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Sincerely,
Eric Wald

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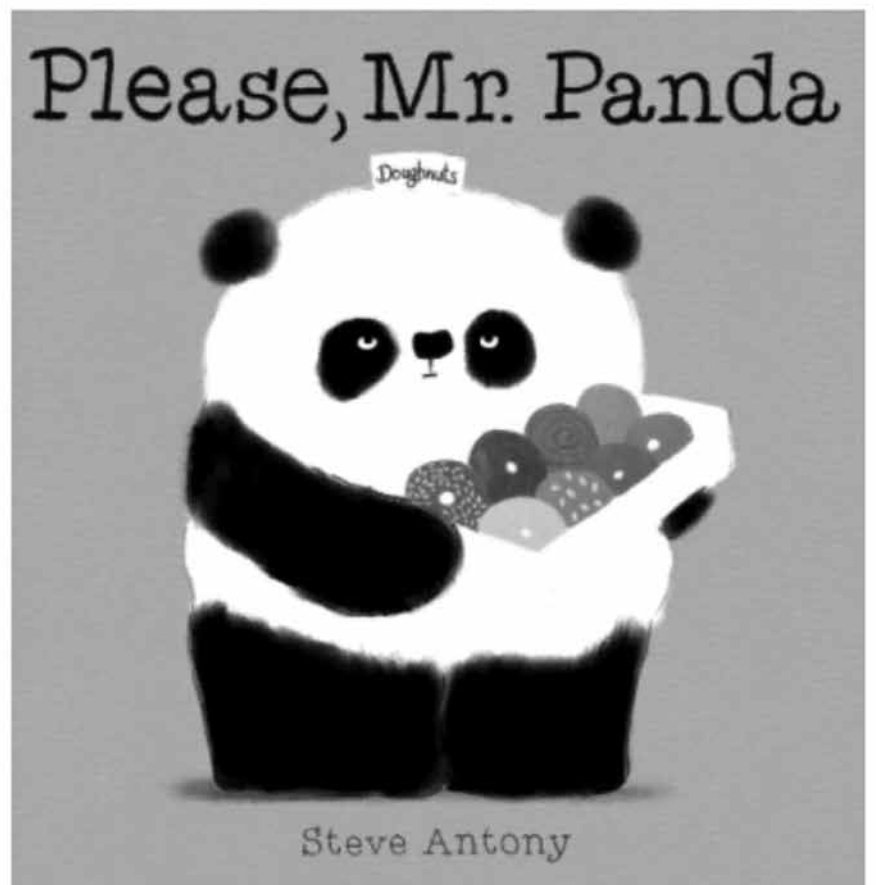
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Zoos' Role in Helping Giant Pandas

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For decades now, China, along with the International Union For Conservation of Nature (IUCN), has engaged in a vigorous program to not only protect the giant panda, but to increase its numbers. Back around 1980, it was estimated there were only 1,000 giant pandas in the wild. But by sheltering male and female pandas together in zoos, not only in China but across the world, in the hope the pandas would mate and have cubs, the number of pandas has gradually increased.

This worldwide co-operation has worked so well that a few years ago, China announced the giant panda was no longer endangered—though it was still considered a threatened species, with about 1,800 pandas in the wild.

The pandas are big, black and white bears who are native to the temperate southwest China region of mountain and forests. They are indeed big animals: a full grown female is about 200 pounds, and a full grown male is 300 pounds. Amazingly, a newborn panda cub is about the size of a stick of butter! But in four or five years that cub will be an adult—and need 25 pounds of food a day. Pandas will eat a variety of things, but the main part of their diet is bamboo shoots.

The size and daily needs of pandas have to be continuously supplemented at the many zoos worldwide that try to provide environments for giant pandas in which they can conceive panda cubs. Outside of China, there are 26 zoos in 20 countries that house pandas, with a total of about 500 pandas.

Probably the largest collection of pandas in zoos or reserves (large areas that are more wild than zoos) is, naturally, in China. The Beijing Zoo has been home to many pandas for decades, and in southwestern China, there are about 40 reserves that help keep the environment safe for giant pandas. Bamboo is the principal food of pandas; any source of bamboo that has been exhausted forces the pandas have to move to other areas that offer more plentiful supplies of bamboo. In the reserves, the pandas can move through wooded areas to reach new food sources without being obstructed by buildings and roads.

At Zoo Atlanta, not only can anyone from around the world see their

pandas via www.zooatlanta.org/panda-cam, but this enables researchers to observe the zoo's pandas at all times to better help the pandas prosper and produce offspring.

The Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland is home to pandas Tian Tian and Yang Guang. They live in large suites and are given a diet of organic food that is flown in from Europe. Their living spaces and sleeping caves have been designed by animal psychologists, and include dens, pools, and a climbing structure from which the pandas can see over the tops of their enclosures. This is the only home to pandas in the United Kingdom.

The National Zoo in Washington has a pair of pandas that have produced four baby pandas. The adult pandas are on loan from China and will be returned to their native country at the end of 2023. The young pandas were sent to China when they reached four years old. The latest panda cub was born in August 2020. The cub will eventually be returning to China with its parents, who are 25 years old. The life span of a panda in the wild is 15-20 years; in captivity it is 30 years. That shows how well they are taken of.

Ya Ya and Le Le are giant pandas that came to the Memphis Zoo in 2003, on a 10-year contract from China. Le Le was five years old and Ya Ya was three. The contract was renewed in 2013 to run through 2023.

Twin giant pandas born at Tokyo's Ueno Zoological Gardens in June have been named Xiao Xiao (male) and Lei Lei (female). On October 1, they were 100 days old and weighed a little more than 13 pounds. This is the first time the country's oldest zoo has seen the birth of pandas.

The parents of the cubs were Shin Shin, and her mate, Ri Ri, who are also parents to four-year-old female panda Xiang Xiang. The parents, both 16 years old, are on loan from China. The Ueno Zoological Gardens, which opened in 1882, received its first Chinese pandas in 1972.

The Adelaide Zoo in Australia is home to pandas Wang Wang, born in 2005, and Fu Ni, born in 2006. These pandas are also on loan from China. In addition to being supplied with bamboo, the pandas love apples and pears. This is one of the few places where pandas are being housed that is located south of the equator, and researchers are studying if living in the southern hemisphere has any affect on the habits of the pandas.



Panda Bears in China

written by Paula Timpson
photo credit: Zou Lee

Pandas bears are native to China, and they are China's national treasure. They are a symbol of peace and friendship. Giant pandas live in mountain ranges in central China, the Sichuan province, Shaanxi and Gansu, because they love cool, wet, bamboo forests. Farming and forest clearing have forced giant pandas to the mountains.

Panda bears are big and furry. They love to swim and climb trees. The giant panda name is used for the black and white coat and round body, so as not to confuse it with the red panda. The giant panda enjoys bamboo shoots and leaves, which make up 99 percent of its diet.

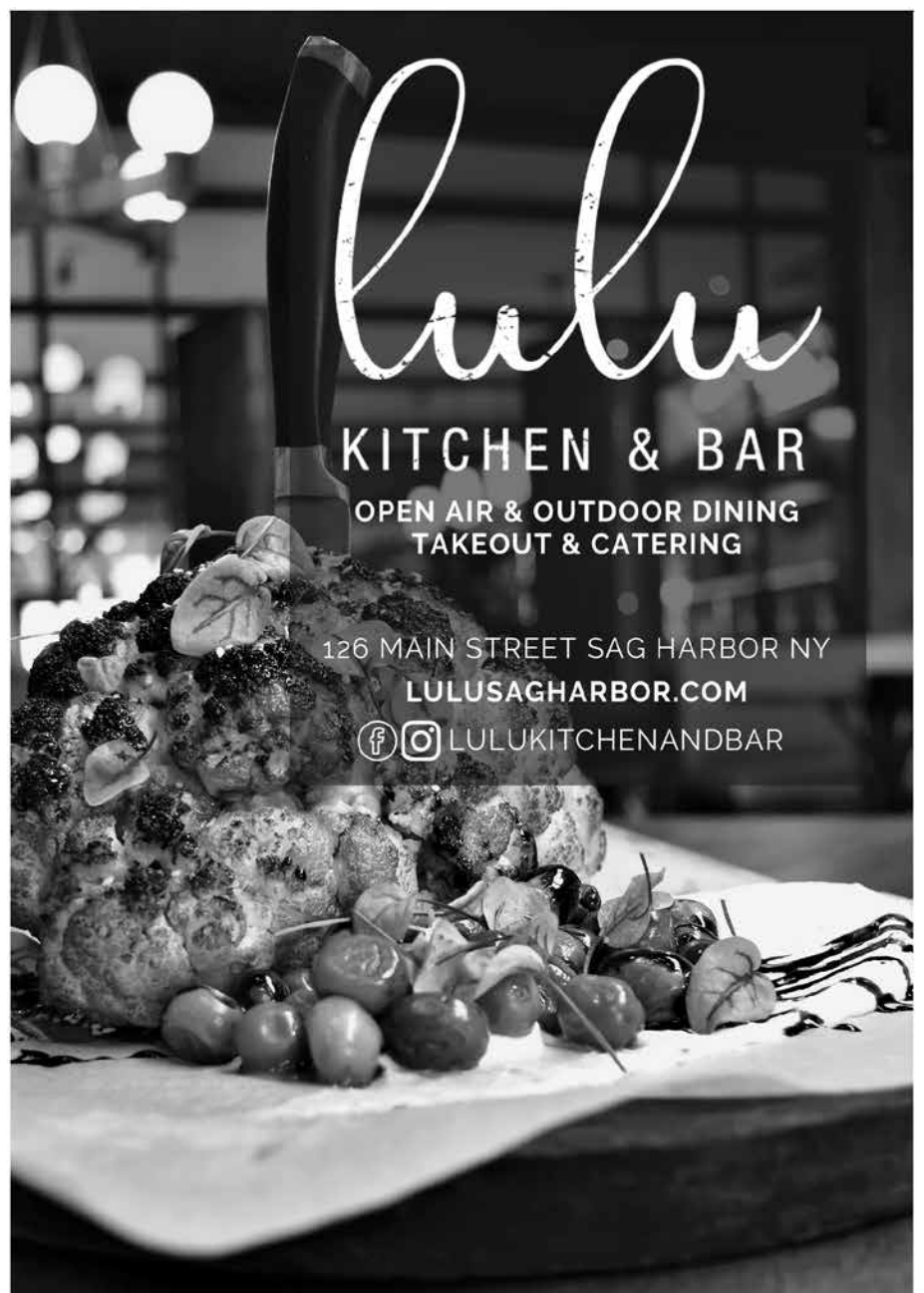
At birth, pandas weigh only five ounces - less than a stick of butter - and they are pink. They become brown or black with white fur as they get older. Adult males weigh 330 pounds. They eat bamboo all day and sleep a lot. They enjoy swimming. Pandas also love eating apples.

Giant pandas are one of the forms of wildlife never hunted for use in Chinese medicine. The People's Republic of China has given 24 pandas as gifts of friendship to 29 nations between 1957 and 1982.

Pandas are very smart. All pandas are born female; males are created if a panda is frightened in its first two days of life.

The Smithsonian is working closely with China to learn more about giant pandas. China's breeding population is trying to keep these sweet animals alive for years to come, so future generations will know their beauty and grace.

Giant pandas are an endangered species. Their black and white fur help them hide in the snow-covered mountains, and their colors help them find each other. Black takes in the heat, while white keeps them cool. Pandas are cute with their thumbs helping them hold bamboo. Pandas can live into their twenties or thirties. Treasure pandas, and help them live as they help bamboo forests thrive.





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Washington Zoo Pandas

written by Paula Timpson

illustration by Connie McGuinness

The Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, D.C., is a special place for giant panda bears to live. Since 1972, panda bears have been studied there. Mei Xiang, the female panda born in 1998 in China lives at the Washington Zoo. Her name means "beautiful fragrance." Tian Tian is the adult male born in 1997 in China. His name means more and more. Xiao Qi Ji is the panda cub born August 21, 2020 to his mom, Mei Xiang, and his dad, Tian Tian, at the Smithsonian National Zoo. His name means "little miracle". Mei Xiang is the oldest panda in the United States to give birth, at 22 years old.

Newborn pandas are very tiny. They are pink and blind at birth. Baby pandas feed on their mothers' milk up to nine months. Panda bears can live up to 30 years of age. Panda bears have black fur masks, resembling raccoons. They need to eat much bamboo for survival. Bamboo has very little nutritional value, so that is why they need to eat so much of it. Pandas eat fast. They eat 26 to 84 pounds of bamboo a day. Captive panda bears also enjoy eating apples, sweet potatoes, sugarcane, carrots, rice gruel, and a special high-fiber biscuit. Ninety nine percent of pandas' diet is bamboo. They spend 12 hours a day eating bamboo.

Pandas are shy. Pandas are good swimmers. They are cute and like to relax by doing handstands against trees. Pandas are playful. Xiao Qu Ji cub jumped in the hose spray for fun at the zoo. He celebrated his first birthday sharing two yummy fruitsicle cakes with his mother, Mei Xiang. The cub was born during the global pandemic, a joy and hope for the world. He is wonderful at balancing balls on his paws. Quiet delights are panda bears. Zoos are great in helping the pandas survive. Many were rescued at the Chengdu zoo in China.

The Washington Zoo is supporting programs in China. Free of charge, people can go and see the giant panda bears, who are such a wonderful part of our world.



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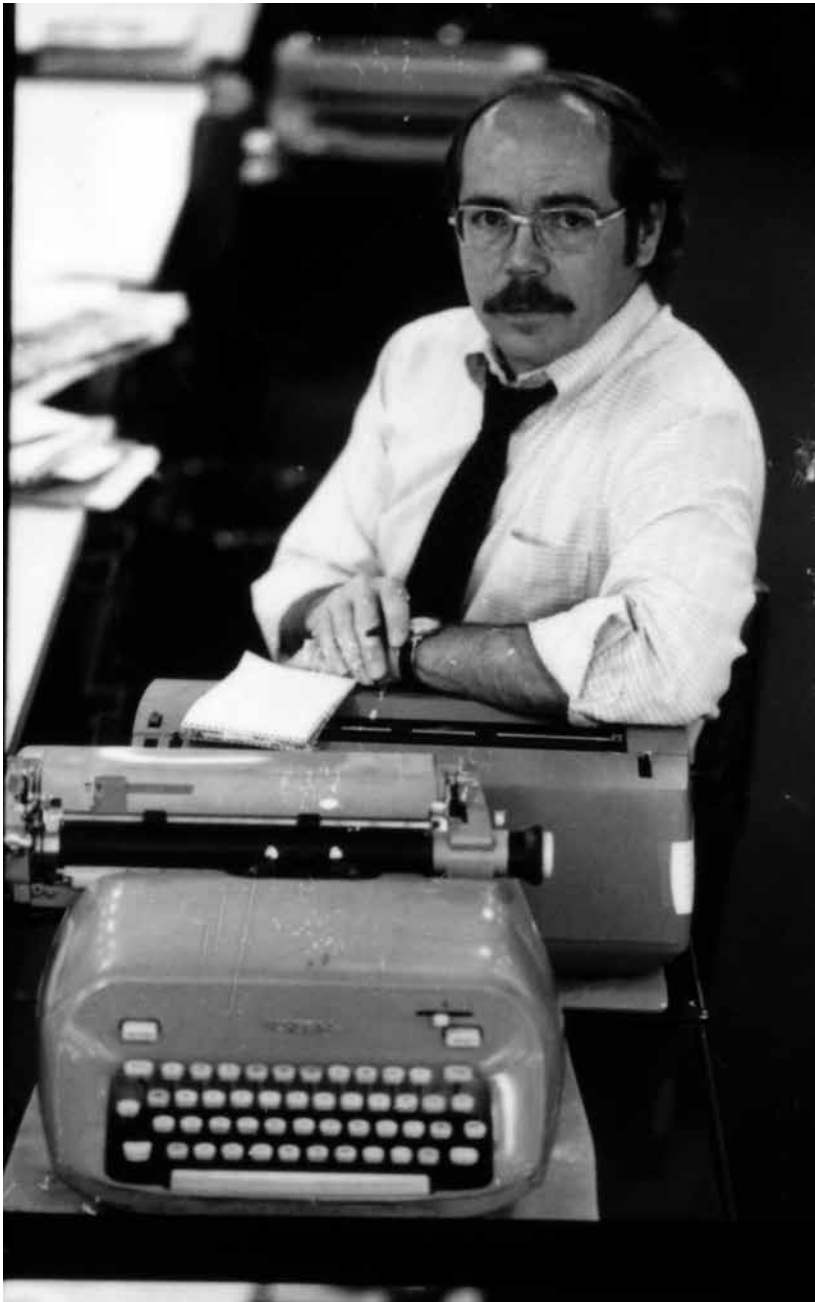
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Dave Kindred, Sports Journalism Legend

written by Christopher Clark, age 16, *Waldo Tribune* Junior Sport columnist
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David Kindred is a brilliant sports journalist who, over the course of his lifelong career, has covered every major athletic event you might think of. Mr. Kindred has called Superbowls, championship boxing matches, The Masters golf tournament, and the MLB World Series. But the most interesting part of his career is actually what he did after all of those once-in-a-lifetime calls.

Mr. Kindred's career started picking up in the 1960s, when he became one of the headline writers for a local newspaper in Louisville, Kentucky. There he started interviewing boxers and fighters as his specialty before eventually landing an interview with the great Muhammed Ali before one of his matches. Mr. Ali took an instant liking to Mr. Kindred, and from that point forward, they were great friends and Mr. Kindred interviewed Mr. Ali a total of more than 300 times. Mr. Ali and Mr. Kindred were so close that they eventually did private interviews without other media, even in places like Mr. Ali's hotel room the night before a fight.

Mr. Kindred went on to cover almost every sport; he covered Superbowls in the NFL, he covered the pinnacle of golf in the Masters' for the PGA, and called the World Series for the MLB. Even with covering all of these big moments in sports history, nothing will ever top the moments he spent with Mr. Ali.

Mr. Kindred retired from big market writing, and just when everyone thought he was done with his sports journalism career, he started writing once again; this time writing not for the NFL, or the PGA or the MLB, or major boxing matches, but for a girls' basketball team in Morton, Illinois. He attends every game, and has been doing the same thing for years. Every game afterwards, he sends his report to the paper, and the girls look for it and read it with excitement after each game.

Mr. Kindred, a legend at his craft, continues to this day writing after each one of Morton's games. Mr. Kindred does it all for the love we all share, for the love of sports.



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A Beautiful Girl Named Chavy

written by her friend, Eric Wald



Her name is Chavy, whose birthday is in November. She will be 20 years old. Right now, she is studying at a Jewish seminary called Beth Rivkah in Brooklyn, New York. This is her second year. She says it's like a junior (two year) college.

Her father is Rabbi Rafe Konikov, the first rabbi in Southampton, with the first temple in Southampton, New York. Chavy has a brand-new puppy named Simba. The puppy is a Maltipoo, a hybrid breed of Maltese and poodle. Chavy's favorite subject is Jewish philosophy. She loves Israeli music and writing poetry. She says her writing has been published in an anthology of poems by young Jewish girls.

Chavy has seven brothers and sisters: four brothers and three sisters. She says for a few years, she's been helping her family run Camp Gan-Israel. This is the day camp's 14th year.

She says she loves helping her mother around the house, and that she wants to be a kindergarten teacher or nanny when she gets older. Chavy is a warm, beautiful, sensitive woman with big dreams of the future. She is well-loved by her family and friends.

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Fun & Fascinating Facts About Panda Bears

written and illustrated by Greg Bullock

1. The natural habitat of the giant panda is in the mountains of Southwest China.
2. Pandas have black and white fur. The white fur helps them hide in the snow. The black fur helps them blend in with shadows.
3. Pandas mainly consume bamboo shoots. They spend 12 hours a day eating them.
4. Pandas like to do handstands to have fun and relax.
5. Pandas have thick fur because they live in cool and wet, mountainous regions.
6. Pandas are three feet tall when standing on all fours. They are between four to six feet long.
7. Pandas weigh between 220 to 250 pounds.
8. Tulip: What's black and white and red all over?
Waldo: A panda with a sunburn?
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Are Panda Bears Becoming Extinct?

written by Debbie Tuma

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Everyone loves the cute, lovable panda bears, but did you know they are close to becoming extinct? In the whole world, there are only about 1,800 pandas in the wild. This is mostly due to their loss of habitat, from overdevelopment, but also to poaching, where they are illegally hunted. Another reason they are so rare to find is that these giant pandas have a low reproductive rate, meaning they don't often have babies.

In the wild, giant pandas are only found in the remote, mountainous regions of China, in Sichuan, Shaanxi and Gansu provinces. In this area, between 5,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level are cool, wet bamboo forests that giant pandas call home.

Because of China's increasing population and development, these pandas are being pushed into smaller and less livable areas, which also leads to food shortages.

The Chinese government is making an effort to recreate and repopulate these bamboo forests. About 99 percent of the panda's diet consists of bamboo! For this reason, the panda bears are no longer considered endangered, but they are still vulnerable. Giant pandas also keep the mountain forests healthy by spreading seeds in their droppings, which helps the vegetation to thrive.

Pandas live about 20 years in the wild, and they need human protection to survive. The world's oldest panda was called Jia Jia, and she lived to be 38 years old. She died in 2016.

China is making an effort to save these giant pandas. Chinese officials announced that their wild population has almost doubled after 30 years of government recovery efforts.



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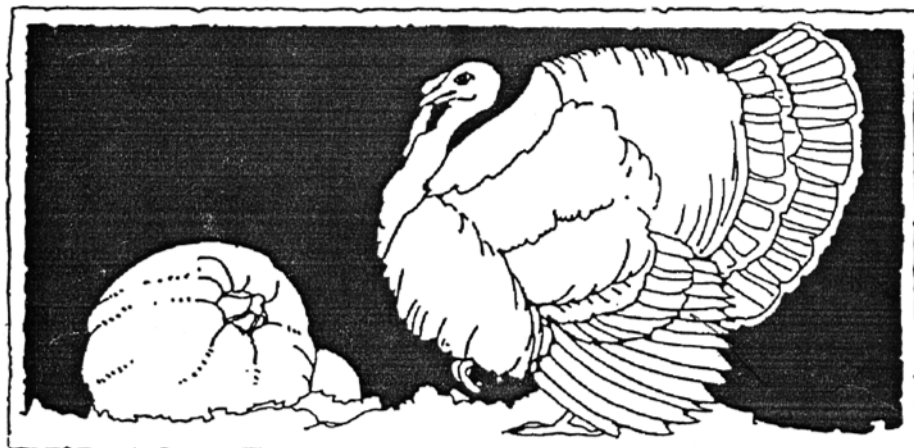
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Dan Rattiner

written by Eric Wald

As the editor, publisher and founder of *Dan's Papers*, Dan Rattiner, born in Brooklyn, grew up in Millburn, New Jersey. As a college student, he attended Rochester University, then Harvard University for a degree in architecture. Later, he moved to Montauk, where he worked for his father's drugstore, White's, which is still there to this day. He was what was called a "soda jerk".

Then Dan had a idea to start a free newspaper supported by business in his community. It was called *The Montauk Pioneer* from 1960 to 1990. Later, he started *East Hampton Summer Sun*, and started a paper in Southampton. Dan Rattiner started *Dan's Paper* with a small circulation of 5,000 copies. Today, the circulation of that paper is over 400,000 copies.

Dan loves to write about history, news, humor, editorial, sometime tongue-in-cheek, and whatever he can imagine. His paper was bought up by a company called Brown Publishing Company. After Brown went bankrupt, Manhattan Media bought *Dan's Paper* in 2010. *Dan's Paper* is published by Schneps Media at present. Today, Dan's Papers is circulated and distributed in Manhattan, as well as the Hamptons.

Years ago, Dan started a campaign to save the lighthouse that he says the Coast Guard was planning to tear down. Dan Rattiner has four children: Miya, Adam, David, and Gabriel.

Dan Rattiner loves to write. He writes four or five articles a week. This is a picture of Dan when he was 10 years old. He loves to play baseball and go swimming.

Dan is also an artist. His drawing are beautiful and humorous. One I can think of is a drawing of "Ballet Parking", with a picture of a male ballet dancer parking attendant.

Dan was very good to me. He gave me my start in the newspaper business. He is a kind gentleman who became a legend in the Hamptons that will go on n history as the first free paper in the area.

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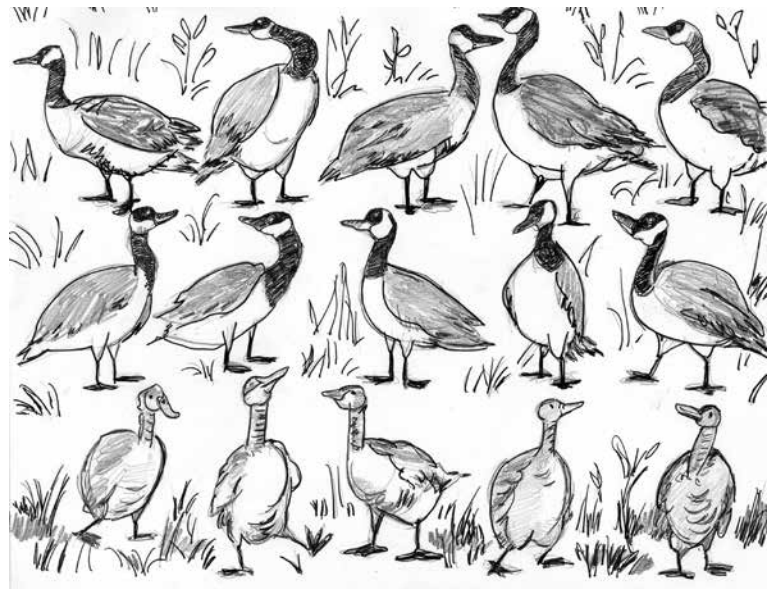


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The Family of Canada Geese

written by Waldo

illustration by Rosemary Szczygiel

There they were by Otter Pond by the park in Sag Harbor, a family of Canada geese. There was Robert the father, Mary the mother, Tomás the uncle, Betty the aunt, Sara the grandmother and Peter the grandfather, plus a whole bunch of other geese who were just friends, neighbors and local geese, and a whole gaggle of Canada geese who were just baby geese, called goslings, who were just growing up.

Well, it was late fall by Otter Pond, and a lot of the geese were getting ready to migrate. Some of the geese were thinking of sticking it out through the winter; others didn't know what to do for the goslings. This was their first year at the pond. Most of the year, they would spend learning to fish, preening themselves, and squawking to each other.

Robert was one of the leaders of the group, and would make sure the goslings safely crossed the busy street at Jermain Avenue.

Well, all the geese are safe and sound. Some were ready to stay put for the winter, others were ready to fly south, but they were all safe and sound right here in the small village called Sag Harbor, in the heart of the East End of Long Island.



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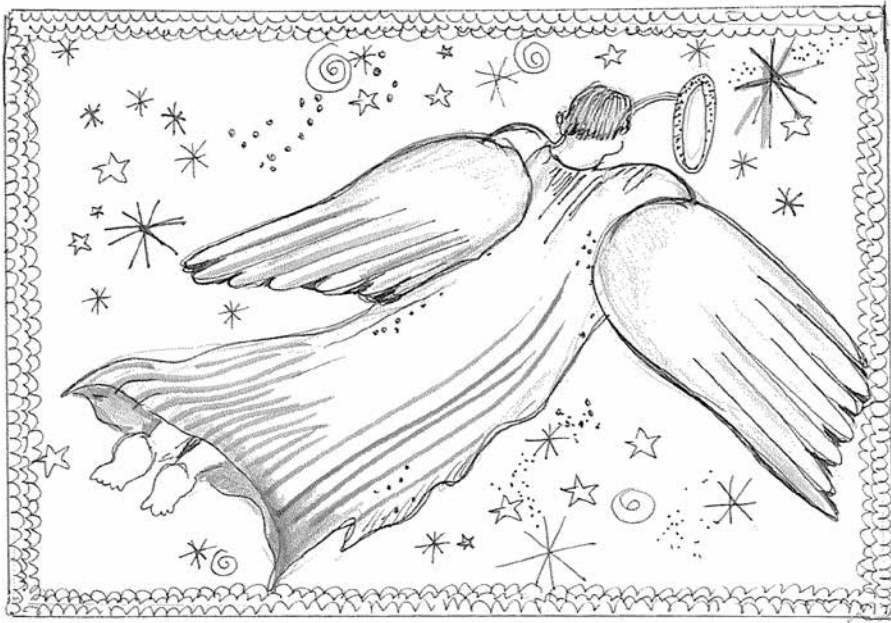
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My Friend Remembered

written by Mike Payne

illustration by Connie McGuinness

Below is what I said about my dear friend, Charley "Doc" Marshall at his memorial service over a decade ago.

He was a loyal and steadfast friend, and my daughter's godfather. He never missed a birthday, graduation or anything else that we celebrated for her. He was decidedly unconventional, a uninhibited boy in a grown-up's body, profane and profound, conservative and liberal at the same time. I will always remember him for unexpected, random acts of kindness that he never wanted to take credit for.

Doc was a loyal, steadfast friend and my daughter's self-appointed godfather from the time she was born. He never missed a birthday, graduation or anything else that my family celebrated with her. Through her, Doc had a daughter. He passed away about 14 years ago from a sudden heart attack. My family and I still miss him very much. His sons are adults now approaching middle age with families of their own. My friendship with Doc continues today through his sons. We are family. His sons refer to me as "Uncle Mike."

Doc had a memorably unique, definitely eccentric, personality. He did most things his own unconventional way. It took a while after we first met for me to begin to understand his personality. To some people he seemed to be an uninhibited, reckless child in a grown-up's body. Yet he was really a highly intelligent and prudently strict single parent. He saw to it that both of his sons became Eagle Scouts and went to college. He was profanely profound, peacefully belligerent, conservatively liberal, generously thrifty, and respectfully rebellious. Such seeming inconsistencies were normal for him.

His behavior at times, like when he would very deliberately respond to an impertinent or distasteful comment with a silent stare, could be described as passively active or actively passive. Take your pick. His silence spoke volumes. These combinations of seeming opposites made him a behavioral circus of surprisingly successful balancing acts. He presented a devilishly hostile, kindly menacing impression to people who behaved in a way that he found objectionable. Those people did not like Doc, and Doc liked that.

To some others he was a puzzle. They just couldn't figure him out. Yet Doc's friends, the people who understood him, lovingly remember him, as I do, for unexpected, random acts of kindness that he never would take credit for. This caused my daughter one day to say that Doc was really "an angel in disguise." And so, at Doc's memorial service, I described him with this poem.

He was really an angel, but he wore a disguise.
His halo was crooked, kind of cocked to one side,
And it flickered and flashed like a candy store sign.
But if you looked real close and had real good eyes,
His shoulders had wings.
I bet he still flies.

Doc would have liked that.



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The Little Boy Inside of Me

written by Eric Wald
illustration by Mary Delaney

Coming home one afternoon on the Hampton Jitney, there was a little boy with his mother in front of me. The boy was small, and had blond hair like I did when I was little. He must have been five or six years old, and was deeply in love with his mother, holding her, kissing her, playing patty-cake like I did as a little boy. And every time she kissed him, I remember my mom kissing me, holding me and loving me, and I wanted to be that little boy again in the arms of his mother, she holding him.

As we rode by the cars and homes and signs, I wanted to go back in time; and as the little boy smiled, I remember my mom and how she protected me from the world, and how magical the love of a mother to a son really is, how powerful her soft kisses are, and how I miss my mother and all the good times we shared together; how lucky he is and doesn't know how much and how strong love is that comes from within and never leaves, a love so profound that there are no words to express it, that is kept secret but can never leave. It is a love of a mother to a son, a love that is as old as time itself, a love that every man has and that many a boy cherishes that fills one up with love. It is a soft, sweet love that comes to a little boy so naturally, so easily, and lasts a lifetime, and never, never dies.

Dear Ms. Spiral Notebook

Dear Ms. Spiral Notebook,

As we approach the holiday season, I am wondering what activity I can bring to the classroom. I am a class mom.

Today's classrooms are different than they were because of the pandemic. There are many districts that include social and emotional health as part of their curriculums. What about a "gratitude jar" for the younger students? Gratitude quotes/sayings could be pre-printed on slips that they choose from and add to the daily jar. For the older students, a list of suggestions of gratitude sayings could be provided and students could also generate their own with many for a large gratitude jar in the school's lunchroom. Having students be grateful for all they have, and expressing gratitude, adds positively to their emotional health.



Dear Ms. Spiral Notebook,

My child's fourth grade teacher sent me a note that her math fluency skills are lacking in speed and accuracy. Any suggestions that would help build her skill?

First, be mindful of how much time you are adding to your child's homework routine. I would suggest an egg timer, so the time limit is clear. There are great resources that are labeled "Math Fluency" and/or "Sprints". You should alternate between basic mathematical operations, such as adding, subtracting and multiplication and division, with perhaps problems that include more than one skill, such as decimal adding. Here is a starting resource: <http://e2math.weebly.com/math-sprints.html>.

Dear Readers,

This issue's focus is on Panda's Bears. I thought I would add a great educational tie in. Start by visiting the National Zoo online at <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/giant-panda>.

After your child has viewed the amazing exhibit, you can extend the learning to math with this book, "Panda Math Learning About Subtraction from Hua Mei and Mei Sheng"; Author: Ann Whitehead Nagda. If this book is unavailable, this resource has some amazing downloadable worksheets: <https://kidsconnect.com/animals/panda/>

The key is trying to link the topic to an activity that involves reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS: Have a question about your child's or student's education or learning? You may contact Ms. Spiral Notebook at waldo-andtulip@optonline.net, with "Ms. Spiral Notebook" in the subject line. You may also fax your question to us at 631-808-3248, or mail it to her c/o The Waldo Tribune, P.O. Box 2587, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

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A black and white close-up portrait of a young girl with long, dark, wavy hair. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, collared shirt or jacket. The background is a textured, slightly mottled grey.

and they sleep ten hours a day. I want to know, do pandas eat fruit?

Thank you and have a wonderful day!

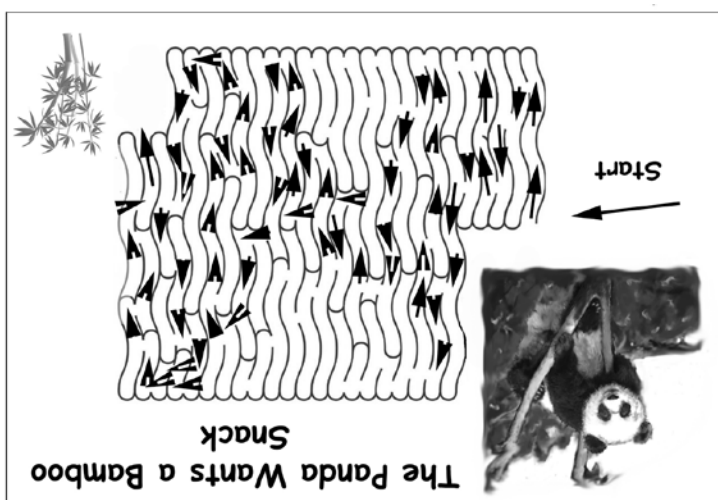
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A black and white photograph showing a giant panda and a sloth bear in a zoo enclosure. The sloth bear is perched on a horizontal wooden branch, looking down towards the panda. The panda is lying on the ground, looking up at the sloth bear. The background is filled with bamboo stalks and leaves. The enclosure is bordered by wooden posts.



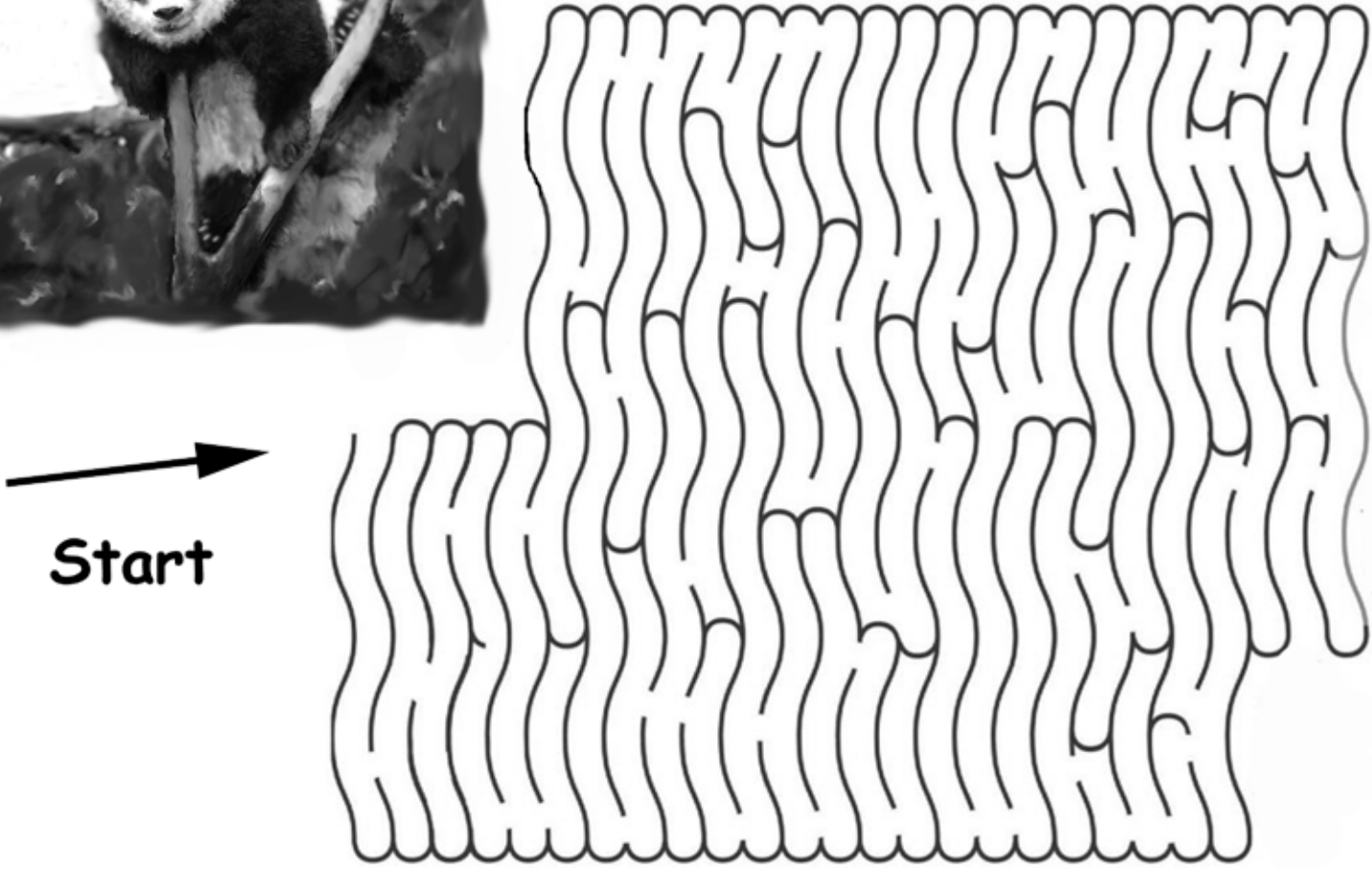
Answers to the Panda Issue Puzzles (Turn upside down to see.)


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Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season!

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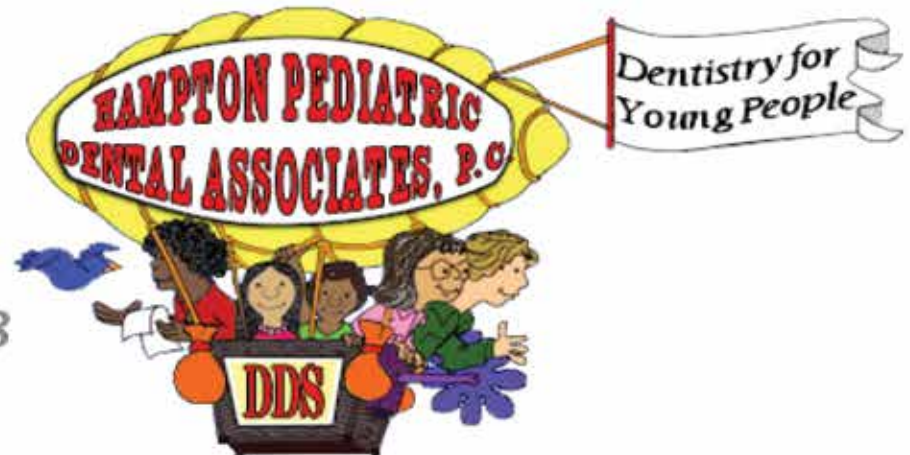
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