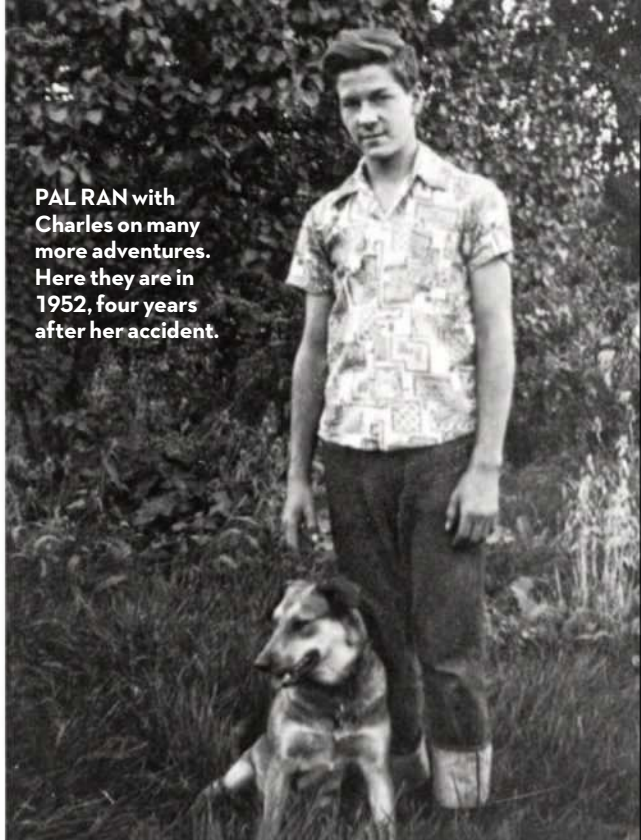
Rodney, Lyle and I decided to go fishing on Lime Creek. We crossed the steel-span bridge and went east to an old wagon crossing overgrown with ragweed. We had corn knives, which were like machetes, to cut a path. We were almost at the river when my dog Pal ran down the path and into someone's knife. She was cut above the eyes, bleeding badly and running in dazed circles.

Rodney and Lyle held her while I squeezed the wound closed and covered it with my shirt. I kept thinking what a good friend she'd been. She loved water; duck hunting was her favorite thing to do. She always knew where she was supposed to be when hunting pheasants. *I can't let her die*, I thought. I scooped her up and started frantically back toward town.

Rodney was right beside me holding the cloth over her head. But Pal must've weighed almost 70 pounds. When I finally made it near the edge of town, my arms gave out and I fell to my knees, exhausted.

Lyle picked her up and took off at a very fast pace. He was a rugged kid, probably from fighting his older brother Merle every night after school. Block after block Lyle kept on. Rodney tried to relieve him but Lyle was too bullheaded to quit. However, the vet's office

PAL RAN with Charles on many more adventures. Here they are in 1952, four years after her accident.



was across town, and we still had a long way to go. Lyle was worn out. We had to rest, so we set Pal down in the grass.

"What's wrong with that dog?" It was the town doctor, Russell Knight, calling to us from his office across the street. We told him, and seconds later he was running toward us, in much the same way he must have done during combat in World War II—with his bag in his hand and a serious look on his face. He knelt beside our wounded friend and talked softly to her. She kept very still for him, as though she knew he would take care of her.

Doc cleaned the wound and, moving quickly, sewed it closed right there on the grass.

"Don't let her scratch the stitches out," Doc said as he stood. "You can bring her to my house next week and I'll take a look at her."

I was gazing up at him, trying to explain that I couldn't afford to pay him, when something strange happened: I saw a plate of steel appear across the doctor's shoulders, and the bag in his hand transformed into a shield.

I blinked away the vision and heard him say, "Boy, you don't owe me a thing."

I'm sure it was the sun playing tricks on me. Yet forever after I would consider that doctor to be my knight in shining armor. ●

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