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President's Message

by Chas Ritson

Now that we are well into our terms of office, I'd like to take the opportunity to outline briefly some of the important projects and activities that the Board is working on. We hope that they will all be completed in August, when new elections are held.

The Board has committed to focusing on five key goals: a smooth transition to an outsourced bookkeeping service; replacing our office building; upgrading our maintenance yard; finishing the fall 2008 roadwork this spring, including the additional roads for 2009 as described in the reserve vote; and, repairing/upgrading our current pool, while doing the planning for an expanded facility in

the future.

* The Board has also committed to moving forward on a large number of previously approved reserve projects, including:

* A survey of the East Lake shoreline, adjacent to the new dam/spillway, has just been completed. PA Dam Safety specified this requirement before they will approve the installation of a dam cap to raise the level of the lake. The Board and the Community Manager are in the process of reviewing the survey.

* Based on community feedback at the Annual Meeting in August regarding the Crossing Road dam/spillway project, our Community Manager has contacted PA Dam Safety



Photo by M. Livingston.

to determine the location of any new dams in our general area, with the aim of looking at their designs

versus what is being proposed by our current engineer. Three new dam locations were disclosed; a visit to each site for design evaluation and picture taking is being planned for the spring. The CM was also asked to contact at least three other engineering design firms to determine

their interest in submitting a proposal. Formal feedback is pending.

* Two meetings were held in December regarding the possible dredging of Middle Lake. Both meetings were preliminary in nature, the first with PADEP and USACE (U.S. Army Corps of

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Notes from the Community Manager

Betty White Gross, CMCA, AMS

Winter has certainly made its presence known. The community has been blanketed in snow and ice on more than one occasion and as I write this, we are preparing for a weekend with six to ten inches of snow possible. Maintenance staff has responded to each event with the intent of keeping the twenty-six miles of roads within Birchwood Lakes safe and passable for members and their guests. Please be patient with them and encourage them with a smile or friendly wave when you see them out on the roads. Additionally, if you have a special need or become aware of an area needing attention, please contact the BLCA Office or Public Safety. Information is noted and relayed to maintenance.

The winter also brings longer nights and members and guests can take steps to help arrive safely at their destination. Clean headlights, tail-lights and windows regularly. Turn on headlights in early twilight, increasing your visibility to others. Reduce your speed and increase following distances. If you do experience car

problems, pull off the road and use flares or reflectors to warn other motorists. Most importantly, do not drink and drive or drive when fatigued.

Responding to member comments and suggestions, the Association is moving ahead on several projects. Acoustical panels will soon be installed in the BLCA Clubhouse to improve the sound quality during meetings. Weather permitting, installation of the recently received message board for the Route 739 entrance area will proceed. The Board of Directors approved the sign as a means of informing the members and their guests of upcoming activities and items of interest. A website, birchwoodlakes.net, has been established to provide a mechanism for members to access information about the community online. The newsletter, *The Birchwood Voice*, is now available to members by email. If you are interested in this option, please contact the BLCA Office.

All of these actions are meant to provide information to the members and encourage involvement on your part. Currently volunteers are

needed to serve on the Community Safety Committee. The Committee assists the Board by making recommendations for Public Safety equipment, as well as serving on the Crime Watch Committee in an effort to make the common areas a safe place for the members and their guests. If you are a member in good standing, have a few hours of your time to donate, and desire to get involved, please contact the BLCA Office for more information and to sign up.

For members who are not full-time residents and may only utilize the post office occasionally, the Dingmans Ferry Post Office has moved to a new location on Route 739 near the entrance to Camp Speers-Eljabar. With several changes in the postal system, it is even more important that you provide the Association with your correct mailing address. (Note any address changes must be submitted in writing to the BLCA Office.)

Stay warm, stay safe and become an active part of your community in 2009!

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BIRCHWOOD LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

2009 SCHEDULE OF OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

Open Board Meetings are held at the BLCA Clubhouse

FEBRUARY 14 9:30 a.m.

JULY 10 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 13 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 15 9:30 a.m.

APRIL 11 9:30 a.m.

MAY 8 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 22 9:30 a.m.

JUNE 13 9:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting

Lake Management Committee Plans for 2009

The Lake Management Committee is planning another active year in which we will continue monitoring our lakes, instituting programs to improve them, and presenting educational programs and materials related to drinking water quality and healthy lakes. LMC's preliminary schedule of activities for this year is listed below. Please contact the office if you would like to join the committee or to learn more about any activity (a LMC member will get back to you). We welcome new members including people who use the lakes, but don't live on them.

- * Geese addling and harassment (March - October)
- * Continued restocking of East Birchwood Lake (May/ June)
- * Aquatic plant control utilizing EcoSolutions (May - October)
- * Water Quality Monitoring utilizing the Citizens Volunteer Monitoring Program, (CVMP)/EcoSolutions/BLCA volunteers (May - October)
- * Well water testing program with Wilkes University (May/ June)
- * Spotlight on Our Lakes II seminar (August)
- * LakeFest 2009 (July 4th weekend)

* Installation of invasive species warning signs at each boat launch.

* Maintenance/ upgrading of the native plant garden at East Birchwood Lake.

* Evaluation of Upper Birchwood Lake aerator to determine whether aerators should be considered in our other lakes.

* Support and monitor all projects involving our lakes (Middle Birchwood Lake dredging, East Lake dam cap, Lower Lake outlet valve repair; Crossing Road spillway replacement).

Lake Committee to continue Geese Control in 2009

Richard Buonomo

In 2008, the Lake Management Committee initiated Canada Geese control measures within the Birchwood Community. These included educational seminars, USDA contracted services to find geese nests and addle the eggs, and subsequent volunteer pyrotechnic harassment of remaining adult geese. Based on the moderate success of the initial program, the Lake Management Committee has suggested to the Board that we continue the program with modifications that will decrease costs and increase efficiency.

For the 2009 Canada Geese nesting season, we intend to continue to locate nests and treat eggs without contracting for USDA services. With the help of watchful community members, we believe that we can locate the nests more thoroughly than the USDA (yes, they missed a few!) and treat the eggs with equal efficacy.

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Maintenance Message Jim Silverman

I really want to thank all of you for the help you have been giving us as we try to stay ahead of the weather. We seem to have had everything from a dumping of twelve inches of snow to big time ice in the first week of 2009. The office, Board, Public Safety and mem-

bers are all on the same page - safe roads and safe driving. Our three trucks and three full-time maintenance employees are doing their best to keep it clear. Many trees have also been coming down. It seems like a real Pennsylvania winter.

So this is our main focus for the rest of the winter - Keep it clean and get everyone to and from. If you ever see our strobe lights blinking at night, it's because we are out there cleaning the pavement. Patience and safety - If it's icy, drive slower and more cautiously. It is a lot harder to remove ice over snow.

Just think in three months we will be wondering when the pool and beaches are going to open. So hold that warm thought and Happy New Year!

Permits

BLCA Rules and Regulations (Section 98-50-19), in accordance with the Association's Covenants and Restrictions, require members to obtain a BLCA permit prior to moving to, constructing, or erecting any structure or building within the community. There is no fee for obtaining the permit. Additionally, permits are needed for septic repairs and tree removals. For more information, contact the BLCA Office.

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If you were issued a new 911 mailing address and have not yet notified the office in writing, we ask you please do so. This will allow you to receive your mail from the Birchwood Lakes Office and to prevent any problems that may develop in the next few months.

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BLCA Board Meeting November 14, 2008

This is an abbreviated record of the minutes; a more complete copy can be obtained from the BLCA office.

Actions taken by the Board, between the October and November meeting, polling all Directors:

- * McCracken HVAC to replace conference room furnace.
- * Wayco Inc. to repair Office sidewalk.
- * Submitted several bids for the November 12, 2008 repository sale for lots to be placed in common land.

Other motions approved by the Board:

- * Write offs totaling over \$5,800.
- * Purchase of a new sander.
- * Because of dumping issues, Walnut Street to be closed and a barrier installed.

* Participation in the 2009 Gypsy Moth Suppression program. Cost of \$20,438 will be paid by assessment.

* One tree removal request.

Other discussions:

* The Children's Halloween party was successful, over 50 children attended.

* Letters were sent to several homeowners for encroaching on BLCA right-of-way.

* Pool repairs delayed until spring because of difficulty in getting parts.

* The Board accepted the resignation of Director Kathy Stirrat.

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Minutes October 11, 2008

The Board of Directors hopes members who cannot attend the board meetings will gain some understanding of the issues facing the Board. The editors of the newsletter appreciate any comments.

Residents who wish to see the entire transcript may get a copy at the BLCA office, or provide the office with a stamped self addressed envelope (8/12 X 12), with two (2) 42-cent stamps. The minutes will be mailed after the Board approves them. You must be a member in good standing and request, in writing, that minutes be mailed to you.

Motions approved between the September and October meetings, by polling all Board members:

Transfer of funds between

accounts to pay current bills. Approved closing Merrill Lynch account and place into FDIC insured accounts with Dime Bank.

Motions approved at the October 11 meeting:

* Write-offs totaling \$3,700.

* Funding for the Halloween party for kids, Thank-giving Crafts, and Breakfast with Santa. Cost about \$100 per event.

* Purchase of message board sign for the 739 entrance and acoustical panels for the clubhouse

* Two tree removal requests.

* Revision of oath taken by appellants appearing before the Resolution Committee.

Other discussions:

Director Freeman requested changing the name of the Road Maintenance & Construction Committee to Road Planning, since the committee does not have

anything to do with maintenance. Request referred to By-Laws Committee.

Changes to the Red Pine mail area to be delayed until spring.

Alerting the community about pending Rules and Regulations changes to be done via website and newsletter.

Outsourcing bookkeeping transition to be completed by January 1, 2009.

Workshop scheduled for October 25, 2008 to establish Board Priorities for 2008/2009.

Costs for the 2009 Gypsy Moth Suppression program are increasing 20% to 25%. If the community is approved for 2009, payment will be needed by November 15, 2009.

BLCA Curfew

BLCA has a curfew of 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

As a courtesy to all members, please observe the curfew hours.

Statuary Owner Found!

We still have a few items looking for their owners. If you have misplaced or forgotten anything at the pool, beaches or mail-room, it may have been turned in. Contact the BLCA Office to see if your "missing" item is there.

Lake Committee...

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For this volunteer program to work, we have assigned Committee members on each lake to look out for the indications of nesting behavior. But, if all community members keep their eyes open for nesting behavior, we stand a greater chance of not missing any nests! Remember, a pair of geese becomes a family of 16 geese in four years! That's a lot of goose droppings polluting our lake water and compromising our recreational areas.

Indications of nesting behavior start with the pairing of a goose and gander in late February into March (as soon as the ice melts). In April, they build a mound nest, typically within 20 feet of the water. After the eggs are laid, the goose sits on the nest for 12- 20 days, while the gander stands guard within 20 yards of the nest. Goslings hatch in May. During this incubation period, committee volunteers who are registered with the USDA will treat the eggs using corn oil, preventing successful fertilization and hatching. The clue to sighting nesting behavior is

that the geese are very resistant to move even when approached. If you suspect that geese are nesting around your property, please email me at gemstoner@msn.com or contact the office. Tell us the area where you suspect geese are nesting, and with the appropriate property owner's consent, we will investigate and treat the nests we locate.

With no, or few goslings to care for, the adult geese are easier to harass. In 2008, following a demonstration to the Board and many communications to the community, we used loud pyrotechnics – basically hand-launched fireworks – to harass geese in the seasons after the nesting period. We are still evaluating the effectiveness of these harassment efforts and despite all our communications, a few community members voiced angry complaints directly to the volunteers firing the pyrotechnics. Please direct any comments or requests regarding the geese control program to the BLCA office.

Finally, to deter geese from grazing on lakefront property, grow tall grasses and other plantings at least 10 feet to the water's edge. And remember: NEVER FEED THE GEESE!

Birchwood Lakes Community Association, Inc. New Mailing Address:

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Notes from the Gardener - Winter Surprise

by Sheila Salmon, Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

Is that a tree in bloom in winter? What a strange sight! The yellow flowers belong to a witch hazel, a native small tree that is a common sight in the woods in Birchwood and the surrounding countryside. It may be a late fall variety (Latin name *Hamamelis virginiana*) or an early spring blooming one (*Hamamelis vernalis*). The sight of its yellow flowers during the coldest days is a welcome reminder that warmer spring weather is almost around the corner.

The plant has other interesting traits in addition to its winter blooming characteristic. Its bark is smooth and gray. Its leaves turn gold in fall and are a food source for the larvae of an endangered moth (*Acronicta Hamamelis*) and the witch-hazel

leaf gall aphid (*Hormaphis hamamelidis*). When it has lots of room to grow, it has a rounded shape. However, when the tree is crowded among others, its branches zigzag to catch the best light. Witch hazel seeds develop in the fall. They are enclosed in fuzzy capsules that burst and eject the seeds as much 25 feet away. Birds and small mammals eat them and those that survive germinate two years after they are ejected.

The uses of the tree are varied. Its bark and leaves are used for their medicinal qualities to reduce inflammation, and its hard wood is used for cabinetmaking and for various building purposes. It is one of the trees from which dowsers, who say



Witch Hazel Leaf
Dow Gardens Archive

they have the gift of finding water, cut forked branches. The branch bends towards a piece of ground that has a hidden source of water.

Witch hazel was so admired by European horticulturists that it was one of the first plants brought to

Europe. In the mid-17th century it was growing in private botanical collections in London, according to an article on the Brooklyn Botanical Garden Website by Marielle Anzelone, "Witch-Hazel-the Native Shrub with an Individualistic Streak."

The witch in its name comes from an Old English word *wych* that refers to the trees pliant branches. *Wicker* is another word that comes from the same root. The hazel is because the leaves resemble those of the hazel (*Corylus*) species.

If you want a specimen for your garden, it's an easy one to grow. It needs partial sun and a moist slightly acidic soil. Perfect for our Birchwood wooded areas.



Witch Hazel Flowers

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Carolyn's Recipe Recommendations

Carolyn Martin

I love to cook and collect cooking books and magazines. I have always loved the kitchen. Since we are busy people, I use simple recipes. Please try them and enjoy the results.

CROCKPOT CHINESE COUNTRY RIBS

¼ cup soy sauce

¼ cup orange marmalade

2 tablespoons catsup

1 clove garlic-crushed

3-4 pounds country style spareribs

Combine soy sauce, marmalade, catsup, and garlic. Brush on both sides of ribs. Place ribs in crock-pot and pour sauce over the ribs. Cover and cook on low 8-10 hours.

Serve with rice.

Serves 4-6

BILL'S IRISH SODA BREAD

4 cups flour

½ cup sugar

1 egg

1-cup milk

1 small container sour cream

½ pound raisins

2 teaspoons baking powder

1-teaspoon baking soda

1-tablespoon caraway seed

Have ingredients at room temperature. Mix dry ingredients. Beat egg and add milk to egg. Add to dry ingredients with sour cream.

Grease baking pan, use a round pan or better yet a cast iron frying pan. Bake 350 degrees about 65 minutes

This was my husband's favorite recipe; he made it every St Patrick's Day and took to work.

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Our new website is up and running. Now, we need ideas and people to keep it up-to-date and relevant. If you are interested in contributing to the site, please e-mail Sheila Salmon at rssalmon@rcn.com and let's talk about it.



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Changing Careers

Linda Tancs, J.D. is a personal, organizational and executive coach will be writing a regular column about career issues. See her websites for further information. www.latancs.com and www.jurismart.com.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." For many, that dream involves a transition from one career to another—and all the associated stress and anxiety. Can I succeed outside my comfort zone? Do I have the technical and educational skill sets to find viable employment in another capacity? How will I manage my fears and expectations and those of friends and family? Take heart. There are many things you can do to prepare for a rewarding second career.

First, take stock of your career progress. What are your five most significant achievements and defeats? Which actions are you willing to own on your part that brought about those successes or failures? You can't know where you're going if you don't know where you've been, as the saying goes. Understanding what it is that brings about a successful result for you will give you the confidence to try new waters. Conversely, finding your weak spots will show you what needs work to avoid making the same mistakes in a different milieu. Do you need help identifying your strengths and weaknesses? Try eliciting feedback from those who know you well.

Second, evaluate your skills. Think in terms of organizational, problem-solving, managerial, and oral and written communication skill sets. Note the environments in which these skills are deployed—at home, at work, in your community, etc. Many skills are transferable. Demonstrate a track record of success.

Third, build a transition plan. Putting thoughts into words and words into actions will help you manage your anxiety. How much do you know about your target occupation? Where can you go to learn more? Are there business or behavioral competencies you need to acquire to make it work? Think about your future and imagine what you want it to look like. How will that future look in five and ten years?

With a little introspection, you can retool your career to align with who you are or who you want to be.

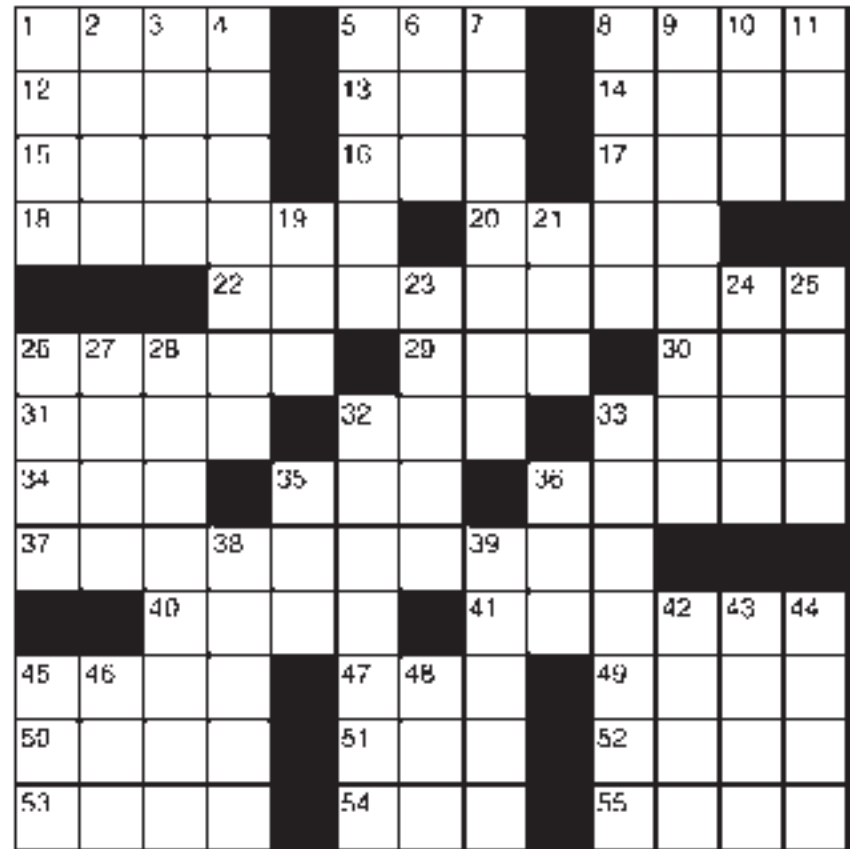
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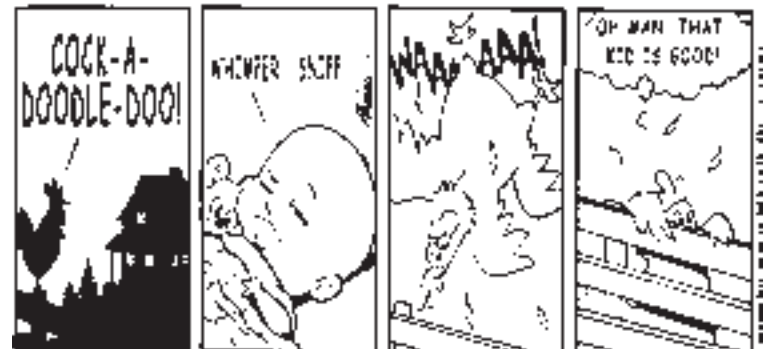


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ANSWERS



Amber Waves



President's Message...

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Engineers) who will be responsible for issuing appropriate permits, and the second with H&K, a large construction firm that may be willing to accept the dredged peat from the lake as payment for the project. Both meetings were very positive. A follow-up meeting with H&K is planned for March.

* Pending the outcome of our current reserve vote, new Birchwood Lakes' entrance signs will be installed at Wisperwood, Lancet and Church entrances; new up-to-date and safer playground equipment will replace the deteriorated swings/etc at the pool; tables and umbrellas will be purchased for the pool; a new tractor with accessories will allow us to institute grass and weed cutting along the edges of our roads; a program will be instituted to remove leaves and other debris from our culverts/ swales.

* Based on recommendations from the Property Development Committee, fourteen of fifteen available Birchwood lots were purchased for \$25 each under the County's repository sale program. All lots will be "greenbelted" as common land.

* The Board under a proposal presented by our Lake Management Committee approved geese addling and harassment, water quality monitoring, and aquatic plant programs.

* Acoustical panels for the clubhouse and a community

message board for the 739 gate entrance have been received and are pending installation by our maintenance crew and/or volunteers.

To hear more about these items and others, please come to our regular monthly Board meetings and bring your questions and comments. I look forward to your participation.

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911 Signs

Please help us help you. Many residents in Birchwood Lakes community still do not have "911" street signs on their house or in front of their property. When a call comes in requesting emergency assistance (ambulance, fire, police), it is difficult for the Association to offer assistance in leading the emergency volunteers to your home if it isn't clearly marked with the 911 address. Make sure your sign is visible from the road. If you need information on your 911 address, contact the BLCA Office at 570-828-2111. While we hope that you will never require emergency services, take a moment to help yourself and your loved ones just in case.

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Home Sales in Birchwood Lakes

During the month of November and December 2009, six homes were sold in Birchwood Lakes. The Home Sales in Birchwood Lakes breakdown is as follows:
 Four homes priced under \$100,000; and two homes between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Welcome

Birchwood Lakes welcomes the new owners to our community. May you enjoy your time here and become an active member of our Association. Welcome to Polizzotto, Dennis, Andriola, Reddy, Laux and Hagens families.

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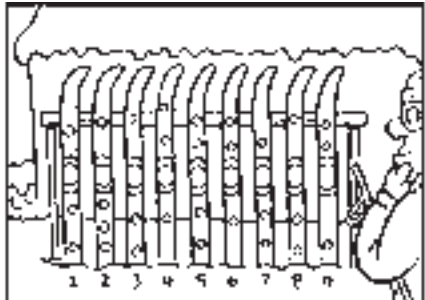
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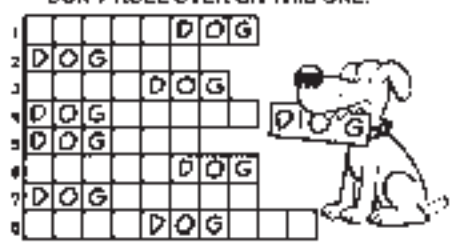
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HERE'S A SCHUSSBOOMER PUZZLE! You have one minute to pick out a matching pair of six in the rack pictured above.

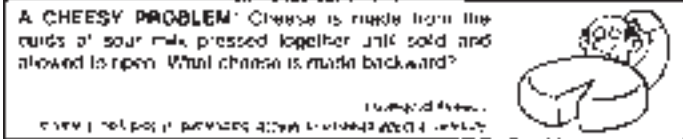
Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T ROLL OVER ON THIS ONE!



It's time to unleash your word power! Each of the eight words above contains the word "dog." Using the following hints, can you fetch them in two minutes?

1. Popular fast food
2. To go straight, to march
3. Showplace or gully
4. Type of air combat
5. Type of golfing "away"
6. At a disadvantage in a struggle
7. Crude, humorous verse
8. Thw!l, postcard work



A CHEESY PROBLEM: Cheese is made from the curds of sour milk pressed together until solid and allowed to ripen. What cheese is made backward?
CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below out of their grid and place together the one or two letters that fuller words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

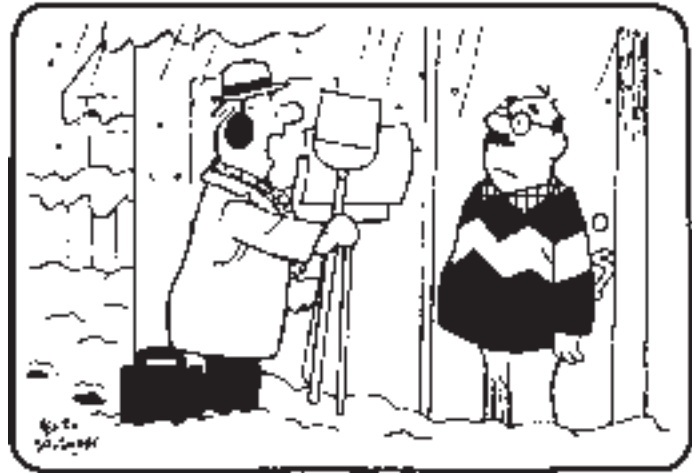


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Man's sweater is black. 2. Mustache is fuller. 3. Earrings are different. 4. Briefcase is black. 5. Shoe laces are longer. 6. Coat pocket is missing.

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Breakfast with Santa December 2008

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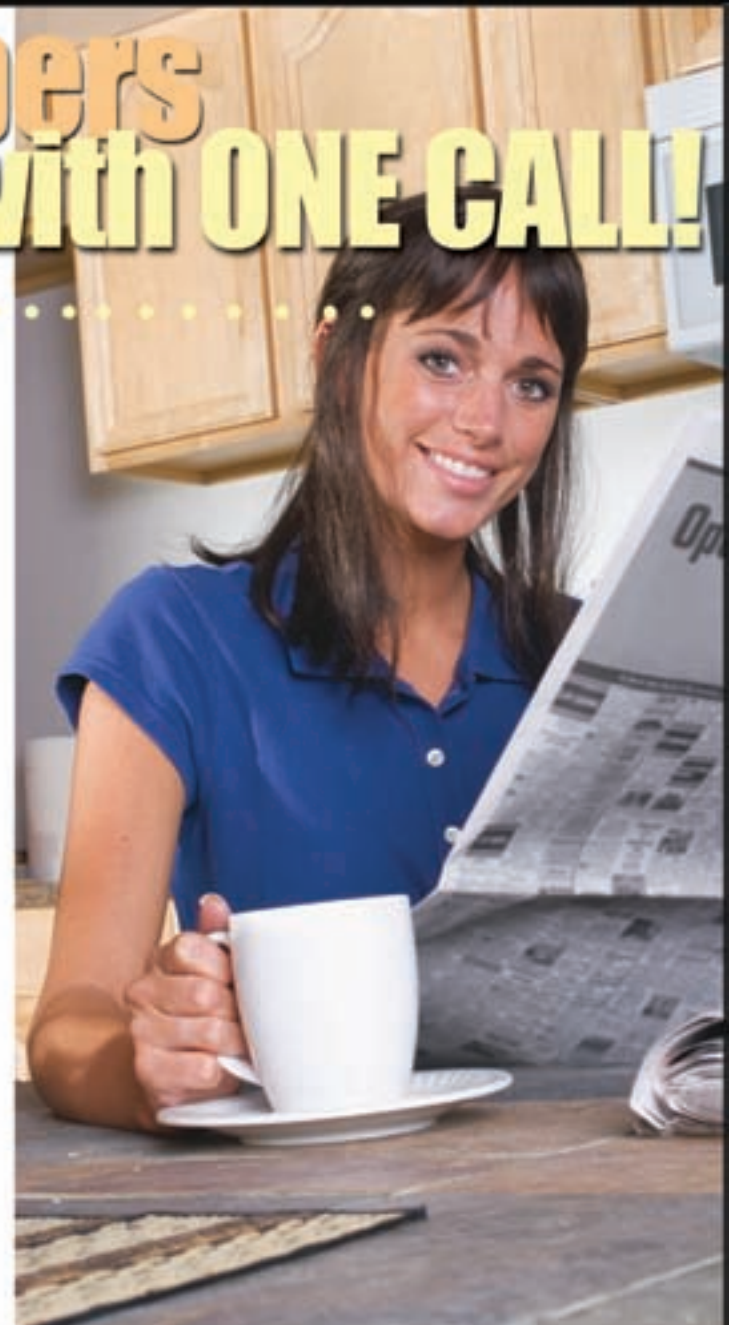
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