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## CEDAR FURNITURE'S ARRIVED!!

Our first delivery of the season is going super fast! Call ahead to get in on a special order to secure your needs.



## HOTDOG MAN

This story begins with an old man who spends much of his time in a southwest desert region known as Pahrump. He usually finds a way to distribute (with the help of a local food bank) about 35,000 wieners a year. Most of them go to homeless older folks who, for many different reasons, have kind of lost their way. A few dogs find their way to the little children.

Precooked chicken hot dogs need little or no refrigeration for at least a few hours, are packed with protein, are fairly lean calories, and are CHEAP! Remember homeless means no refrigeration, although it got down to 28° recently.

Actually, all the old man really does is furnish the dogs to the food bank. They store, process, and hand them out. Process you say? Deliveries are about 1,400 packages, each with a bar code stamped on them. The bar codes must all be colored over with black felt marker. Why you ask? Well it seems that with a bar code intact, the Walmart (about a mile up the road) will refund their approximate 90¢ purchase price. Add a couple more items and you have yourself a little bottle of wine. Maybe not Lopez vintage, but oh well. Who says that the 1%'ers are the only sharp business people.

As you can see by now, the old man really does not do much. You might wonder where he gets the funds to purchase all those dogs! Well, it might surprise you to find out that it all comes from YOU. A bunch of old homeless folks, some precious little people, and I sure want to *thank you* for supporting this little hardware store.

Hotdog Man

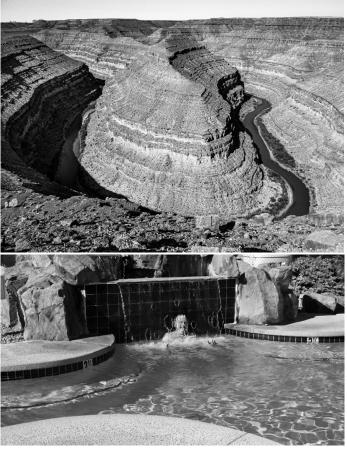


"Never iron a 4-leaf clover — you don't want to press your luck!" (from Indian Hills Community Center in CO)



Could someone please tell me which picture above is the Twin Rock cafe and which is Horseshoe Bend? I took these pictures many trips ago. Maybe you should take a trip to rural eastern Utah to be sure of your answer. You'll never forget it. Oh, yes, take a Jeep or plan to rent one.

At right: I must have soaked in the Fountain Of Youth for a good SIX HOURS. Results: MORE WRINKLES!



## 30 DAY CHALLENGE: ACTS OF KINDNESS

The Hartford has issued a challenge to each of us to daily for the next 30 days perform one of these or your favorite random acts of kindness to make the world a better place. According to the Mayo Clinic, performing acts of kindness can profoundly affect your attitude, outlook, and even your health. You might want to cut this out and keep it with you as a reminder.

- 1. Leave an extra big tip
- 2. Pay for the next person in line
- 3. Love on a shelter animal
- 4. Hold the door for someone
- 5. Leave money on a vending machine
- 6. Feed someone's parking meter
- 7. Commend a store employee
- 8. Send a card to a friend
- 9. Post an encourgaing note in a public place
- 10. Help a neighbor
- 11. Compliment someone
- 12. Participate in a virtual fundraiser
- 13. Donate to a cause you care about
- 14. Post a positive review
- 15. Hold off on that bad review

- 16. Bring treats to work
- 17. Deliver homemade food to a friend
- 18. Post an encouraging quote on social media
- 19. Volunteer to help others
- 20. Call someone who lives alone
- 21 Be kind to the birds
- 22. Pamper pets
- 23. Let someone else ahead of you in line
- 24. Send a surprise gift
- 25. Donate to a food pantry
- 26. Send a thank you card to an essential worker
- 27. Thank a teacher
- 28. Donate books
- 29. Give a friend a list of their best qualities
- 30. Be kind to yourself, too

For some ideas of how to implement each of these acts, go to https://extramile.thehartford.com.